

Minutes of the tenth WoTUG AGM
Held at the University of Twente,
on Wednesday, 10th September 2003.

Persons present

B Arantsson, FRM Barnes, JF Broenink, NS Brown, HS Cronie, A Duller, IR East, E González, HH Happe, GH Hilderink, FW Hoeksema, R Ivimey-Cook, C Jacobsen, DS Jovanovic, AE Lawrence, J Marincic, M Moore, DA Nicole, BC O'Neill, B Orlic, WJA Pasman, C Petitpierre, HW Roebbers, M Schweigler, J Sunter, D Towner, BV Vinter, PM Visser, DC Wood, T van Engelen.

1. Opening

GS Stiles, RMA Peel (Secretary), PH Welch (Chairman) and ML Smith sent apologies for absence. Ruth Ivimey-Cook, Treasurer, chairs this meeting because the Chairman was unable to attend.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 9th WoTUG AGM, held at the University of Reading on Wednesday 18th September 2002, were presented. No objections were made, so these minutes are accepted.

3. Finances

Financial year ending March 2003:

Balance April 2002 £13,409.03, income (interest) £69.13, expenditure (tax, CPA2002, webserver) £1018.08 resulting in a balance at March 2003 of £12,460.08

Half year ending September 2003:

Income (interest, CPA2002 deposit) £950.05, expenditure (tax) £15.47 resulting in a balance at September 2003 of £13,394.67

The meeting accepts these figures.

Since the last report, the following statements can be made:

- The Bristol conference (2001) broke even.
- The Reading conference (2002) lost about £1013, partly due to problems with proceedings.
- WoTUG still has good cash reserves

Requests for (limited) funding of projects that support the WoTUG Objectives (as defined in the constitution) should be submitted to the committee. The meeting agrees to this.

3.1 Auditing

Last year's account were audited by Gerald Hilderink and Johan Sunter. The meeting accepts the work of the auditors.

Gerald Hilderink and Johan Sunter were reelected as auditors for next year's account.

4. The WoTUG Constitution

At the previous AGM, the meeting agreed that the committee could update the constitution. The main points of the update are:

- Definition of WoTUG members:
 - people attending a WoTUG event,
 - programme committee for a WoTUG organized conference

- Membership lasts for 3 years from the last qualifying event.
- Committee members must be Members.
- Two new officers, Publicity officer and Webmaster. The people currently performing these offices are:
 - Stephen Maudsley
 - Ruth Ivimey-Cook
 respectively.
- Duties of all officers have been specified in general terms
- Rules for voting in meetings have been adjusted
- The objectives have been clarified for a post-Transputer world.

The revised constitution will soon be available on the website at:
<http://www.wotug.org/constitution.shtml>

5. Committee Elections

Committee posts are elected every year. All current members are willing to stay. Nominations to join the committee are Marc Smith, Colby College, Waterville ME USA, Fred Barnes, University of Kent, Canterbury UK, Ian East, Oxford Brooks University, Oxford UK.

The meeting was asked for any objection to electing the proposed members as a block. No objection was made. The election of the committee was then carried unanimously.

The committee therefore consists of:

Peter Welch, University of Kent, UK (Chair)
 Roger Peel, University of Surrey, UK (Secretary)
 Ruth Ivimey-Cook (Treasurer, Webmaster)
 Stephen Maudsley (Publicity)

Adrian Lawrence, Loughborough University, UK
 Alastair Alan, University of Aberdeen, UK
 Brian O'Neill
 Barry Cook, 4Links Ltd
 Dyke Stiles, University of Utah, USA
 Fred Barnes, University of Kent, UK
 Ian East, Oxford Brookes University, UK
 Jan Broenink, Twente University, Netherlands
 John Kerridge, Napier University
 Marc Smith, Colby College, ME, USA
 Øyvind Teig, Kongsberg Maritime, Norway
 Paul Walker, 4Links Ltd.
 Richard (Rick) Beton Roke Manor Research Ltd.

6. Future meetings

Plans are to have CPA2004 at Oxford, UK, organized by Ian East.

Suggestion to have an informal meeting at the PDPTA, June '04 (Las Vegas, USA)

Other interesting conferences to spread our scientific ideas: Parallel and distributed processing IPDPS'04, April, Santa Fe, USA (IEEE sponsored, the 03 conference was in Nice, France)

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Name of WoTUG

The discussion rose again to update the name of our organisation to let the name better fit the topics we do. The name WoTUG would refer too strongly to the Transputer era, thus blocking new-comers to join. Using WoTUG only as a label would not really help, because many people know the expansion of it and the term should be explained anyway. Completely cutting of our roots is of course not a good thing. Here the dilemma appears.

Several alternatives were proposed. Because only a few members of the committee were present, the AGM accepted to give the committee a mandate to propose a name change.

7.2 Prizes

- Best paper award to Marcel Boosten for his paper titled: “Formal Contracts: Enabling Component Composition”.
- Best student paper award to Neil Brown for his paper titled: “An Introduction to the Kent C++CSP Library”
- Best joke award to Gerald Hilderink

Jan Broenink

25th September 2003