

## Agenda of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The ACCU

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The ACCU will be held at 13:30 BST on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at the ACCU Conference, Bristol Marriott City Centre Hotel, 2 Lower Castle Street, Old Market, Bristol, BS1 3AD, United Kingdom and online.

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting
3. Annual reports of the officers
4. Accounts for the year ending December 2021
5. Election of Auditors
6. Election of Officers and Committee [see note (a)]
7. Other motions for which notice has been given [see note (b) for full text]
  - 7.1 Revisions to election timeline
  - 7.2 Update description of Honorary Auditor role
8. Any other business (to be notified to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Meeting)
  - 8.1 Discussion of exact legal status of ACCU [see note (c)]

Notes:

(a) The nominations received for elected committee roles are:

Post	Nominations	Proposer	Seconded
Chair	Geoff Daniels	Mark Bownes	Roger Orr
Treasurer	Patrick Martin	Geoff Daniels	Ralph McArdell
Secretary	Robin Williams	Arnaud Desitter	Roger Orr
Membership Secretary	Matthew Jones	Ralph McArdell	Bob Schmidt
Publications	Roger Orr	Martin Waplinton	Steve Love
Local Groups	Phil Nash	Adeel Nadeem	Patrick Martin
Standards	Guy Davidson	Steve Love	Adeel Nadeem
At-Large	Ralph McArdell	Jez Higgins	Frances Buontempo
Web Master	Jim Hague	Matthew Jones	Felix Petriconi
Publicity/Social Media	Adeel Nadeem	Robin Williams	Matthew Jones
Reviews Editor	Ian Bruntlett	Melanie Allett	Robin Williams

The Advertising and Study Groups roles remain open. Any expressions of interest at the AGM would be welcomed, and can be co-opted to non-voting membership of the committee pending election at the 2023 AGM.

(b) Two motions have been proposed:

### Motion 1: Revised election timeline

**Proposal:** That the wording of Section 7.3 of the Constitution be replaced as follows:

There are several deadline dates associated with a General Meeting. They are defined here, and referred to by name elsewhere in the constitution:

1. Announce Deadline: sent to members no less than 56 days before the GM
2. Proposal Deadline: received by Secretary no less than 35 days before the GM
3. Draft Agenda Deadline: sent to members no less than 28 days before the GM
4. Agenda Freeze: modifications received by Secretary no less than 21 days before the GM
5. Voting Opens: 14 days before the GM

**Rationale:** It has been observed that the existing timeline for general meetings is rather lengthy, now that routine communications are dealt with by e-mail rather than post. The wording of Section 7.3 is also somewhat ambiguous when read in isolation, relying on subsequent sections of the constitution for interpretation.

**Proposer:** Robin Williams

**Secunder:** Patrick Martin

### **Motion 2: Update description of Honorary Auditor role**

**Proposal:** That the wording of Section 7.9 of the Constitution be replaced as follows:

ACCU shall have two Honorary Auditors, appointed for terms limited to two years, and both subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting. Current committee members are not eligible for these positions.

**Rationale:** The description of the Honorary Auditor role does not reflect current practice.

**Proposer:** Patrick Martin

**Secunder:** Robin Williams

### **(c) Discussion of the legal status of ACCU**

Increasingly, the committee are finding that proof of the legal status of ACCU is required to register for online services. There might also be financial benefits if we were able to register for UK Charitable status. Patrick Martin will report on what we have found with regard to the current legal status of ACCU, and present options going forward for discussion.