

## TUG Business

### Minutes of T<sub>E</sub>X Users Group Annual General Meeting held on 15 August 2000; Oxford, England

Susan DeMeritt, for  
Arthur Ogawa, Secretary

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Mimi Jett, President of TUG.

#### Reading of Last Year's Minutes

Susan DeMeritt read the minutes of the 1999 Annual General Meeting held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

#### Board of Directors Report

- Robin Laakso presented membership statistics, explained the tasks involved in her job as office manager and presented the office budget information.
- Jonathan Fine stated that he feels that information regarding the budget is not readily available. Robin Fairbairns countered that he likes the way the Board is being run and that he does not want to know the day-to-day dealings, he wants to know the bottom line. Robin Laakso expressed gratitude for Robin Fairbairns' comments and stated that she enjoys working with TUG.
- Barbara Beeton reported that next year is an election year. Five board positions, plus that of President, will be open. Three of the five board positions will be open because terms will end for Arthur Ogawa, Patricia Monohon, and Petr Sojka. Formal announcements will be sent out on October 1 with a mid-January deadline for receipt of nominations. Barbara Beeton discussed the possibility of electronic balloting.
- Susan DeMeritt reported that the 2001 meeting will be held at the University of Delaware, in Newark, Delaware. Discussion was started about the 2002 meeting: proposals have been received for Ireland and India. Susan DeMeritt will put something on the web site where people can let us know whether they would be able to attend if it were held in India.
- Kaja Christiansen reported the the TUG Web server will be moving to Aarhus, Denmark. The transition should be smooth. Three new sys-

tems are going to be purchased this year: one for the Web server, one for CTAN and one for the office.

#### Training and Education

Mimi Jett reported that TUG is once again going to offer training, seminars, and workshops. These will be held twice a year in the US, and a site is also being sought in the UK.

#### Promotional Materials

TUG will collaborate with other T<sub>E</sub>X groups on putting out new promotional materials.

At this point, Jonathan Fine stood up and stated a list of complaints that he wanted to have heard.

#### Financial Report

Don DeLand gave an overview of the budget, with details on the L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X3 fund and *TUGboat* expenses. [See the next page for the report.]

Mimi Jett announced that \$5,000 would be given to the NTS project.

Don DeLand gave an overview of current budget info.

Mimi Jett announced the gift of Metafog to CyrTUG and GUST.

#### Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

#### New Business

Jonathan Fine asked if a membership list could be created. Don DeLand explained that because of privacy laws, especially in Europe, we may not be able to make the list generally available. Sebastian Rahtz suggested that a member should take on that task, not a Board member. Ahmed Hindawi volunteered.

Nelson Beebe asked about the backlog of *TUGboat*. Mimi Jett mentioned that part of the problem was not enough articles to print and encouraged the membership to start writing more.

Jonathan Fine asked if it would be possible to get *TUGboat* without being a member. It was stated that *TUGboat* is a benefit of membership.

Once membership increases with training, conferences, and seminars the readership will increase as well.

The meeting was closed at 2:40 p.m. by Mimi Jett.

◇ Susan DeMeritt, for  
Arthur Ogawa, Secretary