

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

South Wales Branch

AGM

Thursday 29th September 2011

County Hall, Atlantic Wharf, Cardiff CF10 4UW

<http://southwales.bcs.org>

2011 Annual General Meeting: Agenda



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Minutes of last year's AGM



- Minutes available via branch web site
- Hard copies available

- Apologies received from
 - Paul Bulmer
 - Fred Long
 - others ...

Current Branch Committee



- Committee meetings
 - First Wednesday of every month
 - Alternating between East (Cardiff) & West (Swansea)
 - Traditional and Themed meetings
 - Open to everyone!
- Nine committee meetings held since the last AGM
 - Minutes available via Branch web site (<http://southwales.bcs.org>)
- Committee membership has been as follows:

2010-11 Committee Members

Who	Roles
Mikhaila Burgess	Chair BCSWomen and BCS in Wales member
Paul Bulmer	Vice Chair
Ralph Miller	Branch Secretary and BCS in Wales Chair
Alan Boyce	Treasurer
Jeremy White	Branches Congress & Events Coordinator Member of the Digital Wales Supplier Forum
Derek Smith	Public Relations
Carl Allen	Webmaster
Tom Bradley	Membership Secretary
Jason Mullins	Membership Assessor
Max Davis	YPG Promoter
Fred Long	Aberystwyth Uni coordinator Mid Wales Sub Branch Chair and BCS in Wales member

Who	Roles
Beti Williams	Swansea University coordinator and BCS in Wales member
Daniel Cunliffe	Glamorgan University coordinator
Stillianos Vidalis	Newport University coordinator
Eric Llewellyn	Member & Newport University coordinator
Helen Phillips	Cardiff University coordinator
Position vacant	Bridgend College coordinator
Rosemary Dale	Open University in Wales coordinator
John Tucker	Member and BCS in Wales member
Phil Watt	Schools
Andrew Bellamy	Member
Tom Crick	UWIC Coordinator in the Branch and BCS in Wales member Member of the Digital Wales Research Hub Strategy Group

Past committee members



Who	Roles
Steve Harvey	Member & previous Treasurer
Max Davis	YPG (Young Professionals Group)
Phil Watt	Schools Working Group
Beti Williams	Swansea University Co-ordinator
Eric Llewellyn	Newport University Coordinator
Tom Bradley	Membership Secretary
Derek Smith	Public Relations
Jason Mullins	Membership Secretary/Assessor

Branch Committee – Special mentions



- Paul Bulmer – previous branch chair and vice chair for past 12 months
- Steve Harvey – previous branch treasurer
- Beti Williams – best wishes on her retirement

- Ralph Miller
 - Branch secretary
 - Spring 2011 he was the third recipient of the prestigious John Ivinson Award

Branch Events



- For our 2011/11 programme we ran 15 events including
 - Annual business lecture
 - Annual Christmas lecture
 - Annual history lecture
 - Forensics and security series in Newport
- We were fortunate to be involved in the prestigious Turing lecture once more
- We worked with the IET, IT Wales and Software Alliance Wales to deliver joint events
- We'd like to thank everyone who helped including our presenters, collaborators and hosts

Branch Web Site



- First full year of the new branch web site
- Quicker and easier to keep site up-to-date than old system
- Contains details of events for branch AND related groups:
 - Mid-Wales sub branch
 - Chester and North Wales
 - Relevant non-branch events
- Committee meeting minutes

- Webmaster (Carl Allen) is still looking into ways of developing and improving our branch web site

Membership Report

- Total Branch members: **1,602**
 - Members may wish to be member of Mid-Wales sub branch (three branches in total)
- Membership breakdown
 - **Gender:** Male 86%, Female 13%
 - **Top 5 Towns/Cities** Cardiff 23%, Swansea 9%, Newport 9%, Bridgend 4%, Pontypridd 3%

Membership Grades	
Professional	53%
Chartered Professional	23 %
Student	12 %
Associate	6 %
Affiliate	2 %
Chartered Fellow	4 %

Ages of Members	
<25	7%
25-34	19%
35-44	28%
45-54	23%
55-64	12%
>65	5%

BCS Branches Convention



- Each year we attend two conventions in London
- Typically one for branches and specialist groups and one for branches alone
- These enable us to
 - promote our branch and remind HQ that south Wales isn't far away
 - link up with other branches
 - hear the views, problems and solutions of other branches
 - understand the way BCS is changing
- October 2010 branch was asked to do short presentation on the BCS South Wales Annual Christmas Family Event
- Next Convention October 2011

BCS in Wales



- BCS in Wales
 - group established to address the common Welsh interests of the Two Welsh Branches and the Mid Wales Sub Branch
 - Combined voice to WG and other national bodies, influencing national policy
 - Current priority project: reporting on the Broadband situation across Wales
- Committee comprises
 - Ralph Miller (Chair), Liam Kurmos (Secretary), Jeremy White (WG rep), Neal Harman (SAW)
 - Chairs of the three branches: Garfield Southall, Fred Long, Mikhaila Burgess
 - In future, representation from BCS in Wales specialist groups

BCS in Wales



- BCSWomen in Wales (previously 'Women @ BCS in Wales')
 - WTech Cymru, Saturday 6th November 2010
 - University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter
 - <http://www.wtech-cymru.co.uk/> and <http://www.bcswomeninwales.org.uk/>
- BCS Health in Wales group
- Represent Wales Health Informatics Community
 - Launched Wednesday 27th October 2010 @ Wales Millennium Centre
 - Joint workshop with Ehealth Industries Innovation Centre (ehi²) – bringing together professionals, policy makers and academics to develop group
- BCS in Wales and Higher Education Institutions
 - Two meetings per year; Discussing and combating issues such as gender imbalance in IT and Computing in education
 - 'How can we better engage with students & help them bridge the gap between School and University', March 2011, Cardiff University

Mid-Wales Sub-Branch



- The Mid-Wales Sub-Branch has been running for over a year
- Current elected chair - Fred Long
- During 2010–2011 the Sub-Branch held five talks, a pub quiz and a visit to the Rheidol Power Station
 - Four of the talks were broadcast over the Internet using “lecture capture” facilities available at Aberystwyth University
 - The fifth talk was transmitted from Coleg Powys in Newtown to Aberystwyth University using the Welsh Video Network
- At the Sub-Branch AGM on 17th October it will be proposed that Mid-Wales becomes a full branch with its own budget
- A full programme is being planned for 2011–2012

Future Directions



- YPG re-launch planned for the next year
- Following up previous work on IT & Computing in Schools (driven by Phil Watt) through links with CAS and Technocamps
- Further development of branch committee

Treasurer's Report



Details to be provided

Election of Committee

Who	Branch Committee Role
Mikhaila Burgess	Chair
Ralph Miller	Secretary
Alan Boyce	Treasurer
Jeremy White	Events Coordinator
Carl Allen	Web Master
Tom Crick	YPG Promoter & UWIC Coordinator
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Fred Long	Chair, Mid Wales Branch
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Any Other Business



- No notifications received

Close



The Committee would like to thank all the members for their support throughout the year