

**BCS Hampshire Branch  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023  
**Online**

**Apologies:** Various apologies for absence were received,

**1. Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes of the AGM held on 28 November 2022, were proposed, seconded and agreed.

**2. Matters arising from the previous AGM**

There were no matters arising, that were not otherwise included in the business of the meeting

**3. Secretary's Report**

The Membership is currently **2,071 members** (increase from previously 1,990), which includes Fellows 172 ( 181) and Professionals 1,661 ( 1,555)

Events in 2022/23 were all webinars

The Branch also thanked the speakers, and would be delighted to hear from any potential speakers, and when the situation improves, any organisations that are prepared to host visits or meetings.

**Geoff Staples** (Secretary) This was proposed, seconded and agreed

**4. Treasurer's Report (2022/2024)**

The HQ Allocation (available to spend) for 2022/23 was **£1,998 (previously £2,822)** which included

an allowance of £550 for Student Prizes. Our total spending for the year was only the 3 Student Prizes for top final year computing students, at the **3 universities of Southampton, Portsmouth and Solent,**

value each of £150 plus one year's BCS membership, but these and the **speaker's gifts** do not come out of

the BCS Allocation. Once again the financial year was overshadowed by the virus, so we had no catering

expenses, as meetings, were online, many jointly with other BCS Member Groups

The **HQ Allocation for 2023/24** is £730.

Due to the death of the Treasurer, Jack Nisbet, this report was presented by Margaret Ross

This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

**5. Chairman's Report 2022/23**

There were **26 online events**, during 2022/2023, many with other BCS groups, the IET and the Worshipful Company of IT, that were presentations from Australia, Japan, India, Norway, USA and the UK. Diversity was shown by the range of presenters, the majority of the events were recorded.

The presentations included:

- Tidal energy - perpetual green power from the sea - Rear Admiral RP Stevens CB, Chairman of Perpetuus Tidal Energy Centre Limited
- Living within our means – Recycling the Datacentre- Anders Bech Jensen, Alexander Bardell and John Booth
- How computing has helped to lead the way to the Red Planet , then Hants AGM, speaker Dr Rebecca Canning, Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation, University of Portsmouth,
- Let's just stop writing requirements, we can't write them properly anyhow - Dr Joseph Kasse from Australia
- Using Artificial Intelligence in addressing cybersecurity skills shortage, by Dr. Syed Naqvi, is a Principal Lecturer, Liverpool John Moores University
- Behind the scenes at the Games at Work dot Biz podcast, with speakers form the UK and US,
- Virtual Production: The rise of a global innovation opportunity for the UK By Dr Xiewen Xu , Bournemouth University,

- AI-powered automation - Mayflower Autonomous Ship, by Andy Stanford-Clark - Innovation Leader at IBM and Brett Phaneuf - Founder and Chief Executive of Submergence Group LLC (USA) / M Subs Ltd (UK),
- Is the digital forensic tool user interface broken? - Danny Werb
- If human behaviour is badly affecting our work, what can we do about it? Niels Malotaux **from Japan**,
- Automation of digital crime investigation using Reinforcement Learning (RL), Dr Mohamed Chahine Ghanem, London Metropolitan University
- Mechanical Horse Simulator for Competitive Horse Riding Amy Robbins, Sparsholt College
- Communication in the Social M\*taverse and Phantom Touch in VR, Sasha Alexdottir Bournemouth University
- Global Recycling Day: E-waste - challenges, opportunities and future trends, by Scott Butler - Executive Director at Material Focus
- Two major misconceptions of systems thinking exposed, by Dr Joseph Kasser from Australia and Bruce Lerner **from USA**
- What your washing machine says about you: Investigating unusual devices, Sarah Morris, Professor of Digital Forensics, University of Southampton,
- How computer power is aiding fusion power, by James Buchanan, United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority,
- How does your digital data footprint contribute to environmental impact?, by Professor Tom Jackson , Professor Ian Hodgkinson, Loughborough University
- Bring your heritage site to life blending mixed reality and immersive theatre, by Dr Mariza Dima, Dr Damon Daylamani-Zad , Brunel University
- Operation Poppins: An immersive interactive case study driven approach, Sarah Morris, Professor of Digital Forensics, University of Southampton,

#### **Early Career related events:**

- AI Education & Bridging the Gender Gap in AI, by Supriya Bhuwarka, presented from India
- Are we preparing our students for real-world digital forensics? Damola Lawal , Greenwich University,

#### **Diversity is actively encouraged – with a third female presenters**

Inclusion related webinars:

Using technology to address the digital divide for the visually impaired, by Kris Gibson, Southampton Sight,

who is himself blind

- How we can fight the cost-of-living crisis using technology, with Sara Weller, NED for The Money & Pensions Service, BT and Virgin Money, Matt Adam, CEO We Are Digital, Leigh Smyth, Digital Poverty Alliance Community Board Chair, Ren Hooi, Founder and CEO Lightning Reach
- Technology and Homelessness by Jason Scott-Taggart, WCIT and Sean Sadler, WCIT & BCS,
- Digital participation for all. What we can do to support older people - Leela Damodaran, Request were made to help **with Careers Events**, say once or twice a year, the annual offer of **Prizes** of book tokens for **the top male and female computing students** in the approximate age range of 16 to 18, not in HE, based in various **schools, or 6th form colleges, and FE colleges in Hampshire**. It was necessary to postponed due to Covid our **student competitions on 3D printing** for students, but this will be restarted in 2023/24.

The Chair thanked the presenters, the committee and all those that helped with the BCS events  
**Margaret Ross** (Chair) This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

#### **6. Election of Officers** – all were proposed, seconded and agreed

Chair: Margaret Ross

Secretary: Geoff Staples

Inclusion Officer: Neville Palmer

Treasurer: Paul Jenkins

Early Career Officer: Dave Braines FBCS CITP  
Committee: Nina Bishop-Bolt, Ivan Carter, Dave Locke, Nick Whitelegg,

Sadly, our Treasurer, Jack Nisbet, died shortly before the AGM, following a stroke, Jack was an active member of the Branch, since 1988. He was a colleague at Solent University, after leaving the Royal Navy, Our condolences go to his wife, and family

## **7. Future Events**

Currently various activities are being planned, usually jointly with other BCS MGs, including:

#Joiningthedots to close the digital divide for the visually impaired

Game Tech – Make your game playable by millions

The Genie is Out of the Bottle, ( about ChatGPT)

Using hydrogen from the sea to power ships and planes

Delivering Cyber Education in HEI

Generative AI and Metaverse what a powerful combination!

Reviews and Inspections used in various ways

Preparing children for artificial intelligence

AI driving force of Cyber Security

New Year, New Grade

## **8. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.