
New members of the TUG Board

As announced earlier in this issue, the number of candidates for open positions on the Board of Directors was fewer than the number of positions, hence, according to the Election Procedures, the candidates who did submit nomination papers were declared elected. Since there will therefore be no ballot, the biographies and personal statements that would have appeared on the ballot are presented here, to introduce these individuals to the membership.

The new Board members are listed in alphabetical order. Their terms of office all extend to the annual meeting in the year 2001.

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For the Elections Committee

Donna Burnette

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Biography:

My job over the past 10 years at the Supercomputer Computations Research Institute (SCRI) has evolved from T_EXnical typing, to T_EX software installation and support, to full support of VMS systems and their software. We support a large community of research scientists, university faculty and administrative staff. I have written and deciphered many T_EX programs during this period and become quite knowledgeable in the interrelationships between T_EX and its utilities (dvips, xdvi, etc.). I designed and implemented the T_EX programs required to maintain our T_EX publications database and provide information on a variety of disciplines in many different formats. I designed the program that generates Florida State University masters and doctoral theses compliant with their graduation requirements. Word of this spread quickly, so I routinely get requests from other departments to copy it to their systems. I have continually provided my T_EX expertise to those wishing to design and distribute their own documents and have assisted with the installation/upgrade of Unix T_EX systems prior to the teT_EX distributions and the creation of the TUGboat Production Group work on installation generation here locally.

Personal statement:

As a board member I would be interested in actively involving members of our T_EX community in extending the installation standardization process to include the VMS operating system.

Mimi Jett

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Biography:

President and CEO of ETP Harrison, a full-service electronic publishing firm located in Portland, Oregon. We began the company as a provider of *troff* typesetting services, but moved into T_EX in 1987 at the request of textbook publishers. With the help and support of the T_EX Users Group we found the resources necessary to become a serious provider of composition and related services. Prior to starting this business, I began several other businesses, including Oregon Serigraphics (1973); The Renaissance Press (1977); The Resource (1983); and Marketing Communications (1985), all related to print or advertising. ETP Harrison employs 27 people and 6 freelancers full time. I have served on numerous boards, including the TUG board in 1992–93.

Personal statement:

TUG has been a vital contributor to our success, and I am eternally grateful. The benefits of membership have been questioned as long as I can remember, and I would like to contribute the time and resources to help define, and enhance, the value of the organization. Only through a thriving population will the group continue to grow and contribute to the success of others needing the support of the T_EX Users Group.

I feel that my experience in management and leadership qualify me to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, and wish to serve in that capacity.

Patricia Monohon

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Biography:

PhD Physics, UC Berkeley, I began working with \TeX in my job at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center in about 1982. After a two-decade long career as an experimental physicist, I decided in 1987 to work as a publishing consultant and have run \TeX Consultants since that time. I presently live and work in Three Rivers, California, USA.

I have assisted numerous people worldwide in using \TeX and have worked with a number of commercial firms in setting up and managing \TeX -based publishing enterprises. For more personal information, please see <http://www.teleport.com/~ogawa>.

Personal statement:

I decided to offer my services on the TUG board because I believe I can make a positive contribution to TUG's future. TUG is an organization worth turning around, and my intention is to do just that—*with your help*.

The most serious indicator of TUG's troubles is its declining membership, so my goal is to address that issue squarely. I firmly believe that TUG can accomplish this task by realigning its services and benefits with its current and future membership.

I say that TUG can do this, not that *I* can do this, simply because no person can singlehandedly achieve this goal. So, I will be relying on your participation, not just as a member of TUG, but as a TUG activist and volunteer.

TUG needs your help to identify what member benefits TUG should offer in order to be truly relevant to the needs of \TeX users worldwide. Then your assistance will be needed in providing those benefits, whether through the vehicle of *TUGboat*, training classes, the annual conference, our website, or other activities. I believe we can make TUG once again the vehicle for volunteers to better the lot of \TeX users everywhere.

If you share my goal of revitalizing TUG through its own membership, please commit your energies to doing what is needed to make TUG the success it once was. I invite your input: my email address is <mailto:ogawa@teleport.com>.

TUG's meaning is only what we give it, and its very justification lies in what it gives its members.

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Biography:

I studied Math/Computer Science at Masaryk University Brno, where I work now as an Assistant Professor. I am currently president of $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{S}\mathcal{T}\mathcal{U}\mathcal{G}$, the Czech and Slovak \TeX Users Group.

Personal statement:

My potential activities for TUG could be based on my experience gained in

- revitalization of $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{S}\mathcal{T}\mathcal{U}\mathcal{G}$
- managing/consulting/leading various publication and other projects based on \TeX
- maintenance of \TeX -related services
- participation in organizing scientific conferences

I expect to help for better communication/exchange between LUGs in Central/East Europe and the rest of the world.