



BCS North East Branch AGM 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 18.00

Urban Sciences Building, Newcastle University, Newcastle, NE4 5TG

1. Welcome and Introductions

The incumbent chair welcomed everyone to the AGM

2. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Ian Robinson, Klaus Michael Vogelberg, Chris Topham (treasurers report sent in advance) Steve Hewit

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes from the previous AGM were accepted as a true record

4. Matters arising

No matters arising from the previous AGM minutes

5. A report from the Chair on the year's activities

The chair thanked everyone for their contribution and their participation in the branch activities over the last year. Thanks offered to those who helped organise events

- Alastair Irons at University of Sunderland
- Aad van Moorsel at Newcastle University
- Klaus Michael Vogelberg at SAGE
- Cris Bloomfield @ Durham University
- Alan Morris, Hedgehog Labs

There were 9 events this session, an increase on the 8 that took place in 17/18. Overall almost 300 members and non-members attended the events.

The event schedule is summarised below.

Date	Location	Speaker	Organisation	Topic	Attendees
28 th October 2018	University of Sunderland	David Horn	Cyberwhite	From Employee to Employer in Cybersecurity	30
7 th November 2018	Durham University	Antony Price & Matthew Short	EMEA	Video over IP and Harman SVS	30
13 th December 2018	SAGE, Newcastle	Mike Goodwin	SAGE	Building a Secure Development Programme	70
16 th January 2019	NE Futures UTC (joint event with IET)	Dan Sydes	NE Futures UTC	UTCs a new type of Educational Experience	20
13 th February 2019	Durham University	Prof. Graham Philip	Durham University	Endangered Archaeology – Digital Solutions for Heritage Protection	30
20 th March 2019	Hedgehog Labs, Newcastle	Alan Morris	Hedgehog Labs	Building High Performance Engineering Teams to Include Career Progression Pathways	38
24 th April 2019	Durham University	Dr Lydia Heck	Durham University	DiRAC@Durham – the memory intensive system	25
15 rd May 2019	University of Sunderland	Dalim Basu	BCS North London Branch	Wominspiration	26 Note that this event had more women than men in attendance
12 th June	Newcastle University	Richard Fahey	HMRC	HMRC Opportunities and Challenges from a Computer and Data Perspective	12

Planning for the schedule of events for 2019/12 is underway. The target is for 10 events distributed between Newcastle, Sunderland and Durham.

The branch awarded prizes to students, the best performing first year student from each of the 4 Universities in the NE Branch geography. The students were

Ondres Sekerak	Newcastle University
Jun Eao	Durham University
Mokmir Cerny	Northumbria University
Matthew Parlett	Sunderland University

The practice for awarding a prize to the most successful year 1 student at each of the branch area's universities will continue in 2019/20.

Nominations from each university have been requested.

The branch will continue to support the student chapters and will endeavour to host a regional event involving all of the university chapters. Discussions are underway with colleagues in the BCS to facilitate this and how to encourage more young people to get involved with BCS NE Branch.

Discussion on gender and diversity and the principle to work as a branch to encourage greater diversity in membership, events and participation in events. See below on female representation on committee

6. Treasurer's Report

Chris Topham provided the treasurer's report (in advance of the meeting) for 2018/19. Thanks expressed to BCS for monthly updates on accounts. The report included a review of income and expenditure against the budget agreed with BCS HQ for the past year and an explanation of next year's budget request

A budget of £3,800 was applied for the year which was a 10% increase over the previous year.

In response we were allocated £1,000 which after separating out the student prizes left £500 for other expenses in the year.

This was taken up with the Treasury at BCS saying that the 2018/9 budget was put together on the basis that we wanted to offer more for our members over the year. It was pointed out that the expenses in the previous year had been artificially low and that we had received a lot of goodwill gestures in the provision of meeting venues and refreshments.

Unfortunately no additional funds were granted.

This year we have applied for £2440 (£600 Committee Travel, £1000, Speaker Expenses, £300 Catering, £140 Publicity, £400 Student Prizes) + £1000 for a student event.

On the basis that our expenses are only £167 in the current year I am not optimistic about us receiving the full budget.

It was noted that only one of our speakers asked for expenses

Discussion on how the branch might support YPG members' events and Student Chapter events.

The financial report was presented and accepted as a true record

7. Election of Chair, Treasurer and committee members

Proposal that the committee for 2019/20 would stay the same as 2018/19. Proposed by Alastair Irons seconded by Aad van Moorsel, with two exceptions

- i) Nigel Morton stood down with regret
- ii) Add van Moorsel to join the committee (and to represent Newcastle University)

It was noted that at present there is no female representation on the committee.

It was agreed that as an action from AGM we should try and attract some female colleagues to join the committee.

Agreed to send a call out to the membership

8. Any other business – no items have been raised with chair

No items for AOB were received in advance of the AGM

Discussion about potential subjects for talks and events in 2019/20

Noted volunteered talk from Chris Williams from DUBS

Tombola and Eagle Lab have already offered to host events

It was suggested the BCS president should be invited to talk. AI noted that the CEO had previously spoken (at Sunderland a two years ago).

Approach has been made by Teesside Branch to host a joint event

First event toward the end of September

Meeting closed at 18.50 and adjourned for the talk by Richard Fahey