Officer Report – Treasurer 2016-17

Overall this was the fourth year in our new operating model where we had no dedicated administrative support as well as no significant income source.

Budget 2016-17

Our budget submission for 2016-17 was largely in line with the budget submission of the other Specialist Groups and Branches, where we forecast our expected expenditure to act as the basis of funding that we were requesting from the BCS. The BCS Member Group Finance Committee then collated all the budget submissions and decided the allocation that it was going to give us.

For the financial year 2016-17, we submitted a budget requesting an allocation of £6,885 from the BCS covering £6,495 for running costs (committee expenses, ClicSIG and other non-event activities) and a shortfall of £390 for the AGM and Annual Conference. BCS agreed to a full allocation of £6,885 to cover the running costs and AGM and Annual Conference shortfall. They were also very complimentary about the responsible way in which we are managing our group’s accounts.

Overall Expenditure 2016-17

Our overall expenditure for 2016-17 was £5,505 which was £1,380 less than our allocation from BCS. By way of comparison, the corresponding figures for 2015-16 were £3,233 and £2,767.

Running Costs 2016-17

Our overall running costs for 2016-17 were £4,695. The main elements were £3,747 on travel expenses, £595 on catering expenses (including £360 to support the BCS Hertfordshire even in November 2016) and £298 for running the various list servers. There were many reasons for our actual running costs being far lower than our budgeted running costs. Chief among them include the fact that some committee members are funding travel costs to committee meetings either personally or through some other means; no money was spent on hiring rooms for ClicSIG or paying for a rapporteur.

AGM and Annual Conference 2016

Overall we made a total loss of £810 which was worse than the expected loss of £410. This was due to sponsorship covering some of the fixed costs and no speaker expenses. However our delegate income was nearly £1,650 less than expected which was not fully countered by lower expenditure.

Budget 2017-18

For the financial year 2017-18, we submitted a budget requesting an allocation of £8,693 from the BCS covering £6,095 for running costs (committee expenses, ClicSIG and other non-event activities), a shortfall of £1,098 for the AGM and Annual Conference and £1,500 for the Education Day. BCS has agreed to only allocate £4,000 despite saying that allocations were in line with last year’s allocation. This has been queried with them and we are awaiting a response.

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