

Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

20th May 2017, via Hangouts

Meeting started at 14:30.

1. Attending

Jim Hague (remotely), Matthew Jones (remotely), Nigel Lester (remotely), Ralph McArdell (remotely), Malcolm Noyes (remotely), Bob Schmidt (remotely)

Apologies for absence

Robert Pauer, Roger Orr

2. Minutes from last meetings

The minutes of the meeting on 1st April were approved.

3. Actions in progress from previous meeting

Actions from previous meetings:

68. *Malcolm to ask Asti to elaborate on how we may be able help with book reviews.* Asti has asked to pass on book reviews to someone else. Malcolm has a volunteer but is waiting for more information from Asti. Ongoing.
69. *Matt - Send letter to members who are not paying the correct amount asking them to change.* Letters sent - done.
71. *Roger - Note link between isocpp.org and accu.org.* The isocpp archive has been downloaded; Roger has worked out how this could be used and will email details. Hopefully we can get this moved permanently after that.
73. *Malcolm to look into whether we can have more than 1 person access Election Buddy.* Done.
74. *Bob - Draft procedure for violations of Code of Conduct/Diversity Statement created. Has been reviewed and perhaps should emphasise contacting police and should have a 'checklist' that committee members can carry to refer to. Needs to be aligned with Code of Conduct for conference so that we have consistent policy for conference and local groups.* No further comments; Bob will produce a draft and move/copy to main ACCU site. Ongoing.
84. *Bob will discuss with Martin possible website changes too clarify membership categories.* Done.
85. *Matt to contact Honorary Members to see if we can list them on the website.* Ongoing.
86. *Matt will create a document that we can use to start to fill in what we know of ACCU committee history.* Ongoing.
87. *Matt to ask for extra magazines (200?) for 'give away' at ACCU 2017 (and ensure that issue selected should have a 'Join ACCU advert')*. 200 extra copies ordered; advert in progress. Done.
89. *Bob to send email to Rob with contact details for additional auditor.* Done.
90. *Committee propose to co-opt Roger Orr to continue with Publications. Malcolm to ask Seb and Jon if they want to continue with Advertising and Standards.* Done.

Actions added by this meeting:

91. Bob to liaise with Rob to investigate whether there are tax implications for making a donation to a US individual.
92. Bob to investigate costs/options of advertising at Albuquerque airport.
93. Nigel to write some notes on affiliations with other groups.

4. Reports

4.1 Advertising

Report from Seb Rose.

We might be losing JetBrains - they have had disappointingly low engagement on the web.

Some problems with DNS to the ad server which Jim has been fixing.

4.2 Conference

No report.

4.3 Local Groups

Report from Nigel Lester:

Since the committee meeting 2 months ago, the local group meetup membership has grown by 6% to just over 4k members. This is a 37% year on year growth. (stats)

Andy Saul has very kindly volunteered to run ACCU Cambridge and it is fantastic news to be launching a local group in the Cambridge area. The Cambridge area has a good number of ACCU members. The group is to be sponsored by DisplayLink and they hope to provide the venue, cover speakers expenses and pizza. With help from Matt Jones, Jim Hague & Martin Moene we have set up the group's infrastructure including the ACCU Cambridge meetup site. This required a new Meetup acct to be created and the Membership Secretary is the Meetup group's official organiser (aka owner). Each account supports 3 groups. The 2 spare slots are available for use by other new groups.

Following a great suggestion by Roger Orr, I approached Reg Charney to see if would be interested in launching ACCU Toronto when WG21 were in town. Reg expressed an interest in starting the group.

I touched base with ACCU Greece, and they said they were close to releasing a site for ACCU Greece. 9 members attended ACCU 2017 but sadly I didn't touch base with anyone of them.

ACCU Bristol is trying out meeting in a new venue called the Brewdog. ACCU Bristol has the option to use the Marriott Hotel but the feeling is that it is not providing the right environment for the group, hence they are experimenting with other venues.

The Bay Area, Bristol, Oxford and London are running events and have events planned.

Considering the use of a 'popup' meetup group for 1-off meetings.

4.4 Membership

Report from Matt Jones:

Nothing special to report.

We had a very small spike of new members after the conference - I think all the people we spoke to who promised to join actually did!

After doing an experiment on behalf of a member with a Latvian (IIRC) surname, we have found that non-western characters are not making it through to the magazine address labels unmangled, so I need to get this sorted out with Parchments.

As reported by Nigel we have started a second Meetup account, to give us 3 more groups (one already in use for Cambridge). I am paying for this and will claim the costs back.

4.5 Treasurer

Report from Rob Pauer:

All normal - awaiting Chairman's approval of the accounts so that they can be finalised

Will be liaising with Julie Archer on the finance of the conference

Bob is reviewing figures and will liaise with Rob.

4.6 Publicity

No report (no publicity officer)

4.7 Standards

No report.

4.8 Website

No report.

4.9 Mentored developers

No report.

4.10 Social Media

Report from Martin Moene:

Since 2015 Debamitro Chakraborti debamitro@gmail.com has been posting interesting, unique material for ACCU to Twitter, Google+ and Facebook. However, since his recent move to the USA, posts have become rare. For continued posting from a fresh perspective, he suggests to try and find someone else (or more than one someone). Something he'd like to do is to create a curated list of articles on C++ that were shared through ACCU social media over the last 2-3 years. Thank you Debamitro!

4.11 Publications

Report from Roger Orr:

Not much specifically to report on publications.

We will have a problem soon when Martin steps down as we do not yet, as far as I know, have anyone to replace him to upload the magazines to the web site and produce the epub version.

The extra print run for the conference all worked out; I am not entirely sure of how we can best evaluate its success...

5. Any other business

5.1 Computing in Schools

Chair has been asked (by Russel Winder) to consider what we can do to support computing in schools. See also <http://www.computingatschool.org.uk>. Bob has written a follow-up in CVu. Done.

5.2 Support for people attending C++ Standards Committee meetings

Background; we have been asked if we would contribute some of our funds so that a non-member can attend the C++ Standards committee meeting. We are unsure whether there might be some tax implications for ACCU by doing this for an individual; Bob to liaise with Rob to investigate.

5.3 C++ Standards Committee meeting in Albuquerque - advertising?

Bob suggested that we could advertise ACCU/welcome committee members to Albuquerque airport. Could also give away copies of CVu/Overload. Bob to investigate costs/options.

5.4 Affiliations

e.g. CppLondon. Should we be involved (perhaps as a sponsor or providing back issues of magazines)? Nigel to write some notes on what we might do.

6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next committee meeting will (provisionally) be Saturday 22nd July 2017, via Hangouts.