Minutes of \TeX Users Group
Annual General Meeting held on
15 August 2000; Oxford, England
Susan DeMeritt, for
Arthur Ogawa, Secretary

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by
Mimi Jett, President of TUG.

Reading of Last Year’s Minutes
Susan DeMeritt read the minutes of the 1999 Annual
General Meeting held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Board of Directors Report
- Robin Laakso presented membership statistics,
  explained the tasks involved in her job as office
  manager and presented the office budget infor-
  mation.
- Jonathan Fine stated that he feels that infor-
  mation regarding the budget is not readily avail-
  able. Robin Fairbairns countered that he likes
  the way the Board is being run and that he does
  not want to know the day-to-day dealings, he
  wants to know the bottom line. Robin Laakso
  expressed gratitude for Robin Fairbairns’ com-
  ments and stated that she enjoys working with
  TUG.
- Barbara Beeton reported that next year is an
  election year. Five board positions, plus that
  of President, will be open. Three of the five
  board positions will be open because terms will
  end for Arthur Ogawa, Patricia Monohon, and
  Petr Sojka. Formal announcements will be sent
  out on October 1 with a mid-January deadline
  for receipt of nominations. Barbara Beeton dis-
  cussed the possibility of electronic balloting.
- Susan DeMeritt reported that the 2001 meet-
  ing will be held at the University of Delaware,
  in Newark, Delaware. Discussion was started
  about the 2002 meeting: proposals have been
  received for Ireland and India. Susan DeMeritt
  will put something on the web site where people
  can let us know whether they would be able
  to attend if it were held in India.
- Kaja Christiansen reported the the TUG Web
  server will be moving to Aarhus, Denmark. The
  transition should be smooth. Three new sys-
  tems are going to be purchased this year: one
  for the Web server, one for CTAN and one for
  the office.

Training and Education
Mimi Jett reported that TUG is once again going to
offer training, seminars, and workshops. These will
be held twice a year in the US, and a site is also
being sought in the UK.

Promotional Materials
TUG will collaborate with other \TeX groups on putting
out new promotional materials.

At this point, Jonathan Fine stood up and stated
a list of complaints that he wanted to have heard.

Financial Report
Don DeLand gave an overview of the budget, with
details on the \LaTeX3 fund and \TUGboat expenses.
[See the next page for the report.]

Mimi Jett announced that $5,000 would be given
to the NTS project.
Don DeLand gave an overview of current bud-
get info.

Mimi Jett announced the gift of Metafog to
CyrTUG and GUST.

Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

New Business
Jonathan Fine asked if a membership list could be
created. Don DeLand explained that because of pri-
vacy laws, especially in Europe, we may not be able
to make the list generally available. Sebastian Rahtz
suggested that a member should take on that task,
not a Board member. Ahmed Hindawi volunteered.
Nelson Beebe asked about the backlog of \TUG-
boat. Mimi Jett mentioned that part of the problem
was not enough articles to print and encouraged the
membership to start writing more.

Jonathan Fine asked if it would be possible to
get \TUGboat without being a member. It was stated
that \TUGboat is a benefit of membership.

Once membership increases with training, con-
ferences, and seminars the readership will increase
as well.

The meeting was closed at 2:40 p.m. by Mimi
Jett.

Susan DeMeritt, for
Arthur Ogawa, Secretary