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Minutes of the Second Meeting of the 2011/12 Session of the

Committee of the South Wales Branch

6.00pm, Wednesday, 7th March 2012w

City Centre University

Newport

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182.2.0	**Present**		
	Jeremy White (VC)	Paul Bulmer (VC)	John Tucker
	Andrew Bellamy	Andrew Richards	Helen Phillips

182.2.1	**Apologies**		
	Mikhail Burgess (Chair)	Alan Boyce (treas)	Ralph Miller
	Fred Long	Stilianos Vidalis	Rosemary Dale
	Daniel Cunliffe	Tom Crick	Carl Allen (web)
	John Morgan		

182.2.2	**Welcome**	Actions
	Paul Bulmer took the chair in Mikhaila Burgess' absence. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
	Andrew Richards said that he was happy to join the committee as a co-opted member and stand for election at the next AGM.	
182.2.3	**Minutes Of Previous Meeting**	
	The minutes were agreed.	
182.2.4	**Matters Arising From The Minutes**	
	John Tucker also mentioned that the Council of Professors and Heads of Computing (see www.cphc.ac.uk) intended to look at the mechanics of the computer science education.	
182.2.5	**Correspondence**	
	There was no correspondence.	
182.2.6	**Branch Reports**	
	Treasurer's Report	
	The treasurer was unable to attend due to an injury for which he would be immobile until he had surgery. He had agreed to provide a current statement for the minutes and had been working on the budget for the year beginning	

September 2012.

Future Budget

A number of ideas for the future budget were explored. The draft budget covered our regular expenditure. Topics discussed in detail were:

- Publications. Zero budgeted, but the branch has an aspiration to produce a leaflet setting out what the branch does for members and potential members. This is likely to start life as a PDF download.
- Sponsors. Zero income anticipated, but worth pursuing for major events (not overlooking the fact that we generally get venues for no charge)
- Events – Bletchley Park. Recent trips run by other organisations in South Wales had cost about £40 per head. Jeremy had had little time to explore costs or timetables, so Andrew agreed to investigate for the committee. Making arrangements and taking bookings for May 2012 seemed to be unrealistic, so the committee agreed to defer the event until October 2012 or April 2013.

182.2.7	**Events Programme** The committee consider possible ideas for the 2012 Christmas event, amongst which were: • Christmas games in the cloud – global games • Delivering the Christmas stocking • Winter Olympics (perhaps defer to the Christmas 2014 – see www.olympic.org/sochi-2014-winter-olympics for details • Santa's Christmas list – the combination of warehousing and adata warehousing • The (computer) science of Christmas (perhaps Wendy Sadler, Director, Science made Simple)	
182.2.8	**Communications** A number of ideas were discussed, including: • Holding an annual Fellows' meal • Using a blog or Twitter to add to the web site content • More visbly supporting BCS in Wales and its sub-groups.	
182.2.9	**Guidance Notes**	
182.2.10	**Any Other Business** The committee suggested that Ralph Miller contact John Morgan to ensure that he was aware of the BCS in Wales Universities group and invited to attend.	**RRM**
182.2.11	**Date Of Future Meeting** The scheduled date for April's meeting coincided with the date of the next BCS In Wales Universities group meeting. In the following week we had an evening lecture scheduled for Newport and the committee agreed to look into holding the committee meeting before the lecture	**JW**

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