

Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

15th November 2014, Hangout

Meeting started at 16:00.

1. Attending

Matthew Jones, Alan Lenton, Ralph McArdell, Malcolm Noyes, Roger Orr, Robert Pauer.

Apologies for absence

Dirk Haun, Mark Radford

2. Minutes from last meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 20th September were approved.

3. Actions arising/ongoing

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.~~

16. Matt: Discuss website/membership system integration with Martin and Archer Yates. Matt discussed with Tim Pushman & Martin; responses need to be converted to requirements list. 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. See also comments for 'Website report'.

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

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

26. Rob: provide instructions to Alan/Malcolm on what needs to be done to become signatories for approved spending. Alan having difficulties with bank; will try to get Malcolm registered first - ongoing.

28. Matt: ~~send approved (signed) copy of the SGM minutes to Rob. Done.~~

30. Alan: Write proposal for ACCU conference session when CFP comes out. Alan will send proposal to committee in next few days.

31. Matt: Send note to USA local group re. recording audio and providing slide deck for US local group.

34. Matt: graphs of membership numbers for next meeting (note - we should probably plan to make these available to members so pdfs would be good!)..

4. Reports

4.1 Advertising

Report from Seb Rose:

Advertising has been very slow - hardly any enquiries and no sales.

Alison Peck offered to take a semi-regular advert at a discounted price and I agreed.

4.2 Conference

No report from Jon Jagger. Update from Roger Orr:

Andrei Alexandrescu has had to withdraw due to impending new child. Chandler Carruth has agreed to step in instead.

4.3 Local Groups

Report from Matt Jones:

Response to question about numbers:

US. 2 meetings a month. Speaker draws 20-60 depending. Round table 5 - 15.

Oxford. Attendance 6 to 23 (Ave 15). About 50% are members.

4.4 Membership

Report from Matt Jones:

Full Membership:585

Full Membership, Student/Retired/Similar:21

Basic Membership:40

Basic Membership, Student/Retired/Similar:4

Corporate:24

Total paying members: 674 (2 less than last report)

Gratis:17

Honorary:23

Complimentary:32

Link to Joint:1

4.5 Treasurer

Report from Rob Pauer:

Very little change from the last meeting - finances remain strong.

The process of adding Alan to the signatory list has stalled.

We will try to add Malcolm instead in the coming week.

Rob requested any expenses to be submitted as soon as possible for year end.

4.6 Publicity

No report (no publicity officer).

4.7 Standards

No report.

4.8 Website

Report from Martin Moene:

Ad 17: website proposals.

Just to remind: I have been collecting information on this subject before. It is at <https://github.com/accu-org/website-v3>.

Ad 17: problems

For a couple of C Vu issues I have been publishing on the website 1) books available for review [1] from material Asti passes on from the book provider(s) and 2) the book reviews that appear in C Vu [2]. This ground for complaint has vaporised.

[1] http://accu.org/index.php/members/reviewbook/books_for_review (requires login)

[2] Process: PDF to text to markdown to html to website.

4.9 Mentored Developers

No report (Chris O'Dell has stood down from supporting mentored developers).

Alan will ask in CVu for possible volunteers. Matt will suggest the same to local group organisers.

4.10 Social media

No report (Chris O'Dell has stood down from supporting social media).

4.11 Publications

Report from Roger Orr:

As previously discussed Alison & Martin have now started to look at splitting CVu articles out separately with a plan to allow non-member access to selected articles after a suitable elapsed time.

The recent CVu contained an article which the author did not want to be available on the web. Unfortunately this means any members not getting the printed copy do not automatically receive the article

We'll try not to accept this sort of restriction, but sadly we haven't got enough material to allow us to be very picky.

Discussion: The view of the committee is that the restrictions on an article are a decision for the editorial team. We should aim for the default in future publications to be "articles should be publicly viewable; if author do not want that then they should let us know."

For CVu, it is intended that we should start this now; there will be a 6 month delay before articles become publicly available.

5. Any other business

5.1 Alan Lenton: thoughts on reversing the decline in membership.

Alan will circulate details to committee soon; see also article in CVu. The committee will discuss this at the next meeting (Jan 17th) and following that a document will be circulated to the members prior to the proposal deadline for the 2015 AGM.

2015 Election & AGM schedule.

AGM will be Sat 25th Apr.

The committee discussed the possible changes to election of officers (noted last time) - Malcolm to write proposal and circulate to committee prior to circulating to members.

AGM pack - as noted last time, the committee are in favour of an electronic AGM pack for the 2015 AGM. Malcolm to post note to accu-members so that the members are aware of this change.

6. Date of next meeting

The next committee meeting will be on Sat 17th Jan 2015 @ 2pm at Roger's house.

Outstanding Actions

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