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AGM 2019

BCS London Central Branch
The Chartered Institute for IT

Agenda AGM 2019

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        Ms Sebnem Umman
        Mr Iraj Idafar
        Mr Marwan Elnaghi
        Mr Nzube Ufodike

        Nominees for election
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        Ms Roisin Woolley

7. Any Other Business

London Central Branch

Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes

The British Computer Society – London (Central) Branch

11th October 2018 at 6.00pm

Location: BCS London offices, First Floor, 5 Southampton Street, London WC2E 7HA

Committee Members present: Mr S Jewell (Chair), Ms S Umman (Secretary), Mr Dmytro Tupchiienko

It was noted that a quorum was present as there were 37 members attending.

1. Apologies for absence

   Mr A Jones (Treasurer), Ms F Adeusi, Mr M Khong, Dr S Black,

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 19th October 2017

   The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's Report

   Mr Jewell presented the Chair's report. He highlighted the great programme which featured lots of talks, debates and workshops. He commented on the high level of engagement and quality of the questions asked. The events facilitated networking, with members acting as a community, and the quality of the food was noted.

   He noted the mission of "making IT good for society" and thanked speakers for their effort and tremendous contribution.

   Mr Jewell mentioned the career and CV advice webinars that the branch offered, as well as securing discounts to external events.

   Mr Jewell recognised the achievements of the committee and thanked the helpful staff at the BCS London office.

   The Chair's report was accepted.

4. Hon. Secretary's Report

   Ms Umman presented the Secretary's report. She explained that student membership had increased, but overall branch membership had decreased. The branch decrease was not as big as the overall BCS decrease.

   It was noted that one of the main reasons for the student increase was through the work of Mr Khong as Student Liaison. The student prizes and working with student chapters contributed to this success.

   It was noted that participation in events was in line with previous years, but a small number of particularly successful events resulted in the average increasing.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Mr Jewell presented the Treasurer's report in the absence of Mr Jones.

There was an underspend in the previous year and this was mainly because the student prizes have not yet happened.

There has been a decrease in the budget for the following year but this is not expected to cause any problems.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

6. Elections

All elected Branch officers and committee members were nominated in conformity with the Member Group Rules.

6.1. Election of Chair 2018/2019

Mr Jewell relinquished the Chair.
Mr Peter Bell was elected Chair for the forthcoming session.

6.2. Election of Officers 2018/2019

Mr Jewell stepped down and Mr Bell took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.
The following Officers were elected:
Honorary Treasurer: Mr Daniel Anum
Honorary Secretary: Mr David Grundy

6.3. Election of Committee Members 2018/2019

The following members were re-elected to the committee:
Mr Alan Jones
Mr Dmytro Tupchiienko
Ms Sebnem Umman
Mr Simon Jewell

The following members were newly elected to the committee:
Mr Iraj Idafar
Ms Krupali Bhagani
Mr Lanre Oyewole
Mr Marwan Elnaghi
Mr Nzube Ufodike
Mr Paul Smith
Mr Scott Murray
Mr Dalim Basu
Mr Antonio Hidalgo Landa

7. Any Other Business

The Chair proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee which was seconded by Dalim Basu.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 6.20pm

Chair's Report for the Year 2018/19

Dear Member,

I have been the Chair for BCS, Central London branch for a year, taking over from Simon Jewell in the previous years. It has been the utmost pleasure being chair of the BCS Central London branch, alongside the committee and members who have supported our programme of events and ethics. I will be passing the baton on due to personal commitments, however I will keep the reign until another chair is appointed.

Programme

The programme of events is our main topic for our committee, ensuring the members are able to attend insightful, useful and exciting events organised by the committee. We cover a diverse range of topics and ensure this appeals to the wider communities. During the year we collaborated on events with the BCS Business Change and the BCS Formal Aspects of Computing Science specialist groups and we are planning further collaboration going forwards.

We also tried a webinar series on employability skills such as CV writing and interview techniques, which proved to be popular and we shall be conducting further sessions on LinkedIn in the coming months.

