TUG 2022 Annual General Meeting notes

Notes recorded by Robin Laakso

Boris Veytsman, TUG president, opened the meeting at 11:00 (PDT): "Welcome to the second online AGM." He stated that the Zoom license has limits, and asked that participants raise a hand to say something. He said to please state your name and state if you are a TUG member. Let us know if you want to be heard. He requested that people be respectful, speak in good faith, and be courteous.

Boris showed two slides: Rules of the game and Topics (basically the meeting agenda).

Klaus Höppner, TUG secretary, gave a TUG status update and financial report. He showed a series of slides, most of which are included in this report (slides are omitted here if they merely duplicate information from web pages):

1. The current TUG board of directors. (`tug.org/board`)

2. "Formalities": 2023 is an election year; 5 directors' terms end + 3 open positions = 8 positions for election. (`tug.org/election`)

3. "Members end of June 2022": TUG membership has declined slightly in 2022 so far; 2021 membership was up. Klaus commented that the trial membership program is quite successful, and leads to renewals in about 50% of cases.

4. "Profit & Loss 2021" included product sales: DVDs, *TUGboat*, Lucida and expenses: journals, software, Lucida, postage, payroll, overhead.

5. "Assets and Liabilities" and "Committed Funds" slides were next, both as of the end of 2021.

6. "Donations 2022": Klaus commented that donations are up and quite generous this year. (`tug.org/donors`)

   Regarding the donation slide, Klaus further stated that the TUG board is very thankful for the generous UK-TUG donation, that no restrictions were made with the contribution, and that the TUG board was not involved in and has no knowledge of the discussion within UK-TUG leading to this donation. Jonathan Fine interrupted. Boris said he was aware of the raised hand and that JF would be heard when Klaus finished his report.

7. "International Conferences": Klaus said that the ConTEXt meeting will be in person again this year, and also that BachoTEX 2022 will be in person this year, but this time in September (not May). (`tug.org/meetings`)

8. "TEX Live/TEX Collection": Klaus recognized the hard work of the DVD team. He said that the TEX Collection DVD is a joint effort in terms of manufacturing as well as software production. Members can order DVDs from their user group. Two user groups have professional offices, which promote the distribution of the software, among other things.

   Klaus defined a subset of MiKTEX, replacing the separate proTEXt, given the size constraints of the DVD; he thanked Christian Schenk for help with this project and the end result fitting on the TEX Collection DVD. (`tug.org/texcollection`)

9. "Board Motions" (`tug.org/board/motions.html`):

   2021.6 Approval of the 2022 budget.

   2021.7 Adopt TUG bylaws update and AGM procedures. (`tug.org/bylaws`)

   2022.1 Support for persons in war zones or other extraordinary circumstances.

   2022.2 Cover DOI fees for GUTenberg as needed.

   2022.3 Funding to support Ukrainian students attending BachoTEX.

10. A "Last words" slide ended the presentation: Farewell to Dave Walden (1942–2022).

Discussion

Jonathan Fine asked Klaus to display slide 9 ("Donations 2022") and share his screen. JF read the second sentence: TUG was not involved and has no knowledge about discussion within UK-TUG about how to distribute the money. JF said that TUG VP Arthur R[osendahl] was involved in the discussion. JF said Arthur R was on the committee. JF said Arthur R was involved in the discussion about how to distribute the money.

JF said that the TUG board doubled the quorum from 50 to 100. He said that no motion that is binding may be moved at the AGM without being approved by the board. JF stated that he submitted a motion on 13 July 22 with a supporting statement. He said he asked that it be circulated to members. He said that Klaus read it and gave a rebuttal. JF encouraged "ordinary" members to speak up. He asked other attendees to comment on the AGM procedures. No one did.

Keiran Harcombe asked if the board and other members of TUGwould consider adopting a code of conduct for its members, board and others who work on projects?

Boris replied, saying that he agreed that the Board should discuss this.

Klaus H: Several board members are members of other user groups. There is always an agreement that within the TUG board I am a TUG board member and not a DANTE member. Everything on the TUG board is internal to that organization, not the other membership/organization. UK-TUG asked DANTE if they were interested in a donation upon dissolution.

Boris V: Please open the page about conferences. Correction: The ConTeXt meeting should be September 2022 (not 2021). The ConTeXt and BachoTeX meetings are quite close together. [Post-conference correction made on included slide.]

Keiran H and Jonathan F discussed whether the earlier comment by JF meant that there was a conflict of interest during the discussion leading to the dissolution of UK-TUG.

Boris V: Does anyone else have something they would like to speak about?

Keiran H: This may seem like an incredibly stupid question: has anyone in the TUG considered making a guide to all the various parts of the TeX world? How different systems work and the approach to them.

Boris V: I will comment. We have some documentation but always need more. Recently someone applied for TeX Development funds to write more documentation. If there are people who want to do this kind of work we welcome that.

