

Minutes of ACCU Committee Meeting 26th of January 2013 Radcliffe-on-Trent

1. Attending

1. Alan Griffiths, Roger Orr, Giovanni Asproni, Mick Brooks, Rob Pauer (remotely), Chris O'dell (remotely), Astrid Byro (remotely), Tom Hughes (remotely), Dirk Haun (remotely), Steward Brodie, Andrew Marlow

2. Apologies for absence

1. Tom Sedge, Seb Rose, Matt Jones

3. Minutes from last meeting

1. The minutes from the meeting of the 10th of November 2012 were approved

4. Actions arising

1. **Matthew Jones** Guidelines for commercial sponsorship of local groups - *carry forward*
2. **Tom Sedge**. Circulate analysis of survey about the association - *Giovanni to ask Tom*
3. **Dirk Haun**. Check with Jez about the book reviews - *Dirk and Stuart contacted Jez. Dirk will follow up to understand what's happening*
4. **Roger Orr**. Talk to Dirk, Stuart & Alison about publication of individual articles - *stalled, carry forward*
5. **Alan Griffiths**. Draft mechanism to depose committee -- *carry forward*
6. **Tom Sedge**. Look into options for rules for awarding honorary memberships and report back to the committee -- *carry forward*

5. Other matters arising

6. Reports

1. Advertising

- i. QBS have renewed, but other leads have yet to turn into orders.

2. Conference

- i. Roger spoke with Julie about WG21. Still looking for sponsors. Bloomberg will sponsor the bar. The conference program has been published. Asti will take care of the T-shirt again, but no competition.

3. Local groups

- i. No report

4. Membership

- i. Look at membership report below

5. Treasurer

- i. Rob contacted the accountants, who, hopefully, will have drafts for the AGM. We have a surplus of £7000 compared to last year, thanks to Archer Yates. The accountant said that the Inland Revenue may want to take some corporation tax. We have some buffer for extra costs. Rob will continue to send the statements to Mick.
- ii. We have money on the hardship fund, and we have rarely used it. Rob asked if we could ask people that donate on it to allow us to sponsor the WG21. Alan Griffiths said that, long ago, it was used to help overseas members, and also that to change the purpose of the fund we would need an AGM deliberation. Alan will ask for suggestions to the membership about to do from his next "from the chair"

column in CVu

6. **Publicity**

- i. There have been articles about the raising of money for Bletchley where the ACCU tends to be mentioned. Asti said that the purpose of the role was not totally clear.

7. **Standards**

- i. Mark said that the work on this is bits and pieces. He hasn't got time to go the BSI C++ Panel meetings because of his job. He said that he is willing to step back and be replaced if we need more certainty from this role. Mark would also like to expand the column, but, at the moment, he is short of time for that.

8. **Website**

- i. No progress regarding the new website. Any progress on the old one is entirely thanks to Martin's efforts.

9. **Mentored Developers**

- i. Near the end of the JS book project. Need to make plans for next project.

7. **Draft constitution**

1. We talked the proposed draft, and agreed that it is important to have some online exchange with the members as there will not be enough time to discuss changes during the AGM. Giovanni will email accu-members and accu-general, and Roger will send some feedback he has on accu-members.

8. **AGM planning**

1. Giovanni said that he is willing to stay at most one year more in his secretary role, and he is willing to step down at the upcoming AGM if there is anybody else willing to take over. Roger would like to stand again, but, if somebody else wants to become the new publications officer, he will be happy to stand down. Andrew Marlow is available to be co-opted again.

9. **Any other business**

10. **Next meeting**

1. At the museum of computing at Bletchley Park in May (either the 18th or the 19th). (Obviously, these are suggested dates and times since there may be a new committee after the AGM).

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7. **Astrid Byro**. Take from Jez responsibility to keep contacts with publishers for books for review
8. **Roger Orr**. To follow up with Ewan Milne and Ed Sykes for meetup meetings
9. **Roger Orr**. Send feedback on proposed draft constitution on accu-members
10. **Roger Orr**. Ask Martin Moene if he wants to join the committee

11. **Alan Griffiths.** Follow up with Martin Moene about the use of google analytics on ACCU web-site
12. **Alan Griffiths.** To ask for suggestions on how to better use the hardship fund from his next "from the chair" CVu column
13. **Giovanni Asproni.** Check if the draft constitution has guidance on accepting motions from presiding member during AGM
14. **Giovanni Asproni.** Email accu-members and accu-general about deadlines for upcoming AGM
15. **Giovanni Asproni.** Email accu-members and accu-general to ask members to give feedback about the draft of the proposed constitutional changes.
16. **Giovanni Asproni.** Ask Roger for template documents for AGM

Membership Report

Membership numbers stayed flat through November and December. It may have just started to pick up in January: we've 25 extra members today than on the 5th - 20 of whom are new (rather than late renewers). Graphs and data are at:

<http://sinking.in/accu-member-stats.html>

Since late November I've started writing to people who take Concessionary Membership (which used to be Student Membership) asking them why they claim a concession. Of the 5 concessions claimed so far, 3 have been students, 1 retired, and 1 unwaged.

Antonio Cavallo and Jonathan Wakely volunteered to moderate ACCU-General, and have been doing so since November. I'm currently a silent moderator, lurking for the mailman notifications of tasks to be done. There has been little to do, but it is being done quickly and so I think we're in safe hands.

I had a request for joint membership - the wife of an existing member wanted to join, but they have no need for an extra copy of the journals. I saw no reason not to try, so accepted the additional member at the concessionary rate (half price), and will try and arrange for them to only receive one of each journal. Things will be clunky at renewal and address label times, since this membership type isn't really supported by the website, but I think I can make it work.

I'll be at the meeting, but let me know if you have any questions before then.

