Secretary's Report 2010

I have undertaken the role of Secretary of UK-TUG since the 2009 AGM. This includes the subsidiary roles of Membership Secretary and Webmaster, which are where the majority of the work fall. These roles all fit within the general area of 'communication with members', and there is a strong synergy between the different aspects of these tasks.

Renewal for members continuing from 2009 to 2010 was free, and almost everyone on the 2009 list took advantage of this to continue as members for 2010. As was the case last year, a small number of people (less than ten) did not respond despite a number of attempts to contact them, and so were removed from our membership list.

In July, we held a very successful training course 'Beginner's LaTeX'. One of the benefits of the course was automatic membership of UK-TUG, and as a result our membership now stands at 166 members (up from the 148 in my report from last year). We are planning to hold a second training course later in the year, and so can anticipate that the membership will rise again before the end of the year.

Joint membership of UK-TUG and TUG remains popular: 45 members have joint membership. This is exactly the same number of joint members as I reported last year. There are also a small number of UK-TUG members who are members of TUG directly (mainly leading TeX developers).

Following last year's work on restructuring the website, it has been possible to maintain the UK-TUG website without a large amount of effort at the technical level. We are currently using *WordPress 3.0.1* as our content management system, and this enables us to post new material very rapidly. New material for the site is always needed, and anyone wishing to contribute is very welcome.

I will be seeking to remain on the Committee for the coming year, and assuming that this is the case will be very happy to continue in my current role for the coming year.

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UK-TUG Secretary