

Minutes of ACCU Committee Meeting

2012-09-22 Radcliffe-on-Trent

(Note: actions are summarised at the end)

1. Present

Andrew Marlow, Rob Pauer, Mark Radford, Alan Griffiths, Roger Orr, Mick Brooks, Chris O'Dell (remotely)

2. Apologies for absence

Stewart Brodie, Matthew Jones, Giovanni Asproni, Seb Rose, Paul Grenyer (stepping down), Tom Sedge, Dirk Haun, Tom Hughes

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed

4. Actions arising

- 1 **Rob Pauer** and **Matthew Jones** to examine options for groups setup and payments for meetup website to announce local group meetings – *carry forward*
- 2 **Matthew Jones** to produce guidelines for commercial sponsors of local meetings - *carry forward*
- 3 **Matthew Jones** to contact Mick Brooks and Barney (surname?) to see what they can do to put US ACCU members living nearby each other in contact. Also write an article in CVu to advertise that – *partially completed*
- 4 **Astrid Byro** and **Tom Sedge** to look into the current functionality of the website and report back (schedule to be decided). Check what is needed and create a requirements document – *partially completed*
- 5 **Giovanni Asproni** to work on proposal to allow for motions to be submitted to the AGM and the changes needed to make them consistent – *work in progress*
- 6 **Giovanni Asproni** to advertise the complaints procedure to the membership - *produced and agreed nem con*
- 7 **Giovanni Asproni** to check with **Roger** the status of the cleanup of the committee list from old members – *cleanup done*
- 8 **Giovanni Asproni** to publicise meetings of committee in advance & suggest google hangouts for participation. Prepare the wording and let the committee review it first - *wording agreed nem con*
- 9 **Giovanni Asproni** to prepare draft proposal for constitutional change to propose to the membership (after having it reviewed by the committee). Use **Mick** amendments as a starting point – *drafted and Mick Brooks to circulate to committee*
- 10 **Tom Sedge** to publish the analysis of the survey about the association - *carry forward*
- 11 **Rob Pauer** to liaise with Tim Pushman to spring clean the mailing lists - *completed*
- 12 Matt Jones to email ACCU members to let them know they will have to contact him if they want to start a local group and need help with that- *completed*

5. Other matters arising

No other matters

6. Reports

1. **Advertising** *no report*

2. **Conference** *no formal report*

Jon Jagger has reported that a few proposals are trickling in

3. **Local groups**

A new group has started in NY, Matt hoping to start a Sydney group, article to come

4. **Membership** – Mick Brook

Mick presented some graphs. Since the price hike there seems to have been no change in overall membership but a slightly increased % of basic membership. Thanks received from Tim Bowen, a retired member. Mick is now keeping a list of resigning members reasons.

Long subscriptions we investigated – it revealed a slight bug in the subscription logic and it was felt easiest to let the proposal drop at this point. Mick should send an extra journal issue to members for whom he hasn't received renewal notice (in most cases this is simply caused by timing.)

5. Treasurer – Rob Pauer

Alan is now a signatory. Bank balances looking healthy. Final accounts now ready. Accountant wanted to speak to us – we are an association showing a surplus so may be subject to corporation tax. Rob is trying to find where previous copies of the accounts are held Rob says changing accounts might be tricky because of the number of personal standing orders. The main problem to solve is granting Mick Brooks access to see the membership money coming in. This is a particular issue in August as about 70 standard orders come in then.

6. Publicity *no report*

7. Website

Report circulated prior to meeting. There seems to be a slight lack of urgency – we are not sure how to progress this. Mick thinks we still don't really know what we really want to do with the new website: we need a clear goal and a migration strategy. We would like to be able to find some areas where we can get a good return – for example could we do the book reviews first? This is a possible first step – no interaction with the authentication system. Alan is more concerned about getting the public face sorted out: it needs to be vibrant and active. Reviews **are** happening, they just don't make it to the website. **Alan** to check with Jez about the book reviews - both whether he wants a break and whether this part of the site could be done separately. We also get old books for review; Alan says we need to follow up the contacts to get new books for review. **Andrew** to talk to Stuart Golodetz and/or Jez with contacts from Wiley. Can we ask someone to manage this project? They need to have familiarity with ACCU, so a member would be best. Allan Kelly is one possible, but is likely to be too busy. Other names, such as Ewan Milne, spring to mind. We could also look at publishing selected Cvu articles on public access. **Roger** to talk to Dirk and Stuart, Alison about publication- of individual articles.

