DRAFT Minutes of the second meeting of the 2006 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm Tuesday,21st March 2006
At County Hall
Cardiff

136.2.0 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Richard David	John Hall
Ieuan Johns	Jeremy White	Ralph Miller (Sec)
	Beti Williams	
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136.2.1 APOLOGIES

Max Davis	Nigel Davies	Daniel Cunliffe
Steve Harvey	David Edwards	

	Actions
136.2.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS MD(YPG) reported that the potential spread of Skill Centres out of London was delayed, possibly because of BCS Jubilee arrangements DC reported success in finding a welsh language translator. PB reported for Steve Harvey (Treas) that the budget plan was on course	
136.2.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The draft of the meeting of 2nd Feb 2006 was approved, with two minor corrections that the web master had noted, and passed for placing on the Web.	**IJ**
136.2.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES 119.2.8 Possible sponsorship of Swansea U Conferences. BW asked again that the committee support the 22nd British Colloquium for Theoretical Computer Science (BCTCS). To be held April 4th at Swansea. The Event poster already included badging from BCS FACS. The event would be included on our Website. It was agreed that a sum of £200 be provided towards lunch (BW to provide invoice). Jason had already indicated, at the last meeting, that he would make up a BCS table. RRM to confirm with Jason. The banner would be delivered by Pb to the University. RRM to also ask Jason if he would enter into the discussion about Professionalism in IT, to contact Prof Falon, perhaps via BW. IJ to enter details on web	**BW,JM, RRM IJ**
PB to arrange meeting with Mike Stranks, Branch mentor. As an early meeting could not be arranged, attempts would be made for later in the year, possibly Autumn. PB To seek out MS at the Branches Congress	**PB**
Constitutional Guidance Notes. PB to review current status of Guidelines. These are to be found on the Branch secure area. If there are any changes to location details, please report them to Paul.	**All**
136.2.5 CORRESPONDENCE RRM reported on email discussion with HQ on the need to identify between branch and HQ funded activities. Paul had received a very supportive email regarding the level and quality of our Branch activities from Sue Guy	

RRM thanked those who had responded regarding the Branches Working Party on Funded Support. He had received the draft of the presentation which he would be participating in at Branches Congress	
Dave Edwards had written in offering his resignation from the Branch, due to pressure of work and family time. Paul had suggested that he remain "in office" until the AGM to give him time to review his position in the role of liaison for schools. Richard David offered to look at what was involved with this role.	**RD**
RRM to ask Sue Guy to send Richard details of BCS activities in schools	**RRM**

136.2.6 BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report:

JM reported on his work at an assessment meeting in Bristol. RRM reported he was to attend an assessment panel for five people at Swindon . JW reported there were now 980 members in the Branch area

Webmaster's Report

IJ reported no further difficulties in distributing web details on events.

IJ will provide statistics at future meetings on Web site usage.	**IJ**

Treasurer's Report:

See under correspondence above.	**SH**

RRM had asked if the proposed budget plan for the coming year could be discussed at the next meeting so that we could see what events could be covered and what special funding may be required.

Chairman's Report:

Budget figures for allocation by HQ according to our size had been supplied by HQ.

Branches Board/Council Reports:	**PB and**
The project report on assistance to Branch Committees was discussed under Correspondence above. PB and RRM were still to attend Branches Congress.	**RRM**
YPG:	
See under Correspondence above.	**MD**
Schools:	
See under Correspondence above	**RRM**
	DS

136.2.7 2005/2006 Events Programme

Please see the events planner attached to these minutes:

NB AGM, May 24th, to be held at Cardiff University.	**RRM**
RRM had contacted Lyndon Evans of BT for a visit to BT's new centre in Cardiff for October Event. This was still looking good. RRM to continue to arrange visit for about 20, plus, if possible a presentation by management on the centre/BT business or similar. Once details of the event were agreed then attendance would be by registration in order to control numbers to those agreed with BT.	**RRM**
RRM to seek further information regarding a potential recruitment session at County Hall and thank you to Ron Delamere, our contact there	**PB**
	BW
From the Branches Congress, it was reported that the BCS 50th Jubilee would be celebrated with events. Actual dates to be announced. Gold events (large events such as the security conference in Birmingham) would receive funding.	
There was discussion regarding the accreditation of events for CPD and similar purposes. DS to enquire.	**DS**
JW was congratulated on his very successful presentation at Newport University. It was considered that this could be the basis for a future event, taking into account JW's arrangements for Everest next year. The venue appeared very appropriate for future meetings, specially,perhaps those that could be shared with Bristol Branch. Newport were thanked for their kind hospitality	**JW**

