

UKUUG AGM 2011, Council Report

Officers of the Group

The present Council of Management are:

Paul Waring - Director, Chairman
Howard Thomson - Director, Treasurer
John Pinner
Phil Hands
Holger Kraus
Niall Mansfield
Kimball Johnson
Martin Houston

Niall Mansfield is standing down at this AGM, having served one term of three years. He is not standing for re-election.

Martin Houston was co-opted onto Council in 2011 and will be standing for election at the AGM.

Council is limited to eight members; there will be at least one vacancy on Council.

Secretariat

We continue to run the UKUUG Office from the Manor House in Buntingford, Hertfordshire using the services of Jane Morrison's company, JMAS.

Newsletter

We are grateful to Roger Whittaker for continuing as the newsletter editor. This is produced quarterly and circulated to all members.

Direct Debit payments

Following feedback from members, we have introduced the option of paying membership subscriptions by direct debit to make the process more convenient. Council also hopes that this payment method will increase membership retention, as it has done at several other organisations.

Guild of Accessible Web Designers

In May we received an email from the Guild of Accessible Web Designers (GAWDS) who were looking to hand over the running of the organisation as it was too big a task for one person. After careful consideration, Council agreed to take over the running of GAWDS as a Special Interest Group of UKUUG. Existing members of GAWDS will remain members of the SIG but will be entitled to join UKUUG at a reduced rate for their first year, and new members will join UKUUG and the SIG. Existing UKUUG members will also be able to apply for membership of the SIG at no extra charge.

Past Events

Events since the last AGM have included:

- The Spring conference was held in Leeds in March with the theme of system administration and security. This was preceded by a Haskell tutorial by Edwin Brady.
- Our first unconference, held in Birmingham in October 2010.
- Open Tech 2010 in September, a one day event in London with over 400 delegates.
- Highly successful tutorial day on Debian Packaging, which we hope to run again next year.
- Perl tutorials by Dave Cross, these training courses are sufficiently popular to be run once a year.

Future Events

- DNSSEC in November, with tutor Jan-Piet Mens.
- Our second unconference, to be held in Manchester in October 2011.
- Our Spring conference heads to Edinburgh in March 2012. As with our Spring 2008 conference, we will be working with the PostgreSQL UK group who will be contributing speakers and promoting the event.

Membership

Current and past membership numbers are shown in the table below.

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
corporate	67	77	85	83	80	91	88	95
individual	219	239	229	245	244	250	264	258
concessionary	11	18	21	14	14	21	29	30
honorary	11	11	11	9	9	8	7	6
total	308	345	335	351	347	370	388	389

Sponsorship

We have retained one Gold Sponsor this year: SUSE (formerly Novell), and a Media Sponsor, Linux Magazine, who have provided us with event publicity.

Individual events have also been sponsored by Google (Spring 2011), Bytemark (Unconference 2010 and Spring 2011) and antiBody MX (Spring 2011).

We are grateful to all of our sponsors for their ongoing support.

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UKUUG Council Chairman, 22 September 2011