

(Draft of)
The British Computer Society
South Wales Branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 24 May 2006 in
the Computer Science Department of Cardiff University

1. Welcome

The Chairman, Paul Bulmer, welcomed everyone to the meeting. 16 people were in attendance.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Ralph Miller (Secretary) Steve Harvey (Treasurer) Derek Smith, Steve Wood, and Eric Llewellyn. Jeremy White took the meeting minutes in Ralph's absence.

3. Minutes of the 2005 AGM

The minutes were not available in printed form but would be published on the Branch website as soon as possible.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that the branch Committee had met frequently since the last AGM with its minutes being published routinely on the Branch web site. He outlined the roles of each of the past year's committee members and thanked them for their efforts.

He went on to summarise the year's programme of evening events and said that he would like to hold future events more widely around South Wales. He wanted to co-operate more often with other professional bodies in South Wales to bring members a more diverse programme. He also described the committee's plans for events in the coming year.

The Branch had supported student awards in all the Universities in South Wales, including the Open University. The Ted Stuart Award for the best evening presentation in the 2004-05 year had been given to Steve Wood at the Christmas 2005 event in Cardiff for his lecture on "Starting a Technology Company".

The Branch web site had been overhauled during the year; it now gives more information and is even better organised.

He concluded by summarising important initiatives from BCS HQ that would affect all members (particularly the work on professionalism and the membership campaign) and offered to collate any feedback from members and send it on to HQ.

5. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer had prepared a set of accounts, which were circulated at the meeting. In the Treasurer's absence, the Chairman explained that the overall balance in our account had decreased, in line with recent guidance from HQ, so that we have ready access to sufficient funds for our immediate needs and obtain any larger amounts from HQ (which is a simple and effective process). During the year we had received significant income from the sponsors of our evening events and had purchased a laptop that was used at committee meetings and evening events.

The meeting approved the accounts.

6. Election of the Committee

The meeting re-elected the Chairman (Paul Bulmer) Secretary (Ralph Miller) and Treasurer (Steve Harvey) unopposed. It also re-elected the Committee (with the exception of Dave Edwards who was standing down) and elected two new members who had been co-opted during the year. The Chairman thanked all the committee members, especially Dave, for their work.

7. Any other business

There was no other business and the meeting finished at 18:27.