

General Delivery

From the Board of Directors

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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 web site: <http://tug.org/bylaws>.

- We retroactively supported the 2002 Euro \TeX conference sponsored by GUST with a donation of \$2,000. TUG has traditionally supported Euro \TeX 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 \LaTeX folk to correct OCR'd texts, especially of math books.

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The TUG board welcomes input or questions at any time; please email us at board@tug.org.

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