

Secretary's Report

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The good news is that student numbers are up slightly. However, our numbers are down overall by 13%, possibly because of the difficulty that we have had with paypal. Until recently, payment was only possible by cheque or bank e-transfer. There may still be payments prior to the new year at which time the early discount for dues will end.

Six new, 1st-time members were recorded. Four members converted their status from 'STU' to 'PDF', two from 'PDF' to 'ORD', and one from 'ORD' to 'CAP'. Six members resigned.

Thirteen percent of our membership either have not yet paid their dues or are in arrears. In the following table, I have not distinguished between people who simply haven't paid for the current year and those who are significantly in arrears. At the next meeting, we will distinguish between these groups. There have been no expulsions since the June, 2019 report by James DiFrancesco.

| Type | Status | Dec 9 2019 | June 2019 | Change | Notes |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| Honorary | In good standing | 3 | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| Corporate | In good standing | 4 | 4 | 0 | |
| | In arrears | 3 | 3 | 0 | |
| Ordinary | In good standing | 279 | 326 | -47 | 2 |
| | In arrears | 29 | 44 | -15 | |
| Associate | In good standing | 8 | 11 | -3 | |
| | In arrears | 3 | 4 | -1 | |
| Student | In good standing | 153 | 146 | +7 | |
| | In arrears | 34 | 55 | -21 | |
| TOTAL | In good standing + Arrears | 516 | 596 | -80 | |

NOTES: 1. Roger Cayrel (since June 28, 1989), Hubert Reeves (since May 26, 2001), Sidney van der Bergh (since June 14, 2019).

2. Includes regular ordinary members, PDFs, retired members, and CASCA+CAP members.