

Minutes for ACCU Committee meeting

8th March 2020, via Hangouts

Meeting started at 2:30 PM GMT.

1. Attending

Bob, Adeel, Felix, Guy, Jim, Matt, Ralph, Rob, Roger, Patrick

Apologies for absence

Guy Davidson

2. Minutes from last meetings

The committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting

3. Actions in progress from previous meeting

Note: the Google Sheet for actions is here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RMTorasYR_A94VBjv-Dn6ghhTVWLbW0w1ekhN994qFI

Actions from previous meetings:

122	Bob: update the very old advertising card
140	Phil to write up and pass round his suggestions for local group affiliations
143	All: suggestions to define some central storage solution for ACCU documents. etc. consider GDPR
144	Roger: to investigate the implications on web based publications of receiving a takedown notice and ACCU's liability
146	Phil: Local groups: propose to add "affiliated groups" section underneath - Phil to send details to Bob
147	Felix: to forward on this years' paper author details where granted to Jim Roper
149	Roger: discuss the ideas of TLDs for each conference in person
153	Rob: to investigate setting up the safety account for the Paypal payments

Actions added by this meeting:

154	Bob: proposal to merge "Social media" with "Publicity" role - discuss with Adeel
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4. Reports

4.1 Advertising

Nothing more to say

4.2 Conferences

From Roger Orr

Jamie Allsop (in Belfast) and Archer-Yates think that last year's "trial run" 2 day event following the WG21 meeting was successful enough to hold it in future.

Hence they are planning to run another Belfast conference this year, probably in Oct.

Roger.

From Felix:

Lots of speakers dropping out and the situation will only likely get worse.

The conference may still not go ahead.

On good news: there is interest in a regular autumn conference.

Are the committee happy with the idea of proceeding?

The committee was happy to pursue an Autumn conference.

4.3 Local Groups

Phil reported on his actions.

Ralph announced that there is a meeting in London on Tuesday 10, contemplated the options for a post conference get-together.

Question over COVID-19: for now, carry on as planned.

Explicitly travelling is probably to be avoided over the concern of travel bans catching people on the way back, for example.

4.4 Membership

From Matt:

There has been the usual flurry of new membership leading up to the conference.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1_DBWE4ya54atjshmEMzA4qdWEa-bagJvc4A36u_YOpQ/edit#gid=11

This has resulted in a recent upturn in numbers, but that only brings us back to the same level as last year.

After far more effort than I was expecting, I have managed to add a 6 month trial membership to the website. The ability to sign up for this is controlled by a flag in the SQL database, which is currently off, awaiting the green light. Many thanks to Jim for patiently supporting me through the learning process! It was a deep and tortuous dive into the Xaraya system, but at least it resulted in a write up for a forthcoming CVu.

Matt mentioned the feature could be enabled soon, and turned off later, and if there are issues then Matt could help them through.

Consensus is that randomly acquired trial memberships in the time range would be fine by us.

Bob to produce a paper output advertising the trial membership option.

4.5 Treasurer

Draft accounts have been received; looking quite healthy - similar while slightly less surplus as last year. Cash balance is healthy. No unusual payments, nothing to report.

Rob mentioned that the only signatories on the accounts are Matt, Rob and Patrick, in due course we

will need to get another committee member - presumably "UK based" to pass the anti money laundering hurdle in order to become a signatory.

4.6 Publicity

From Patrick: Fran has put me in contact with Adeel Nadeem and we've proposed he join the hangout to see how to progress his interest in this role

Pasting unedited from Adeel

About me:

Based in Bristol and an Economics graduate from Reading University 2008. Struggled to get into a grad scheme due to the financial climate and found myself in software engineering recruitment.

During my degree, started one off student promotions to fund my degree. Had a huge role in publicity, establishing partnerships. Was a huge success.

What I could bring to this role (aside from lots of enthusiasm):

- Have been a specialist C++ recruitment consultant for nearly 10 years*
- Have a substantial network of C++ Developers and C++ companies which I have grown during this time*
- I speak to multiple C++ developers daily so I would be happy to ensure they are well informed about ACCU and encourage them to follow social media etc*
- I am extremely knowledgeable about C++ although I am not a coder I enjoy watching videos about C++ and following the latest C++ news*
- I am not a typical recruiter, I genuinely care about what I do and helping people/ supporting teams to scale and build long term relationships and having a good reputation which is very important to me*
- I'm trustworthy and reliable*

Ideas / thoughts to talk about:

- Linking up and connecting ACCU to particular universities that teach C++ and promoting ACCU to*

the junior demographic

- Promoting ACCU to C++ Developers that I speak to daily

- Promoting ACCU to C++ clients when consulting as a means of professional development

These are just a few initial ideas but i feel that I'm in a great position to help and give back to the C++ community.

Hopefully this helps but if you wanted me to clarify anything do let me know.

Cheers,

Adeel

Considerable discussion on ideas, not all noted here.

Action: co-opt Adeel and start his membership, which will roll over at the end of the ACCU year (AGM)

4.7 Standards

No Report.

4.8 Website

From Bob: Overload 155 was uploaded, converted by Daniel.

Latest CVu was worked upon, but some articles remain to be done before sending to Daniel.

A new banner ad. from QBS: also found that one of the banner ads has a stopped appearing to an expiry date.

Discussion where we keep stuff - see 143.

Trial Membership is now deployed!

*Interruption of service: apache was re-started ; work-around is putting in place a regular re-start
newsite.accu.org has the Hugo generated site based upon Jim's exports processes*

Discussion while Jim was present around the Hugo PoC

Consensus that the embedded html articles now render very well

Any new site needs to have support for

- *Authorisation for secure areas*
- *Support for existing articles as they currently render*
- *Content should be largely a simple flat file / directory based system, allowing collaboration via a source control system*
- *Per Matt: very little of the site is dynamically generated: it's mainly the menu and special features for committee members. The majority of the non-static content is access to CVu and book reviews. But this doesn't need to be dynamic so much as permission based, with permissions coming from the logon server.*

4.9 Social Media

From Bob: merge Social media with Publicity?

4.10 Publications

Publications are going well: some concerns over early date of the conference this year for production timescales. Whether or not the current Overload will be ready, there will be some back issues of other magazines and Overload.

5. Any other business

5.1 Study groups interest

From Patrick: Ricardo Rodriguez has reached out to us and expressed interest in one of the perennially vacant roles. Bob and I have written to him with details. There have been some contingencies slowing us up on both sides, but in the interim here is the latest from Ricardo:

Patrick,

Thank you so much for all the information. After giving some thought, I would like to throw my hat in the ring the post of study groups. I like the idea of having a chance to make a difference and adding my touch to the ACCU. Please let me know of any information I need to provide to the board.

Sincerely,

Rick Rodriguez

6. Date of next meeting

The date of the next committee meeting will (provisionally) be May 10 @ 2:30 PM, via Hangouts.