8. Mentored Developers

Paul stepping down and co-option of Chris O'Dell. Paul has stepped down from managing the Mentored Developers activities. The committee wants to thank Paul for the great work he did while he was managing those activities. The committee has co-opted Chris O'Dell for this task and Paul has offered to support Chris taking over this role. **Rob** to contact Tim about changing the email alias. There is nothing currently active – thinking about picking up a JavaScript book.

9. Autumn conference

There is no autumn conference this year. There were problems with finding speakers.

10. Publications - Roger Orr

Clearly Stated has now gained an employee and this may in the future affect the VAT position. Otherwise things seem to be going on OK. **Roger** to ensure accu.org website has the link to Scott's article once it is published.

11. Standards - Mark Radford

Mark is inquiring about other relevant standards activity: there's not much. **Roger** to get Joseph Myer's address to Mark (or ask him to contact Mark!) as the BSI C panel may be reforming. It looks like the C++ standardisation is the one of most interest to the readership. Alan suggested

putting a report together listing languages and what's going on, if anything. Andrew: OMG have produced a C++11 binding; **Mark** to investigate mentioning this in the next report..

7. ACCU mailing lists administration

Tony Barrett-Powell and Jez Higgins seem to be administrators of the accu-committee list. Is that OK, or somebody else should be doing this? What about the other lists?

Mick to request access for both the secretary and the membership secretary (and ask the current admins to remove themselves.) Accu-members is still quite small – we keep the link together with the membership list and Mick can easily find the percentage. The AGM announcement could go to accu-members and a variant message to all those not on accu-members.

8. Members communication

The chair received an email from Paul Colin Gloster stating that he was leaving because an article had been rejected from publication in CVu. **Roger** to talk to Steve and Frances about adding them to the accu-committee mailing list.

Complaints procedure: we are happy with Giovanni's draft and are keen to put this up on the website in the members section.

9. Any other business/DONM

1. Reflector software – is there a different technology so we can post with different sender field? We don't think so – but you can subscribe from multiple accounts and set all but one up to not send out emails. (We probably ought to try and make the lists consistent in their settings over sending messages awaiting for moderation.)
2. Hardship fund. Possible to pay some conference attendance fees for ACCU 2013 for Bristol students,
3. ISDF funding. ISO C++ 2013 **Roger** to talk to Julie and ask her to contact Rob direct.

10. Date Of Next Meeting

Sat 10th Nov starting at 11am. **Roger** to host, in South East London. (More details to follow)

Summary of Actions Arising (for ease of reference)

- 1 **Rob Pauer** and **Matthew Jones** Local group setup and payment
- 2 **Matthew Jones** Guidelines for commercial sponsorship of local groups
- 3 **Astrid Byro** and **Tom Sedge** continuing to work on the Web site.
- 4 **Giovanni Asproni** work in progress for motions to be submitted to the AGM.
- 5 **Mick Brooks** to circulate draft of constitutional change to committee.
- 6 **Tom Sedge** to circulate analysis of survey about the association.
- 7 **Alan** to check with Jez about the book reviews
- 8 **Andrew** to talk to Stuart Golodetz and/or Jez with contacts from Wiley.
- 9 **Roger** to talk to Dirk, Stuart & Alison about publication of individual articles.
- 10 **Rob** to contact Tim about changing the email alias
- 11 **Roger** to ensure accu.org website has the link to Scott's article once it is published.
- 12 **Mick** to request access for both the secretary and the membership secretary (and ask the current admins to remove themselves.)
- 13 **Roger** to talk to Steve and Frances about adding them to the accu-committee mailing list.
- 14 **Giovanni** to put the complaints procedure up on the website in the members section.
- 15 **Roger** to talk to Julie and ask her to contact Rob direct about ISDF funding for WG21 2013.
- 16 **Giovanni** to add Standards Report to meeting agenda.
- 17 **Roger** to get Joseph Myer's address to Mark (or ask him to contact Mark!).

Minutes: Roger Orr