

ACCU

18th AGM

Saturday 22nd April 2006

Reports and Other Items

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1. Report from the Chair – Ewan Milne

As I have previously announced, I am standing down as Chair, and so will not be seeking re-election at this year's AGM. Jez Higgins has accepted my nomination for the position. Jez is one of the most active members of the committee, and I believe will bring a welcome injection of fresh energy. I hope that you will support his election to the post. Meanwhile I continue to enjoy my involvement in the running of the association, but have been finding my time rather stretched combining the roles of ACCU and Conference Chair. I plan to continue with the latter, and we are already looking ahead to the 2007 event.

The major running event of the last year has been the website relaunch. This has been covered in much detail, not to mention frankness, by Allan Kelly in the pages of C Vu. Allan sets high standards for himself, and was understandably frustrated when the relationship with our original developers broke down. But the truth is that the situation was difficult for us as volunteers with other commitments to manage closely enough. In fact Allan did a tremendous job in salvaging the project, aided very ably by Tony Barrett-Powell - our new web editor - and Tim Pushman, who having been one of the original bidders stepped in to pick up the development work. Through the efforts of this team, we launched the new site in February, and are now focusing on building the content. I am very happy to be able to report this progress, and thanks are due to all three and everyone else involved in the process.

Alongside the website relaunch, we have been working on a redesign of the magazines. The latest issue of C Vu – or perhaps {cvu} may start to catch on – is the first result, with the upcoming issue of Overload due to also have a new look. Pete Goodliffe has worked with Alison Peck, our Production Editor, to bring a much improved, modern and professional look to the magazines. The combination of new site and new magazines means that we have a public face for the ACCU that we can be proud of, and I'd like to thank everyone who has been involved.

Thanks are also due to all the people whose efforts keep the association going. There are many people who devote large portions of their spare time to running some aspect of the ACCU, often with little fanfare. This year the committee has recognized the contribution of one such individual in particular, with the award of honorary membership. For many years Reg Charney has run the USA branch of the ACCU. This is a very active group based in Silicon Valley, publishing a newsletter and running regular meetings often featuring impressive guest speakers. Last year Reg moved back home to Canada, leaving a team ably continuing the running of the branch. But Reg was very much key to the development of the group, and so the committee is proposing to grant him a well-deserved honorary membership.

It just remains for me to once more thank everyone who has made their contribution to the life of the association over the past year, and indeed the last three years. Here's to the future.

2. Report from the Treasurer – Stewart Brodie

Income	2005		2004
Advertising	£2,790.00		£2,090.00
Receipts	£31,751.82		£35,786.21
Interest			
Total Income	£35,228.67		£38,476.49

Expenditure	2005		2004	
Journals & Handbook	£30,116.77		£38,599.89	
Production		£8,400.00		£7,200.00
Printing		£15,607.66		£23,039.17
Postage		£6,109.11		£8,360.72
Standards	£0.00		£0.00	
T-Shirts	£0.00		£904.43	
Postage	£836.25		£1,325.98	
Accounts	£0.00		£401.48	
Books	£731.83		£603.29	
Website	£3,985.60		£0.00	
Misc	£236.45		£470.39	
Total Expenditure	£35,906.90		£42,305.46	

Account Balances			
	Current	Reserve	Total
Opening	£18,755.54	£28,820.75	£47,576.29
Closing	£17,390.46	£29,507.60	£46,898.06
		Surplus	-£678.23

Notes:

The figures for the 2004 journals were unusually high since they included the December 2004 payments to Able Types and Parchment. These payments (totalling £4436.23) usually do not leave our account until January. The December 2005 journal payments for printing and postage did not leave our account until January 2006, and so are not included in the 2005 figures, however the production editing payment did. There was no increase in per-issue production editing costs during 2005.

These are provisional figures pending audit by our accountant.

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Stewart Brodie

3. Report from the Membership Secretary – David Hodge

At the end of the 2004 calendar year the membership total was 934. Since then the membership has increased to the current figure of 976, the conference encouraging people to join to get the membership discount.

The year below indicates the year in which a member joined

Year		Members	
1987	10	1988	6
1989	12	1990	28
1991	25	1992	25
1993	25	1994	34
1995	38	1996	20
1997	28	1998	34
1999	68	2000	111
2001	91	2002	74
2003	80	2004	30
2005	88	2006	86

ALL 891

901 - 31/08/1997. New= 125
 839 - 31/08/1998. New= 162
 824 - 31/08/1999. New= 172. Resigned= 85. Not Renewed= 102. Gain= -15
 931 - 31/08/2000. New= 267. Resigned= 91. Not Renewed= 76. Gain= 107
 1030 - 31/08/2001. New= 300. Resigned= 54. Not Renewed= 156. Gain= 99
 1110 - 31/08/2002. New= 284. Resigned= 49. Not Renewed= 168. Gain= 80
 1125 - 31/08/2003. New= 218. Resigned= 39. Not Renewed= 173. Gain= 15
 1099 - 31/08/2004. New= 191. Resigned= 43. Not Renewed= 179. Gain= -26
 Discontinuity from June 2004 as year code now matches calendar year
 934 - 31/12/2004. New= 51. Resigned= 36. Not Renewed= 183. Gain= -165
 846 - 31/12/2005. New= 109. Resigned= 60. Not Renewed= 157. Gain= -88
 891 - 2006. New= 86. Resigned= 31. Not Renewed= 22. Gain= 45