David Carlisle: Joseph Wright and myself (David C) support a site (previously managed by Robin Fairbairns), `texfaq.org`, which provides a lot of documentation. The LaTeX team has a website as well.
[Post-conference addition: the web page `tug.org/levels` gives an extremely brief overview of the major components of the TeX world. Max Chernoff's presentation at this conference was on this topic.]

Question: Are we going to publish the slides?
Answer: Yes.

Klaus: This AGM report will be part of the minutes.

Paulo Ney: I would like to suggest that TUG support of GUT à la DOI could be offered to other user groups. TUG could do this for user groups worldwide. It would be very positive for many local groups. This would require `tug.org` to hold a mirror copy of all those publications. There are only benefits. Include user groups under one umbrella. It would be very nice for other user groups to have this DOI support.

Boris V: This option was considered, but GUT did not go this way. [Post-conference clarification: TUG is happy to assist other groups with DOI support, technically or financially. We'll work together to determine what's best on a case-by-case basis.]
    Any other comments or questions?

Jonathan F: I came across a 2019 email about the $10K contribution for PDF accessibility. What is it being used for?

Boris V: We have provided a couple of small grants. It's not enough for a full time programmer, unfortunately, but we welcome interested persons.

[Post-conference addition: the recent addition of `amsmath` support to `latex2nemeth` project (`ctan.org/pkg/latex2nemeth`) was funded 50% by the PDF Accessibility Fund money and 50% by the TeX Development Fund.]

Keiran H: I wish to commend Jonathan Fine for trying to push this forward. The world needs this kind of accessibility work.

Boris V: We welcome proposals.

Jonathan F: This may not be the best place to say this. I am tremendously grateful for all the online work being done. Also I am personally grateful for all the work that has been done to make this conference happen.

Boris V: Thank you.

The meeting came to a close at 12:25 (PDT).

Annual General Meeting 2022 of the TeX Users Group

Klaus Höppner (secretary) for the board

July 23, 2022

Committed Funds (status end of 2021)

Fund		Amount
Bursary		5,927
CTAN		9,948
GUST e-foundry		406
LaTeX3		12,392
LuaTeX		1,494
LyX		11
MacTeX		8,499
PDF Accessibility		11,758
TeX Development		5,221
owed:	2,000	
available:	3,221	
Sum		55,655

Members end of June 2022

End of June we had 1,102 paid members, with:

- 1,052 renewals, 50 new (33 of them trial, 11 joint)
- −48 compared to June 2021
- 85 institutional, 116 joint members
- 376 with electronic-only option
- 356 with auto-renewal option
- 34 of last year's 72 trial members renewed so far
- final numbers of last years:
    December 2021: 1,210
    December 2020: 1,189
    December 2019: 1,238
    December 2018: 1,214
    December 2017: 1,178

Donations 2022

- Google: 10,000
- Anonymous: 10,000
- UKTUG: 5,366

The remaining funds of dissolved UKTUG were donated to two user groups.
TUG was not involved and has no knowledge about discussion within UKTUG about how to distribute the money.
No restrictions were made with the donation.

Profit & Loss 2021

Income		Expenses		
Membership dues	79,320	Cost of goods sold		
Product sales	4,423	TUGboat		22,328
Contributions	21,311	Software		2,391
Annual Conference	2,636	Fonts		1,675
Other	749	Postage		1,827
		Other		372
		Office		
		Payroll		64,274
		Overhead		12,924
		Contributions		2,000
		Other		84
Sum	108,440	Sum		107,875
		Net gain		565

International Conferences

Past

- TUG 2021 (online)
- DANTE autumn meeting (Germany, Sept. 2021 online)
- ConTeXt meeting (Belgium, Sept. 2021)
- GuIT meeting (Italy, Oct. 2021 online)
- DANTE 2022 summer meeting (hybrid)

Upcoming

- ConTeXt meeting (Germany, Sept. 12–18, 2022)
- BachoTeX 2022 (Poland, Sept. 21–25, 2022)

Assets and Liabilities (status end of 2021)

Assets		Liabilities	
Checkings/Savings	173,602	Committed funds	55,655
Accounts Receivable	395	Admin services	1,445
		Member income	10,075
		Payroll	1,280
Sum	173,997	Sum	68,455
		Equity	105,542

TeX Live/TeX Collection

- TeX Live 2022 released as planned
- Team: Karl, Norbert, Siep Kronenberg, Akira Kakuto et al.
- TeX Collection DVDs produced by DANTE in Germany, in cooperation with TUG and various user groups, containing:
    - TeX Live
    - MiKTeX
    - MacTeX (Herbert Schultz)
    - CTAN snapshot (Manfred Lotz)
- Former proTeXt distribution for Windows is abandoned, replaced by a special MiKTeX subset defined by Klaus (due to space restrictions). Thanks to Christian Schenk for support!