

2012 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting of ACCU held on Saturday 28th April at the Barceló Oxford Hotel, Oxford.

The meeting commenced at 13:05 with Hubert Matthews in the chair and Roger Orr taking minutes. Approximately 70 members were present.

1) Apologies for absence

None recorded

2) Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting

The minutes, which were handed out at the meeting, were accepted without amendment.

Proposed: Alan Griffiths

Seconded: Dietmar Kühl

Approved with 2 abstentions.

2) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

2) Annual reports of the officers (As printed in the AGM pack)

Hubert highlighted that the organisation is now in the black. He raised spreading out the workload as one of our main challenges going forward since everyone seems to be busy.

(There was a request for clarification over paragraph 3 in the Chair's report, para 3, and Roger Orr confirmed that the location of ISO standards meeting in 2013 was not yet fixed as Bristol)

2) Draft accounts for the year ending 31st December 2011

Hubert introduced the draft accounts on the last two pages of the AGM pack, noting that we have not had a full year of the new membership rate. He also drew our attention to the separating out of the sales. The cost of sales has gone down because ACCU has changed providers. He has also negotiated a profit share with AYA from the conference. The accounts are still draft as they do not currently separate out the ISDF and hardship funding –this will change before finalisation.

Bank interest is so low because it is very hard to find high interest accounts for clubs and societies. Francis Glassborow commented that we live in changing times, so for instance the drop in advertising may well continue. We should be investigating alternatives as print media no longer attracts much advertising. Seb Rose (Advertising) reported advertisers are less inclined to take the high cost full page adverts in the magazines. Hubert reported that we have been looking at the costs and the printing (but not postage) costs do not significantly reduce until we get down below a print run of 500. ACCU might consider giving it away electronically, but it is unclear what the benefit of membership would then be. If we were to print via Amazon we would need to analyse the costs of, for instance, the extra editing required. Francis pointed out that nearly half our organisation is not based in England and asked if we could consider electronic committee meetings. Hubert replied that we were looking at some of these items, and for example are looking at how to enable electronic nomination for candidates. Jason and others raised questions about the technical issues of electronic attendance.

2) Appointment of Auditor

Frances Buontempo had completed her two-year term, and was standing down; Brian Scattergood had completed his first year. Chris Oldwood was nominated as the replacement auditor.

Proposed: Jason McGuinness

Seconded: Steve Love

Approved *nem con*.

2) Election of Officers and Committee

There were the same number of people standing as there were places to fill, so all the renewing officers and non-executive committee members were approved on block.

Proposed: Alan Bellingham

Seconded: Francis Glassborow

Approved with 1 abstention.

The new Secretary was approved with 2 abstentions and the new Chairman was approved with 10 abstentions

Officers as constitutionally listed	Proposed	Seconded
Alan Griffiths <i>Chair</i>	Allan Kelly	Paul Grenyer
Giovanni Asproni <i>Secretary</i>	Ewan Milne	Seb Rose
Robert Pauer <i>Treasurer</i>	Roger Orr	Hubert Matthews
Mick Brooks <i>Membership Secretary</i>	Tom Hughes	Nigel Lester
Roger Orr <i>Publications Officer</i>	Ric Parkin	Steve Love
Other Named Posts		
Asti Byro <i>Publicity</i>	Jim Hague	Richard Harris
Seb Rose <i>Advertising</i>	Guy Bolton King	Ewan Milne
Non-Executive Members		
Tom Sedge	Mick Brooks	Andrew Marlow
Paul Grenyer	Tom Sedge	Andrew Marlow
Tom Hughes	Matthew Jones	Tom Sedge
Matthew Jones	Giovanni Asproni	Roger Orr
Stewart Brodie	Alan Bellingham	Robert Pauer
Dirk Haun	Roger Orr	Jim Hague

2) Extending concessions on membership

(This followed from a request raised during item 10 at the 2011 AGM)

Proposed by Roger Orr, Seconded by Hubert Matthews

a) Section 4.1

Adding “unemployment or retirement” to the current wording as shown:

“Individuals providing proof of full-time education, unemployment or retirement are eligible for a discount on membership fees.”

Approved with 1 abstention.

2) A proposal for Proxy Voting

Proposed by Burkhard Kloss, seconded by Roger Orr

Add to the constitution:

10.2 Amendments and additions to the ACCU constitution will be notified to the secretary no later than 42 days before the General Meeting for which they are proposed.

10.3 Amendments and additions will be notified to members by the secretary no later than 28 days before the General Meeting for which they are proposed.

10.4 No changes to constitutional amendments and additions will be allowed after the notice to members has been issued

10.5 Votes may be cast by members present, plus

10.5.1 Members who have pre-registered a vote with the secretary before hand

10.5.2 Proxy voters nominated by members and registered with the Secretary before the start of the meeting

Francis Glassborow was concerned by 10.4 – this would prevent people from questioning the proposal. Ewan Milne said it would be good practice to make the proposed wording public before the official notice to members. Alan Kelly suggested an informal cut-off of 100 days in advance during which draft wording could be circulated. There was some discussion about how this new mechanism fits in with the calling notice. Alan Griffiths said he would not like large scale changes to go to next year's AGM without a change such as this being made this year. Mark Easterbrook proposed we move to a vote.

The motion was carried with all in favour except for 4 voting against and 12 abstentions.

2) (Deferred) The position of the conference chair as an elected officer of the society

At last year's AGM we deferred a proposal about the position of the conference chair relative to the executive officers of the society. After discussion between Hubert Matthews (as Chair) and Russel Winder, Richard Harris and Alan Lenton it was felt best to defer this for a further year to give time for discussion in CVu and in the newly-formed members-only mail group.

2) ACCU conference 2013

There were two matters of interest to members for next year's conference:

- Firstly, we are actively investigating moving the location to Bristol as we have outgrown this venue. The decision must be taken by the end of May and we will inform the membership once it is taken. The first committee meeting will be at the proposed venue and a decision would be taken shortly after that meeting.
- Secondly, the UK is hosting the Spring 2013 meeting of the ISO C++ committee in the week following the conference and we hope several of the experts will be attending and/or presenting at next year's conference. ACCU is helping to underwrite the cost (using International Standards Development Fund money collected at membership renewal time).

2) Other motions for which notice has been given

A vote of thanks to our departing chairman.

Proposed: Roger Orr
Seconded: Ewan Milne
Approved by spontaneous acclaim.

2) Any other Annual General Meeting Business

(No other business.)

The meeting closed at 13:55