

ACCU

Annual General Meeting 2011

Welcome

To this, the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the ACCU. Here follows the agenda, the reports, and finally, at the back to avoid confusion between its content and the current meeting's content, the minutes for last year's AGM.

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Agenda

Agenda of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of ACCU held on Saturday 16th April at the Barceló Oxford Hotel, Oxford

1) *Apologies for absence*

Stewart Brodie

2) *Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting (to be circulated)*

3) *Annual reports of the officers*

4) *Accounts for the years ending 31st December 2009 and 31st December 2010*

5) *Appointment of Auditor*

6) *Election of Officers and Committee*

7) *This society wishes to recognise and thank the work of its volunteers in the operations of this society*

Proposed Burkhard Kloss
Seconded Alan Griffiths

8) *A set of constitutional changes relating to the name and declared aims of the society*

a) Section 1.1 - Title

"The name of the Association shall be the C Users' Group (UK), to be known publicly as ACCU"

to be replaced by

"The name of the Association shall be the ACCU".

b) Section 1.2 - Aims and objectives

"The aims of the Association shall be to promote interest in the C and C++ programming languages"

to be replaced by

"The aims of the Association shall be to promote interest in software development"

c) Section 4.4 - Membership

"Individuals may be granted Honorary Individual Membership for outstanding service to the Association or the C/C++ programming community at large"

to be replaced by

"Individuals may be granted Honorary Individual Membership for outstanding service to the Association or the software development community at large"

9) Increase in subscriptions

Subscriptions for Individual members shall be raised from £35 to £45 per annum. Corporate members' subscriptions shall be raised from £120 per annum to £150 per annum. This is to take effect immediately for new members or upon renewal for existing members.

10) A set of constitutional changes relating to the position of the conference chair as an elected officer of the society

a) Section 5.2

The position of Conference Chair to be inserted into the list of officers.

b) Section 5.3

To be appended to the existing wording (relating to holding office for one year):

"The Conference Chair shall hold office from the date of appointment until the second following Annual General Meeting, and shall be eligible for re-election."

c) Section 5.6.5 - to be added

"The Conference Chair shall be responsible for organising conferences requested by the Committee."

11) Other motions for which notice has been given.

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

Chair's Report

When I became Chairman I had not previously been a member of the committee so my first year has involved a fair amount of learning how the ACCU works behind the scenes. Some of my first duties have been to find replacements for a number of long-standing officers who had said that they would like to step down. My thanks to them all for their work over the years and my best wishes to their replacements; we shall be busy on your behalf.

The primary duty of the Chairman is the long-term future of the ACCU. The ACCU's finances are not in good shape so a significant part of my time has been trying to understand why and what we can do about it, both in the short term to plug the gaps and in the long term how to stop such losses occurring again. The primary issue has been the increase in postage costs, particularly outside the EU, and to offset this we are proposing an increase in subscription fees to cover these increased costs as well as examining how these costs can be reduced. We are also investigating how an electronic-only subscription would work financially, as well as how to implement this securely. This online subscription would be available to members through a new website which we have been prototyping. One key feature is that it would allow members to post for themselves as well as aggregating members' blogs if they wished. It would also allow members to post events of interest to a calendar for both ACCU and non-ACCU events. This is part of an ongoing programme to improve the ACCU's public-facing image and to provide new and relevant content on the site. We hope that this new site will be beneficial to members and non-members alike and will present a better and clearer message about the ACCU as well as reversing the decline in advertising revenue caused by the recession. The magazines are as popular as ever and the move to monthly posting, although expensive, seems to have been well received. One underdeveloped area of expansion is corporate memberships and we have added a number of these this year.

The spring conference goes from strength to strength and this year we sold out a fortnight before the event. We have arranged with SkillsMatter for the main sessions and keynotes to be videoed and made available for public viewing. Most of the members are happy with the conference and the way it is run. Since it represents a large part of the ACCU's external image it seems appropriate that the members should be given the choice on how it is run and by whom, hence the motion to make the Conference Chair an elected post. Other things include clarifying things like the speakers' agreement and the arrangement with AYA (our excellent conference organisers) and the creation of a conference T-shirt based on a recent competition. The autumn security conference was also a great success and we hope to have videos from it on view in the bar.

In summary, we are sorting out the finances (cost control and increased fees) and actively exploring changes to the website and how to promote the ACCU better.

Hubert Matthews

Treasurer's Report

Accounts are bound to the back of this report.

