

# The British Computer Society

## South Wales Branch

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 21st May, 2009 at the

BT International Data Centre, Cardiff

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### **1. Welcome**

The Chairman, Paul Bulmer, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Meeting was well attended, with 45 people present. He thanked BT and the Data Centre staff for the facilities and buffet they had arranged.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from Steve Harvey, Ed Swires-Hennessey, Danny Minto and Max Davis.

### **3. Minutes of the 2008 AGM**

The minutes of the 2008 AGM were accepted as a true and accurate record. The minutes will now be published on the Branch website.

### **4. Chairman's report**

The Chairman provided a summary, in a slide presentation, of the activities undertaken by the Branch over the past year, including Committee meetings, presentations, workshops, YPG, and student prizes for Accredited University courses.

The Ted Stuart Award for the best evening presentation in the 2008-2009 Events Programme Year was awarded to Martin Campbell-Kelly, of Warwick University, for his presentation "Victorian Data Processing in Britain", at Swansea University in April.

### **5. Treasurer's report**

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman presented a summary financial report for 2008-09. He explained how the financial year for the Society would now run from September (2009) to September, so that the current financial year would run for sixteen Months, and budgets arranged accordingly. He also explained that the next AGM would most probably be in late September 2010 and so this is when the newly elected committee will run to.

The Summary of the Accounts showed that the Branch was operating overall to Budget, although there were variances in the individual events

The meeting approved the accounts.

## **6. Election of the Committee**

The meeting re-elected the Chairman (Paul Bulmer), Secretary (Ralph Miller), Treasurer (Steve Harvey) and Events Secretary (Jeremy White) unopposed. There had been no other nominations. It also re-elected the remaining Committee (with the exception of Richard David, who was standing down through ill health, and Ieuan John, who was standing down while concentrating on further University studies.

Rosemary Dale (OU in Wales) and Mikhaila Burgess (Cardiff University), who had previously been co-opted on to the Committee, were nominated by them to be elected formally to the Committee. This proposal was carried unanimously.

It was explained that Richard David's work had covered Schools Liaison, a very important area for the Society, and any one willing to take up this responsibility should contact a Committee member in the first instance. Carl Alan had generously taken up the responsibilities of Webmaster.

The Chairman thanked all the committee members for their work, and invited any one else to join the Committee meetings.

## **7. Any other business**

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman presented the Society's Certificates of Appreciation for their work to Christine Williams of IT Wales, and John Hall. Christine is not a BCS member, but had been a most helpful supporter of the Branch, especially in arranging events. John had been a long serving member of the Committee who had changed his work and could no longer take part.

There were no other items of Business.

The meeting closed at 18.30 pm.