

# **2006 AGM Minutes**

**Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting of ACCU  
held on Saturday 22nd April at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford**

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

Approximately 100 members were in attendance.

## **1) Apologies for absence**

Apologies had been received from

Francis Glassborow  
Stewart Brodie  
Lois Goldthwaite

## **2) Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> AGM**

These were printed in leaflets handed out at the meeting.

Proposed:           Ewan Milne  
Seconded:          Sebastian Rose

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, Ewan was stepping down to be better able to concentrate his energies on the conferences. He also mentioned the website relaunch, and the redesign of the magazines.

### ***Treasurer (Stewart Brodie)***

Stewart had sent apologies for his absence. Income and outgoings were reported in the report circulated. Figures show a drop in income, but a corresponding drop in outgoings as well. In total, a small deficit for the year was shown, but this would have been a surplus if not for the extraordinary expenditure on the new website.

### ***Membership (David Hodge)***

Membership figures for the year were circulated. David noted that there was an unexpected rise in new memberships during the Spring period, and that the decline of the previous year had been reversed. There was some speculation that the new website,

showing ACCU in a more professional way, may have helped. This will be David's last year in charge of membership.

#### ***USA Activities (Reg Charney)***

Reg Charney was present from the US. He has left Silicon Valley, but has persuaded Walter Vannini, Ali Cehreli and Brian Grimshaw to take over, and reports a new lease of life. He threatened to start a new branch in Toronto, once he gets organised.

#### ***Standards (Lois Goldthwaite)***

Lois was unable to present her report in person, but it was also circulated. She reported that the UK influence on the standards world continued to grow. The UK is one of the leading players in the C++ meetings, and hopes to host the April 2007 meeting in Oxford, possibly alongside the ACCU conference. It is also involved with the C and Posix standards, as well as several others.

### **5) Approval of accounts**

The accounts as reported by the Treasurer were approved

Proposed: Ewan Milne  
Seconded: Reg Charney

Accepted unanimously.

### **6) Appointment of auditor**

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

Proposed: Ewan Milne  
Seconded: Roger Orr

Accepted unanimously.

### **7) Election of officers and committee**

#### **Officers as constitutionally listed**

Chair	Jez Higgins	
Secretary	Proposed by Ewan Milne Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell
Treasurer	Proposed by David Hodge Stewart Brodie	Seconded by Alan Griffiths
Membership Secretary	Proposed by Tom Hughes David Hodge	Seconded by Ewan Milne
Electronic Comms	Proposed by Alan Bellingham Steve Dicks	Seconded by Tom Hughes
Publications Officer	Proposed by Tom Hughes John Merrells	Seconded by Paul Johnson
Public Relations	Proposed by Alan Kelly Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Paul Johnson
	Proposed by Tom Hughes	Seconded by Giovanni Aspronni

All officer positions were voted individually, and all accepted unanimously

### **Other committee members**

International Standards Officer	Lois Goldthwaite Proposed by Alan Kelly	Seconded by Ewan Milne
Committee Member	Paul Johnson Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by David Hodge
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Committee Member	Ewan Milne Proposed by Pete Goodliffe	Seconded by Alan Kelly
Committee Member	Tom Hughes Proposed by David Hodge	Seconded by Paul Johnson
Committee Member	Pete Goodliffe Proposed by Alan Kelly	Seconded by Ewan Milne
Committee Member	Allan Kelly Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Ewan Milne
Committee Member	Tony Barrett-Powell Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Ewan Milne
Committee Member	Giovanni Asproni Proposed by Tony Barrett-Powell	Seconded by Roger Orr

Vote in block, accepted unanimously

The role of Advertising Officer remained vacant.

### **8) Honorary Life Membership for Reg Charney**

In light of his considerable efforts on behalf of the Association over several years, especially in the founding and leading of a chapter in the San José area of California, it was proposed that Reg Charney be awarded honorary life membership of this Association.

Proposed by Ewan Milne  
Seconded (at length) by Allan Kelly

Passed unanimously

### **9) 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 two classes of membership of the Association. These shall be Individual and Corporate. Individuals may hold Individual membership. Companies and Institutes may hold Corporate membership. Individuals providing proof of full-time education are eligible for a discount on membership fees.

Proposed by Ewan Milne

Unlike the similar motion of the previous year, this motion was well accepted, and the only point to be clarified was that the change in the corporate membership meant no change whatsoever in voting rights for corporate members.

A motion to move immediately to vote was moved by Russel Winder. This vote was carried without opposition, and the motion itself was passed unanimously.

**10) Other motions for which notice has been given.**

No other motions had been moved.

**11) 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 13:50