

1. Welcome, present and apologies

- Andy welcomed everyone.
- Present: Andy, Lauren, Fred, Jonathan, Jeremy, Paul, and Mike
- Apologies: John, Neil, and Rob

2. Actions from previous meeting

Andy reviewed the outstanding tasks in basecamp. The task owners had updated any that have been completed, and providing clarification or updates as needed.

- a. Andy hadn't been contacted, about managing social media, no one had received the To-Do from basecamp.
- b. Michael to ensure that everyone is included in tasks assigned to all committee members.

NB Please follow the link [Basecamp](#)

3. Update from Branch Chair

3.1. Membership has increase significantly

- a. Paul asked for a copy of the agenda, he couldn't find one this afternoon, nor was one attached to the meeting invite. Michael apologised, and owing to work thought he had done this a few weeks ago. When Paul emailed earlier today, he uploaded and copy and sent and email to everyone. Most people appeared to have received the email or access the online version.
- b. Andy has checked and it has been confirmed the numbers are accurate, being confirmed by HQ.
- c. We now have the largest student membership in the UK, and the second largest membership for all members. This was a result of a presentation by Ashely Larkin from HQ at Cardiff Uni, Andy was planning on inviting her to present at USW soon.

3.2. Adoption of the BCS Communities portal

- a. We discussed its use and activity.
Link: <https://community.bcs.org/>*

3.3. How can we support the new BCS Bursary Scheme?

- a. Andy asked for dates we would be available to discuss this with the BCS Head of Education.
<https://3.basecamp.com/3429175/buckets/7092835/messages/4595916223>

4. Update from Mid-Wales Branch Chair

- a. Fred mentioned an event on Monday the 14 & 28 March at 6:30.

5. Update from branch treasure

- a. Actions from last meeting, (iPads, Stem software, & Hybrid events) and will need a supplementation funding request.
- b. Jonathan, Paul, and Andy will work together to request the iPad funding.
- c. Jonathan and Andy to define the budgets for next year, which needs to align with the BCS four Pillars and to include hybrid event funding.
- d. It was agreed that we would make our own arrangements for the one of cost for the STEM software (at £6), and BCS may not fund.

6. Update on Early Careers and Equality & Diversity Liaison

- a. The 'Finding FinTech' Wales event is scheduled for 7 April, with a subject of careers.
- b. This event may be a good option to engage with universities.
- c. Lauren hasn't received a response from Hannah in HQ.
- d. Everything was on track for the Event in September.

7. Update from STEM Outreach Working Group

- a. Agenda has been provided for the meeting with HOCC in Swansea.
- b. Can we suggest any computing developments in South Wales?
- c. BCS SWB Archive, struggling to access the archive from the BCS, Jeremy provided a link: http://web.archive.org/web/*/southwales.bcs.org
- d. The theme for the DVLA competition was agreed as the probability of snow.
- e. The Cardiff Science Fayre, was a success.

8. Update from Events Coordinator

8.1. Overall Plan

- a. Fred asked if the BCS would have the present in the National Eisteddfod, will be in Tregaron on 30 July to 6 August this year? The institute of Physics and IET are also interested in attending.
- b. Paul thought the current STEM could work. Lauren thought this would need to be delivered in the Welsh language.
- c. There was some confusion if the IET event on the 17 March was both in person and online, Andy and Jeremy wouldn't be able to attend in person. Paul agreed he would attend for the 'vote of thanks' as he was the closest to the venue.
- d. Jeremy reviewed the current plan, which may be impacted in August if we attended the National Eisteddfod.

NB These events can be accessed in [Basecamp](#)

9. Any Other Business

- a. Andy asked for thoughts on the how to promote the BCS branch and BCS membership. The idea came from a recent BCS Event for Hybrid events, and attending events organised by other branches or groups.
- b. Jeremy explained what used to happen pre-covid, including support from HQ.
- c. Andy thought the limitation may be with GoTo, so an alternative perhaps twitter could be used for chat, someone from the BCS may need to attend.
- d. Michael agreed to share his draft presentation for comment.

10. Date of Next Meeting

NB The next meeting's date was confirmed as 6 April 2022.

11. Resources

- Member data [Microsoft Power BI](#).
- Branch [basecamp](#).
- Branch [website](#).
- Branch [linkedin](#).
- BCS [Discourse](#)
- BCS Organisation Membership [site](#).
- Welsh Senedd Shaping Wales Future consolation [link](#).
- STEM resources site (TBC)