

UKUUG AGM 2007, Council Report

Officers of the Group

The present Council of Management are:

Alain Williams - Director, Chairman
Sam Smith - Director, Treasurer
Mike Banahan
John Collins
John Pinner
Phil Hands
Howard Thomson

Mike Banahan, having served one term of three years, is standing down from Council at this AGM, he is eligible and willing to be re-elected.

Ray Miller resigned from Council in December 2006.

Council is limited to eight members; there will be one new vacancy on Council.

Secretariat

We continue to run the UKUUG Office from the Manor House in Buntingford, Hertfordshire using the services of Jane Morrison's company, JMAS.

UKnet Ltd

The situation with UKnet Ltd, a dormant company owned by UKUUG, remains unchanged. The UKnet shares continue to be held by the UKUUG Company Secretary.

Newsletter

We are grateful to Roger Whittaker for continuing as the UKUUG newsletter editor. This is produced quarterly.

Events

Spring 2007

The Spring Conference in Manchester was preceded by a tutorial on Kerberos, which filled the room to capacity.

The conference itself had virtualisation as a theme and attendance exceeded expectations. Many thanks for Sam Smith for his hard work organising this conference. Thanks to Google for sponsoring the conference supper at Old Trafford.

LinuxConf Europe 2007

LinuxConf Europe 2007 was organised largely by Alasdair Kergon, and incorporated the best elements from our annual Linux Developers' Conferences and the German Unix User Group's Linux-Kongress. There were 235 attendees. This immediately preceded the Linux Kernel developers Summit. There were two parallel streams in conjunction with tutorials on: System Tap & kdump, Writing RDMA applications on Linux, Cell Programming, Optimizing linear industry problems with the GLPK, Building and Maintaining RPM Packages, Writing custom Ruby on Rails extensions, Hacking the Silicon - a Crash Course in Chip Development, The Linux HA Project. We had an excellent conference supper at Churchill College and we had an excursion to the Imperial War Museum, Duxford.

This event was sponsored by: Intel, Google, Bytemark hosting, Sun Microsystems, Novell, the Positive Internet Company and Collabora.

We are grateful to Alasdair Kergon, who has also continued his involvement with UKUUG since stepping down from Council, for bringing together another successful event.

16th October – Events

Looking forwards we have a one day seminar in October on Databases, and an RT Tutorial. We are planning a two day event in February 2008 on disks and backup and our Spring conference 2008 will be in Birmingham.

Working Groups

UKUUG depends almost entirely on the efforts of volunteers to carryout its activities. Council would like to increase the involvement of members by devolving some activities to Working Groups. We are looking for volunteers to work in the following areas: website and documentation; newsletter; membership; LISA conference; Linux conference; schools; commercial liaison; academic liaison; regional groups; press and publicity. Please contact <office@ukuug.org> if you would like to get involved with any of the above.

Membership

The register currently shows 347 names; of these, 23 have resigned this year and 69 have let their membership lapse.

Paid members

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
corporate	80	91	88	95	93	93	94	107
individual	244	250	264	258	250	278	247	221
concessionary	14	21	29	30	30	30	24	16
honorary	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6
total	347	370	388	389	379	407	371	350

Sponsorship

This year, we have attracted two Gold Sponsoring Members, Novell and Sun Microsystems. We are grateful to all of our sponsors for their support of UKUUG.

***Alain Williams, <alain.williams@ukuug.org>
UKUUG Council Chairman, 26 September 2007***