

Annual General Meeting

Draft minutes

UK-TUG

14:00, 22th October 2001
Trinity College, Oxford

Members present: Simon Dales (SD), Jonathan Fine (JF), Alun Moon (AM), Phil Molyneux (PM), Joseph Wright (JW).

Apologies received: Robin Fairbairns (RF), Jay Hammond (JH), Carol Hewlett (CH), Dick Nickalls (DK), John Peters (JP), David Saunders (DS), S. Rayment (SR), Nicola Talbot (NT).

1 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were agreed as a true record by all members present.

2 Quorum

JW noted that he had received five proxy votes, and that with a current membership of 155 this did not reach the level required by the constitution for a quorum. It was agreed that the new committee would hold a Special Electronic General Meeting (SEGM) to consider the motions from the AGM.

2.1 T_EX Gyre funding report

The previously-circulated report was summarised orally by JW, who explained that this was prepared using information supplied by Hans Hagen (HH). JW also showed a demonstration file, showing Latin Modern glyphs, which had been supplied by HH.

JF explained that UK-TUG have sent £1700 to GUST for this project, which was originally intended as half of a total allocation of £3400. He suggested that the new committee should review the allocation of further funds to the project. JF suggested that the new committee should ask for the relevant accounts from GUST. There was agreement that this tasks should be noted by the incoming committee.

3 Secretary's Report

JW summarised his written report verbally, and noted that he was happy to continue in the role for the next year. JF felt that both the payment holiday for members and the subsequent reintroduction of the fee had been successful.

3.1 Accounts

JW verbally summarised the written report from JP. There was some discussion of the need to arrange inspection of the accounts. It was agreed to defer this to the relevant point on the agenda.

JF asked in light of Motion 2 whether specific funding for projects could be asked for as donations. JW was concerned that the committee would have to be very careful to earmark such donations. Further discussion on specific projects was deferred to the AOB section.

4 Motions

As noted earlier, the number of members in attendance at the AGM was not sufficient for voting to take place. Based on the model from the 2010 AGM, JW proposed that the incoming committee should arrange an SEGM to vote on the motions, with a non-binding vote by those present.

4.1 Motion 1

That this meeting approves the accounts for 2010–11.

This was supported by all members present.

4.2 Motion 2

That the membership fee for 2012 be £10 for all individual members (apart from life members), and that there be no additional entrance fee.

This was supported by all members present.

4.3 Motion 3

That Section 24.3 of the Constitution be deleted, and replaced it with by:

24.3 The accounts for each financial year shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting immediately following the end of that financial year.

JH had supplied JW with an alternative version of Motion 3, along with notes. These were circulated to those present. Given the need for an SEGM, it was decided that no vote would take place on this motion and that full discussion should take place as part of the SEGM.

5 Committee

JW had received nominations to elect

- Simon Dales
- Jonathan Fine
- John Peters
- Joseph Wright

to the Committee for 2011–12. He also noted that AM continues as a member of the Committee in his role as Chairman.

6 Any other business

6.1 CTAN

RF had informed JW that the Cambridge CTAN server will require replacement within the next six months, and that replacement machine will be between about £1000 and £1500.

SD wondered whether a hosted solution would be better than new hardware. JW said that he believed that the issue was bandwidth costs, as this is currently free. He indicated that informal information from Rainer Schöpf (DANTE) was that the commercial bandwidth bill for the German CTAN server around £2000 per month (this information was given from memory). JF stated that TUG have limited bandwidth in the US. JW said that from memory around 40% of the Cambridge bandwidth is required for MacT_EX downloads. SD wondered about net installers: JW replied that this may simply spread the same overall load over more files making the load less obvious.

JF raised the question of the CTAN infrastructure model. There was agreement that this is important but a separate issue to the immediate requirement for a new system. A vote to ask the incoming committee to consider financing a new system was unopposed.

Further discussion of the CTAN in the longer term was not needed as part of the AGM, but it was noted that the incoming committee should look further at this.

6.2 Next AGM/meeting

JF stated that he will be on the organising committee for a UK Python meeting to take place in or around September 2012 in the Coventry area. He suggested that UK-TUG might look to find common ground with this meeting as a thread. This would allow a much longer notice period for the AGM/speaker meeting than is often the case. He suggested HTML5 and mobile devices as an example of an area of common interest between UK-TUG members and the Python community.

SD wondered whether the timing would suit UK-TUG. There was general agreement that the incoming committee could explore the possibility. JW pointed out that a specific committee motion would be needed for the next AGM date.

It was agreed that the incoming committee should examine this idea.

7 Closing

JF proposed a vote of thanks for DS and Jonathan Webley, both of whom leave the committee. A round of applause was given to both for their work on the committee.

No other business arose, and the formal meeting ended at 15:00.