



The Chartered Institute for IT
Enabling the information society

BCS Chester and North Wales Branch AGM

23rd November 2017, 6.00pm

University of Chester, Room CBK010, Binks Building, Parkgate Road, Chester,
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MINUTES

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair & Secretary – Garfield Southall
Treasurer – Keith Richardson
Vice Chair – Helen Searle-Jones
Membership Secretary – Martin King
Committee Member – Les Pritchard

Attendees:

Jason Davies, John Kerins, Robert Boyns, David Lloyd-Williams, Eddie Whittingham,
Hashim Anwar, Ali Arfana, Peter Carey, Duncan Stewart, Charles Ryder, Susan
Davis, Stanley Foxall,

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from: Keith Richardson, Stuart Cunningham.

3. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Previous AGM minutes were accepted as read with no objections.

4. MATTERS ARISING

N/A

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The chair thanked the committee for their hard work during the year. He also spoke about a recent special event at St. James Palace where representation from 105 different member groups and branches were in attendance. The event was a thank you on the BCS' 60th Anniversary and special mention was made to the members, whom were the lifeblood of the organisation.

The chair also mentioned some of the new initiatives coming from HQ continuing on the theme of "Making IT good for society" within our local communities, a point which was agreed upon by the delegates. After many years of dedicated service, Garfield has decided to stand down as Chair to enable him to concentrate on his BCS Community board position as well as his recent appointments as Dean of faculty and School governor. The Vice-chair along with the rest of the committee passed on our heart-felt thanks for steering the committee through good and bad over the years and for continuously pushing forwards!

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The budget for 2016/17 was £1,290. Of that £424.72 was spent (33%) as follows:-

- Room hire: £256.32 against a lower budget of £135, (over spend = £121.32);
- Speaker expenses: £18.40 on a budget of £375 (under spend = £356.60);
- One University student prize and BCS Membership fee: £150.

Overall the Branch budget was under spent by £865.28. Additional reasons for this are that nothing was spent on Travel/Subsistence (other) (£160 budget); Catering (£315) and Publicity materials (£75). There was also a reduction in the overall number of meetings run by the Group.

BCS HQ has confirmed that the 2017-2018 budget is the same again (£1,290).

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The three Account Signatories:

Chair – Martin King (proposed – Jason Davies, seconded – Les Pritchard, unanimously elected)

Treasurer – Keith Richardson (proposed – Garfield Southall, seconded – Martin King, unanimously re-elected)

Secretary – David Lloyd-Williams (proposed – Jason Davies, seconded – Les Pritchard unanimously elected)

Other Committee Members elected:

Vice-Chair – Helen Searle-Jones (re-elected)

Membership Secretary – Jason Davies (elected)

Committee Member – Garfield Southall (re-elected)

Committee Member – Les Pritchard (re-elected)

Committee Member – Stuart Cunningham (re-elected)

Committee Member – Charles Ryder (elected)

Committee Member – Robert Boyns (elected)

New Committee members were actively encouraged to get in touch if they wished to join the committee as members.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

... formal business of AGM was closed at 6:41pm ...

9. GUEST PRESENTATION

“Online Fraud” with Eddie Whittingham, MD of the BFPP

Eddie spoke about several real life case study examples, drawn from his first-hand experience, of the impact of online crime, especially on organisations and, crucially, how it can be prevented. Eddie also provided guidance on measures that can be taken to significantly reduce risk, and, recognising that over 90% of incidents exploit human behaviour traits, he focused on employee behaviours to provide a deeper understanding on how to manage those threats.

The talk was well received and lots of questions and discussion happened thereafter.