

**Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the 2008/09 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch of the BCS
6.00pm, Tuesday, 12th May, 2009**

Room N/2.25, Dept of Computer Science
Cardiff University, Cardiff

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163.7.0 PRESENT		
Paul Bulmer (Chair)	Carl Allan	Beti Williams
Ralph Miller (Sec)	Jeremy White	Rosemary Dale
Mikhaila Burgess		
163.7.1 APOLOGIES		
Steve Harvey	Daniel Cunliffe	Gareth O’Gorman
Daniel Cunliffe	Derek Smith	John Tucker
Stillianos Vidalis	Fred Long	

163.7.2 Welcome	Actions
The Chair welcomed Rosemary Dale, from the Open University In Wales. Rosemary Dale, at her first meeting, as a co-opted member. She would be formally elected at the AGM	
163.7.3 Reports from Absent Members	
<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>	
163.7.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	
The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved, with minor corrections, for placing on the Web.	CA
163.7.5 Matters arising from the Minutes	
The Committee agreed that a social event for the Committee and past Committee members would be arranged at the “Duke of Wellington”, Cowbridge, on a Wednesday evening , 25 th August. Meeting in Aberystwyth, on-going (162.6.5)	All
Mind map – ongoing.(162.6.5)	All
It was suggested that a certificate and/or gift be arranged for Richard David.	PB
Ieuan had decided to step down from the Committee, at least until he had finished his Master’s Degree.	
163.7.6 CORRESPONDENCE	
There was no further correspondence	
163.7.7 BRANCH REPORTS	
Membership Secretary’s Report: No further report	

Webmaster's Report: Nothing further to report	
Treasurer's Report There was nothing further to report	
Chair's Report: This topic was not discussed at this meeting.	
Branches Board/Council Reports: Paul and Jeremy invited the Committee to guide them as to anything coming up at the Member's Convention, eg elections. However, the Committee invited the two to vote according to their wishes	PB, JW
Universities: The next meeting was confirmed as being on 4 th November 2009 at Trinity St David's, Lampeter.	RRM
Schools: Committee: Agreed that it was essential to proceed in this area. Efforts would be made to recruit to a Schools liaison role on the Committee, starting at the AGM. Also the Universities Liaison Officers would be approached	PB RRM
163.7.8 2008/2009 Events Programme	
There was again much discussion on future events, and Committee members were asked to consider the events listed, suggest extra topics and offer to run specific events. The committee's goal was to have a complete autumn programme by the AGM.	ALL
Note AGM on 21st May at BT IDC, Cardiff	ALL
163.7.9 Welsh Language Website and BCS in Wales	
RRM reported that he would be meeting the Chair of the Cross Party Committee on IT and Communications in the National Assembly, Alain Cairns, on 22 May, with Tom Brookes.	RRM
Beti described her work in drawing up a report on the teaching of Science and Technology in Wales. Of the 750 posts for this subject, only 250 were qualified	BW
The first meeting of the Women at BCS in Wales Group had been held (<i>Date and of next meeting</i>).	BW, RRM
A response is still awaited from the North Wales and Chester Branch to a request to survey their members on the proposed Health Group. RRM and Beti would speak to Garfield Southall at their upcoming BCS in Wales Committee	DC
There is no update on the Welsh Language version of our web site.	
163.7.10 Guidance Notes	
Not discussed at this Meeting. See Website for these Notes.	
163.7.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Committee discussed the arrangements for the AGM on 21st May: Lyndon Evans of BT had sent in his suggested arrangements for the evening. These were agreed by the Committee. RRM reported that Eric Llewellyn at Newport had gained his PhD, and was now more available for Branch activities. Stillianos had asked to apply for a Branch Student Prize, but RRM had advised him that there were no arrangements for this. It was agreed that the Student Prizes would be reviewed in Sept/Oct. Swansea Met. had also proceeded with their Accreditation.	
163.7.12 DATE(S) OF FUTURE MEETING(S)	
Next meeting would be on Wednesday, 17th June, at Swansea U. Beti and Mikhaila would set up a video link at Cardiff U, to Swansea, for those who could not get to Swansea easily (e.g. Rosemary Dale, MB, DS)An additional link to Aberystwyth, might be attempted, if Fred Long were available, subject to arrangements. Start time 6.00 pm.	BW MB FWL

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