AUUG Inc. 2003 Annual Election Instructions

Welcome to the AUUG 2003 Elections. In this package you should find the following items:

- These instructions. If they are missing, you can find them at
  `http://www.auug.org.au/election/instructions.pdf`.

- An envelope marked "ballot paper". If this is missing, you can use any plain envelope.

- An envelope with a return address. On the reverse of this envelope there should be the following declaration:

  "I, _____, member number _____, declare that I am entitled to vote in this election on behalf of the voting member whose membership number is shown above, and no previous ballot has been cast on behalf of this voting member in this election."

  If this envelope is missing, you can use any plain envelope. It should be addressed to:

  AUUG Inc.
  PO Box 7071
  Baulkham Hills BC NSW 2153

  Write the declaration above on the back of the envelope.

- A ballot paper. You can get a copy of this ballot paper at
  `http://www.auug.org.au/election/ballot.pdf`.

Candidates

We have had a total of 13 candidates for the board elections this year:

President	Greg Lehey `<Greg.Lehey@auug.org.au>`
Vice-President	Jonathon Coombes `<jon@cybersite.com.au>`
	Greg Lehey `<Greg.Lehey@auug.org.au>`
	David Purdue `<David.Purdue@auug.org.au>`
Secretary	David Bullock `<dbullock@lisasoft.com>`
	Adrian Close `<adrian@close.wattle.id.au>`
	Greg Lehey `<Greg.Lehey@auug.org.au>`
Treasurer	Gordon Hubbard `<Gordon.Hubbard@auug.org.au>`
Ordinary members	David Bullock `<dbullock@lisasoft.com>`
	Adrian Close `<adrian@close.wattle.id.au>`
	Jonathon Coombes `<jon@cybersite.com.au>`
	Andrew Cowie `<andrew@operationaldynamics.com.au>`
	Matthew Geddes `<mgeddes@tellurian.com.au>`

	Gordon Hubbard <gordon@customtech.com.au>
	Steve Landers <steve@DigitalSmarties.com>
	Greg Lehey <Greg.Lehey@auug.org.au>
	David Purdue <David.Purdue@auug.org.au>
	Stephen Rothwell <sfr@canb.auug.org.au>
	Michael Still <mikal@stillhq.com>
	Patryk Zadarnowski <pat@jantar.org>
Returning officer	Jonathon Coombes <jon@cybersite.com.au>
	Greg Lehey <Greg.Lehey@auug.org.au>
	David Purdue <David.Purdue@auug.org.au>
	Michael Tuke <Michael.Tuke@aus.sun.com>
Assistant returning officer	Adrian Close <adrian@close.wattle.id.au>
	Jonathon Coombes <jon@cybersite.com.au>
	Greg Lehey <Greg.Lehey@auug.org.au>
	David Purdue <David.Purdue@auug.org.au>
	Michael Tuke <Michael.Tuke@aus.sun.com>

Since the close of nominations, David Bullock has retracted his nomination for Secretary, and is now standing only as ordinary member. According to the AUUG constitution (http://www.auug.org.au/info/constitution.html, paragraph 21), this means that we do not need to vote for President, Secretary or Treasurer. These officers will be:

President	Greg Lehey <Greg.Lehey@auug.org.au>
Secretary	Adrian Close <adrian@close.wattle.id.au>
Treasurer	Gordon Hubbard <Gordon.Hubbard@auug.org.au>

This also means that the other nominations for Adrian Close, Gordon Hubbard and Greg Lehey are no longer valid. We have to vote for:

Vice-President	Jonathon Coombes <jon@cybersite.com.au>
	David Purdue <David.Purdue@auug.org.au>
Ordinary members	David Bullock <db@dawnbreaks.net>
	Jonathon Coombes <jon@cybersite.com.au>
	Andrew Cowie <andrew@operationaldynamics.com.au>
	Matthew Geddes <mgeddes@tellurian.com.au>
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AUUG has changed a lot in the last 18 months, and it's still changing. Please take the time vote. We look forward to a large voter turnout.

Instructions

1. Decide whom you would prefer for Vice-President. In the "Vice-president" section of the ballot form, write the digit 1 in the box to the left of the candidate's name. If you wish, you may write the digit 2 against the other box, but this will have no effect.

2. Decide a sequence of people whom you want as ordinary committee members. In the "Ordinary Committee Member" section of the ballot form, write the digit 1 in the box to the left name of the candidate you most want to be elected, 2 against your second choice and so on. You may place numbers against any number of candidates, but there should be no gaps in the numeric sequence, and you should not use any number more than once.

3. Decide whom you would prefer for Returning Officer. In the "Returning Officer" section of the ballot form, write the digit 1 in the box to the left name of the candidate you most want to be elected and 2 against your second choice. If you wish, you may write the digit 3 against the remaining box, but this will have no effect.

