

**Minutes of the Second meeting of the 2008 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm, October 16th, 2007
Cardiff University
5, The Parade, Cardiff**

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150.2.0 PRESENT		
Paul Bulmer (Chair)	John Tucker	Beti Williams
Ralph Miller (Sec)	Richard David	Jeremy White
Jason Mullins	Ieuan Johns	John Hall
Derek Smith		
150.2.1 APOLOGIES		
Steve Harvey	Max Davis	Gareth O'Gorman
Fred Long	Carl Allen	

150.2.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS	Actions
There were none. However, if absent, members are reminded that a written report should always be submitted when ever possible.	All
150.2.3 WELCOME	
The committee members were welcomed to the meeting. No new members or guests were present.	
150.2.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, with some minor corrections, for placing on the Web.	IJ
150.2.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
JM continuing to follow up on BCS Working Party for IT ó Ongoing	JM
PB had contacted David Mather from Bridgend. Email address has been sent to RRM.	
A meeting with the Newport Statisticians and Operations researchers will be included in the Events.	JW
Cardiff County Head of IT has moved to Welsh assembly. Agreed that RRM would contact him there to discuss group recruitment there. RRM to now progress this topic with new head of it at the county. RRM ask RD if he would like to rejoin the committee when he retires from his job. All agreed to this proposal. RRM will follow up again. Ongoing	RRM
The Branches resource project has been re introduced at BCS. Ongoing	RRM
Max and Gareth to progress the Skills Centre project although this will now be for 2008 to allow for a couple more personal networking sessions.	MD, GO'G
Options on IT, Computers and the Environment Event. Because of the Green Computing Event in November, IJ now considers the environmental effect of computer on operations. Ongoing	IJ
IJ to add a link to the Swansea February event in IT Wales when the slides from the presentation are to be available. Ongoing, but check this action with events list of dates	IJ / GO'G
The power point slides provided by JM were shown to the committee. It was requested if a trend could be provided of the figures for say the last five years? It was also asked if the North Wales figures could be seen for comparison. Ongoing	JM
A YPG event is to be run on 24 th Oct in the same vein as the earlier Tiger Tiger event, but with a view to having a set plan and speakers this time. The event will be career focussed with Roy Shepherd from HQ to speak about Career builder and give attendees a good idea of its importance in IT. Any help or ideas on the event, speakers or publicity from South Wales branch members would be gratefully	

received. I will present more information as soon as we have it. Ongoing	GO'G
Any ideas regarding articles or pieces for the BCS (and hopefully IT Now!) to be sent to MD.	MD/All
MD has also met with Sali from IT Wales to discuss mutually beneficial publicity. MD would be taking part in an interview about SW YPG. Ongoing	MD
150.2.6 CORRESPONDENCE	
There was none.	
150.2.7 BRANCH REPORTS	
<p>Membership Secretary's Report:</p> <p>JM reported that there had been some difficulty with the transfer of his membership to his Company's Group Membership scheme. RRM to contact Group Membership people in HQ. Matter now resolved, hopefully</p> <p>JW had received information to map membership to the Welsh members in order to help informed decisions on where to hold events in Wales. However, retirement of colleague who would map the data has led to delays.</p> <p>RRM commented that Fred Long was also using mapping to determine catchment area for Aberystwyth members.</p> <p>Paul reported that he was seeing what interest there was at Corus for the scheme. Ralph was following up at Cardiff City and county and at the assembly. Richard French was seeing what was happening in Universities.</p>	<p>RRM</p> <p>JW</p> <p>FWL</p> <p>PB RRM RF</p>
<p>Web master's Report</p> <p>No further report.</p>	IJ
<p>Treasurer's Report:</p> <p>PB had relayed problems with Accounting system to the Branches Congress. Hopefully the problems would be resolved.</p> <p>PB reported that the Committee Business and Project budgets had been submitted to HQ. Still need to assure that the Committee Business element was clear. PB had added £500 further for the BCS in Wales project (see report below). Equipment still has another year to run.</p>	PB
<p>Chairman's Report:</p> <p>David Mather from Bridgend College has agreed to become the BCS contact for Bridgend College. We will progress his membership and eventual election to the committee. RRM reported that Carl Allen was willing to attend meetings (apologies for this meeting received).</p> <p>The Chairman reminded the committee of the assistance to the BCS that Frank Bott has provided over the years and proposed that this dedication should be recognised. All agreed and RRM to progress.</p> <p>Branches Board/Council Reports:</p> <p>Paul and Max Davis attended the Oct 4th Branches Congress. Paul described the improvements in membership numbers and age profiles, and other positive issues raised at the Congress. A drawing of a mind map of reasoning as to why one should join the BCS, and a diagram expressing the maturity of the BCS as a Professional Society had been shown and were promised to be distributed. RRM to follow up. The BCS in Wales had been discussed with the Chair of North Wales and Chester Branch who was there (See below). A DVD from Aberdeen of an event was also discussed and copies of this were promised. This was produced because of the remoteness of some of their locations.</p>	<p>RRM</p> <p>All</p> <p>RRM</p>
<p>YPG:</p> <p>Wales is playing a big part in these activities. Next Welsh YPG meeting at Tiger Tiger on 24th Oct. will concentrate on Career Development, with Roy Shepherd on recruitment there and demo of BCS Career developer. Beti reported that she was going with a post grad student. RRM would ask Cardiff U to put out notices.</p> <p>C GO'G reported that there was work continuing on the Student Chapter concept with Newport,</p>	<p>BW GO'G</p> <p>GO'G</p>

