

2015 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the ACCU held on Saturday 25th April 2015 at the Bristol Marriott City Centre Hotel, 2 Lower Castle Street, Old Market, Bristol.

The meeting commenced at approximately 13:30 with Alan Lenton in the chair and Malcolm Noyes taking minutes. Approximately 60 members were present with Rob Pauer (ACCU Treasurer) joining the meeting via Google Hangout.

The agenda was re-ordered slightly so that members could vote from the floor before the results of the electronic votes could be given to the meeting.

Apologies for absence

Graham Patterson

Draft minutes of the 26th AGM

The draft minutes were approved by electronic votes as follows:

That the minutes of the 26th AGM should be accepted.

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Agree: 114 votes - 100.0%

Disagree: 0 votes - 0.0%

Abstained: 38

Draft minutes of the Special General Meeting on 2nd August 2014

The draft minutes were approved by electronic votes as follows:

That the minutes of the Special General Meeting on 2nd August 2014 should be accepted.

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Agree: 114 votes - 99.1%

Disagree: 1 vote - 0.9%

Abstained: 37

Francis Glassborow queried whether this meeting had a quorum. It was agreed that the committee should look into the matter.

Elections to committee

The elections to the committee by electronic votes were as follows:

Chair

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Alan Lenton: 141 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 11

Secretary

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Malcolm Noyes: 141 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 11

Treasurer

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Robert Pauer: 140 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 12

Membership Secretary

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Matthew Jones: 142 votes - 100.0%

Abstained: 10

Non Executive Members
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Roger Orr / Publications: 142 votes - 21.0%
Jonathan Wakely / Standards: 141 votes - 20.9%
Emyr Williams: 129 votes - 19.1%
Ralph McArdeall: 128 votes - 19.0%
Seb Rose: 135 votes - 20.0%
Abstained: 0

In addition, 1 vote was cast at the AGM in favour of all candidates.

Francis Glassborow asked the committee to look into whether the ACCU should have a Disabilities Officer. It was noted the we had one previously but it is understood that no queries were ever submitted to this Officer. It was agreed that the committee should look into the matter.

Other motions for which notice has been given

1. Proposed changes to the ACCU constitution if nobody stands as an officer

Proposed by Malcolm Noyes.

Seconded by Seb Rose.

The proposal was accepted by electronic votes as follows:

Agree: 127 votes - 96.9%
Disagree: 4 votes - 3.1%
Abstained: 21

No votes were cast at the AGM.

2. Proposed changes to the ACCU constitution to clarify the procedure when an Officer resigns or ceases to act

Proposed by Alan Griffiths.

Seconded by Jamal Natour.

The proposal was accepted by electronic votes as follows:

Agree: 132 votes - 97.8%
Disagree: 3 votes - 2.2%
Abstained: 17

No votes were cast at the AGM.

Drafting note:

Since both proposals were accepted and they affect the same clauses, the revised wording outlined in the AGM pack will be used.

Officer's Reports

Chair's report

Alan Lenton outlined his report as shown in the AGM pack.

A 'straw poll' of members present indicated that members very in favour of retaining paper publications. Francis Glassborow urged members to recycle publications that they didn't need to any other organisation that may be interested (members suggested Local Groups, Universities/colleges etc). Francis also noted that some other publications use A5 format and wondered whether this might be preferable. Burkhard Kloss queried whether conference registration should automatically include free membership. Roger Orr noted that this was something that the conference committee were looking into.

The meeting voted to accept this report with none against.

Treasurer's report

The auditors advised that following some queries about the Hardship Fund, they were satisfied with the accounts.

The meeting voted to accept this report and the accounts with none against.

Membership secretary's report

Matt Jones outlined his report as shown in the AGM pack.

Francis Glassborow noted that UK membership in particular was dropping and suggested that members could include "ACCU member" or similar when communicating with others via email/Twitter etc.

The meeting voted to accept this report with none against.

Advertising

Seb Rose noted that it was hard to get advertising; currently the publications relied mainly on QBS (who have continued to advertise). Seb asked members to consider whether organisations that they were involved with could advertise; queries should be addressed to ads@accu.org and Seb promised that members would get "a really good deal"!

Auditors

Jonathan Wakely stepped down as auditor. Chris Southern agreed to carry on as auditor for 2015/16. Robert Schmidt volunteered to be an auditor with him. Guy Davidson volunteered to observe the process with a view to taking over from Chris in 2016/17.

The meeting voted to accept these proposals with none against.

The meeting closed at approximately 14:10.