UKUUG AGM 2003, Council Report

Officers of the Group

The present Council of Management are: Charles Curran (re-elected Sept. 2001), Roger Whittaker (elected Sept. 2000), James Youngman (Treasurer) and Alasdair Kergon (both elected Sept. 1999), and Sam Smith and Alain Williams (both elected Sept. 2002).

Roger’s term of office now expires but he is standing again for re-election.

Secretariat

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

Events, etc.

Events continue to be few in number but of good quality: the Winter Conference and IPv6 Tutorial in London, the Linux Technical Conference and Tutorials in Edinburgh. We also put on free talks by Elliotte Rusty Harold and by Tim O'Reilly.

We operated stands at LinuxExpo at Olympia last October, and at LinuxUser’s LinuxExpo in Birmingham this June.

The UKUUG Open Source Award was not formally awarded this year; apparently, a lot more work needs to be done in getting it noticed in higher education.

The Newsletter continues as before, and as asked especially last year, we need extra help in obtaining good content. The intention for it to appear every two months, alternating in size between the current size, and a briefer issue has not happened.

We continue to help and encourage local groups that look to us but the demand is not that great.

We have Working Groups through which members can contribute in the areas of their special interests. Please advise the Office (office@ukuug.org) of what you would like to do.

Membership

The register currently shows 503 names, of these 40 have resigned this year and 27 have let their membership lapse; there are a further 57 who are about to lapse. There are 373 paid members [401 in 2002, 422 in 2001, 432 in 2000] and 6 honorary members. These are classed as corporate 93 [93 [94 [107]]] (of the Corporate members, 59 [49 [46 [55]]] are academic, and 34 [44 [48 [52]]] commercial), individual 250 [278 [247 [221]]], and student 30 [30 [24 [16]]].

As proposed last year, we have introduced Sponsoring memberships, both ‘silver’ and ‘gold’, with fees of £1000 and £5000+. IBM has generously just taken out Gold membership.

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