Minutes of the 2nd meeting of the 2003-2004 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
Wed 20th Aug 2003
County Hall, Cardiff

114.2.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair & Minutes)	Noel Cox	Richard David
Jeremy White,	D Cunliffe	Alex Gray

114.2.2 APOLOGIES

Tony Batchelor	Ralph Miller (Sec)	Steven Harvey (Treas)
Jason Mullins	Derek Smith	

114.2.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Actions

These were approved and will be placed on the BCS web site   **JM**

114.2.4 - MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Daniel had devised a scoring form for each future event. After further discussion a number of further improvements were agreed and will be applied by Daniel. Daniel will not be able to attend the next presentation (on honeymoon) but will ensure copies are available.   **DC**

Noel suggested that one event be named the Ted Stuart Event as an alternative to the Ted Stuart Award. Paul suggested that the Committee should consider this option and how it could be done. This was considered but agreement was that it should remain as the Ted Stuart Award.

In the May meeting Jeremy reported his discussion with Mrs Stuart; She would like a Garden Tree with a small plaque. The committee agreed to progress this, and Jeremy to discuss the species of tree with Mrs Stuart. Action on going.   **JW**

Jeremy also reported that Mrs Stuart had stated that members who knew Ted were very welcome to drop round.

In the May meeting Noel reported he had received some data, but would need help in analysis and presentation. Tony Batchelor agreed to help. Action ongoing.   **TB**

Noel reported shortage of Assessors for Membership interviews. Ralph agreed to be on the list.

Action complete

Paul agreed to contact Alex Grey regarding his position after long illness.

Action Complete and Alex attended meeting.

Committee discussed how best to correspond with those without email addresses. Noel to ask BCS HQ for assistance.   **NC**

Action ongoing

Paul asked for information about the Welsh Language ECDL Launch to be put on the Web. Jeremy to provide list of Names of speakers.

It was agreed that this action was no longer required and would be closed.

Nigel Davis suggested Welcome tables at events and look at sponsorship ideas. **ND**

To be progressed.

Branch Officers to have badges and delegate badges to be investigated at HQ

Action completed and badges issued to those present.

Chair announced Ken wanted a low-key departure from his post. RM would obtain Letter Heading for a letter of thanks from Paul.

Action completed by Ralph and will now be progressed by Paul. **PB**

114.2.5 – CORRESPONDENCE
Electronic commerce to the chairman, for dissemination to the committee, is forwarded on receipt. No further correspondence had been received. No matters arising from correspondence.

114.2.6 - BRANCH REPORTS
Membership Secretary's Report:
The next BCS membership meeting is on the 23rd September. Interviews for membership currently being organised for September 26th.

Nothing further to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report:
New system operating well so far. No further concerns to report.

Chairman's Report:
 Paul asked for a response from the committee with regard to the request from Nigel Davies to be co-opted onto Branch Committee. Noel Proposed that he should be having known him for many years. Richard David seconded this. Paul will Notify Nigel of the decision.

The Committee look forward to working with Nigel in the future.

(**Post Meeting Note:** Nigel contacted Paul to explain how in the intervening period between expressing an interest to join the committee and being elected he had become heavily involved with other activities which meant he could no longer commit the required time to being a BCS Branches member. He declined the post for now but expressed an interest for the future when he may have more time.)

Branches Board/Council Reports:
Nothing to report

YPG:
Nothing to report

Schools:
No Officer in Post

114.2.7 2003/2004 Events Programme
Agreed with RD that the October meeting will still be held at Bridgend. A large turnout was expected for this presentation. **RD**

The committee suggested that the Jan presentation be held at Swansea. To be agreed with presenter and venue. **JM**

March presentation to be at West Glamorgan University **DC**

Alex suggested a presentation on a new visualisation project in Cardiff for the May AGM presentation. **AG**

RD agreed to continue to progress a Unix versus Windows presentation for the Oct 2004 presentation. **RD**

