Minutes of the Third meeting of the 2007/08 Session of the Committee of the South Wales Branch 6.00 pm, November 8th, 2007 Robert Recorde Room Swansea University

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151.3.0 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)John TuckerBeti WilliamsRalph Miller (Sec)Ieuan JohnsJeremy WhiteJason MullinsGareth OøGormanJohn Hall

Derek Smith Carl Allen

151.3.1 APOLOGIES

Steve Harvey Max Davis Richard David

Fred Long

151.3.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS

Actions

Unfortunately, arrangements to have contact with Fred Long by telephone did not materialise.

Max Davis submitted the following report from the YPG Group:,

YPG Report:

Career Networking

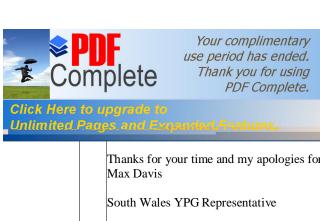
The event was a huge success, we had double the turn-out from last time, with over 60 attending the event and running over by over an hour due to a rather heated but successful Q&A with our panel of IT companies and career consultants from around South Wales.

I'd like to put a big thanks out to everyone who helped organise and attended the event to offer their support, our panel excelled and we have been invited to run a similar event at both Swansea and Newport following the evening.

I've attached feedback for anyone who'd like to read it, but the overwhelming number said the event was well planned, did what they wanted, but that we've outgrown the venue and maybe a slightly less informal venue might be more suitable next time. In addition to the attached feedback, BCS HQ are hosting a survey I wrote to gauge what people think of YPG in South Wales and where we can go in the future. I will share results as they become available.

The event write-up article will be featured in this month's eBCS YPG edition and should go up on the website very soon too.

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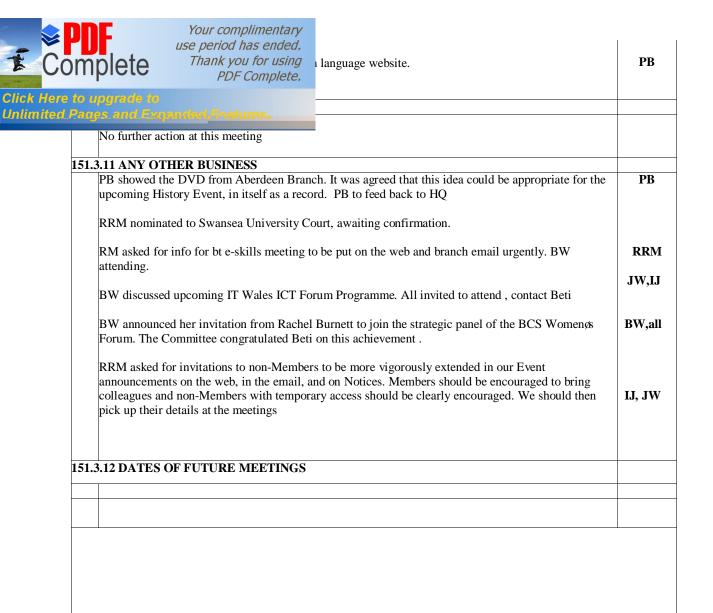