New members - Total membership income - Renewals

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
7	2	3	3	4	4	8	43	27	8	6	7
6494	12286	6544	2102	534	890	512	2477	1333	1075	254	676
148	306	155	40	9	16	6	14	9	16	0	8

Current Members

Not Resigned
Renewed

776 Individual Members	18	0
28 Student Members	3	0
44 Corporate Members	1	1
20 Honorary Members	0	0
23 Gratis Members	0	0
56 Complementary Publications		
91 Have CVu		
800 Have CVu + Overload		
68 Have ISDF		
852 Have email		
243 Are NOT on mailing list		
114 Are NOT in Handbook		
112 Standing Order. Renewals = 112. New = 0		
611 Credit Card. Renewals = 525. New = 86		
131 Made a donation to help other members. Total= 1626		
28 Ordered T shirts		

Application source/Where heard about ACCU: from membership Number 06001

6 Application Form Source = WEB/other
 2 Application Form Source = WEB/BCS
 28 Application Form Source = WEB/web
 7 Application Form Source = WEB/conference
 32 Application Form Source = WEB/member
 20 Application Form Source = WEB/friend
 1 Application Form Source = WEB/newsgroup

Current UK Members by first 2 elements of Postcode

94	1	AB	4	AL	6	B1	2	B2	2	B3	2	B4	1	B6	1	B7	4	BA	4
BB	3	BD	2	BH	11	BN	6	BR	4	BS	17	BT	4	CA	1	CB	43	CF	5
CH	2	CM	3	CO	1	CR	5	CV	9	CW	1	DA	3	DE	3	DH	1	DL	2
DN	1	DT	5	DY	3	E1	8	E3	1	E4	1	E6	1	EC	1	EH	8	EN	1
EX	3	FK	1	FY	1	G1	1	G2	1	G7	2	GL	10	GU	16	GY	1	HA	3
HD	2	HP	8	HR	1	HU	3	HX	2	IG	1	IP	6	KA	1	KT	17	KY	2

L1 1 L2 2 L3 1 L6 1 LE 9 LL 2 LN 1 LS 3 LU 4 M1 2
 M2 6 M4 2 M7 2 ME 4 MK 12 ML 1 N1 5 N2 1 N4 4 N7 1
 NE 5 NG 10 NN 5 NP 2 NR 3 NW 5 OL 1 OX 40 PE 7 PL 1
 PO 13 PR 4 RG 27 RH 9 RM 5 S1 2 S3 1 S4 1 S6 2 S7 1
 SA 3 SE 12 SG 6 SK 9 SL 9 SM 2 SN 6 SO 22 SP 3 SR 1
 SS 3 ST 3 SW 21 TA 3 TF 1 TN 7 TQ 2 TR 1 TW 7 W1 3
 W3 3 W4 2 W5 2 W6 1 W8 1 WA 7 WC 2 WD 1 WF 3 WR 5
 WV 2 YO 7

Current Overseas Members = 242. Countries = 40

Australia	13	Austria	5	Belgium	1
Brazil	1	Canada	7	China	2
Colombia	1	Cuba	1	Czech Republic	1
Denmark	17	Finland	2	France	5
Germany	28	Hungary	2	India	4
Indonesia	1	Iran	1	Ireland	9
Israel	3	Italy	5	Japan	3
Korea, Republic	1	Kuwait	1	Luxembourg	1
New Zealand	4	Norway	2	Philippines	1
Portugal	1	Romania	4	Russia	3
Russian Fed	1	San Marino	1	Singapore	1
Slovenia	1	South Africa	2	Spain	3
Sweden	9	Switzerland	14	The Netherlands	13
				USA	67

Country of Members not Renewed

Germany	2	Sweden	1	UK	16
USA	3				

Country of NEW Members

Canada	1	Colombia	1	Denmark	3
Germany	7	Ireland	1	Japan	1
Korea, Republic	1	New Zealand	1	Spain	1
Switzerland	3	The Netherlands	2	UK	94
				USA	6

4. Report on USA activities – Reg Charney

The monthly meetings have continued in the past year, covering such subjects as Python , Acceptance Testing ColdFusion, C++ Library Extensions, Common C/C++/Java Pitfalls, The State of Code Generation, Windows Debugging Tools, C# 3.0, Making Data Disappear, AJAX, C++ Practices, Python's Future. Some of the sets of slides are available on the Website.

The regular monthly meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the town hall in San Jose (next to PayPal). Meeting facilities are provided by PayPal.

