

UKUUG AGM 2009, Council Report

Officers of the Group

The present Council of Management are:

Paul Waring - Director, Chairman
Howard Thomson - Director, Treasurer
John Collins
John Pinner
Phil Hands
Holger Kraus
Niall Mansfield

Howard Thomson, John Pinner and Phil Hands are standing down at this AGM, having served one term of three years. All are eligible and willing to be elected.

Council is limited to eight members; there will be at least one 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.

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 included:

- The Spring conference was in London in March with the theme of system administration and security. This was preceded by a popular Kerberos tutorial attended by over 50 delegates.
- The Linux conference was held in Manchester in November 2008, with the usual excellent line up of speakers and a popular post-tutorial social.
- The Summer conference was in Birmingham in August, covering a wide range of topics and preceded by five separate tutorials.
- Open Tech 2009 in July, a one day event in London with over 300 delegates.
- Highly successful tutorial days on Perl and Request Tracker.
- EuroBSDCon, held in Cambridge and fully booked with over 150 delegates attending.

Future Events

- Advanced DNS Tutorial in October, with tutor Jim Reid.
- Perl Tutorial Days, November – the previous tutorial was such a success that we are re-running this event, again with Dave Cross as the tutor.
- Our Spring conference returns to Manchester in March 2010, with two tutorial slots and our usual two day conference programme.

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.

The judge, having read the papers only, rejected our application for judicial review. We appealed the decision,

but eventually withdrew our case as it would not affect the fast tracking of the standard. UKUUG was ordered to pay costs of £18,500, these were paid in full and the case is now closed.

Although UKUUG discontinued the case, we built up a good working relationship with other groups and obtained positive media coverage as a result of the case. Part of the costs of the case were also met by individual donors who contributed to the OOXML Fighting Fund and I would like to express our thanks on behalf of UKUUG to everyone who donated towards this, and especially to Phil Hands and Alain Williams who spent a lot of time dealing with the case.

Membership

The register currently shows 340 names; of these, 56 have resigned this year and 28 have let their membership lapse.

Paid members

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
corporate	79	83	80	91	88	95	93	93	94	107
individual	229	245	244	250	264	258	250	278	247	221
concessionary	11	14	14	21	29	30	30	30	24	16
honorary	11	9	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	6
total	340	351	347	370	388	389	379	407	371	350

Sponsorship

We have attracted three Gold Sponsoring Members this year: Novell, Sun Microsystems and IBM, and a Media Sponsor, Linux Magazine, who have provided us with event publicity. We are grateful to all of our sponsors for their support of UKUUG.

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UKUUG Council Chairman, 24 September 2009*