General Delivery

From the Board of Directors
Karl Berry (Director)

Greetings,

Welcome to another issue of TUGboat! Due to TUGboat’s unfortunately-delayed publishing schedule, this general delivery will mostly cover events in 2002, despite being written in December 2003. (We do have hopes for TUGboat to catch up to present time, as will be discussed in the Editorial Comments.)

2002 board meeting
The TUG board of directors met in Portland, Oregon on July 20, 2002. (Several directors lived in that area.) Two notable events from that meeting:

• The bylaws were amended to provide for more timely decisions by email, based on our experience over the past years. In particular, instead of requiring a full two weeks of discussion followed by a full two weeks of voting, there is now a one-week period of discussion, followed by at most one week of voting. The result is announced as soon as it is determined, i.e., a majority of directors have voted.

The full bylaws are available on the TUG website: http://tug.org/bylaws.

• We retroactively supported the 2002 EuroTeX conference sponsored by GUST with a donation of $2,000. TUG has traditionally supported EuroTeX conferences with this amount. We regret overlooking making the donation in time for the conference itself.

A number of other items from the meeting were discussed in the general delivery for the last regular TUGboat issue (volume 22, number 4).

Board resignations
In October 2002, Patricia Monohon and Wendy McKay resigned from the board for personal reasons.

We appreciate their service, and were especially grateful that they remained on the TUG 2003 conference committee, and in fact performed the bulk of the work for that conference.

Project Gutenberg
Finally, I would like to mention a worthy text (and TeX) project: Distributed Proofreaders (http://www.pgdp.net) is the main source of public domain electronic books. It is part of Project Gutenberg (http://www.gutenberg.net). The project always needs savvy TeX and EPiTeX folk to correct OCR’d texts, especially of math books.

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