Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

23rd September 2017, via Hangouts

Meeting started at 14:30.

1. Attending

Matthew Jones (remotely), Ralph McArdell (remotely), Malcolm Noyes (remotely), Roger Orr (remotely), Bob Schmidt (remotely)

Apologies for absence

Nigel Lester, Robert Pauer

2. Minutes from last meetings

The committee approved the minutes of the meetings on 20th May and 22nd July.

3. Actions in progress from previous meeting

Actions from previous meetings:

68. Asti has asked to pass on book reviews to someone else. Malcolm has a volunteer and has finally been able to contact Asti. Ongoing.

69. Matt - Send letter to members who are not paying the correct amount asking them to change. Letters sent - (left active until September meeting). 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. Move now completed. Done.

74. Bob - Draft procedure for violations of Code of Conduct/Diversity Statement created. Ralph commented that it may be difficult for local group organisers to deal with complaints and perhaps the detail needed revising; Bob will review and revise as necessary. Ongoing.

86. Matt will create a document that we can use to start to fill in what we know of ACCU committee history. Done.

92. Bob to investigate costs/options of advertising at Albuquerque airport. Two different screens can be hired but the committee concluded that the cost (circa $695 per week) is too much for any likely return on investment and would be better spent supporting a meetup at the event. The committee agreed to send 50 extra copies of Overload to be distributed at the meeting. Done.

93. Nigel to write some notes on affiliations with other groups. Nigel intends to speak to Phil Nash. Ongoing.

94. Bob will email Roger to confirm whether there is still a need for an ISDF grant to aid attendance at C++ Standards meeting. The committee agreed a grant of £500 to Walter E Brown who has participated in the Standards Committee for several years, has recently retired so has limited funds and would like to continue to participate. Done.

95. Nigel will email local groups asking them to advertise the requirement for a web editor.

96. Nigel to create ACCU logo for Albuquerque. Done.

Actions added by this meeting:

97. Roger to speak to Steve & Fran about whether a submission/diff system for submitting articles might be useful.

4. Reports

4.1 Advertising

No report.

4.2 Conference

Report from Roger Orr:

System for Call for Papers is still being worked on - expected to be ready soon.

4.3 Local Groups

Report from Nigel Lester:

- Bjarne's talk in Oxford Nov 21 - An idea would would be to give away magazines at this session. When I get a moment I will reach out to the organiser.
- Exploring running C++ Countdown session by Jon Jagger in Oxford in late Nov :-) Need to cover Jon's hotel & train costs. Probably need some ACCU funding, but will see if can get a sponsor to cover something.

4.4 Membership

Report from Matt Jones:

As ever, membership numbers are in this spreadsheet:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_DBWE4ya54atjshmEMzA4qdWEa-bagJVc4A36u_YOpQ

The headline is that our numbers are back to where we were 2 years ago. I am seeing a definite bias towards new members joining from the Cambridge area, so the local group there was definitely overdue, and is tapping a rich vein. Thanks again to Andy Saul for running the group, and Nigel Lester for his support.

I have added a new tab, "Totals" which shows the total members, and the red line includes 5 members for each corporate subscription, so this is roughly the number of individuals in ACCU, which approximately equals the number of magazines read.

We have passed the August/September standing order notch where I have to manually renew a large chunk of long standing members. The two remaining under payers have been demoted to a membership level commensurate with what they are paying.

For those standing order members in grace (i.e. had expired in August) I decided to extend their membership by one month so they will not expire before their next payment in 2018. This will stop them missing a magazine, and will smooth out the notch in the numbers. It also reduces the pressure to process the August bank statement the day it arrives in September.

We have a few standing order payments which don't tie up to any current member. I need to investigate and hopefully fix this. At the very least we need to keep this subscription money earmarked for a refund if I find the payers.

4.5 Treasurer

No report.

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

No report.

4.11 Publications

Report from Roger Orr:

Quick update on publications.

Cvu/Overload keep on keeping on...thanks as usual to Steve and Fran as editors.

We are obviously missing the web publication of individual articles with no one as yet stepping forward to take this on
Presumably some people are missing the epub format too.

Alison Peck, our production editor, is travelling abroad at the end of Oct / start of Nov so we're slightly modifying the schedule to try and keep to approximately the same publishing schedule as normal.

It was suggested that a submission/diff system for submitting articles might be useful (this would allow reviewers to see diffs more easily for example). Roger to speak to editors.

5. Any other business

None.

6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next committee meeting will (provisionally) be Saturday 18th November 2017, via Hangouts.