See <http://www.accu-usa.org/index.html> for full details.

5. Report on Standards activities – Lois Goldthwaite

The UK influence in the standards world continues to grow. Over 50 individuals are members of the BSI C++ panel, and our delegations to meetings of the international C++ standard committee are respected and listened to. At the most recent meeting of WG21 in Berlin, the official UK delegation consisted of six members, the largest after the US, plus two additional panel members were in attendance wearing different hats.

Position papers submitted from the UK received a lot of discussion, and several ideas from this island have already been accepted into the Working Paper which will become the C++0x standard.

There is a very good chance that the WG21 meeting next April will take place in Oxford, in conjunction with the 2007 ACCU conference. This is an opportunity for people interested in C++ to get a first-hand view of how the international standard is developed.

The UK also has an important voice in the ISO standards for C and Posix, as well as several other languages less relevant to ACCU activities. Moral and financial support from ACCU and its International Standards Development Fund is an important factor in maintaining our international profile. And more volunteers to participate in the discussions are always welcome -- please write to standards@accu.org for more details.

6. 2006 AGM Agenda

**Agenda for the 18th Annual General Meeting of the ACCU
to be held from 1300 on Saturday 22nd April 2006 at the Randolph Hotel. Oxford.**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting (to be circulated)
3. Annual reports
4. Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2005
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Election of Officers and Committee
7. Honorary membership

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 is proposed that Reg Charney be awarded honorary life membership of this Association.

8. A constitutional change relating to membership types

It is proposed that section 4.1 of the constitution be updated. This is covered by two sub-items, which may be accepted individually or together, hereafter as options a, b and c. For reference, the current wording of this section is as follows:

- 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.

a) It is proposed that the phrase "for a single site" should be removed. This removes the restriction on Corporate membership being tied to a single site.

So the section will read:

- 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. Individuals providing proof of full-time education are eligible for a discount on the Basic or Full membership fees.

b) It is secondly proposed that reference to Basic and Full membership should be replaced by Individual, leaving two classes of membership, Individual and Corporate.

Note that this does not propose abolishing the Basic membership package, which will still be available alongside the Full membership package. A distinction is being made between classes of membership (and the rights of each class defined in the constitution), and membership packages, which define the benefits offered to members.

So the section will read:

- 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 for a single site. Individuals providing proof of full-time education are eligible for a discount on membership fees.

c) If both changes are agreed, the section will read:

- 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.

The intention behind both these changes is that it should be possible for the committee to have greater flexibility to set the benefits offered to members, possibly by introducing further membership packages. However, this flexibility should not extend to modification of the rights of each class of membership, which should only be changed by members' vote at an AGM.

9. Other motions for which notice has been given.
10. Any other Annual General Meeting Business (To be notified to the Chair prior to the commencement of the Meeting).

Alan Bellingham, Secretary, Tuesday 4th April, 2006

7. ACCU Officers. Proposals for 2006

Proposals for Committee Members

**NOTE:- This does not prevent nominations from the floor at the AGM
If possible, at the AGM, please advise the chair as soon as you can.**

Officers according to the constitution

			proposed	seconded
Chair	Jez	Higgins	Ewan Milne	Tony Barret-Powell
Secretary	Alan	Bellingham	David Hodge	Alan Griffiths
Treasurer	Stewart	Brodie	Tom Hughes	Ewan Milne
Membership Secretary	David	Hodge	Alan Bellingham	Tom Hughes
Electronic Communications	Steve	Dicks	Tom Hughes	Paul Johnson
Publications Officer	John	Merrells	Alan Kelly	Paul Johnson
Public Relations				

Committee members

Advertising				
International Standards Officer	Lois	Goldthwaite	Alan Kelly	Ewan Milne
Committee Member	Alan	Griffiths	David Hodge	Paul Grenyer
Committee Member	Paul	Johnson	Paul Grenyer	David Hodge
Committee Member	Paul	Grenyer	Paul Johnson	Alan Griffiths
Committee Member	Ewan	Milne	Pete Goodliffe	Alan Kelly
Committee Member	Tom	Hughes	David Hodge	Paul Johnson
Committee Member	Pete	Goodliffe	Alan Kelly	Ewan Milne
Committee Member	Alan	Kelly	Paul Grenyer	Ewan Milne
Committee Member	Tony	Barret-Powell	Paul Grenyer	Ewan Milne
Committee Member from AGM				
Committee Member from AGM				

Other Posts (assigned by the committee. On committee mailing list)

CVu Editor	Paul	Johnson	USA Finance	Reg Charney
Overload Editor	Alan	Griffiths	USA Contact1	Walter Vannini
Web Editor	Tony	Barret-Powell	USA Contact2	Ali Cehreli
Conference Chair	Ewan	Milne	Germany Finance	Jon Krom
Disabilities Officer	Silas	Brown	Germany Contact	Detlef Vollmann

8. 2005 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of ACCU (The C Users' Group (UK))

held on Saturday 23th 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