

**Minutes of the Eighth meeting of the 2007/08 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm, 10th June, 2008
Cardiff County Hall
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156.8.0 PRESENT		
Jeremy White (Chair)	Max Davis	Derek Smith
Ralph Miller (Sec)		
156.8.1 APOLOGIES		
Steve Harvey	Paul Bulmer	Stilianos Vidalis
Fred Long	Beti Williams	Carl Allan
John Tucker	Gareth O’Gorman	Daniel Cunliffe
Eiuan Johns		

156.8.2 REPORTS FROM ABSENT MEMBERS	Actions
<p>Reports from absent members are welcome. Please send them to the Sec., as we can then incorporate them in the minutes and the Committee is kept up to date</p> <p>Please send apologies to the Sec, copy to the chair, if possible in good time, as we can then adjust the refreshment numbers and even the date of the meeting if necessary following large numbers of apologies.</p> <p>There were no reports from absent Members</p>	All
156.8.3 WELCOME	
There were no visitors present	
156.8.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, for placing on the Web. Max reported that some minutes were unopenable, and that the last minutes were not published on the Web.	IJ
156.8.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
The Branches resource project has been re-introduced at BMC. Ongoing.	RRM
Members to suggest further items for Website. Ongoing. Members suggested the idea of more photos, especially relating to events could be provided. Still required	All
Suggested Web design activities in schools. Ongoing.	RD/BS
IJ suggested an email list of those to whom posters for events could be sent (e.g. Cardiff City and County, UWIC) still required. Care is needed in proposing names and eMail addresses – the most sensible approach is to ask individuals to sign up voluntarily with the web master.	All
The situation with regard to the lack of girls taking ICT at School and then at University was at a point where a serious lack of national resources in this field could affect the economy. Still required. Take up under survey. Also at Universities/IHE conference.	MD RRM
Adam Price, Plaid MP for Carmarthen East to be invited to the proposed launch of the BCS in Wales, in the light of his winning the BCS competition for the best MPs Website. (It was also suggested that we might consider having a competition for the best AMs Website.) PB to write to see if he was interested. Deferred till start of “BCS in Wales” agreed.	PB
JVT to contact BA – ongoing.	JVT
Autumn Universities/IHE conference to be held at Aberystwyth, 12 th Nov 08.	RRM/FL

	<p>HQ had agreed that BCS Student Memberships of SUCS Committee could be paid for by the Branch. Also that one of them (the Chair of SUCS) could attend Committee as a visitor.</p> <p>The Committee had sponsored Max for election to Council as YPG rep.</p> <p>JVT, BW and RRM to progress with BCS in Wales formalities</p> <p>The discussion of the “mind Map was held over to a future meeting</p>	<p>JVT BW RRM</p> <p>All</p>
156.8.6 CORRESPONDENCE		
	There was no correspondence requiring discussion.	
156.8.7 BRANCH REPORTS		
	Membership Secretary’s Report: This topic was not taken at this meeting.	
	Webmaster's Report: This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
	Treasurer’s Report: This topic was not discussed at this meeting.	
	Chair’s Report: This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
	Branches Board/Council Reports: This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
	Universities This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
	Schools: This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
	YPG/ Student Chapters: The Fresher’s meeting at Swansea U was discussed under Events Programme	
156.8.8 2007/2008 Events Programme		
	<p>Progress with the programme was continued. A copy of the most recent draft is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>There was discussion around the survey conducted by Bristol Branch. It was agreed that it would be valuable to carry out such a survey, not least because it was many years since the last one. It was agreed that Max would contact Ieuan with a view to suggesting the questions and, using the BCS survey package, surveying our members for their views on the future events structure, style, and content. The survey should run for six weeks over the summer and be considered at the September or October committee meeting. JW agreed to summarise the committee’s views and timetable for IJ and MD.</p> <p>Max was intending that a form of prize raffle be held at the Freshers conference for all those who subscribed to Student Membership for the three years. He suggested an inexpensive laptop for the membership form drawn from the applications. RRM said he would check that this was appropriate for HQ as the lap top might be seen as BCS property.</p>	<p>MD,IJ</p> <p>JW</p> <p>RRM</p>
156.8.9 Welsh Language Website and Welsh Matters		
	Not discussed at this meeting	
156.8.10 COMMITTEE GUIDANCE NOTES		
	Not discussed at this meeting	
156.8.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS		

	<p>Branches awards were discussed. RRM to report at next meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that RRM would attend Glamorgan U Prize Giving.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Ted Stuart Award should be made to the three BT staff who planned and presented the Visit and the Lecture, Lyndon Evans, Sian-an Davies and John Turner.</p>	
156.8.12 DATE(S) OF FUTURE MEETING(S)		
	<p>1st meeting of the new Session would be 10th Sept, originally planned for Cardiff, but now suggested for Swansea</p>	