Reflecting on the year, we have had a diverse range of events and speakers presenting a range of topics from Change Management, Digital transformation of an educational institute to Artificial Intelligence.

This year (in June 2019), we arranged a Doctoral Symposium event, this supports our aim to facilitate learning, knowledge sharing and dissemination of information among our members and our profession. The symposium offered PhD students the opportunity to meet and network with others doing research in this subject area and introduced them to BCS and to the benefits of membership. The theme of the event was "Making IT Good for Society", a direct alignment with the overall BCS objective. The event was a success and the Central London branch will look to organise a similar event.

Student Prizes

This year, unfortunately, due to the university students' availability and timing of this event, we were unable to have an award ceremony for our student prizes. Nevertheless, we had nominations from the following universities:

- City, University of London
- King's College London
- London Metropolitan University
- Middlesex University
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University of East London
- University of Greenwich

Committee

To be a part of the BCS Central London branch, it takes time, dedication and commitment throughout the year to organise events, contribute to topical discussions and

encourage/inspire the next generation. I would like to thank all the committee members for their contribution to BCS Central London Branch.

- **Chair: Krupali Bhagani** - Dalim Basu will kindly be taking over as the Chair's role for the BCS, Central London Branch.
- **Vice Chair: Nzube Ufodike** - It has been a pleasure to work with Nzube, thank you for filling in as chair, contributing with your insight and knowledge of the industry. Nzube will carry on as Vice Chair for BCS, Central London branch.
- **Secretary: David Grundy** - who has been instrumental to the team in helping organising our committee meetings and organising us as a team of individuals. David will carry on as Secretary for BCS, Central London branch.
- **Treasurer/Inclusion Officer: Ian Scott Murray** - Ian has been great in planning our finances and ensuring the accounts have been in order. Unfortunately, Ian will be stepping down as treasurer and David Lewis will be taking over.
- **Publicity and Social Media: Iraj Idafar** - Iraj has been great in sharing information to the wider community and promote all the events.
- **Doctoral Consortium: Marwan Elnaghi** - Marwan was instrumental in pulling together the Doctoral Consortium event in June.

On behalf of the branch, I want to thank all the retiring members for their dedication and time in attending, organising all the inspiring and engaging events. Alan Jones, Dmytro Tupchiienko, Paul Smith, Daniel Anum, Lanre Oyewole, Peter Bell, Antonio Hidalgo Landa and Simon Jewell will all be leaving the BCS Committee.

Thank you to those carrying on the responsibilities (Sebnem Umman, Neale Croutear-Foy) and welcome to the new members (Roisin Woolley) in our committee.

Krupali Bhagani
Chair, 2018/19
8th October 2019

Honorary Secretary's Report for the Year 2018/19

I am pleased to present this report after being Secretary for 1 year, during which we had 12 events.

Open Meetings
We held 7 Open Meetings over the past 12 months with average attendance of 59 people:

2019		
Jun	Absence, Emptiness and Invisibility: The Design of Nothing	48
May	Cyber Security: From State Actors to Bedroom Hackers	43
Mar	Quantum Computing: A Global Leadership Opportunity for the UK	40
Feb	The Lenses of Innovation: Digital education transformation at King's	68
2018		
Nov	Trust and Transparency: How to live with AI	72
Oct	Change Management: The key that unlocks project results	58
Sep	One Page or Bust: The power of storytelling for getting decision makers' attention	81

Webinars
We also held a series of career themed webinars to provide CV, LinkedIn and contracting advice. There were as many as 105 attendees per session:

2019		
Apr	LinkedIn Mastery for IT Professionals, Job Seekers and Contractors	71
Mar	Do you want to go freelance or contracting? Step by Step Guide	105
Feb	Advanced Interview Techniques for IT Professionals	98
Feb	Live CV critique and 'ask-the-expert' session	40
2018		
Oct	Career Workshop	44

Member Discounts
In addition to our events we also provided our members with special BCS discounts for conferences and services from other providers, including:
- GDPR conference discount
- Data visualisation training discount
- CV and interview advice discount

Catering
We continue to provide catering and drinks at all of our events to facilitate networking. We have recently been able to improve catering expenditure and value for money through a discount that BCS negotiated with the supplier.