Secretary's Report

This is my tenth AGM as secretary of this society, and once again, I have little to report to the society about my activities. The main responsibility of the secretary is as the record keeper and for the smooth running of the committee, to keep meetings minutes and to prepare agendas. I'm a point of contact for official approaches to the society, but that happens rarely, as most interactions between the society and external agencies are through established relationships.

I also prepare these AGM packs. The AGM is possibly the major part of my annual workload.

My third responsibility has been as a co-signatory for the society's bank accounts.

So, ten years after picking up the mantle of this post from Alan Lenton, I am laying it down again. It's time for someone fresh and new to take over, someone with ideas, and I am happy to note that Alan Lenton has agreed to stand.

Alan Bellingham

Membership Secretary's Report

Membership duties have been quiet again this year, amounting to preparing mailing label sets for journal distribution, sending out replacements for the occasional journal that went missing and handling the odd query about renewal. The journals for two separate months seemed to have lots of missing journals, particularly in Europe. I've asked our distributor to look into the root cause of the problem. Soon I'll have online read-access to the ACCU account, so will be able to be more responsive to questions about standing order payments.

The statistics for membership over the last year are shown below. Numbers are up slightly from last year, and seems to be caused by lots of new members in the last few months. This is accompanied by a high loss of members who joined in recent years, suggesting that we may have more members who join for the conference discount, but who aren't converted into lifelong members.

(Data correct on 2011-04-08)

Members by Category		(diff)
Individual (Full 683, Basic 44)	727	(+29)
Student (Full 17, Basic 2)	19	(+2)
Corporate Members	28	(+2)
Honorary Members	23	(0)
Gratis Members	22	(0)
Total	819	(+33)
Complimentary Journals	57	(+2)

Activity By Month

Month	2009-10 Renewal	New	2008-9 Renewal	New
May	17	7	20	8
Jun	11	10	16	26
Jul	63	11	51	16
Aug	174	9	208	22
Sep	58	20	55	8
Oct	30	12	27	7
Nov	18	18	22	8
Dec	16	9	14	9
Jan	39	25	31	9
Feb	54	46	44	13
Mar	23	35	32	9
Apr*	13	5	6	11

Members By Joining Year

Year	Apr-'10	Members	Diff	Loss(11/10)	Loss(10/09)
1987	10	10	0	0%	0%
1988	3	3	0	0%	25%
1989	8	8	0	0%	0%
1990	17	16	-1	6%	11%
1991	15	13	-2	13%	21%
1992	16	14	-2	13%	11%
1993	14	14	0	0%	7%
1994	23	23	0	0%	4%
1995	24	22	-2	8%	11%
1996	9	8	-1	11%	0%
1997	16	16	0	0%	20%
1998	21	21	0	0%	5%
1999	49	43	-6	12%	6%
2000	53	44	-9	17%	12%
2001	44	34	-10	23%	10%
2002	32	25	-7	22%	16%
2003	29	27	-2	7%	3%
2004	12	9	-3	25%	14%
2005	21	16	-5	24%	0%
2006	42	30	-12	29%	10%
2007	72	42	-30	42%	13%
2008	103	56	-47	46%	17%
2009	184	61	-123	66%	-
2010	85*	155	-	-	-
2011	-	110	-	-	-

UK Members By Postcode

OX	60	KT	11	BR	6	LE	5	SA	3	L3	2	AB	1	DY	1	M2	1	S6	1
CB	48	MK	11	CF	6	NE	5	SM	3	LA	2	B2	1	E8	1	ME	1	SR	1
RG	25	PO	11	CV	6	NW	5	TA	3	LS	2	B4	1	EN	1	N2	1	SS	1
SE	22	SL	9	DT	6	SN	5	WA	3	M1	2	B7	1	FK	1	N3	1	TS	1
GU	21	BA	8	NG	6	BN	4	BB	2	NP	2	B9	1	G1	1	N4	1	UB	1
SO	20	N1	8	SG	6	W1	4	BT	2	PL	2	BD	1	G4	1	N7	1	W2	1
SW	16	PE	8	TW	6	YO	4	CO	2	SP	2	CA	1	GY	1	N8	1	W3	1
E1	15	SK	8	AL	5	EX	3	CR	2	ST	2	CH	1	HD	1	NN	1	W4	1
BS	12	EC	7	B1	5	IV	3	DA	2	TQ	2	CW	1	HR	1	OL	1	W5	1
GL	12	RH	7	CM	5	LU	3	DH	2	TR	2	DE	1	HU	1	PA	1	W7	1
BH	11	TN	7	EH	5	NR	3	KY	2	WR	2	DL	1	IP	1	PR	1	WD	1
HP	11	WC	7	HA	5	RM	3	L2	2	WV	2	DN	1	L4	1	S3	1		

