

2014 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting of ACCU held on Saturday 12th April 2014 at the Marriott City Centre Hotel, Bristol.

The meeting commenced at 13:35 with Alan Griffiths in the chair and Giovanni Asproni taking minutes. Approximately 70 members were present.

The meeting started with Alan Griffiths recapping the new constitution to make the new voting rules clear to everybody.

Apologies for absence

Russel Winder

Draft Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting

The minutes were approved with no abstentions and nobody against. Proposer Francis Glassborow, seconder Roger Orr.

Annual reports of the officers

1. Chair report. Alan Griffiths recapped what he already put in the written report in the AGM pack.
2. Treasurer report. Robert Pauer went through the accounts to explain them. We have a healthy balance. The accounts have some corrections to fix some misallocations in the 2012 accounts. The downward membership trend can become a problem, so we need to keep an eye on it.
Robert Pauer answered a question from Jason McGuinness regarding the low bank interest rates we receive. It seems there is limited choice as the type of account required by the ACCU is not a competitive product for the banks, therefore they have no interest in offering advantageous terms.
3. Membership report. Mick Brooks was not present, so we went through the written report. Francis Glassborow said that a 13% membership loss in the UK was a big one and was not offset by an increase in other countries. He proposed to do some campaign with other local groups, e.g., by offering them some corporate membership packages, or ads in our magazines, etc. Ewan Milne said that affiliation with local groups had been considered. Francis Glassborow said we had no structure for affiliations. There were some questions from the floor about the percentage of C and C++ programmers in the membership.
Charles Bailey mentioned the fact that he had not received a reminder about his membership expiring. Matthew Jones said there had been some technical issues with

the system that should have been solved. Sam Saariste proposed an auto-renewal default option (with an opt-out possibility).

There were other points made about the membership. Nigel Lester asked about recruiting members at the conference. Alan Griffiths said we wanted a community. There were also points made about former members moving on to other things, branding issues like a C/C++ centric view of the association, and the difficulty in explaining to other people why joining was a good thing. There were some comments about the fact that the ACCU brand is quite a good one to have on CVs.

4. Advertising report. Seb Rose recapped his written report and added the information about the difficulty in tracking clicks on ads on the website that make selling ad space more difficult.
5. Publicity report. Asti Byro recapped her report, and added the fact that we have no new book reviews on the site as it has a very bad interface to interact with it, and asked if anybody was willing to help.
6. Study groups. Chris O'Dell summarised her written report.
7. Publications Officer. Roger Orr summarised his report and said that we would like to have many more article submissions, and get to the situation where the reviewing committees would have to turn some away.

Draft accounts for the year ending 31st December 2013

Look at the treasurer's report in the AGM pack.

Appointment of Auditor

1. Jonathan Wakely will started his second year. Ewan Milne explained the duties of the auditor. Chris Southern was elected to replace Chris Oldwood. He was proposed by all members on the floor and voted with no abstentions and no members against.

Election of Officers and Committee

All the members standing for officer have been elected. Each of them got 23 votes from the floor, on top of their respective votes on the electronic system.

Here are the results of the electronic system:

Matthew Jones / Membership Secretary	225 votes
Robert Pauer / Treasurer	221 votes
Roger Orr / Publications	220 votes
Seb Rose / Advertising	207 votes
Chris O'Dell / Study Groups	206 votes
Mark Radford / Standards	211 votes
Dirk Haun	199 votes

No candidates were nominated for Chair or Secretary so positions for these officers are vacant.

Other motions for which notice has been given

Hardship fund. Proposed by Alan Griffiths and seconded by Giovanni Asproni.

The motion passed with 23 for at the AGM and the following numbers from the electronic voting system:

In Favour: 205

Against: 12

Abstained: 36

Any other Annual General Meeting Business

Matthew Jones proposed a motion to thank the outgoing committee, which was accepted by the members present.

The AGM finished at 14:25