114.2.8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Alex outlined some of the current problems in stimulating BCS participation from University Lecturers such as the University Assessment workload. These comments to be fed back to the BCS by PB in order to gain possible solutions to the problem from the BCS. **PB**

114.2.9 **– DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday September 18th, 18.00 hrs, at County Hall

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
Wed 10 Sep 03	Derek Smith	**Title:** Electronic Identity **Speaker:** Professor David Rippon **From:** Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College **Venue:** Trevithick Building, University of Cardiff **Synopsis:** In 2002, David Rippon chaired the BCS working group reviewing the government's consultation paper "Entitlement Cards and Identity Fraud". In this talk, he will summarise the key conclusions of this review, and suggest ways of minimising the risk of failure that apply to this specific project. Whether interested in the issue of entitlement cards per se, or in the project management, biometrics, identity fraud, or e-government aspects in general, this promises to be a fascinating and informative presentation.	
8 Oct 03	Jeremy	**Title:** Recruitment / Staffing talks. **Speaker:** Cath Possamai **From:** Best International Howard House Queens Avenue Bristol BS8 1SN Tel: 0117 9459000 **Venue:** Bridgend **Synopsis:**	
Thu 13 Nov 03	Daniel	**Title:** Culturenet Cymru - a showcase for Wales on the Web **Speaker:** Allison Coleman **From:** **Venue:** University Of Glamorgan **Synopsis:** Detailed synopsis to be confirmed.	

Tue 2 Dec 03	Ralph Miller Derek Smith	**Title:** The Role of the Chief Information Officer **Speaker:** Various - see synopsis **From:** **Venue:** To be confirmed **Synopsis:** The role of Chief Information Officer (CIO) has undergone considerable change in recent years in many organisations in both the private and public sectors. The changing nature of this role and how it can be managed to maximum advantage for the organisation will be debated by Phil Martin (Director of Information Services at Cardiff University and previously a CIO in industry) and Dr. David Grant (Vice-Chancellor (Chief Executive) of Cardiff University and previously a CEO in industry) at this joint meeting of the Cardiff Business School and the South Wales Branch of the British Computer Society (BCS).	
Wed 14 Jan 04	Jason Mullins	**Title:** INVESTOR **Speaker:** Luke Fielder **From:** NSC Ltd. **Venue:** Trevithick Building, University of Cardiff **Synopsis:** INVESTOR is focused on knowledge transfer of "best practice" Whole Life Costing and asset management techniques cross sector. It is sponsored by the DTI and has resulted in a tool set that has been employed to model both rail and water treatment assets. INVESTOR uses Monte-Carlo simulation techniques to predict asset failure and calculate business interruption costs. A feedback loop enables model correction and, ultimately, learning by comparing predictions with actual data. INVESTOR has been developed by a core collaboration led by Halliburton KBR which includes: Kalido – experts in Data Management Systems who have developed a leading 2nd generation data warehouse application; AMCL – specialists in asset management; NSC – specialising in advanced modelling and simulation techniques. Under the DTI ICT Carrier Programme, the collaboration team has partnered with asset manufacturers and asset owners to develop INVESTOR as a means of understanding and communicating asset behaviour in situ. The talk will outline the three fundamental parts making up the architecture of INVESTOR: the Kalido data warehouse, the simulation engine and visualisation of results.	Changed from War Simulation. Suggested that this be changed to Swansea. To be confirmed with speaker and venue.
Feb	Tony Batchelor	**Title:** Pro-Net **Speaker:** **From:** Atkins **Venue:** Atkins, Newport **Synopsis:**	Project management aspect to be promoted.

Mar	Jeremy White	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** West Glamorgan University **Synopsis:**	Bob Hall is the speaker contact.
April	Derek Smith	**Title:** Techniquest **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	
May	Alex Gray	**Title:** Cardiff Visualisation Project **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** AGM at Cardiff **Synopsis:**	
Oct 2004	Richard David	**Title:** Unix versus Windows **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Bridgend **Synopsis:**	