BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Member Group Name:	Chester & North Wales Branch
Year:	2019/2020
Report Completed By:	Martin King

Group Chair:	Martin King
Group Treasurer:	Keith Richardson
Group Secretary:	David Lloyd-Williams
Group Inclusion Officer:	Chair
Other Committee Members:	Angela Best, Charles Ryder, Stuart Cunningham

The Chair's Report is a vital communication tool for the BCS Community Team to understand and support your activity as a group. The Programme, Practice, and Policy (PPP) Committee will review your submitted report, and suitable action points fed into the Community Board for strategic planning. As one of the critical communication points with our members, your completion of this report supports not only your group but ongoing support and development of other member groups and the BCS itself

Successes

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

Success	Additional Comments
1. An incredible list of events	Even with the impact of COVID-19
2. The support from the committee members	They really have all pulled together throughout!
3. Pool of connections to pull in to speaking	Our committee have a great selection of connections to bring in to speak.

Plans

Please list the top three activities the group is planning for next year.

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Continue our varied collection of speaking events	We would like to see more of a panel of "available speakers" from HQ
2. Encourage our members to get the best out of their memberships	With support from HQ
3. Shift back to in-person events when it is safe to do so	Guidance from HQ will again be critical

Impediments

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and support the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

Impediment	Description
1. COVID-19	
2. Further support from HQ	Sometimes it has felt like the south locations are preferred when it comes to meetings and PR around events. We need more meetings north of Birmingham!
3. A lack of industry and non-industry recognition	Even being the Chartered body for IT, I still believe there is a general lack of knowledge around the BCS. We need to look at organisations such as ACCA to see where we may learn.

Additional Facts and Figures

Please provide any facts and figures you think would be useful to the Community Team for further analysis and future activity planning.

Further Comments

If you have any further comments you wish to provide the Community Team; please give them below.

The Branch planned to hold 11 events during the 2019-20 financial year, but 2 had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 national lockdown and the 3 following that were held as webinars: -

1. 11 September, Data Security in Practice – How to keep yourself and your users safe? -
2. 9 October, 3D Scanning & BCS Update
3. 13 November, AGM & Threat Hunting: Are you really sure you want to do this?
4. 11 December, Azure 101 – Build a Bot and learn about Microsoft's Azure Services, Office 365, Teams and SharePoint
5. 12 February, IR35 – What Contractors and Companies need to know
6. 11 March, EdTech vs Ed-Resistance is Futile - what the classroom of 2035 will look like.

Cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

• 8 April The Enigma Machine" by Dr Mark Baldwin, planning to reschedule in 2021, date tbc
• 13 May History of Jodrell Bank by Prof Ian Morison – rescheduled for 11 November 2020

7. 13 May, Webinar: Microsoft Teams - How it can make working remotely more productive
8. 11 June, Webinar: Package unpacked - ERP for beginners
9. 8 July, Webinar: Building our value, voice and profession through BCS membership

Nominations for Awards and Recognition

It is important that the BCS recognise deserving voluntary service. If you are aware of someone who warrants one of these awards, then please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you are unsure about completing the form, the Community team and your liaison in the Programme, Practice and Policy Committee can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels of Recognition of Appreciation award:
- Certificate of Appreciation – going beyond the normal expectations of a single voluntary role by directly contributing to significant involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- Meritorious Certificate – going beyond the normal expectations of two or more voluntary roles in different areas of BCS by directly contributing to tangible involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- John Ivinson Award – significantly furthering the BCS's strategic aims and mission on a wide scope of BCS's areas of endeavour by directly contributing significant achievements and benefits to BCS. Typically, the BCS will present this prestigious award to 1-3 volunteers per year.

There are long-service awards for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of contribution to the BCS.

Volunteer Recognition

Please complete the table below and indicate if you wish to nominate a member of your team for an award of recognition. A member of the Community Team will get in touch to help you complete the process.

Group/Branch Member	Years of BCS Volunteering	Nomination
Keith Richardson		Long service
Charles Ryder		Long service
Stuart Cunningham		Long service
Martin King	5 years	Long service

Honorary Fellowship

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the charitable objectives of the BCS over an extended period.

The BCS award Honorary Fellowship under Byelaw 8 of the BCS's Royal Charter and Trustee Board Regulation 1.3 specifies that the BCS award may also make the award to non-members who may not be eligible for any other class of membership.

Community Board and Trustee Board will consider a candidate for Honorary Fellowship against the following criteria:
- At any time, both the contribution to BCS's work and the stature of the individual nominated should be commensurate with the standards set by previous recipients. There is no overall limit to the number of Honorary Fellows although it is unlikely that there will be more than two Honorary Fellows elected in any one year.
- To be elected, the nomination must be on the Trustee Board Agenda, and at least 3/4 of those present must resolve in favour.

If you are aware of a nominee for Honorary Fellowship; please add their details below and a member of the Community Team will raise this at the next appropriate meeting of the Community Board.