Minutes of the Third Meeting of the 2008/09 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
6.00 pm, 20th November, 2008
Room J304/Taff Block
Glamorgan University, Treforest, Glam
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159.3.0 PRESENT

Paul Bulmer (Late arrival)	Carl Allan	
Ralph Miller (Sec)	Jeremy White (Acting Chair)	Stillianos Vidalis
Mikhaila Burgess	Daniel Cunliffe	

159.3.1 APOLOGIES

Steve Harvey	Jason Mullins	John Tucker
Fred Long	Beti Williams	Max Davis
Carl Allen	Gareth O'Gorman	Derek Smith

159.3.2 Reports from Absent Members	Actions
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 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. Report from Max, received after the meeting : Skill Centre I've had advanced notice from the YPG executive committee that they'd like to help us organise a Skill Centre event in conjunction with them in their on-going efforts to ensure nationwide coverage of their events plan. They've offered a handful of dates and times as well as speakers etc. so I will report more as it becomes available. Hopefully the committee will be behind the idea of a Skill Centre event in South Wales around April-May next year if we've got space for it? As it's a soft-skills event there's great opportunity for us to exercise our links with other societies and if anyone can help out with this, I'd greatly appreciate it. IT Awards To celebrate my being named YPG Representative of the Year I've been invited to the IT Awards in London at the beginning of next month - my apologies but it means I'll miss our branch event, but I wish everyone all the best and will publicise it via our Facebook group etc. Student chapters I've had a few emails from other branches asking about our affiliations with Swansea but otherwise, nothing to report.	**All**
159.3.3 WELCOME	
There were no guests present at this meeting	
159.3.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, for placing on the Web.	**IJ**
159.3.5 Matters arising from the Minutes	
Owing to absences the minutes were not covered in detail. Any one with a wish to discuss any matter, please raise at next meeting or direct to the Chair. In addition, discussion regarding the "mind map" was postponed. Branch Members' Survey: The document had been created from several sources, including our earlier survey, and those carried out by HQ and Bristol Branch. It would be emailed and put on the website in November/December. Discussion of the results would be held in the new year to help inform the creation of the 2009/10 programme. Small prizes, such as the memory sticks, would be given to those members whose names would be drawn "out of a hat".	**MB**

159.3.6 CORRESPONDENCE	
There was no correspondence requiring discussion.	
159.3.7 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: The BMC paper for funding for the Turing lecture would be taken to BMC next week. Funding for the Christmas lecture had been agreed. Kerry Earl at HQ was looking at the remaining budget for this year to advise on any likely problems	RRM PB
Chair's Report: This topic was not discussed at this meeting	
Branches Board/Council Reports: Paul invited people to think about attending the next Branches Congress in April 2009	
Universities: The next meeting would be in April 2009 in Bangor. RRM asked Daniel if he would consider any problems concerning the translation of some BCS leaflets into Welsh.	
Schools: RRM asked Daniel to contact his Schools liaison with details of Computer games from the BCS	
YPG/ Student Chapters: No report at this meeting. See Max 's notes above	
159.3.8 2007/2008 Events Programme	
No discussion about events. MB thought the Inst of Data Quality would be interested in related events. It was agreed that IoD Members would be invited to meetings associated with business topics.	**JS**
159.3.9 Welsh Language Website and Welsh Matters	
North Wales and Chester were represented at the meeting in Aberystwyth by Garfield Southall . Beti, Rosemary Dale (OuiW), Clare Buckley (Glyndwr), Mikhaila, and Bernadette (Lampeter) started a Women's Group for BCS in Wales, initially specifically to assist in encouraging mentoring and support for women taking Computing related topics at University and at Schools. RRM reported he was still hopeful of being able to discuss "PITCOM in Wales" idea soon, with an AM. RRM reported Beti, John and he had been now invited to join the Advisory Committee on the application for a top level domain for **.CYM.** They would act on behalf of BCSSWB and keep BCS in Wales in mind also	**JVT, BW RRM**
159.3.10 Guidance Notes	
Not discussed at this Meeting.	
159.3.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
The Award to Prof. Hodson had taken place at the recent Top Team meeting in London. He seemed particularly pleased with the Award. RRM suggested that we should try to get a BCS presence to present the Award when it is presented to Prof Hodson at the next event at Glamorgan. Paul suggested Judith Taylor be asked.	**RRM**
The Committee voted unanimously for Mikhaila Burgess to be co-opted on to the Committee	
RRM reported that Rosemary Dale of the OUiW would like to join the Committee. She could not mak ethis meeting, but RRM would send her these minutes with a n invitation for the next meeting	**RRM**
The topic of Tele-Conference facilities was discussed again. It was agreed all Committee and members of the University community would be asked to provide details of any facilities we might use, with any constraints such as technology, time or cost. MB to arrange for facilities to be made available for the next committee meeting.	**MB**

	SV described his vision for making Work Based Learning available as a BCS "product" in Wales. We should look for Partners in Industry who would co-operate. The projects should be of suitable size to apply theory and enable the students to gain experience. BW would be asked for help in compiling a likely list, which might be useful for SMEs.	**BW**
159.3.12 DATE(S) OF FUTURE MEETING(S)		
	Next meeting would be on 13th January at Cardiff University. MB to arrange.	**MB**