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to up	s to ITWales interview, YPG Congress write-up from need to provide Ieuan with this first).	IJ			
	Chanks for your time and my apologies for not attending tonight. Max Davis				
S	South Wales YPG Representative				
	For ideas on reducing your carbon footprint visit <u>Yahoo! For Good</u> this month.				
N	Max has also started on Terms of Reference for the Students Chapters	MD			
151.3.	3 WELCOME	MD			
-	The Committee welcomed Carl Allen from Companies House to the meeting.				
	4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	TT			
	The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, for placing on the Web.	IJ			
	5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES A meeting with the Newport Statisticians and Operations researchers will be included in the Events.	JW			
to	Cardiff County Head of IT has moved to Welsh assembly. Agreed that RRM would contact him there to discuss group recruitment. RRM to now progress this topic with new head of it at the county. RRM to ask RD if he would like to rejoin the committee when he retires from his job. All agreed to this proposal. RRM will follow up again. Ongoing				
Т	The Branches resource project has been re introduced at BCS. Ongoing				
	Options on IT, Computers and the Environment Event. Because of the Green Computing Event in November, I J now considers the environmental effect of computers on operations.				
A	Analysis of Membership spread in Wales. Ongoing	JM			
	CBS to be asked about their attendance at Nov 15 th meeting. Lyndon Thomas from bt to be invited to oin us at dinner.	RRM			
	BCS in Wales. JT and RRM to progress report on activity so far, then PB to discuss with Chairman North Wales and Chester.	JT,RRM, PB			
õ	SPITCOMö in Wales; JW to provide contacts.	JW,RRM			
	JT now gathering information on the origins of the Branch . Noel Cox and Rob Delamere to be contacted. Ralph had asked for any history on the Branch held by BCS HQ				
N	MBCS at Graduations, Richard French to provide info on other Universities				
	6 CORRESPONDENCE				
	Invitations for Roger Needham and Lovelace Awards had been sent out to Universities and IHEs. Replies to RRM, please.	RRM,all			
F	OS had drafted letter to BMA specialist Group for a joint meeting. This was discussed at length. Following successful outcome to the letter, arrangements would be sought to start a Specialist Health Group in Wales.	DS			
	7 BRANCH REPORTS				
	Membership Secretary Report: JM reported that difficulty with the transfer of his membership to his Company Group Membership scheme had been resolved.				
	Paul reported that he was still seeing what interest there was at Corus for the scheme. Ralph was				



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3.9 Welsh Language Website and Welsh Matters		





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Appendix 1 rent Events Planner

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INOV 2007	Ben williams / RRM	Speaker: Richard Barrington From: Sun Microsystems Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	Beti would like to develop a high profile event that would become a regular BCS event at Swansea. This would be the first of these. Beti is currently considering a number of possible topics for this.
Dec 2007	JW	Title: British Computers in Space (Prof Pilger?) Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff Techniquest Synopsis: Moon landing and Planetarium	JW has a number of ideas on this topic and will progress them. Need to confirm a venue ASAP. PB needs estimated costs ASAP so that an application for special funding can be made.
16 th January 2008	Jeremy White	Title: IT on Everest Speaker: Jeremy White From: Venue: Coleg Sir Gâr, Llanelli Synopsis: Full details now on the web	Repeat the IT in extreme environments presentation Could this be an extra one in the west of the branch. This is also to be on the TV in Oct. about being õOn Everestö
21 st February	DS	Title: Freud as Real-Time Programmer (Joint Event With The British Psychological Society) Speaker: D Smith From: Venue: Synopsis:	Full details now on web site.
Thursday 20 th March 2008	RD & BW	Title: Entertaining a second life Speaker: TBC From: TBC Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	This is to be a joint event with IET. A broad topic on computers and entertainment covering topics such as IP/TV, pod casting, Skype, etc. RD to approach organisations such as Sky for a speaker. Both BW and JH said they might be able to help with contacts.
April	JW	Title: British Ports Speaker: From: TBC Venue: Swansea Synopsis: Collision avoidance. Goods tracking logistics. Site visit to Cardiff Bay.	
May 2008	JT	Title: AGM and 50 th anniversary event Something historical? Speaker: John Tucker From: Swansea Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	Photos Membership input SIG input? PB to resend email to the Branch circulation outlining the event. This event will no longer take place in Oct. New date to be agreed. Feb proposed but a Feb event already planned by D Smith. April or May could be options.



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Information Security Research group (Uni of Glamorgan) to provide the basis for a half day on computer forensics, possibly to include some trade stands. To follow up on input from Prof Neil Barrett.

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ND has secured an offer from the

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			Barrett.
			With ND departure from the
			committee, can DC help with this?
			DS offered to help in August if
			required.
		Microsoft Sharepoint?	These topics were requested via
			feedback
	IJ	IT, Computers and the environment	IJ had ideas on the topic that he
			wished to explore