

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Report submissions must be sent to groups@bcs.uk or your Community Coordinator.

Member Group Name:	Chester and North Wales Branch
Year:	2021
Report Completed By:	Martin King

Group Chair:	Martin King
Group Treasurer:	Keith Richardson
Group Secretary:	David Lloyd-Williams
Group Inclusion Officer:	Martin King
Other Committee Members:	Charles Ryder, Stuart Cunningham, Gordon Richardson, Angela McLoughlin, Ezzy Ariwa

The Chair's Report is a vital communication tool for the BCS Community Team to understand and support your activity as a group. The Programme, Practice, and Policy (PPP) Committee will review your submitted report and suitable action points fed into the Community Board for strategic planning. As one of the critical communication points with our members, your completion of this report supports not only your group but ongoing support and development of other member groups and the BCS itself

Successes

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

Success	Additional Comments
1. Fantastic support from the committee, all going above and beyond to support the group activities.	
2. 9 more fantastic events put on throughout the year	
3. Inclusivity has been a beneficiary from the remote nature of the calls	

Plans

Please list the top three activities the group is planning for next year.

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Continue another great year of events!	
2. Try and move back to in person events when possible	
3.	

Impediments

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and support the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

Impediment	Description
1. GotoWebinar tool is quite frankly terrible. Far too many options and buttons. Teams or Zoom are far easier to control.	Given we are a charity, we could easily get O365 licenses for every single user? Not sure why we wouldn't!
2. Again, GotoWebinar just kicks everybody out at the end with no facility to regroup or talk.	Terrible experience for the committee members not being able to catch up after the event.
3.	

Additional Facts and Figures

Please provide any facts and figures you think would be useful to the Community Team for further analysis and future activity planning.

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Further Comments

If you have any further comments you wish to provide the Community Team; please give them below.

73% Male demographic still not reflecting diversity in my opinion, what plans do we have to address this and our lack of students and younger audiences?

I still do not feel like our branch welcoming process is understood or easy to do?

Nominations for Awards and Recognition

It is important that the BCS recognise deserving voluntary service. If you are aware of someone who warrants one of these awards, then please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you are unsure about completing the form, the Community team and your liaison in the Programme, Practice and Policy Committee can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels of Recognition of Appreciation award:

- Certificate of Appreciation – going beyond the normal expectations of a single voluntary role by directly contributing to significant involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- Meritorious Certificate – going beyond the normal expectations of two or more voluntary roles in different areas of BCS by directly contributing to tangible involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- John Ivinson Award – significantly furthering the BCS's strategic aims and mission on a wide scope of BCS's areas of endeavour by directly contributing significant achievements and benefits to BCS. Typically, the BCS will present this prestigious award to 1-3 volunteers per year.

There are long-service awards for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of contribution to the BCS.

Volunteer Recognition

Please complete the table below and indicate if you wish to nominate a member of your team for an award of recognition. A member of the Community Team will get in touch to help you complete the process.

Group/Branch Member	Years of BCS Volunteering	Nomination
Martin King	5 years	Long service

Honorary Fellowship

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the charitable objectives of the BCS over an extended period.

The BCS award Honorary Fellowship under Byelaw 8 of the BCS's Royal Charter and Trustee Board Regulation 1.3 specifies that the BCS award may also make the award to non-members who may not be eligible for any other class of membership.

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Community Board and Trustee Board will consider a candidate for Honorary Fellowship against the following criteria:

- At any time, both the contribution to BCS's work and the stature of the individual nominated should be commensurate with the standards set by previous recipients. There is no overall limit to the number of Honorary Fellows although it is unlikely that there will be more than two Honorary Fellows elected in any one year.
- To be elected, the nomination must be on the Trustee Board Agenda, and at least 3/4 of those present must resolve in favour.

If you are aware of a nominee for Honorary Fellowship; please add their details below and a member of the Community Team will raise this at the next appropriate meeting of the Community Board.