BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

London South Branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on **Tuesday 16th October 2018** at 6.30pm
at BCS London, 5 Southampton Street, London

Attendance

Present

Jim McLean (Chair)   Immo Hüneke (Secretary)

Chris Lawrence (Treasurer)   Chris Sluman (committee member)

Around 20 branch members   Around 10 guests

Apologies

Samuel Oforisey (Membership & Publicity)

1   Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (24 October 2017)

The minutes posted to the branch web site were accepted as a true and accurate record.

2   Matters Arising

There were none.

3   Chair's Report

3.1   Introduction

Jim McLean stated that the BCS pro-forma for the Chairman's Report was highly prescriptive and voluminous, so he didn't feel it necessary to bore the audience by reading it out in detail at this time. It would be published on the branch web site in due course.

3.2   Thanks

Jim expressed his thanks to his fellow committee members and to tonight's speaker, indeed to all the volunteer presenters who share their time and expertise for the benefit of members and guests.

He further wished to thank the staff at BCS head office and the BCS London staff for enabling the branch to carry out its educational activities.

3.3   Meetings

There had been six meetings in the past year. The next one is on *Democracy 2.0*, which fits in with the last of the themes below.

The main themes currently being promoted by the BCS were:

- Education: the branch collaborated with several educational institutions
- Personal Data
- Health and Care
- Making IT Good For Society: most branch events were broadly concerned with this theme and Jim felt that this should continue

3.4 Membership

Jim wondered why the vast majority of the membership was not sufficiently engaged to attend meetings. How could the branch reach more of them? One way might be to extend itself further – in terms of both topic areas and geographical area (the extent of the branch was huge – from the Thames to Gatwick Airport, from beyond Heathrow Airport to the Dartford Crossing). This could only be done with some help from active members willing to serve on the committee.

3.5 Questions

Chris Sluman pointed out that the same subjects, related to the four strategic BCS themes, were being covered by lots of branches and specialist groups in parallel. Was there a plan to bring these together? As far as Jim was concerned, he knew of no plan – apart from the fact that there was a BCS agenda (see www.bcs.org) promoting the four themes.

4 Treasurer's Report

Chris Lawrence reported that £1350.95 had been spent in the past year – mainly on catering and on academic prizes. This was around £400 under budget. The budget for the coming year was £1750. To provide more detail, he had printed out copies of the summary account spreadsheet and distributed them around the auditorium.

5 Elections to the Committee

The following were unanimously elected through a show of hands:

Chairman: Jim McLean (proposed Immo Hüneke, seconded Chris Sluman)

Treasurer: Chris Lawrence (proposed Jim McLean, seconded Immo Hüneke)

Secretary: Immo Hüneke (proposed Chris Lawrence, seconded Jim McLean)

All officers were elected en bloc unopposed by a show of hands.

Chris Sluman, Sam Ofori-Sey and Jalal ul Deen had declared their willingness to continue to serve. All ordinary committee members were elected en bloc unopposed by a show of hands.

The meeting took notice that the committee could co-opt further members if it chose to do so.

6 Any Other Business

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm to be followed by a highly informative talk about recent developments in autonomous vehicles, given by Daniel Lopez Madrid of Jaguar Land Rover.