Overseas Members By Country (311 total (-23), 39 countries)

USA	69	Spain	5	Chile	1
Germany	35	Finland	4	China	1
Sweden	26	India	4	Cuba	1
Switzerland	22	New Zealand	4	Greece	1
Norway	17	Romania	4	Hong Kong	1
The Netherlands	16	Ireland	3	Philippines	1
Australia	10	Italy	3	San Marino	1
Belgium	7	Portugal	3	Saudi Arabia	1
France	7	Czech Republic	2	Singapore	1
Poland	7	Hungary	2	Slovakia	1
Austria	6	Russian Federation	2	Ukraine	1
Brazil	5	Turkey	2		
Canada	5	Bermuda	1		
Denmark	5	Bulgaria	1		

Country of New Members (for 2010)

United Kingdom	97	Poland	3	Greece	1
USA	18	Austria	2	India	1
Norway	8	Turkey	2	Portugal	1
Sweden	7	Belgium	1	Spain	1
Switzerland	4	Canada	1		
Brazil	3	Denmark	1		
Germany	3	France	1		

Mick Brooks

Publicity

We had a very successful fundraiser for Bletchley Park in November of 2010 which, in addition to spreading the ACCU brand, garnered a very favourable write-up in The Wall Street Journal's Tech Europe blog. We have also now produced coffee mugs and t-shirts to spread the ACCU name.

Asti Byro

Publications Officer's report

Once again Ric Parkin and Steve Love have continued to go a great job as editors over the year, assisted by a guest editorship from Paul Grenyer. Alison Peck has maintained her ability to turn the articles in their various formats into a consistently formatted professional magazine.

It has been good to welcome some new contributors to the magazines; if you have any interest in writing for CVu or Overload I and the editors would be delighted to help you get started.

Roger Orr

2010 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of ACCU held on Saturday 17th April at the Barceló Oxford Hotel, Oxford

The Meeting commenced at 13:05, Jez Higgins in the Chair, Alan Bellingham taking the minutes. Approximately 60 members were in attendance.

1) *Apologies for absence*

Mick Brooks

2) *Minutes of the 21st AGM*

These were printed in leaflets handed out at the meeting.

Proposed: Roger Orr
Seconded: Ewan Milne

Approved Unanimously

3) *Matter arising*

There were no matters arising

4) *Reports*

Chair report (Jez Higgins)

As printed in the AGM Pack.

Secretary (Alan Bellingham)

As printed.

Membership (Mick Brooks)

As printed.

Advertising Officer (Seb Rose)

As printed.

Publications Officer (Roger Orr)

As printed.

5) *Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2009*

Jez noted that the accounts were too late getting to the accountants to be presented to the association for approval this year.

A proposal was made that the elected auditors should approve, or otherwise, the accounts when they were ready on behalf of the wider membership.

Proposed: Alan Griffiths
 Seconded: Chris Southern

Approved Unanimously

6) Election of Auditor

Russel Winder was staying on to fill the second year of his term. As the second auditor, Frances Buontempo was proposed.

Proposed: Guy Bolton-King
 Seconded: Ewan Milne

Approved unanimously.

7) Election of officers and committee

Officers as constitutionally listed

Chair	Hubert Matthews Proposed by Jez Higgins	Seconded by Roger Orr
Secretary	Alan Bellingham Proposed by Chris Southern	Seconded by Örgan Westin
Treasurer	Stewart Brodie Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Ian Wakeling
Membership Secretary	Mick Brooks Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Seb Rose
Publications Officer	Roger Orr Proposed by Alan Griffiths	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell

Other named posts

Publicity	Asti Byro Proposed by Ewan Milne	Seconded by Roger Orr
Advertising	Seb Rose Proposed by Jeremy Birrell	Seconded by Guy Bolton-King

Other committee members

Giovanni Asproni	Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell
Tony Barrett-Powell	Proposed by Paul Grenyer	Seconded by Seb Rose
Paul Grenyer	Proposed by Tom Hughes	Seconded by Tony Barrett-Powell
Jez Higgins	Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Seb Rose
Tom Hughes	Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Giovanni Asproni
Alan Griffiths	Proposed by Seb Rose	Seconded by Mark Allen

It was moved to elect all except the chair in block:

Proposed: Jez Higgins
 Seconded: Alan Griffiths

Approved unanimously.