4. Decide a sequence of people whom you prefer as Assistant Returning Officer. In the "Assistant Returning Officer" section of the ballot form, write the digit 1 in the box to the left name of the candidate you most want to be elected and 2 against your second choice. If you wish, you may write the digit 3 against the remaining box, but this will have no effect.

5. Fold the ballot form and insert in the envelope marked "ballot paper". Seal the envelope. Do not write anything on the envelope.

6. On the envelope addressed to AUUG, fill in and sign the declaration on the reverse. If you don't know your membership number, we can look it up. In this case, be particularly careful to write your name legibly.

7. Insert the ballot paper envelope inside the envelope addressed to AUUG.

8. Post the letter immediately.

Informal or invalid votes

The following errors can mean that your vote is not valid:

• If you write the digit 1 against more than one candidate in the same category.

• If you do not write the digit 1 against any candidate in a category.

• If you do not sign the declaration on the back of the outer envelope, or if it is illegible.

• If you submit more than one ballot paper, either in the same envelope or separately. In this case, all ballots will be invalid.

• If your ballot paper is received by AUUG after 12 June 2003. This applies even if the delay was not your fault, so send off the envelopes as soon as possible.

For further details of the election procedure, see `http://www.auug.org.au/info/election_proce-dures.html`.

Policy statements

Candidates were encouraged, but not obliged, to submit policy statements to aid you make your choice. Stephen Rothwell, Michael Tuke and Patryk Zadarnowski did not submit policy statements. Stephen Rothwell and Patryk Zadarnowski have both been on extended holidays in Europe during the nomination process, which may have affected their ability to submit policy statements. Check the web site at `http://www.auug.org.au/events/2003/election/` for any changes.

David Bullock's policy statement

I became Secretary in 2002 largely due to nobody else wanting the job, and it is certainly a demanding task. What I'd really like to do is to be an 'ordinary committee member' and have time to consider some of AUUG's information needs ... in particular the information needs of chapters.

On the question 'what is AUUG?', I think that we already do exhibit a definite character, and it is best in our interest to cultivate and promote that character, and not to be tempted away from being either Unix-y or a User Group, for the sake of being more fashionable or having wider-appeal: our value lies specifically in both of these, and should be reflected in the name of our intriguing organisation.

Adrian Close's policy statement

Note: Adrian has already been elected unopposed to the position of Secretary. This policy statement is for information purposes only.

Once you learn to cut through the hype and hyperbole that surrounds information technology, it becomes apparent that computing is now a fundamental force in human society. Bequeathed with a large body of clue, it is incumbent upon organisations such as AUUG to help channel this force into beneficial pursuits. It is for this basic purpose that I once again offer myself as a candidate for election to the AUUG executive.

Of course, lofty goals must translate into low-level action. To this end I have once again taken on the role of Programme Chair for our annual conference, as well as a similar role for the Security Symposium we hope to run in November. Having relocated to Queensland, I hope to help breathe some new life into the Queensland Chapter. And definitely not least, I have set myself the possibly Quixotic task of healing the rift (perceived or otherwise) between AUUG and SAGE-AU.

Jonathon Coombes' policy statement

Jonathon Coombes

Open Source Consultant, Cybersite Consulting

Although I have not been a member of AUUG for very long, I have been part of similar organisations for many years. I served on the board of Electronic Frontiers Australia (EFA) and have been involved with ACS and other technology based groups within regional NSW. I have been involved with Unix and open source since 1988 and with Linux since early 1993.

I see AUUG as a professional organisation that can help push forward Unix, not only to the business world, but to homes and schools also. I am involved in advocacy of open source at a government and business level, and have a wide range of contacts overseas and locally that have similar ideals. I am passionate, yet logical, in my advocacy of Linux and open source, and see AUUG as being an excellent channel to focus that energy.

Andrew Cowie's policy statement

Andrew Cowie grew up in Toronto, where, somewhat unusually, he had a Unix system to play with as a kid.

He studied at the Royal Military College at Kingston, Canada, graduating with a Bachelors degree in Engineering Physics. He served as an Infantry Officer in the Royal Canadian Regiment, leading his soldiers in deployments all over Canada and on a Peacekeeping tour to Bosnia.

After leaving the Service Andrew moved to New York where he became Director of Operations at Upoc, a startup firm developing the concept of Mobile Communities on cell phones. He recently moved to Sydney and has established a consulting firm, Operational Dynamics, to help clients improve their internal technology and operations teams.

Andrew is on the Board of Shad International, a not-for-profit educational organization which encourages innovation and leadership in exceptional youth in Canada and the UK. He is also Secretary to Linux Australia.

With a view to further increasing the acceptance of Unix and Open Source software in the corporate community at large, Andrew has agreed to stand for nomination to the Board of AUUG, believing that increased co-operation between LA and AUUG can only help further the goals of both organizations.

