

Annual General Meeting Minutes

UK-TUG

14:40, 17th November 2018
Trinity College, Oxford

Members present: Kaveh Bazargan (KB), David Carlisle, (DC) Simon Dales (SD), Peter Kirby (PK), Michael Stanford (MS), Nicola Talbot (NT), Joseph Wright (JW).

Apologies received: Malcolm Clark, Jonathan Fine, Phil Molyneux, John Peters, Arthur Reutenauer.

1 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last AGM were agreed as a true record by all members present, after correction of the date of the meeting itself.

2 Secretary's report

JW summarised his written report verbally.

2.1 Treasurer's report and accounts

JW explained that there was insufficient time before the AGM to put motions related to the accounts. He suggested that the incoming committee handle this using an electronic meeting.

All present were happy with the accounts.

3 Chair election

JW had received no nominations for Chair. The incoming committee will need to elect a chair for day-to-day purposes. A new election will be required at the 2019 AGM.

4 Committee election

JW had received nominations to elect

- Kaveh Barzargan

- Dominic Branford
- Simon Dales
- Jonathan Fine
- John Peters
- Arthur Reutenauer
- Joseph Wright

to the Committee for 2018–19.

5 Any other business

JW asked the meeting to consider the ‘direction’ of UK-TUG in the future. He noted that with no nominations for Chair and no new committee members, running the group falls on a small, fixed, number of people. He also linked to discussion at TUG2018 concerning the question of what ‘user’ groups are for: new end users are very unlikely to join.

There was a varied discussion about this and the linked issue of the reserves that UK-TUG has held for many years (see the accounts). DC pointed out that spending the *money* would not in itself address the more fundamental question, and in particular the fact that a formal group needs officers who have work to do irrespective of wider activity.

A number of avenues for reducing reserves were suggested. Donation to TUG and/or DANTE was one avenue, as was funding developer-led meetings. Training meetings were also discussed: the issue with these is getting the information out to new users, plus the effort required to run them. NT suggested an award for young (up to 16) T_EX users, for example for a development project. This would reduce our holding and provide publicity. A budget of £500 was considered to be around the correct level. The meeting suggested that the incoming committee look to action this.

JW also raised the issue of the PayPal account: a motion may be needed to allow the Treasurer to have full control. This should be actioned by the incoming committee.

The meeting closed at 15:15.