The chair was then elected

Proposed by Jez Higgins
 Seconded by Roger Orr

Approved unanimously.

8) Other motions for which notice has been given.

No other motions had been moved.

9) 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.

10) A special motion by the new Chair

The new chair, Hubert Matthews, proposed a vote of thanks to his predecessor Jez Higgins for his time as Chair.

Proposed by Hubert Matthews

Seconded by Alan Griffiths

Approved unanimously.

The business of the Meeting closed at 13:27

Alan Bellingham 20th April 2010

Current Committee as of April 2011

The committee prior to the AGM is as follows:

Officers

Chair	Hubert Matthews
Secretary	Alan Bellingham
Treasurer	Stewart Brodie
Membership Secretary	Mick Brooks
Publications Officer	Roger Orr

Other named posts

Publicity	Asti Byro
Advertising	Seb Rose

Other committee members

Giovanni Asproni
Tony Barrett-Powell
Paul Grenyer
Jez Higgins
Tom Hughes
Alan Griffiths

Co-opted posts

Lois Goldthwaite (International Standards Officer)
Walter Vannini (USA Agent)
Silas Brown (Disabilities)

Co-opted members are those that the committee votes to join them in order to better fulfil certain functions. These are not being elected, and are listed here only for completeness.

Known candidates

The following are the candidates who have been nominated before the meeting, or who have expressed a willingness to stand. In addition, candidates may be proposed at the meeting itself. Where a proposer or a seconder has already come forward, their name is also listed.

Officers

Chair	Hubert Matthews Proposed by Alan Bellingham	Seconded by Asti Byro
Secretary	Alan Lenton Proposed by Roger Orr	Seconded by Tom Hughes
Treasurer	Robert Pauer Proposed by Hubert Matthews	Seconded by Alan Bellingham
Membership Secretary	Mick Brooks Proposed by Asti Byro	Seconded by Hubert Matthews
Publications Officer	Roger Orr Proposed by Steve Love	Seconded by Paul Grenyer

Other named posts

Publicity	Asti Byro Proposed by Roger Orr	Seconded by Giovanni Asproni
Advertising	Seb Rose Proposed by Giovanni Asproni	Seconded by Tom Hughes

General members

Tom Sedge	Proposed by Frances Buontempo	Seconded by Alison Lloyd
Giovanni Asproni	Proposed by Tom Hughes	Seconded by Paul Grenyer
Paul Grenyer	Proposed by Roger Orr	Seconded by James Slaughter
Jez Higgins		
Tom Hughes		

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**ACCU
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	Note	2010 £	£	2009 £
REVENUE	1			
Membership subscriptions		28,084		26,894
Advertising income		<u>5,547</u>		<u>3,658</u>
			33,631	30,552
COST OF SALES			<u>39,682</u>	<u>41,318</u>
GROSS LOSS			(6,051)	(10,766)
Other income				
Bank interest receivable			<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>
			(6,043)	(10,749)
EXPENSES				
Travel and subsistence		78		29
Computer costs		321		1,328
Sundry expenses		35		35
Books		-		202
Accountancy fees		479		468
Depreciation		<u>740</u>		<u>986</u>
			<u>1,653</u>	<u>3,048</u>
			<u>(7,696)</u>	<u>(13,797)</u>

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**ACCU
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010**

	Note	2010 £	£	2009 £
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets	2		2,218	2,958
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	3	329		-
Debtors	4	3,020		4,500
Cash at bank – Current account		10,345		7,105
Cash at bank – Capital reserve		11,101		21,094
		<u>24,795</u>		<u>32,699</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>2,395</u>		<u>3,343</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>22,400</u>	<u>29,356</u>
TOTAL ASSETS MINUS LIABILITIES			<u><u>24,618</u></u>	<u><u>32,314</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Other reserves			32,314	46,111
Income and Expenditure Account			<u>(7,696)</u>	<u>(13,797)</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			<u><u>24,618</u></u>	<u><u>32,314</u></u>

These Income and expenditure accounts were approved by the Committee on the and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr H Matthews
Chairman