Matthew Geddes' policy statement

Matthew Geddes, Tellurian Pty Ltd

Since my involvement with Unix and Open Systems, I have tried to contribute back to the community as much as I have taken. Participating in AUUG seems a logical way of further giving back to the community. I believe that Unix and Open Systems have a large part to play in the IT industry and advocate their use when they are the right tool for the job.

Gordon Hubbard's policy statement

Note: Gordon has already been elected unopposed to the position of Treasurer. This policy statement is for information purposes only.

- Managing Director at Custom Technology Australia Pty Ltd (`http://www.cus-tomtech.com.au`)—UNIX/Linux Products and Services
- Current AUUG Treasurer
- Chairman of the AUUG Open Computing for Government (OCG) board subcommittee
- AUUG Press Secretary

I founded Custom Technology in 1989. We introduced Caldera Inc's Linux products for the first time to Australian in early 1998. I was a contributing author to the "Revised Edition Linux Pocket Book" published by ACP in 1999. I then joined Caldera Inc (The SCO Group) as Regional Manager, South East Asia, ANZ, India, for a period returning to CustomTech in mid 2001. Before founding CustomTech, I was Engineering Manager at Integral Fibre Systems and held various Development Engineer positions.

I believe that AUUG has an important role to play in ensuring the ongoing growth of Open Systems in Australia. It is an important role both from a philosophical standpoint and for the future prosperity of grass roots AUUG members.

Over the past 12 months it has been my privilege to use my experience toward advancing AUUG. My key focuses have been improving financial processes, raising awareness of AUUG via the press and increasing the impact of AUUG on the broader computer industry through activities such as "Open Computing for Government".

Steve Landers' policy statement

I am encouraged to see the renewed direction AUUG now has with the increasing interest in Open Software. In nominating for a board position, I seek not to detract from the current board but to provide additional skills to bringing the Open Software message to the broader computing community, and in doing so, provide additional benefits to the AUUG membership. I am particularly interested in representing the interests of regional groups and smaller states.

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Steve has over twenty years experience in the Open Systems marketplace, being a founding member of both AUUG and SAGE-AU. He combines a broad understanding of the OSS market, with practical experience in utilising OSS within both large and small organisations, and in the use of OSS to augment proprietary software.

He is active within the Tcl/Tk open source language community, where he regularly contributes both software and expertise. He has a particular interest in the development of cross-platform scripted applications, and is a co-author of the Starkit deployment facility.

He regularly speaks at conferences, both in Australia and internationally.

Greg Lehey's policy statement

Note: Greg has already been elected unopposed to the position of President. This policy statement is for information purposes only.

- Independent kernel hacker.
- Member of FreeBSD (`http://www.FreeBSD.org`) core team.
- AUUG member since 2000.
- AUUG Committee member since 2000.
- AUUG Secretary 2001/2002.

- AUUG President since 2002.

I joined the AUUG relatively recently after returning to Australia after spending decades in Europe. I believe that AUUG is one of the world's best UNIX user groups, but we still face a number of concerns: interest in user groups is flagging around the world, and the current economical environment is not very conducive to our activities.

The last 18 months have seen a big change in AUUG's activities and public image. We're still not as well-known as we would like to be, but things are much better than they were this time last year. We were only partly successful in establishing closer relations with other user groups, and in this year I would like to focus particularly on improvements in our relationships with Linux Australia and SAGE-AU and overseas UNIX groups.

Another area which requires more attention are the AUUG Chapters. The NSW Chapter was revived in the past year, and efforts are under way to improve activities in the remaining states.

Finally, I hope to continue to raise AUUG's profile in the public. The ''Open Computing for Government'' initiative was very successful. In the coming year I hope to introduce similar initiatives for different target groups.

David Purdue's policy statement

- Current Immediate Past President and Returning Officer

- President 1999-2002

- Vice President 1998-1999

- Previously Secretary, Ordinary Committee Member, Returning Officer, Assistant Returning Officer and AUUGN Editor

- Secretary of Open Computing for Government subcommittee

- Member of the www.auug.org.au webmaster and admin teams

With the uptake of Open Source software, especially in government, AUUG is more relevant than ever. As a member of the AUUG board I want to work towards establishing policy and procedure, to make AUUG run itself, so that board members are freed to work on new developments.

Michael Still's policy statement

By the time you read this Michael will hopefully hold a Computer Engineering degree with honours. He has also been working in the industry since 1996, previously as a systems and network administrator, and currently as a full time C++ programmer. He's been a member of AUUG since the 1999 conference in Melbourne, and has been writing Unix code since well before then. His first open source effort was released in 2000, and the list is too long for here— checkout `http://www.stillhq.com` for more details.

Michael would like to try to make a contribution to coming up with ways of halting the aging of the AUUG demographic, and continuing to expand the membership of AUUG. Michael believes that AUUG should attract University students and people starting out in the field in an attempt to achieve this. AUUG could also facilitate the formation of mentoring relationships between new members and those more experienced in the field. He is currently the Secretary of the Canberra chapter. His favorite editor is emacs.