

2005 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of ACCU
(The C Users' Group (UK))
held on Saturday 23rd April at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford

The Meeting commenced at 13:05, Ewan Milne in the Chair, Alan Bellingham taking the minutes.

Approximately 85 members were in attendance.

1) Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from

Thaddeus Froggley
Pete Goodliffe
David Hodge
Stewart Brodie
Paul Johnson

2) Minutes of the 16th AGM

These were printed in leaflets handed out at the meeting.

Proposed: Ewan Milne
Seconded: Francis Glassborow

Accepted unanimously

3) Matters arising

No matters arising

4) Reports

Chair report (Ewan Milne)

A report was circulated with the agenda and minutes. In brief, the following points were mentioned: firstly, that the Chair would not be seeking re-election in 2006, reflecting on the rise in subscriptions, the website redevelopment, and thanks to Silas Brown and Pippa Hennessey for their work over the years.

Treasurer (Stewart Brodie)

Stewart had sent apologies for his absence, with a desire to step down. Income and outgoings were reported in the report circulated.

Membership (David Hodge)

David had also sent apologies for his absence. Membership figures for the year were circulated.

USA Activities (Reg Charney)

Reg Charney had sent a report on the Silicon Valley chapter. He is moving out of range to Denver and then probably Toronto, thereby meaning he will be unavailable to continue organising the branch. Low attendance and the loss of the normal venue means that he felt the branch might close.

Standards (Lois Goldthwaite)

Lois's circulated report reflected on the long term commitment of the UK panels to both the C and C++ standards, going back to the start of both standardisation processes. She also mentioned the visibility of the British contingent in the Posix process. However, she also had to report that, for the first time, some personality conflicts were disrupting the C panel, though she hoped this was temporary. Finally, she encouraged ACCU members to get involved in the processes.

5) Appointment of auditor

N Brisk and Co were re-appointed as auditors for another year.

Proposed: Allan Kelly
Seconded: Paul Grenyer

Accepted unanimously.

6) Election of officers and committee

Chair	Ewan Milne	
	Proposed by Allan Kelly	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell
Secretary	Alan Bellingham	
	Proposed by Jez Higgins	Seconded by Alisdair Meredith
Treasurer (cooption)	Stewart Brodie	
	Proposed by Allan Kelly	Seconded by Jez Higgins
Membership Sec.	David Hodge	
	Proposed by Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Mark Radcliffe
Electronic Comms.	Stephen Dicks	
	Proposed by Allan Kelly	Seconded by Paul Grenyer
Publications Officer	John Merrells	
	Proposed by Tom Hughes	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell
Public Relations	Jez Higgins	
	Proposed by Allan Kelly	Seconded by Roger Orr

Non-executive members of Committee

Tony Barrett-Powell
Mark Radcliffe
Paul Grenyer
Tom Hughes
Alan Griffiths
Mark Easterbrook

Proposed by Detleff Vollmann Seconded by Allan Kelly

Vote in block, accepted unanimously

7) A constitutional change relating to membership types

That section 4.1 be changed from:

4.1. There shall be three classes of membership of the Association. These shall be Basic, Full and Corporate. Individuals may hold Basic or Full membership. Companies and Institutes may hold Corporate membership for a single site. Individuals providing proof of full-time education are eligible for a discount on the Basic or Full membership fees.

To:

4.1. There shall be at least two classes of membership of the Association. These shall include Full and Corporate. Individuals may hold Full membership. Companies and Institutes may hold Corporate membership for a single site. Individuals providing proof of full-time education are eligible for a discount on the membership fees.

Proposed by Alan Griffiths
Seconded by Paul Grenyer

Lively discussion on this motion ensued. The proposers explained why they wished the motion to pass, to allow the committee greater flexibility in providing membership levels, but some members felt that the proposed change could potentially be misused. After much discussion, the majority of members present voted against making the change in the form presented.

Motion defeated.

8) A constitutional change relating to election of officers and committee members

That section 7.7 be changed from:

7.7. In the absence of written nominations for a position, nominations may be taken from the floor at the General Meeting. In the event of there being more nominations than there are positions to fill, candidates shall be elected by simple majority of those Members present and voting. The presiding Member shall have a casting vote.

to:

7.7. In addition to written nominations for a position, nominations may be taken from the floor at the General Meeting. In the event of there being more nominations than there are positions to fill, candidates shall be elected by simple majority of those Members present and voting. The presiding Member shall have a casting vote.

This motion was accepted by the present membership without opposition.

Proposed: Ewan Milne
Seconded: Alan Bellingham

Passed unanimously

9) Other motions for which notice has been given.

No other motions had been moved.

10) Any other Annual General Meeting Business (To be notified to the Chair prior to the commencement of the Meeting).

No other business had been moved.

The business of the Meeting closed at 13:55