Membership Secretary's Report 2009

I took over as Membership Secretary at the last AGM from David Crossland. The Committee decided that renewal for 2009 would be free but would require an active opt-in from continuing members. There was, as anticipated, some change in the membership list as a result. Two people actively chose not to continue as members for 2009, and there were not valid contact details for one member. A small number of members listed for 2008 did not reply to any communication, and were removed from the membership list at the beginning of July.

A number of new members have joined UK-TUG over the past year (at the time of writing, 15 current members were not listed last year). The overall membership situation is therefore only slightly altered from last year: at the time of writing there are 148 members.

I asked the Committee to waive the joining fee for one new member. The person in question was in the final stages of study at university, and has made a significant contribution to the wider TeX community. The Committee therefore agreed to waive the fee in this one case.

Joint membership of UK-TUG and TUG remains popular: 45 members have joint membership of both groups. There are also a small number of UK-TUG members who are members of TUG directly (mainly leading TEX developers).

Joseph Wright UK-TUG Membership Secretary

Webmaster's Report 2009

As members will be aware, there were some serious technical issues with the UK-TUG website for large parts of 2008. I took over formal duties as Webmaster toward the end of December 2008, although I had begun to work on the site before that.

A good deal of work has gone into the site since the last AGM. The old material (from 2008 and earlier) is now all accessible, and a large amount of new content has been added. A set of basic 'training' templates have been added, and have proved popular with visitors to the site. New and improved templates are always welcome! A list of know LATEX courses in the UK, and information on people involved in TeX training, has also been added. Again, new and updated information is very welcome to add to this.

The log files for the site show that a steady stream of visitors use the website. As a computer-based group, this is not surprising. Suggestions for new, useful content are always welcome: please do get in touch with ideas.

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