

BCS South Wales – Committee Meeting – 6 October 2021

1. Welcome, present and apologies

1.1. Present: **Andy, Jeremy, Paul, Fred, Lauren, Neil S, Mike Warman, Jonathan Fish**

1.2. Apologies: Lauren, Phil, Iain

1.3. Jeremy agreed to take and circulate notes of the meeting.

1.1. The existing committee members introduced themselves to the three potential new members: Neil Sidnell, Mike Warman, Jonathan Fish.

2. Actions from previous meeting

2.1. The actions had all been covered.

3. Update on BCS in Wales

3.1. Dan Aldridge, from the HQ Policy Team, had set up regular monthly meetings with key BCS members in Wales. Jon Jeffery had given a presentation on the way that BCS is moving forward (the three pillars model, for example). Holly Porter, from the HQ Marketing Team, gave a presentation on growing membership.

3.2. The next meeting is likely to be an open meeting on 18 October delivered via MS Teams.

4. Update from Branch Chair

4.1. Andy welcomed our prospective new members. He had canvassed interest in the vacant committee roles. Jonathan had tentatively offered to take on the role of treasurer with assistance from other experienced committee members.

4.2. Jeremy and Paul outlined the value of the key vacant roles – secretary, publicity/social media, membership secretary, events coordinator.

5. Update from Mid-Wales Branch Chair

5.1. Fred mentioned that the mid-Wales AGM will be on 26 October. It would be followed by a talk by Mark Neil on “Computing in Cold places” (featuring a novel sonar scanner being used in Greenland). It is bookable on EventBrite.

6. Update from Branch Treasurer

6.1. Phil had provided his apologies and was planning a full report for the AGM. In the meantime, there were no issues for the committee to consider.

7. Update on Early Careers and Equality & Diversity Liaison

- 7.1. Lauren reported that neither of our formerly active student chapters had replied to eMails, so it seems likely that we need to start at the beginning with chapters.
- 7.2. USW's student chapter coordinator seems to have ceased any activity. No one from the USW computing department had applied to the students' union for recognition or funding. There is a student who might be keen to revive the chapter.
- 7.3. Fred agreed to find out whether Aberystwyth has an active Comp Soc and let Lauren know.

8. Update from STEM Outreach Working Group

- 8.1. Members had been considering how to engage with other member groups on our STEM work.
- 8.2. Paul mentioned that the group's next meeting would be later this evening.

9. Update from Events Coordinator

9.1. Overall Plan

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9.2. AGM Planning

- 9.2.1. Andy had settled the date and GTW video conference for 28 October. He would work with Tom Crick to make sure that he would be comfortable using GTW. He would start publicity as soon as the committee had QA'd the calling notice.

9.3. University and Industry Events

- 9.4. Four universities had expressed an interest in the series of conferences aimed at school kids (as potential students). Some universities had been very keen and could put forward enough speakers for a half day "conference".
- 9.5. Aberystwyth had not replied so Fred agreed to send Lauren suitable contacts.
- 9.6. Lauren had been considering which online conferencing system would be best suited to this sort of conference ... she was beginning to conclude that WHOVA would be best. She asked whether the event should be held on a weekday and made to fit in the time allowed for a typical lesson or whether a half day at a weekend (or some combination) would be best. Michael suggested that we should both broadcast the event and record it for publication through the BCS YouTube channel.
- 9.7. Lauren was hopeful that the first event could be delivered before the end of the autumn term (basically our November event).

9.8. Other Events

- 9.8.1. Lauren mentioned that she had a contact in the Future Generations Wales team and would share contact details with Rob given his interest in running an event on green IT which used the FGWA as a perspective.

10. Any Other Business

10.1. Other Business

- 10.1.1. Andy agreed to send round the latest details of corporate membership to the committee so that members could pursue this with their employers.

10.2. AGM Talk

Tom Crick had recently been interviewed ... see

<https://archivesit.org.uk/interviews/professor-tom-crick-mbe/>

11. Date of Next Meeting

- 11.1. After the AGM, the next meeting's date was confirmed as 3 November 2021. **Andy** agreed to set up a Zoom meeting.

Resources

Member data dashboard [Microsoft Power BI](#)