	<p>Cardiff and Swansea U Student Computer Societies being involved now. On going. Swansea SUCS had offered to involve their idea of their last twenty years with John Tucker's History project. Beti to raise this with John. Continuing</p> <p>Gareth had been invited to the University of Kingston to give a lecture on starting out on an IT Career. Expenses paid by the Uni. Meeting agreed that this was a very satisfactory opportunity for Gareth</p>	BW
	<p>Schools: No report.</p> <p>Universities: Next meeting April 30 2008 at OU, Cardiff, with Mike Rodd invited.</p>	RRM
150.2.8 2007/2008 Events Programme		
	<p>The Committee discussed the upcoming events:</p> <p>October ó No event planned, but all Committee Members invited to support YPG meeting at Tiger Tiger, Cardiff, Oct 24th Oct. £5 entry. Contact Gareth OøG if you are going. Career Builder demonstration planned</p> <p>November-Traditional Business orientated event- 15th Nov at the Village, Fabian Way, Swansea. Richard Barrington of Sun Micro Systems on öGreen Computingö. Dinner arranged for speaker and committee members. RRM to invite Prof Macnab and guest from Cardiff BS. Paul to be advised of dinner budget. Ted Stuart Award to The F1 speaker to be presented</p> <p>December- Jeremy to speak to Techniquet, Cardiff and Prof. Pillinger from Bristol on a Moon Landing and the planetarium-linked meeting. Booking via email.</p> <p>January- Beti and Jeremy have planned IT on Everest event in West Wales.</p> <p>May - History of Computing event</p> <p>March ó Now possibly Green computer operated industrial processes</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JW</p> <p>JT</p> <p>IJ</p>
150.2.9 Welsh Language Website and Welsh Matters		
	<p>DC reported last time that he is now in a position to progress this and plan a launch for the new site. He also stated that he would like to retain the webmaster role for this site. This was discussed at the meeting and the suggestion was made that the site should have an official launch, possibly now in March. PB to discuss with DC. Ongoing.</p> <p>BCS in Wales developments make this initiative even more important. Possible joint St David's day launch.</p> <p>RRM explained the progress with BCS in Wales as an umbrella organisation. The Chairs of the Branch Committees and the working party should now meet to agree. Chair of North Wales and Chester Branch (met at Branches Congress) had suggested that one thread might be the implementation of öSecond Lifeö technology to enable conferencing across Wales. Paul had added £500 to the budget bid to assist in this, should it materialise</p> <p>Ralph reported on the difficulty of progress with the Welsh equivalent of the Parliamentary IT Committee (PITCOM), where Peers, Members and Industry discussed matters of important ICT developments and concern. Such a group in the Assembly would be a manifestation of our growing position in Society and as an influence at a National level. JW undertook to see if some interested A.M.s could be identified. Ralph to continue with existing PITCOM colleagues</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB, JT</p> <p>PB</p> <p>JW RRM</p>
150.2.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES		
	<p>No further discussion at this meeting, but PB will continue to update these as required.</p> <p>PB has passed the updated document to IJ to post on the secure site.</p>	IJ
150.2.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS		

