

# Committee Meeting 18th of May 2013 Radcliffe on Trent

## 1. Attending

Physically: Alan Griffiths, Roger Orr, Mark Radford.

Remotely: Giovanni Asproni, Matthew Jones, Chris O'dell, Tom Hughes, Dirk Haun, Martin Moene.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Received from Rob Pauer, Seb Rose, Andrew Marlow, Astrid Byro.

## 3. Minutes from last meeting

Agreed, nem con.

## 4. Actions arising

1. **Matthew Jones** Guidelines for commercial sponsorship of local groups - *completed*
2. **Tom Sedge**. Circulate analysis of survey about the association *closed*
3. **Dirk Haun**. Check with Jez about the book reviews Asti taken over. **Alan** to confirm.
4. **Roger Orr**. Talk to Dirk, Stuart & Alison about publication of individual articles.  
Discussed with Alison and Steve as CVu editor: we can do this as desired for suitable articles. Alan asked about *Overload*: while feasible we lack people with time to do this regularly.
5. **Alan Griffiths**. Draft mechanism to depose committee *completed*
6. **Tom Sedge**. Look into options for rules for awarding honorary memberships and report back to the committee *closed*
7. **Astrid Byro**. Take from Jez responsibility to keep contacts with publishers for books for review *completed*
8. **Roger Orr**. To follow up with Ewan Milne and Ed Sykes for meetup meetings - *all going well*
9. **Roger Orr**. Send feedback on proposed draft constitution on accumembers *completed*
10. **Roger Orr**. Ask Martin Moene if he wants to join the committee *completed*:  
Martin has not got the time to join the committee; but is happy to join accu-committee and attend committee meetings remotely if possible. He can liaise with the committee via Roger, as publications officer.
11. **Alan Griffiths**. Follow up with Martin Moene about the use of google analytics on ACCU website *carry forward*
12. **Alan Griffiths**. To ask for suggestions on how to better use the hardship fund from his next "from the chair" CVu column *asked, no response*.  
We should remove from membership and work out what to do with the balance. **Alan** to suggest at next AGM we roll the money into the general fund.
13. **Giovanni Asproni**. Check if the draft constitution has guidance on accepting motions from presiding member during AGM *completed*
14. **Giovanni Asproni**. Email accu-members and accu-general about deadlines for upcoming AGM *completed*
15. **Giovanni Asproni**. Email accumembers and accugeneral to ask members to give feedback about the draft of the proposed constitutional changes *completed*
16. **Giovanni Asproni**. Ask Roger for template documents for AGM *completed*

## 5. Other matters arising

None.

## 6. Cooptions to the committee

Chris O'Dell; Mark Radford; Andrew Marlow; Mick Brooks.

**Giovanni**: add to next meeting agenda to discuss management of US chapter and disabilities.

**Alan** and **Giovanni** to post something about this to accu-members.

## 7. Membership secretary resignation

Craig Henderson expressed the desire to step down.

Matt Jones originally offered to help, can no longer help in the short term.

**Alan** to talk to Mick about where he is in the process; and re-advertise to the membership.

**Giovanni** to verify where membership@accu is directed to.

## 8. Reports

### 1. Advertising

Asti hopes to get Perforce as a sponsor for next year's conference. Bletchley Park auction needs more management. Jon Jagger has some other ideas too.

### 2. Conference

Bloomberg lounge - decor a bit lacking and not too well publicised. Lanyards: abandoned their colour scheme. Espresso machines were positive. End note - helped the conference end well. Sponsors happy. Keynotes and sessions were good. **Roger** to get the feedback circulated for those who want to see it.

Action items: rearrange registration desk; try to reduce . Videos of various sessions going online. Consider holding ACCU banquet elsewhere, with buses. Consider other ideas, eg. coding dojo. Real ale. Pete Goodliffe working on a free advert. Find keynote speakers, simplify speaker remuneration. Roger would like to look at the costs of attending. XP day - £140 - no speakers invited remotely, no professional organisers involved. We use Archer-Yates - that adds a cost but we haven't got the time to do it ourselves. General feeling that the conference cost is fair.

