

## UKUUG AGM 2008, Council Report

### Officers of the Group

The present Council of Management are:

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

Both Sam Smith and Alain Williams are retiring with this AGM, both have served the maximum terms. Mike Banahan left council earlier this year due to pressure of work

Council is limited to eight members; there will be three vacancies 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

UKnet Ltd was a dormant company owned by UKUUG. We no longer had a use for this and sought a buyer for it, we did not receive any offers. We dissolved the company early this year.

### Newsletter

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

### Past Events

Events since the last AGM have been:

- A one day event on Databases in October 2007
- An RT tutorial in October 2007
- A two day event on Files and Backup in February 2008
- The Spring conference was in Birmingham in April with a theme on Dynamic languages. This was preceded by tutorials on PF, Perl and Python.
- PostgreSQL SIG concurrent with the last day of the Spring conference.
- A talk on OpenMoko in April
- A Moodle tutorial in June. This was organised in conjunction with O'Reilly.

- Open Tech 2008 in July

We had intended to run a longer programme of one day events, it turned out that the effort and cost of organising these was such to make them not viable. The major cost was in getting suitable speakers.

### Future Events

- Linux 2008 This will be in Manchester on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November with tutorials on the 7<sup>th</sup>. It is being organised largely by Alasdair Kergon so we expect a good event.
- A tutorial on BSD's PF on 26<sup>th</sup> November, in conjunction with O'Reilly.
- A Spring conference in London from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March.
- EuroBSDcon 2009 in Cambridge, dates to be announced.
- Open Tech 2009 on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

### Legal Action with BSI

In April the BSI (British Standards Institute) approved DIS29500 – the proposed Microsoft sponsored document format, also known as OOXML. UKUUG decided that this was not in the public interest and ended up taking the BSI to court for a judicial review. The reasons that we did this are listed on our web site.

In June the judge, having read the papers only, rejected our application for judicial review. We appealed the decision, the matter is due to be heard in court on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### Membership

The register currently shows 351 names; of these, 35 have resigned this year and 57 have let their membership lapse.

### Paid members

	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
corporate	83	80	91	88	95	93	93	94	107
individual	245	244	250	264	258	250	278	247	221
concessionary	14	14	21	29	30	30	30	24	16
honorary	9	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6
total	351	347	370	388	389	379	407	371	350

### Sponsorship

We have attracted three Gold Sponsoring Members: Novell, Sun Microsystems and IBM. We are grateful to all of our sponsors for their support of UKUUG. We have employed Sunil Das to help us manage our relationship with Sponsoring Members.

## **Timing of future AGMs**

It has been noted that a member has suggested future AGMs be held at a slightly later time so as to fall outside the congestion charging time period (ends at 18:30) - instead start at 18:45.

This is a matter for the new Council members to decide and the Secretary will bring it to their attention when making arrangements for 2009. If any UKUUG member has comments on this would they please talk to a council member.

## **Web presence**

In addition to our mail lists and web site, there is now a UKUUG 'group' on LinkedIn

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?viewMembers=&gid=47001&sik=1222162372976> at the date of writing it just has 11 members. There is also a UKUUG group on FaceBook that has 57 members.

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UKUUG Council Chairman, 25 September 2008***