
TUG 2015 election report

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As has been previously announced electronically, the election results have been tallied. Kaveh Bazargan has been elected TUG president for the term that ends with the 2017 annual meeting. The following votes were counted:

Kaveh Bazargan, 307
Jim Hefferon, 110

Both candidates made a good showing, although the total number of voters was only about a third of those eligible.

As of the ballot closing date (May 11), 145 valid paper votes and 291 valid electronic ballots were received. Of the 291 electronic votes, 18 were repeats of the same vote. One member voted (differently) by paper after voting electronically, so, per our election procedures, the electronic vote was excluded.

A script was written to assist in processing the electronic votes. Mailing the paper votes and matching these up with electronic votes was time-consuming and expensive. We suggest that the electronic voting may be strongly encouraged in the future, while paper ballots could be sent by request. We will make specific recommendations for changes to the election procedures in due course.

As previously announced, the number of candidates for open board positions was fewer than positions, so no ballot was required. Those results, and all candidates' statements, were printed in the *TUGboat* 36:1.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the diligent work of the TUG executive director, Robin Laakso, in administering all aspects of the election, from inviting nominations to the final tally.

This was the first contested election since 2005. Thanks to everyone for their participation.

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