50% of attendees are non-members. Non-members are welcome to attend any of our events as long as they register on Eventbrite - we encourage you to attend with colleagues and associates.
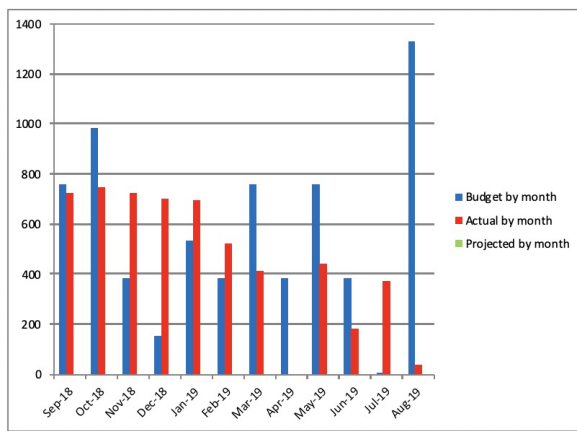
David Grundy
Honorary Secretary
20th September 2019

Honorary Treasurer's Report Financial Year 2018/19

I am pleased to present the Honorary Treasurer's Report for the London Central Branch for the financial year 2018-19, this being September 2018 through August 2019. This report is presented at the Branch's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 10th October 2019 and it contains information correct as at Thursday 3rd October 2019.
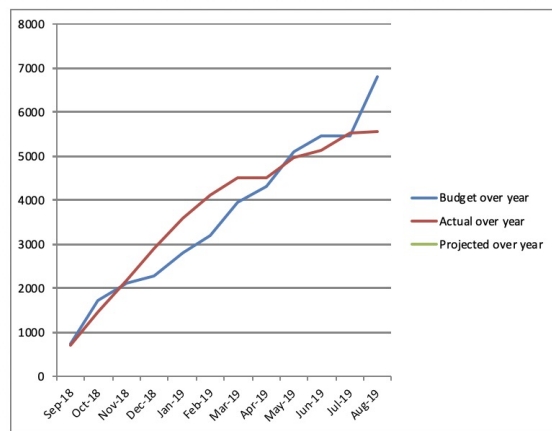
Financial Year 2018/19

To fund our operations during this period, we submitted a budget request of £7,801, which included £2,222 for eleven student prizes. In August 2018, we were told that our operational funding would be £6,800 including £2,222 for eleven student prizes.

Budget against Spend, month by month

Budget against Spend, over financial year

During this financial year, the branch spent £5,552, comprising £4,304 running costs and £1,208 for student prizes, which was £1,248 or about 18% below our allocation of £6,800.

The primary reasons for this underspend were that we only had one speaker expense claim, and that we have outstanding student prizes still to purchase.

Expenditure Summary

	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	FY
3010: Travel/Subsistence (Other)			25			-25							
4000: Stationery													
4100: Postage													
4130: Speakers expenses		25								41			66
4150: Catering	725	723	695	-50	238	546	409		442	142	370	38	4278
4212: Publicity & Materials													
4900: Other Costs General													
5102: Student Prizes & Membership				750	458								1208
5104: MG Income Related Expenses													
7825: Software													
7700: Telephones													
7710: Internet Hosting													
TOTAL	725	748	720	700	696	521	409		442	183	370	38	5552

Financial Year 2018/19

For the forthcoming financial year 2019-20, being September 2019 through August 2020, the branch submitted a budget request in March 2018 of £7,725 for operational funding to include

£2,222 for eleven Student Prizes. No requests were made for special events, so the total requested was £7,725.

In August 2018, we were told that our operational funding would be £6,952 including £2,222 for eleven student prizes.

This report is presented for the consideration of the meeting, supported by a summary of the Branch's expenditure as at the end of August 2019.

Scott Murray MBCS CITP Honorary Treasurer
3rd October 2019