

Ab Epistulis

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2105 is an election year, with seats for the Board and for President open. For the Board of Directors, the following individuals were nominated: Pavneet Arora, Barbara Beeton, Karl Berry, Susan DeMeritt, Michael Doob, Cheryl Ponchin, Norbert Preining, and Boris Veytsman. As there were not more Board nominations than open positions, all these nominees are duly elected to a four-year term. Thanks to all for their willingness to serve.

I'm pleased that two dedicated individuals have stepped forward to run for TUG President. Kaveh Bazaran is a long-time \TeX enthusiast who has served as cinematographer at many a TUG meeting, ensuring that people who could not attend in person have access to the information presented there. Jim Hefferon is the current TUG Vice President and has served the community in a variety of capacities, most notably as one of the hosts and organizers for CTAN. Since there is but a single office of President, an election ballot is required, in accordance with the TUG election procedures. Details are online at <http://tug.org/election>; perhaps the main point is that this year, it is possible to vote electronically in the TUG members area, <https://www.tug.org/members>, until May 11.

Terms for President and members of the Board of Directors will begin with the Annual Meeting. Congratulations to all.

Taco Hoekwater, Ross Moore, and Philip Taylor have decided to step down at the end of this term. I wish to thank them for their service, and for their continued participation until the Annual Meeting. I will also step down at the end of my term, but I do intend to open the

Annual Meeting as President one last time.

The 2015 TUG Annual Meeting will be held in Darmstadt, Germany, July 20–22. If you'd like to make a presentation at the conference, please see <http://tug.org/tug2015/cfp.html>. Early submissions are greatly appreciated. Please write us at tug2015@tug.org for any questions, expressions of interest, etc.

Book your hotel and flight, and I hope to see you there! See <http://tug.org/tug2015> for information.

Since the election technically makes me a lame duck (don't worry, I've been called worse!), I've been thinking about my tenure and the challenges that lie ahead. I am pleased that TUG as an organization is running quite smoothly now, which is due in no small part to the outstanding team I had to work with: my executive committee, Jim Hefferon, Sue DeMeritt, and Karl Berry, and especially the day to day work of our Executive Director, Robin Laakso.

The main challenge that I am disappointed I was not able to tackle is the shrinking membership numbers for TUG. I'm not worried about \TeX in a global context, since DANTE and NTG are strong, and enthusiastic development continues on \LaTeX 3 and Con \TeX t, but I would love to see a groundswell in \TeX usage and TUG support in the US. Thanks to Boris Veytsman, we do have a special TUG membership campaign this year: members invite members. Please see <http://tug.org/membership>. If you have additional concrete ideas to help us grow TUG, please let us know.

It has been an honor serving you. Happy \TeX ing!

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