

**Minutes of the Eighth Meeting of the 2008/09 Session of the  
Committee of the South Wales Branch of the BCS  
6.00pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009  
Held in Video Conferencing rooms at  
Open University in Wales, Cardiff, Swansea University, and Aberystwyth**

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| <b>164.8.0 PRESENT</b>   |              |               |
| Paul Bulmer (Chair)      | Carl Allan   | Beti Williams |
| Ralph Miller (Sec)       | Jeremy White | Rosemary Dale |
| Mikhaila Burgess         | John Tucker  | Fred Long     |
| Jason Mullins            | Max Davies   |               |
| <b>164.8.1 APOLOGIES</b> |              |               |
| Steve Harvey             |              |               |

| <b>164.8.2 Welcome</b>   | <b>Actions</b>         |
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| <p>The Chairman welcomed those who had responded to either/or the invitation at the recent AGM and the correspondence regarding the new work for Schools Liaison. Every one introduced themselves. Those present were Tom Bradley, Alan Boyce, (at Swansea), and Phil Watts, Iain Masterton, and Michael Okeke (at Cardiff). Apologies had been received from David Rees (SMU), and Steve Durbin.</p> <p>Minutes of this meeting were sent to all who originally showed interest. (As were minutes of the previous meeting, together with the Agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>Paul especially thanked Rosemary, Mikhaila and Fred for their efforts in putting the meeting arrangements together, along with their technical colleagues.</p> |                        |
| <b>164.8.3 Reports from Absent Members</b>   |                        |
| <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>   |                        |
| <b>164.8.4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>   |                        |
| <p>The draft minutes of the last meeting were approved for placing on the Web. The error in the date for the social meeting in August will be corrected from 25<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> August</p>   | <b>CA</b>              |
| <b>164.8.5 Matters arising from the Minutes</b>  |                        |
| <p>Mind map – ongoing.( 162.6.5). Transferred to Carl Allan</p> <p>It was suggested that a certificate and/or gift be arranged for Richard David.- Ongoing</p>   | <b>CA</b><br><b>PB</b> |
| <b>164.8.6 CORRESPONDENCE</b>  |                        |
| <p>There was no further correspondence</p>   |                        |
| <b>164.8.7 BRANCH REPORTS</b>  |                        |
| <b>Membership Secretary's Report:</b>  |                        |
| <p>No further report</p>   |                        |
| <b>Webmaster's Report:</b>   |                        |
| <p>Nothing further to report</p>   |                        |
| <b>Treasurer's Report</b>  |                        |

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|  | There was nothing further to report   |   |
|  | <b>Chair's Report:</b><br>The Chair reported that the AGM attendance had been excellent, and thanked BT and all who had contributed and attended.   |   |
|  | <b>Branches Board/Council Reports:</b><br>Paul and Jeremy reported on the recent Members Groups Convention. There was much innovative work in train to transform the Society (including a new Website). This would be launched in September, but was currently confidential. It would therefore be suitable to discuss this at the September Meeting, which would be after the launch date. It had been reported that BCS Membership was now at the 70,00 mark.   | <b>PB, JW</b>   |
|  | <b>YPG:</b> Max Davis reported that, subject to the final arrangements, the YPG Congress would be held in Cardiff in August. He was also working with Mikhaila to set up the Chapter in Cardiff U. He was keeping in touch with Swansea U   | <b>MD</b>   |
|  | <b>Universities:</b> The next meeting was confirmed as being on 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2009 at Trinity St David's, Lampeter.  | <b>RRM</b>  |
|  | <b>164.8.8 2008/2009 Events Programme</b>   |   |
|  | Jeremy white reported on a very busy programme of Events. In particular BMC funding was being sought for the Christmas event at Techniquet (This has since been approved).  | <b>JW</b>   |
|  | <b>164.8.9 Welsh Language Website and BCS in Wales</b><br>RRM reported that he had met the Chair of the Cross Party Committee on IT and Communications in the National Assembly, Alain Cairns, on 22 May, with Tom Brookes. A planning meeting would be held later in May.<br><br>Beti described her work on the Cross Party Committee on Science and Technology, 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. The study by the Universities Group is likely to be a useful input.<br><br>The meeting of the Women at BCS in Wales Group had been held on 21 <sup>st</sup> May. The next meeting would be a launch meeting.<br><br>North Wales and Chester Branch will survey their members on the proposed Health Group. Interest had already been shown. Also, they would use our recent Survey to survey their own members.<br><br>There is no update on the Welsh Language version of our web site. | <b>RRM</b><br><br><b>BW</b><br><br><b>BW</b><br><br><b>RRM</b><br><br><b>DC</b> |
|  | <b>164.8.10 Guidance Notes</b>  |   |
|  | PB noted that these were due a full review and would progress this. See Website for these Notes.  | <b>PB / All</b>   |
|  | <b>164.8.11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>  |   |
|  | RRM raised the matter of the creation of a Vice Chair. This post would be seen as a succession to the chair in due course. He suggested that, if we were to hold the meetings in Cardiff and Swansea (as the current main centres) it might be suitable to have the post available to someone in Cardiff as Paul was most likely to be in Swansea for travelling convenience). Jeremy and Mikhaila showed interest. Paul suggested that they discussed this before the next meeting.<br>RRRM suggested that there were those who had attended the meeting who might now wish to join the Committee. Paul suggested that they discuss this with him, with a view to co-option at the next or future meeting.   | <b>PB</b><br><br><b>PB</b>  |
|  | <b>164.8.12 DATE(S) OF FUTURE MEETING(S)</b>  |   |
|  | Next meeting would be on Tues, Sept 29th. Start time 6.00 pm. The meeting would be based on the same video links used for this meeting, subject to availability   | <b>BW MB<br/>FWL</b>  |