Rebuttal

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Τί δὲ βλέπεις τὸ κάρφος τὸ ἐν τῷ ὀφθαλμῷ τοῦ ἀδελφοῦ σου, τὴν δὲ ἐν τῷ σῷ ὀφθαλμῷ δοκὸν οὐ κατανοεῖς; Matthew 7:3

Jonathan can't have it both ways: either I didn't use my position as a link between TUG and UK-TUG efficiently enough, or I abused it. Obviously, I reject both assertions. I tried to help in a difficult debate, I had a fine line to walk, and it's always easy to find aspects to criticise one year after the fact. I never claimed to be perfect. Most important, I was extremely clear about what Jonathan calls my "dual role"; which he should know, since he quotes from an email by me where I explained exactly that. He conveniently omits the parts where I said that I was aware that I was formally in a conflict of interest, and how I planned to mitigate it.

Perhaps Jonathan would like to be reminded of his own conduct and quoted out of context too; but the predictable outcome of his actions is probably punishment enough. His nauseating insistence that UK-TUG never, never, never should be dissolved gained him no supporters, and quite a few opponents. In a way, I should be grateful.

In the end, UK-TUG was dissolved by the clearly expressed will of its members, who passed a dissolution motion 26 to 7. Two other motions, proposed by Jonathan and mutually contradictory, received 0 votes.

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