	<p>Graduate BCS membership was discussed. JT. RRM added this to the agenda of the next universities meeting. Some had difficulties with this suggestion. Richard French to pursue further information. Ongoing</p> <p>JT Now looking into finding out origins of the Branch. RRM pointed out that Noel Cox and Rod Delamere were involved and could be contacted. Ongoing</p> <p>RRM nominated to Swansea University Court, awaiting confirmation.</p>	<p>JT</p> <p>RRM</p>
150.2.12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS		
	6pm, Thursday, 8 th November at Swansea University	

Appendix 1 Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
2007			
Nov 2007	Beti Williams / RRM	Title: Green Computing Speaker: Richard Barrington From: Sun Microsystems Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	Beti would like to develop a high profile event that would become a regular BCS event at Swansea. This would be the first of these. Beti is currently considering a number of possible topics for this.
Dec 2007	JW	Title: British Computers in Space (Prof Pilger?) Speaker: From: Venue: Cardiff Techniquest Synopsis: Moon landing and Planetarium	JW has a number of ideas on this topic and will progress them. Need to confirm a venue ASAP. PB needs estimated costs ASAP so that an application for special funding can be made.
16 th January 2008	Jeremy White	Title: IT on Everest Speaker: Jeremy White From: Venue: Coleg Sir Gâr, Llanelli Synopsis: Full details now on the web	Repeat the IT in extreme environments presentation Could this be an extra one in the west of the branch. This is also to be on the TV in Oct. about being 'On Everest'
21 st February	DS	Title: Freud as Real-Time Programmer (Joint Event With The British Psychological Society) Speaker: D Smith From: Venue: Synopsis:	Full details now on web site.
Thursday 20 th March 2008	RD & BW	Title: Entertaining a second life Speaker: TBC From: TBC Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	This is to be a joint event with IET. A broad topic on computers and entertainment covering topics such as IP/TV, pod casting, Skype, etc. RD to approach organisations such as Sky for a speaker. Both BW and JH said they might be able to help with contacts.
April	JW	Title: British Ports Speaker: From: TBC Venue: Swansea Synopsis: Collision avoidance. Goods tracking logistics. Site visit to Cardiff Bay.	
May 2008	JT	Title: AGM and 50 th anniversary event Something historical? Speaker: John Tucker From: Swansea Venue: Swansea Synopsis:	Photos Membership input SIG input? PB to resend email to the Branch circulation outlining the event. This event will no longer take place in Oct. New date to be agreed. Feb proposed but a Feb event already planned by D Smith. April or May could be options.

<p>This event, originally proposed for September will now be organised for later in the year. A date is still to be agreed.</p>	<p>DC</p>	<p>Title: Computer Forensics Speaker: From: Venue: Glamorgan Synopsis:</p>	<p>ND has secured an offer from the Information Security Research group (Uni of Glamorgan) to provide the basis for a half day on computer forensics, possibly to include some trade stands. To follow up on input from Prof Neil Barrett. With ND departure from the committee, can DC help with this? DS offered to help in August if required.</p>
		<p>Microsoft Sharepoint?</p>	<p>These topics were requested via feedback</p>
	<p>IJ</p>	<p>IT, Computers and the environment</p>	<p>IJ had ideas on the topic that he wished to explore</p>