

Ada-Switzerland

Minutes of the Ada Switzerland General Meeting August 2009.

The meeting was held on Wednesday 26th August 2009 at the Restaurant zum Kreuz in Winterthur. The meeting started at 18:00 and closed at 22:30

1. Attendance

Six members attended the meeting:

Ahlan Marriott (President)
Benoit Steinmetz (Vice-President)
Neville Rowden (Treasurer)
Adam Bolcsfoldi
Nicholas Kaethner
Urs Maurer

2. Minutes of the meeting

A. Marriott volunteered to write the minutes of the meeting.

3. Review of Action items

There were no action items from previous meetings

4. Election of Independent Auditors for 2009

Article 8 of the statutes for Ada Switzerland requires that the annual accounts be scrutinised by an independent auditor. A. Marriott nominated Adam Bolcsfoldi to be elected Auditor for the 2009 accounts. A vote was taken and Adam was unanimously elected.

5. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Article 6 of the statutes for Ada Switzerland requires an annual meeting generally in early spring. Adam Bolcsfoldi suggested Wednesday 17th February 2010. A vote was taken and the date unanimously approved.

6. WG9

Urs Maurer is currently the head of the Swiss delegation for ISO/ IEC JTC1/SC22/WG9. This is the ISO working group for the Ada programming language. Urs expressed his desire to relinquish this post and asked that we actively attempt to recruit a replacement from within the membership of Ada Switzerland.

The WG delegate receives material concerning proposed changes and enhancements to the Ada programming language and is then asked to vote for, against or abstain on each of these proposals either by email or by attending either of the biannual WG9 meetings. These meetings are normally scheduled during or immediately after the SIGAda and Ada-Europe conferences.

The candidate does not have to attend these meetings but it is highly desirable that he or she mostly attends at least one per year.

7. Promotion of the Ada Europe annual conference.

Ada Europe National Bodies, which includes Ada Switzerland, have been asked by the board of Ada Europe to renew their efforts to promote participation in the Ada Europe annual conference. Our membership and any other acquaintances with experience using the Ada programming language should be actively encouraged to submit either an academic paper or an industrial presentation for next year's Ada Europe in Valencia, Spain.

The submission deadline for papers is the 16th of November 2009 and the deadline for industrial presentations is the 11th of January 2010. This does not give us a lot of time so we need to establish contact with likely participants as soon as possible. Nick thought that he and Dave Mirfin could draft a suitable letter, together with a list of people and companies not currently members of Ada Switzerland that it might be worth contacting.

8. New action items

Minutes of the GM

- 09-01 Ahlan: Write the minutes of the General Meeting 26-Aug-09 (this document).
- 09-02 All: Review minutes. Send suggestions and comments to Author.
- 09-03 Board: Approve the minutes. When approved the minutes should be made available on our web site.

Preparation for the AGM

- 09-04 Benoit: Prepare a letter detailing the time and place of the AGM along with a proposed agenda. This letter should be ready for printing in good time so that it can be included with the mailing of the request for membership renewal that should be sent out to all members in December 2009
- 09-05 Ahlan: Prepare a membership renewal invoice for each member and mail this to every member together with the AGM letter produced as action item 09-04.
- 09-06 Ahlan: Provide Neville with template spreadsheets and documents for making the Treasurer's report.
- 09-07 Neville: Early 2010 prepare the Treasurer's report and submit it for scrutiny by the elected auditor.
- 09-08 Ahlan: Give Adam a template document that he can use to certify the audit of accounts.
- 09-09 Adam: Review the Treasurer's report and discuss any anomalies with the Treasurer. Otherwise prepare and endorse a statement to the effect that the Auditor certifies correctness of the accounts as presented.

Membership drive & promotion of AE conferences.

- 09-10 Nick (& Dave Mirfin): Prepare a letter that we can send to people that might be interested in Ada Switzerland or who might be persuaded to submit a paper or presentation for the Ada Europe conference in Valencia
- 09-11 Nick (& Dave Mirfin): Prepare a list of names and addresses of people to whom Ada Switzerland should send the letter drafted as a result of action item 09-10
- 09-12 Ahlan: Print, sign and post on behalf of Ada Switzerland the letter 09-10 to the people listed in 09-11.