RRM had contacted Prof North of Cardiff UBS re. Nov/Dec "business " related event, but his work, was not really relevant. A new contact had been given RRM to follow up.	**RRM**
BW asked that a November Annual Public lecture be raised at Swansea University. This was agreed. BW to suggest topic and speaker	**BW**

136.2.8 WELSH LANGUAGE AND RELATED ISSUES
See n See notes form absent members, above.

136.2.9 Committee Guidance Notes
See n See notes above.

136.2.10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
There was none

136.2.11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NB Change of Date for the April Meeting	**ALL**
11th April 2006. 6.00 at Swansea U. BW to please arrange room. To be confirmed	**BW**
NB May 24th for AGM	**All**

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2006			
April 5th	Daniel Cunliffe	**Title:** Voice over IP **Speaker:** Peter Gradwell **From:** Gradwell dot com Limited **Venue**: Uni of Glamorgan, Treforest **Synopsis:** Peter Gradwell is Managing Director of Gradwell dot com Limited, an Internet Service Provider he started in 1998 during the second year of his undergraduate degree in Software Engineering. In 2004, he converted his company phone system and is now one of the leading providers of VoIP services in the UK. Starting from when we lift the receiver, Peter will follow a phone call across the public telecommunications network and onto the Internet, discussing the different types of VoIP available, the issues that surround implementing them, including phone number provision, call quality, firewalling VoIP, identifying the location of a VoIP subscriber and connecting a 999 call.	Daniel in discussion with speaker. Now confirmed and on details website. PB to contact and confirm.

Wed May 24th (tbc)	Nigel Davies	**Title:** Providing inspiration & creativity in website design + AGM **Speaker:** Adrian Garcia-Sierra **From:** Brazil Design, Cardiff **Venue:** Trevithick Lecture Theater? Cardiff Uni **Synopsis:** Dr Adrian Garcia-Sierra is a Director of Brazil Design Ltd, one of the region's leading marketing and communications agencies formed in 1994. Adrian joined Brazil almost 5 years ago having gained one of the world's first doctorates in e-commerce from Cardiff University (during which time he addressed the BCS South Wales Branch) and thereafter having been an e business Consultant. Adrian will discuss the huge importance websites have come to play in many walks of life, and how design is thus crucial for interaction. He will consider business-oriented, consumer-oriented and other sites, female/male perspectives, W3C and RNIB initiatives, all aimed at improving our lives.	ND some ideas for this on website design for business Speaker would be Adrian Garcia-Sierra (former S Wales branch YPG rep). ND now confirmed this with speaker and provided details for web site. Need to still confirm room bookings? PB to Phone ND to confirm position.
September 19th	John Hall	**Title:** Informing Health Care **Speaker:** Dr Gwyn Thomas **From:** Director Informing Health Care **Venue:** Trevithick Lecture Theater? Cardiff Uni **Synopsis:**	John has asked Glyn to give a presentation about Informing Health Care to our branch based on a presentation to the North Wales branch last year. JH to ask for a synopsis.
October 11th	Ralph Miller	Visit to BT Cardiff Contact is Lyndon Evans	Ralph will see what can be done for a party of 20.
November 9th	Ralph Miller	Prof North from Cardiff on organisational Change	RRM now has a new contact to follow up.
December	Derek / Betti		Consider using Swansea in place of Techniquest for a change of venue?
January	Jeremy	Formula 1 racing?	Not now appropriate for December. Could move to Jan? BW to consider options for December.
Feb	DC		Community networking
Mar	Richard David		Open source, Sun / MS convergence? Emrice? Jones Won a prize in western mail for innovative software design. E Jones, CGram Software, Derwen House, Swansea SA20HY Tel No 01792 518000
Apr	JH / ELl		Computer Forensics

May	ND?	Identity cards, biometrics, pass ports and personal freedom.	PB to ask ND if he would be interested in fronting this?
Sept	Stephen Wood		Sky, pod casting, Skype other? PB contact SW?
Joint presentation		Consider teaming up with other branches	ND / DC has some ideas and contacts. [One of these was to share the April '06 speaker – who is speaking at another branch in Feb '06] What about making this the Newport Event? JH.
		Think about another presentation around photography?	