

Every year, when TUG is about to embark on a new season, the TUG Board of Directors elects the officers which comprise its executive committee.

TUG bylaws stipulate that *"The Officers of the GROUP shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer"*. At the July 2008 Board meeting two officer seats have been re-assigned out of a total of five. I say five because TUG has two vice presidents.

The seats that changed are one vice president and the treasurer. So, while **Kumar Rajendra** went from vice president to treasurer, **Russell Pangborn** got a seat as vice president beside **Stephen Bingham** who is keeping his title. The two other unchanged positions are secretary **Jay Burford** and myself (**Léo Lefebvre**) as president.

The other directors sitting on the TUG board are: **Glenn Gundermann** (TEC chairperson) **Ken Sadler** (immediate past treasurer) **Kimberly McNally**, **Aziz Saleh**, and **Garth Tucker**.

Our new Association Manager, **Lindsay Sutherland** is also part of the TUG Board with a non-voting function.

As you all know (I will assume you do), IBM has gone through many important changes during the last twelve to eighteen months and many people have been moved or re-assigned to different positions. It is the case of our former IBM / TUG liaison, **Stephen Quan** sat on the TUG

Board for about four years as a non-voting director. The IBM / TUG liaison position is highly valued by TUG as it is our window

into IBM, a source of information, and the TUG representative at IBM. During his time as liaison, Stephen really exceeded all of TUG expectations for his position. Recently, he has been assigned to "Senior IT Specialist, Mainframe z/OS Techline". As you can see, it is a different section at IBM that takes Stephen—a bit far from the Power platform. We really wish Stephen all the success he deserves in his new functions.

This IBM/TUG liaison position has existed for most of TUG's twenty-three years. Some of the people who have helped TUG in that Position are **Frank Carpenter**, **Phil Bennett**, **Lisa Jobson**, **Tom Hoover**, **Dale Perkins**, and **Stephen Quan**.

Since Stephen is no longer available for the position, we needed a new IBM/TUG liaison. Here comes Dale Perkins for a second stretch! Stephen Quan had replaced Dale as liaison, now it is Dale's turn to replace Stephen.

It is really with great pleasure that we learned Dale had agreed to come back as our liaison. He is coming back as our liaison but Dale never really left TUG. We often see him at TUG events. Welcome back Dale!



IBM / TUG Liaison  
Dale Perkins

One person I have not mentioned yet, who is always with us at every Board meeting, at every TEC meeting, an active member of many committees, and always there when there is a TUG event, a former TUG director and president—is **Vaughn Dragland**. Vaughn has been the TUG magazine editor for over fifteen years. He is the one who brought colours to the magazine and its recognition throughout all the users groups.

As you can see, many people are responsible for the success of TUG and the success of TUG is what we all have at the bottom of our hearts.



Jay Burford

TUG President Léo lefebvre

Remember that TUG is a volunteer organization. If you want to help TUG in any way, let me know. TEC 2009 is being planned and organized. If you think you would like to get involved, send me a note.

There are many committees set up for various TUG projects. They are listed on the TUG website at [www.tug.ca/committees](http://www.tug.ca/committees). Take a look at them. If there is an area where you would like to help, let us know.

As you know, IBM has recently merged the System i and the System p onto a single hardware platform—Power Systems. What does this mean for TUG? We have traditionally seen our membership made up of programmers, managers, and system operators on the System i and its predecessors, but now our universe is a lot larger. In order to stay relevant and fully engaged with the greater Power community we will need to come up with a new strategy for 2009—to better serve our old friends and also make some new ones. If you have any thoughts about this, I would like to hear from you. Send me a note at [leo@tug.ca](mailto:leo@tug.ca).

And stay tuned for a fabulous 2008/09 TUG season... 