### 3. Local groups

Nothing to report

### 4. Membership

no-one to report

fpto report not covered elsewhere

### 7. Standards

Mark continues to provide standards reports for CVu. They are increasing to nearer 1,000 words. He has had positive feedback about the direction he is taking. He was disappointed to miss attending WG21 (apart from the concept lite presentation.) No other standards activities currently covered. **Mark** to contact Nathan Myers re C panel.

### 8. Website

Martin's report. Trying to work on a new prototype. We should do as little as we can to get it launched; the membership system is vital to get it launched. Chris asked if we could we put under a subdomain - if so we could transfer the main website to the new technology.

**Martin** to contact Mick and Tim to ask further.

### 9. Mentored Developers

Jonathan and Ian running a group, with Bjarne sitting in. Chris playing hands-off on that one.

### Publications:

All Ok. Migration of distribution to Parchment seems to have gone smoothly. Ric Parkin is guest editing Overload while Frances (and Steve) are on holiday.

## 9. HMRC registration

This has been asked for by several members and Jim Hague volunteered to investigate by sending an email (retained by Roger) **Giovanni** to ask him formally to investigate.

## 10. Review draft policy for local groups & sponsorship

Matt Jones prepared this and circulated it to the committee earlier.

## 11. Option for electronic subscription only to the magazines

**Roger** inquire if can have button for 'no hard copy' and option for 'send me an email' in conjunction with Mick and Tim.

## 12. Possibility of adding blog/forums to the ACCU website

Proposed by Patabi Raman who wrote in an email to the secretary: "Could you please highlight the issue on possibility of adding blog/forums to the ACCU website. It was discussed well in the accu-general. If require I wish to be a volunteer"

We are not sure how feasible this is. There would be no *practical* problem with hosting a mini-blog on the new website, but we feel the primary output of ACCU is the magazine. Could we link to 'membership blogs' - there is a combined blog feed already – (URL from Dirk <http://www.artificialworlds.net/planetcode/> )

We don't have a forum - but we do have a volunteer.

**Giovanni** to reply to Patabi, cc'ing Roger, asking for a more detailed proposal from Patabi for the forum idea.

## 13. Any other business

Alan Griffiths does not intent to stand for committee next year, nor Giovanni. **Giovanni** to highlight this when the minutes are sent to accu-members.

Linked-In group - should it be restricted? (same with Facebook.) It will be associated with the ACCU, so we do want some sort of oversight - but we do not want to restrict membership.

**Chris** offered to clarify the oversight of the LinkedIn and GoodReads groups using our name – to include trying to get moderation rights in case this proves necessary.

## 14. Next meeting

11am Sat 14th Sep. **Roger** to host. 35 Kitto Road London SE14 5TW.

Meeting closed at 12:15pm

### Actions

- **Alan Griffiths:** confirm Asti has successfully taken over book reviews
- **Alan Griffiths:** follow up with Martin Moene about the use of google analytics on ACCU website
- **Alan Griffiths:** suggest at next AGM we roll the hardship fund money into the general fund
- **Alan Griffiths:** talk to Mick about where he is in the process; and re-advertise to the membership
- **Chris O'Dell:** offered to clarify the oversight of the LinkedIn and GoodReads groups using our name – to include trying to get moderation rights in case this proves necessary
- **Giovanni Asproni:** verify where membership@accu is directed to (and inform Mick Brooks of his co-option!)
- **Giovanni Asproni:** add to next meeting agenda to discuss management of US chapter and disabilities
- **Alan Griffiths** and **Giovanni Asproni:** post something about this to accu-members

- **Giovanni Asproni:** formally ask Jim Hague to investigate HMRC registration
- **Giovanni Asproni:** reply to Pattabi, cc'ing Roger, asking for a more detailed proposal from Pattabi for the forum idea
- **Giovanni Asproni:** highlight that he and Alan do not intent to stand for committee next year when the minutes are sent to accu-members
- **Mark Radford:** contact Nathan Myers re C panel
- **Martin Moene:** contact Mick and Tim to ask whether we could leave the existing membership part of the website in a subdomain to facilitate moving everything else forward
- **Roger Orr:** get the ACCU conference feedback circulated for those who want to see it
- **Roger Orr:** inquire if can have button for 'no hard copy' and option for 'send me an email' on membership renewal (in conjunction with Mick and Tim.)