The deadline for nominations for the TUG Board of Directors and for TUG President in the 2005 election passed on February 1, 2005.

There are six candidates for positions on the Board for terms ending in 2009: Steve Grathwohl, Jim Hefferon, Klaus Höppner, Arthur Ogawa, Steve Peter, and David Walden. Those whose names appear in *italic* are incumbent. (Continuing directors, with terms ending in 2007, are: Barbara Beeton, Kaja Christiansen, Susan DeMeritt, Ross Moore, Cheryl Ponchin, Samuel Rhoads, and Philip Taylor.)

There are two candidates for TUG President, for a term ending in 2007: Karl Berry and Lance Carnes.

Because there are more open positions for TUG Director than there are nominees (15 Directors are allowed under the TUG bylaws), the seats on the Board are deemed uncontested, and the candidates are considered duly elected.

However, because the office of TUG President is contested, there will be an election ballot, in accordance with the TUG election procedures (available online at http://tug.org/elecproc.html).

In years past, these procedures would have ballots sent out by mail. However, there has been interest in allowing for an electronic ballot. Accordingly, this Committee is preparing a proposed change to TUG Bylaws and TUG Election Procedures to provide for such a ballot. The date for mailing out the ballot and the deadline for its return have not been finalized at this time. Please see http://tug.org/election for up-to-date details.

To participate in the ballot, you must be a 2005 TUG member in good standing. To avoid last-minute problems, please join or renew your membership as soon as possible. See http://tug.org/join.html for online and printable membership forms, or contact the TUG office.

This year, two directors are retiring: Mike Sofka and Gerree Pecht; we thank them very much for their service and hope and expect to continue to work with them on TeX and TUG projects.

The election statements and other information provided by all candidates are also available online at http://tug.org/election. They will also be printed in a future issue of TUGboat.

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### TUG 2005

**International Typesetting Conference Announcement and Call for Papers**

TUG 2005 will be held in Wuhan, China from August 23–25, 2005. CTUG (Chinese TeX User Group) has committed to undertake the conference affairs.

Wuhan is close to the birthplace of Taoism and the Three Gorges Reservoir. China is also the birthplace of typography in ancient times, and is simply a very interesting place to go.

For more information, see the conference web page at http://tug.org/tug2005, or email tug2005@tug.org.

#### Call for papers

Please submit a title and abstract for papers or presentations by April 1, 2005, via email to tug2005@tug.org. Any TeX-related topic will be considered.

#### Conference fees

The conference fees and deadlines for members of any TeX user group (in US dollars):

- Early registration: May 20, 2005 $100
- Normal registration: July 1, 2005 $220
- Late registration: August 1, 2005 $380

In all cases, non-user group members add $20.

#### Conference bursary

Some financial assistance is available. The application deadline is March 25, 2005. Please see http://tug.org/bursary for details.

*Hope to see you there!*