

## **Minutes of FC Steering Committee**

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**Friday, May 12, 2017, 14:00 EDT.**

**By Conference Call**

**Present:** Ray Hirschfeld, Chair  
Christopher Allen  
Joe Bonneau  
Andrew Miller  
Burton Rosenberg, Minutes

### **Opening**

- Meeting called to order, 14:00 EDT.

### **Role of steering committee:**

- Ray asks on which things do we need to consult the Steering Committee, which things the Steering Committee gets asked about, what things are part of the Steering Committee's concern.
- In particular, the current members of the Steering Committee do not feel they need direct involvement in the conference budget, except that they receive summaries, and are notified about events with positive or negative dollar impacts on the budget.

### **BITCOIN workshop:**

- On May 4th Joe sent to the Director's List thoughts on the future of the Bitcoin workshop. There was much follow up in that thread, with Moti, Ray, Christopher and Andrew responding. Joe's concern was that if the Bitcoin workshop were to continue as a workshop, it might move entirely from FC. If that is not desired by the FC organizers, than the workshop should somehow be more completely integrated into the FC conference.
- While not present at this meeting, Moti had responded that he "started to think already last year that bitcoin deserves a better forum than a workshop" and that he "would encourage the board to seek expansion of the bitcoin component and at the same time preserve the elasticity" needed to accommodate future changes.
- There was a discussion at this meeting of the reasons the Bitcoin workshop might in the future choose another venue.
- Ray understands that there is a board consensus that Bitcoin does stay at the conference, and solicits ideas to integrate the workshop into the conference, in ways attractive to workshop organizers, and workshop attendees.

- Suggestions concerning scheduling aspect of this integration include Christopher suggesting parallel sessions.
- Suggestions concerning paper solicitation and reviewing are considered. Ray asked why weren't more bitcoin papers accepted to the conference this year. Andrew points out that PC's are specialized, and so the composition of the PC needs to be considered, and that author's need to know of the PC's readiness and ability to evaluate crypto-currency research.
- If there were both a workshop and a Bitcoin track in the conference, there was a discussion of the coordination of reviewing, including default dual submission, the coordination of deadlines, or having a rolling deadline for the workshop.
- Andrew suggests a Bitcoin track inside FC, with notice of such in the FC CFP. There was a return to the question of scheduling, with Ray suggesting that the Bitcoin workshop and FC/Bitcoin track expand to Thursday-Friday; and Andrew disliking parallel session in general but remains open if that is what is needed, on Thursday, to accommodate the Bitcoin track.
- *Joe enters conference at this point in the discussion, 14:20 EDT.*
- Ray updates Joe as to the discussion and asks about whether separate committees are advisable, and how to adjust dates so papers can be referred to the separate committees.
- Ray summarizes Andrew's proposal, for Joe's comments, to expand Bitcoin content to Thursday and Friday, to have Bitcoin papers redirected to Bitcoin reviewers, and have Thursday be a parallel session between Bitcoin and non-Bitcoin papers.
- Also, to price a Bitcoin-only registration, that includes the Thursday Bitcoin session and the Friday Bitcoin workshop (assuming the Friday workshop is still called a workshop).

**FC18 program chairs:**

- The board will contact proposed PC's for their assent.

**FC18 general chair:**

- Ray proposes he can do local arrangements.
- There is a discussion of possible GC's.

**New and concluding business:**

- Next meeting set for Monday June 26, 16:30 GMT.
- Hearing no new business from the floor, the Chair adjourns the meeting at 14:49 EDT

## **Appendix: Agenda**

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- role of steering committee
- BITCOIN workshop
- FC18 program chairs
- FC18 general chair
- new and concluding business
  - next meeting date

## **Appendix: Open Action Items**

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1. Ray to ask Moti to be Foundation President.

## **End of Minutes**

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