

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 T_EX 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 T_EX developers).

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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 known L^AT_EX courses in the UK, and information on people involved in T_EX 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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