

Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

2nd August 2014, Reading

Meeting started at 15:10.

1. Attending

Dirk Haun (remotely), Matthew Jones, Alan Lenton (remotely), Ralph McArdell, Malcolm Noyes, Roger Orr, Robert Pauer (remotely), Mattias Altin (ordinary member, remotely)

Apologies for absence

Chris O'Dell

2. Minutes from last meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 8th June were approved.

3. SGM election results

Here are the results of the electronic system:

Alan Lenton / Chair	130 votes, 14 abstentions
Malcolm Noyes / Secretary	135 votes, 9 abstentions

Considering that the election was essentially uncontested, the committee were pleased that so many members voted.

4. Actions arising/ongoing

5. *Alan Newcommittee: Ask for help with an article in CVu, and emails to accu-members and accu-general for migrating the membership system.* Alan Lenton agreed to write an article for CVu. Ongoing.

8. *Matt: to polish the wording of the proposal for the local group sponsorship and send it around for review.* Draft complete, Matt to add details discussed about reimbursement, payments, closed meetings.

12. *Asti: Create survey to ask members what we can do that would encourage them to attend conference. Initial feedback does not suggest anything obvious that could be done to encourage more members to attend. Roger: ask Asti for a formal summary of the survey results.*

14. *Alan: add a request to chairman's report for anyone with publicity experience to come forward to contribute their experience to the committee – would not have to be a committee member but could liaise with existing committee member. Done (but no response so far).*

16. *Matt: Discuss website/membership system integration with Martin and Archer Yates. Initial list done, further discussion needed. Ongoing*

17. *Alan Lenton: co-ordinate comments/responses to website proposals. Alan: ask for comments via CVu. No comments received. Asti has been having problems with the length of time it took to use the system.*

18. *Malcolm: share slides/notes with committee/local groups. Done.*

19. *Roger, Matt: setup electronic voting for SGM. Done.*

20. *Roger: ask Asti for formal feedback report from conference.*

21. *Matt and Rob: proposal for next meeting regarding funding for local groups.*

22. *Rob: begin process to make new chair and secretary signatories for approved spending. Done.*

23. *Matt: send list of known moderators to committee list. Done. Add Chair and Secretary as mods to all lists.*

24. *Malcolm: find out how to transfer chair/secretary email accounts and get them transferred to Alan & Malcolm. Done.*

25. *Malcolm: remind committee members to provide report before next committee meeting.*

5. Reports

5.1 Advertising

No report.

5.2 Conference

4 Keynote speakers confirmed. Call for papers due to be announced. The committee requested a 90 minute session for ACCU to promote and explain the organisation (Alan to write proposal when CFP comes out). November - face to face of conference committee meeting to consider proposals.

5.3 Local Groups

Sponsorship document sent out.

5.4 Membership

Report from Matt Jones:

Nothing special to report. Business as usual. There is a steady trickle of newmembers (latest was 14128, so that's 128 for 2014 to date), and only a few "I'm resigning" emails (mainly because the senders were paying by standing order). I suppose I could/should correlate the expiry reminder emails with renewals to see howmany are not renewing. FWIW, all the new "Student/Retired/Similar" that I have challenged (in the nicest possible way!) have replied that they are students.

Here are some numbers. I realise I haven't been tracking these as Mick did, so I'll look into whether I can recover historic numbers to fill the gap from April.

Full Membership:604

Full Membership, Student/Retired/Similar:22

Basic Membership:43

Basic Membership, Student/Retired/Similar:3

Corporate:24

Total paying members: 696

Gratis:17

Honorary:23

Complimentary:32

Link to Corporate:1

Link to Joint:1

Alan Lenton is considering the question of the decline in membership and will give more details at the next meeting.

Roger to send emails from Seb Rose and Allan Kelly to Alan Lenton.

5.5 Treasurer

Report from Rob Pauer:

The financial position at 1 August 2014 is largely unchanged. There have been no unexpected costs.

Archer Yates have recently sent me the figures for the conference and they are similar to last year.

It has taken some time for this information to arrive and it's not clear why there has been a delay.

Payment to our account is due to take place next week.

Rob asked for an approved (signed) copy of the SGM minutes to be sent to him as this will be required for bank.

5.6 Publicity

No report (no publicity officer).

5.7 Standards

No report.

5.8 Website

No report.

5.9 Mentored Developers

Report from Chris O'Dell:

The book study on the fourth edition of 'The C++ Programming Language' has come to a halt despite the great work Ian Bruntlett and Timothy Wright have done to keep everyone motivated. I would say that it's simply a large and in depth book which has led people to tackle it at their own paces.

The study group for 'Thinking, fast and slow' is continuing and we are looking for more people who may wish to take part.

5.10 Social media

No report.

5.11 Publications

Report from Roger Orr:

No real changes with publications; Steve and Frances continue to do a good job.

We tried to ascertain in what sense Overload counts as "Peer Reviewed" but have not been very successful.

Herb Sutter is adding links from the isocpp.org website to C++ related articles, which provides some useful exposure.

The amount of unsolicited material remains a little on the lowside, but asking for material via accu-general does seem to be working.

Alan suggested adding "peer reviewed" to front cover of Overload. Roger to discuss with Frances.

6. Any other business

The committee agreed that Roger Orr should be formally thanked for stepping in to keep the organisation running in the absence of Chair and Secretary. Proposed by Malcolm Noyes, seconded by Matthew Jones.

7. Date of next meeting

Sat 20th Sept. 2014, physical at Roger's house, hangout as before.

The following committee meeting is proposed to be a short (half hour) hangout on 15th Nov.

It was proposed to hold a more open 'discussion' meeting to consider the way forward for the organisation, possibly in a meeting room so that more members can participate. Proposed for 29th Nov Roger suggests changing this....

Outstanding Actions

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