

**Minutes of the eighth meeting of the 2004-2005 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm
Wednesday, 24th November 2004
County hall, Cardiff
DRAFT**

125.8.1 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Ralph Miller (sec)	Jeremy White
Richard David	Dave Edwards	Derek Smith
Daniel Cunliffe		

125.8.2 APOLOGIES

Steve Wood	Gareth Jones (visitor)	Nathan Cooper (NPC)
Betti Williams	Jason Mullins	Steve Harvey

125.8.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The draft was approved, and passed for placing on the Web

Actions
JM

125.8.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

121.4.10. Chair requested that all continue to update Guidance notes.

All

121.4.8 DS and SW to arrange to meet Cymru ar Lein.

SW
DS

119.2.8

BW agreed to provide suggestions for future BCS Sponsorship. - On going

BW

123.6.7

SW suggested an event on the proposal, reported in the Harvard Business Review, to stop investing in IT, as there was no value to be gained. It was suggested that a debate might be interesting, possibly at Cardiff Business School as an Annual Lecture in 2005. PB had raised this with Cardiff Business School at the September presentation and will progress this. - Continuing

PB

125.8.5 CORRESPONDENCE

Council has approved Noel's Branch Long Service Award. It was agreed the January presentation would be a good opportunity to include this presentation. RRM to contact Noel to see if he wants to attend the January meeting in Swansea or wait till march meeting in Cardiff. **RRM**

Emails from Sue Guy re Spring Branches Congress. To be circulated. Ralph and Jeremy to attend Spring Branches Congress. Ralph to stand for election. Paul to contact Sue to add 'Promoting Chartered Status' and 'Working with Universities'. **RRM**

Correspondence from Aberystwyth re BCS Lecture. DE to attend, DS as reserve **DE, DS**

Correspondence from RM with regard to a request from BCS HQ on the date of the inaugural meeting of the South Wales Branch, RRM had completed search without success; matter closed.

Email from Sue Guy regarding next years science week to be circulated to Committee **RRM**

Email from Sue Guy regarding British Quality Foundation to be circulated to Committee **RRM**

Email from Sue Guy regarding 'The BCS Review 2005', and Pub Quiz. RRM to enquire and buy a copy if it was thought useful **RRM**

Email from Sue Guy regarding publicity of meetings, DS aware and actioning. **DS**

Second Email from Sue Guy and Kerry Earl to be circulated, regarding new System introduction. **RRM**

125.8.5 BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report:

Nothing to report

WebMaster:

Guidance procedures are now ready to update. **PB/JM**

Treasurer's Report:

Nothing to report

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report

Branches Board/Council Reports:

Nothing further to report

YPG:

No report.

Schools:

No report

125.8.7 2003/2004 Events Programme

The events program was reviewed and updated as shown in Appendix 1. **DS**
Detailed discussion was held of the actions required for the December Techniquiest event. Committee agreed that DS could sign the contract on the Chairman's behalf, if he agreed with it. Contact Chair if not.

Feb and March Events appear to be underway.

125.8.9 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES

DC reported this was still underway **DC**

125.8.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES

Remaining Notes to be completed as soon as possible and mailed to PB for inclusion on the web site.

All

Some guides could be made Public. To be considered when completed

PB/JM

125.8.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RRM reported on his attendance at Swansea U Industrial Advisory Panel. Falling applications for Computer Science was now worldwide. Not many Staff were members (this was echoed at this meeting. RRM to get BCS Structure Posters for staff rooms. PB to talk to Sue Guy re working with, and campaign to get on board, more University Staff, Guidance from BCS HQ). RD reported that the Students' meeting with Kaldeep Kaur had been well attended (60 plus at each of the meetings at the Cardiff University college and Cardiff Institute). Corporates not recruiting (off shoring, economic situation), SMEs need graduates.

**PB,
RRM**

125.8.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

January 25th at Swansea University. NB Virtual Reality Cave visit at start of meeting, 6.00pm.

**ALL
BW**

Appendix 1 Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
December 7th	Derek Smith	Title: Protecting children on the Internet Speaker: From: Venue: Techniquet Synopsis:	Start early, joint evening for members and their families. Test idea in eMail seeking members' views. Children's Commissioner, Police possible other contributors. Further details included in Appendix 2 of October Meeting.
2005			
January 12th	Jeremy White	Title: Lawful or awful - your company's data protection? Speaker: A Jones, assistant information officer for Wales From: Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	To approach Assistant Information Commissioner for Wales. Agreed to include long service award for Noel Cox at this meeting.
February 12th	Daniel Cunliffe	Title: Information and computer crime Speaker: From: Venue: Pontypridd Synopsis:	To approach visiting lecturer of staff member
March 8th	Jason Mullins	Title: War Games Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff Synopsis:	
April 13th	Steve Wood	Title: Speaker: From: Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	At the April 2004 meeting SW agreed to follow up his contacts with Swansea Technium with a view to a presentation on 13/4/2005.
May 12th		Title: Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff Synopsis:	
September	Steve Wood	Title: Starting a Technology Company Speaker: From: Venue: Pontypridd Synopsis:	2/8/04 PB Placed this here for now as a reserve presentation for an earlier date if required.