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BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

South Wales Branch

AGM

Thursday 25 September 2014
Companies House, Cardiff

<http://southwales.bcs.org>

2014 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
 - Ed Swires-Hennessy
 - Derek Smith
 - Jeremy White

Current Branch Committee



- Committee meetings
 - First Wednesday of every month
 - Alternating between East (Cardiff) & West (Swansea), by Skype or by video Conference
 - Traditional business meetings and themed meetings
 - Open to everyone!

- [999] committee meetings held since the last AGM
 - Minutes available via Branch web site (<http://southwales.bcs.org>)

2013-2014 Committee Members

Who	Roles
Jeremy White	Chair BCS in Wales member
Carl Allen	Secretary, Webmaster
Phil Hopkins	Treasurer
Paul Bulmer	Vice Chair
Mikhaila Burgess	BCS Women and BCS in Wales member
Fred Long	Mid Wales Sub Branch Chair BCS in Wales member
Bethan Lauder	Swansea - SAW

Who	Roles
Beti Williams	Swansea University coordinator and BCS in Wales member
Daniel Cunliffe	Glamorgan University coordinator BCS in Wales member
Helen Phillips	Cardiff University coordinator BCS in Wales member
Rosemary Dale	Open University in Wales coordinator BCS in Wales member
John Tucker	Member and BCS in Wales member
Tom Crick	UWIC Coordinator in the Branch BCS in Wales chair Member of the Digital Wales Research Hub Strategy Group

Past committee members



Who	Roles
Andrew Bellamy	Newport University coordinator
Bethan Lauder	Swansea University coordinator
Mikhaila Burgess	University of South Wales

Branch Committee – Special mentions



- Miki Burgess
 - Bethan Lauder
 - Carl Allen
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- Thanks also to Companies House, the Open University and Swansea University for hosting committee meetings

Branch Events



- For our 2013/14 programme we ran 12 events including
 - Annual business lecture
 - Annual Christmas lecture
 - Annual history lecture
 - Conclusion of our Agile series in Cardiff
- We worked with the BCS Data Centre Specialist Group, IET, IT Wales and Software Alliance Wales to deliver joint events
- Supported events by other organisations
- We'd like to thank everyone who helped including our presenters, collaborators and hosts

Branch Web Site



- Contains details of events for branch AND links to 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 join Mid-Wales branch (three branches in total)
- Membership breakdown
 - **Gender:** Male 85%, Female 15%
 - **Top 5 Towns/Cities**
Cardiff 23%, Swansea 11%, Newport 9%, Bridgend 4%, Pontypridd 2%

Membership Grades	
Professional	69 %
Chartered Professional	23 %
Student	6 %
Associate	18 %
Affiliate	2 %
Chartered Fellow	5 %

Ages of Members	
<25	4 %
25-34	16 %
35-44	30 %
45-54	28 %
55-64	16 %
>65	6 %

BCS Member Groups 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
 - press the importance of BCS in the devolved countries
- Next Convention November 2014 for Branch Committee officers

BCS in Wales



- BCS in Wales
 - group addresses the common Welsh interests of the Three Welsh Branches
 - Combined voice to WG and other national bodies, influencing national policy
 - Current priority project: reporting on the Broadband situation across Wales
- Committee comprises
 - Tom Crick (Chair), Liam Kurmos (Secretary), no need for a treasurer as BCS South Wales channels money through BCSiW
 - Chairs of the three branches: Garfield Southall, Fred Long, Jeremy White
 - In future, representation from BCS in Wales specialist groups

Future Directions



- Reinforcing committee, expanding membership
- Improvements in committee communications, especially using high quality video conferencing
- Further development of branch committee

Treasurer's Report



2013/14 Budget (please refer to handout)

Budget allocation was £4,800 comprising

- £3,500 running costs, primarily for events and student prizes
- £1,300 for special events - this was for the Family Christmas event at Techniquest

Actual spend was £2,854 mainly due to fewer events being held.

2014/15 Budget (please refer to handout)

Increase in allocation comprising

- £3,340 for running costs – broadly in line with that for 13/14
- £2,400 for special events – Family Christmas and Raspberry Pi events

Election of Committee

Who	Branch Committee Role
Jeremy White	Chair
Carl Allen	Secretary
Phil Hopkins	Treasurer
Tom Crick	BCS in Wales chair UWIC Coordinator
Paul Bulmer	Vice chair Membership secretary
Fred Long	Chair, Mid Wales Branch
Neal Harman	SAW Swansea

Who	Roles
Helen Phillips	Cardiff University coordinator
Daniel Cunliffe	Glamorgan University coordinator
Rosemary Dale	Open University in Wales coordinator
John Tucker	Member
Derek Smith	Member
Beti Williams	Member

Any Other Business



- No notifications received

Close



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