

# BCS South Wales

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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 December 2011  
 City Centre Campus  
 Newport University

<b>182.2.0</b>	<b>Present</b> Jeremy White (Vice Chair) Andrew Bellamy	Ralph Miller (Secretary)	Stilianos Vidalis
<b>182.2.1</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Mikhaila Burgess (Chair) Rosemary Dale Daniel Cunliffe	Paul Bulmer Tom Crick Fred Long	Carl Allen Helen Phillips

<b>182.2.2</b>	<b>Welcome</b>  Jeremy welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked everyone for making the trip to Newport so that the Branch student prize could be presented earlier that evening. He explained that Mikhaila was still unwell following her teaching trip abroad and was unable to chair the meeting. He had agreed to chair in her place.  Ralph explained that he had been experiencing increasing difficulty using his PC as his sight deteriorated. He was unable to use the keyboard or screen and could no longer use his PC to communicate effectively or to support the committee. He had concluded that he should not remain as our Secretary and therefore intended to stand down with immediate effect.  Jeremy thanked Ralph for all that he had done for the Branch and the committee for many years. He added his personal thanks for the support Ralph had so generously given.	<b>Actions</b>
<b>182.2.3</b>	<b>Minutes Of Previous Meeting</b> The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the previous meeting.	
<b>182.2.4</b>	<b>Matters Arising From The Minutes</b>	
<b>182.2.5</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	
<b>182.2.6</b>	<b>Branch Reports</b> <i>Chair's Report:</i>	

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	<p><i>Membership Secretary's Report:</i></p> <p><i>Webmaster's Report:</i></p> <p>Jeremy reported that he and Carl were keeping the web site up to date between them with the very valuable assistance of the web team at HQ. The list of events was up to date and they were making more use of the news section of the home page to signpost changes to the site.</p> <p><i>Treasurer's Report</i></p> <p><i>Member Groups Convention and Membership Board:</i></p> <p><i>Council:</i></p> <p><i>YPG:</i></p> <p>Stilianos spoke about the progress being made in setting up a student society in Newport University. He had received enough interest to make a society viable and was optimistic that he would find a second year student to take the lead.</p> <p><i>Schools:</i></p> <p><i>Universities:</i></p> <p>Ralph tabled his notes on the meeting held on 16 November at Aberystwyth. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gordon Dickers' list of computing related university courses</li><li>• Ralph's proposal for a prize for the best computing PhD in Wales</li><li>• Stilianos' proposal for an information security challenge for tridents in Wales</li><li>• the success of the workshop on the "learning gap"</li><li>• The idea of local workshops on interview and assessment for student entering the job market</li><li>• The next meeting would take place in the spring.</li></ul> <p><i>Professionalism</i></p> <p><i>Publicity</i></p> <p><i>Mid Wales Branch</i></p> <p>Fred long was teaching abroad and had sent his apologies.</p>	
<b>182.2.7</b>	<p><b>Events Programme</b></p> <p>Jeremy reported that the Christmas event was likely to be well attended with over 100 people booked. Committee attendance would be sufficient to ensure that every member was greeted and the speaker looked after</p>	

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	<p>properly.</p> <p>Jeremy asked the committee for views on Beti Williams' proposal for two women's' events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 February 2012: Wendy Hall's lecture at Swansea organised as a joint venture between BCS Women in Wales and the computer science department. Beti was seeking assistance with the costs of refreshments (we had supported the previous event in this series to the tune of £480)</li> <li>• 8 March 2012: a daylong event jointly organised by BCS Women in Wales and IT Wales. Again, assistance with refreshments was being sought</li> </ul> <p>There had been considerable support from committee members who commented by eMail before the meeting. At the meeting, members suggested that Beti should also seek assistance from the mid-Wales and north Wales's branches since these would be all-Wales events. The committee agreed to part fund the events provided the South Wales contribution did not exceed the contribution to refreshments for the history lecture.</p> <p>Jeremy circulated the scores for the 2010/2011 Ted Stuart award. The highest score was for "Tough developments in a tough environment" by Dafydd Roberts, Ahmad Moosa and David Bown, from the Port Talbot steelworks. The committee agreed that they should receive the award and Jeremy agreed to arrange for a trophy to be engraved and three certificates to be printed.</p>	
<b>182.2.8</b>	<b>Welsh Language and BCS in Wales</b>	
<b>182.2.9</b>	<b>Guidance Notes</b>	
<b>182.2.10</b>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
<b>182.2.11</b>	<p><b>Date Of Future Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting would be on 4 January 2012 in Swansea.</p>	