



Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of the 2013/14 Session
 Committee of the South Wales Branch BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT

Wednesday 2nd Apr 2014 18:00 -20:00

Swansea University, Swansea and OU Video conference Suite, Cardiff

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207.5.0	Present Jeremy White (Chair) Bethan Lauder Coordinator (SAW) Rosemary Dale Coordinator (Open Uni)	Paul Bulmer (Vice Chair and acting Secretary) Mikhaila Burgess	Phil Hopkins (Treasurer) Helen Phillips Coordinator (Cardiff Uni)
	Apologies Tom Crick John Tucker Andrew Bellamy	Carl Allen Daniel Cunliffe	Fred Long Beti Williams

207.5.1	Welcome and discussion	Actions
	Jeremy welcomed everyone to the meeting at both venues and thanked those for setting up video conference and getting it working.	
207.5.2	Minutes of previous meeting	
	The minutes of the last meetings are still to be finalised and added to the committee web site.	JW/CA
207.5.3	Matters arising	
	Not covered, awaiting last minutes.	JW
207.5.4	Digital 2014, including Fellows dinner	
	Bethan reported that Software Alliance had been in touch with Beti to coordinate future activities especially around a fellows dinner. Jeremy recapped on the original proposal by John. Paul had reported that there were 70 fellows in the Welsh membership.	

	<p>Jeremy suggested the Branch possibly look at proposing more female fellows.</p> <p>The suggestion being to link this event in with the Celtic manner event on Monday 9/6/14 and 10/6/14. There is a possible clash with government dinner on the 10/6/14 which would need to be taken into account.</p> <p>Bethan will ask for expressions of interest before mid May.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>BL</p>
207.5.5	BCS in Wales, including future chair	
	Beti to stand down as chair of BCS in Wales. Any volunteers to take on this role? Let Jeremy know before May 15th (the next BCS in Wales meeting)	All
207.5.6	IWD dinner report	
	<p>Bethan provided a report on this dinner that took place on 6/3/14. The minister Geoff Cuthbert attended this international women's day and talked about breaking the glass ceiling for women. Talked about IT in the DVLA and a move to insourcing. Follow up meeting scheduled on this subject.</p> <p>Amy Baseman had set up a careers advice service for women, the details of which she presented.</p> <p>Bethan reported that there had been some confusion with some guests about a free dinner!</p> <p>Feedback suggested they need more time to mingle before being seated next time.</p> <p>A video of the evening has been produced.</p> <p>Jeremy stated that he had found it a very informative evening and the line up of speakers worked well, stimulating some thought amongst the audience.</p> <p>Rosemary also felt it was a good evening and the venue had worked well and the students had made a good presentation.</p>	
207.5.7	April and May programme (basically the HPC visit and John's history lecture)	
	<p>The committee had to cancel the March presentation due to lack of support. Felt that announcing the date last minute did not help. Rescheduled for 30/4/14. Miki or Paul will host the evening.</p> <p>John Tucker needs to set a date and synopsis for a historical presentation. Bethan to discuss this with him. The 13th or 15th May suggested for John's presentation.</p> <p>Carl has an Agile presentation proposed for the 14/5/14. Jeremy will clarify</p>	<p>MB, PB</p> <p>JT</p> <p>JW</p>

	this with Carl.	
207.5.8	Member Groups convention 11 March, London report (http://www.volunteer.bcs.org/Convention 2014 Spring)	
	<p>Jeremy attended this and reported on the day. Very deferent format to past events. Talked about how BCS HQ can help the membership. Cyber security was a main topic. Consensus was that security needed to reach a wider audience in the public.</p> <p>Topics such as penetration testing were covered.</p> <p>Next BCS conference at Southampton Street around Nov 12th.</p> <p>Suggested committee look at the official presentations on the BCS site.</p>	All
207.5.9	Budget 2014/15(in DropBox, under budget paperwork)	
	<p>Submitted proposals with a more realistic break down of cost codes. Added events for special funding such as the Christmas lecture.</p> <p>Can now provide extrapolated reports for each year.</p> <p>Paul suggested that a snapshot of the current budget be maintained in Dropbox for read only access by the committee. Phil agreed to set this up.</p>	PH
207.5.10	Programme for 2014 / 15	
	<p>Cow bridge social night to be organised for 6/8/14.</p> <p>AGM end of Sept. or early Oct possibly fitting round Jeremy's holiday.</p> <p>Annual business lecture 8/10/14.</p> <p>Look to book venues at OU and at Pontypridd. Rosemary and Miki to coordinate this with Jeremy.</p> <p>Event template circulated for ownership. This is also in Dropbox.</p> <p>Hadron collider could be a possible interesting future topic. Anyone have any contacts?</p> <p>Miki and Helen to follow up a possible contact at Cardiff about a 2000 year old computer.</p> <p>A visit to Sony to see Raspberry Pi could be an option. Carl also doing a Raspberry Pi robot. See his email.</p> <p>Christmas event this year would be Swansea Waterfront. How Santa delivers the Christmas presents could be a topic with a company like Amazon.</p> <p>Robotics could be another link.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>RD, MB</p> <p>All</p> <p>MB, HP</p>
207.5.11	Raspberry Pi events	

	Carl not available to provide an update.	
207.5.12	Correspondence	
	No new correspondence raised.	
207.5.13	Branch reports	
	<i>Chairman's report: (owner: JW)</i> <i>Nothing further to report.</i>	
	<i>Webmaster's report: (owner: CA)</i> <i>Carl not available.</i>	
	<i>Treasurer's report: (owner: PH)</i> <i>See budget agenda item above.</i>	
	Mid Wales (owner: FL) Fred not available.	
	<i>Membership Secretary's report: (owner: PB)</i> Paul had nothing to report on the current membership. Paul agreed to chase up committee members we have not heard from for a while.	
	<i>Report on Membership Board & Council: (owner: JW)</i> <i>See agenda item above.</i>	
	<i>Report on YPG & Student Chapters and Schools: (owner: TC)</i> Tom Crick had given a very good presentation in March on the position with Schools and his BCS input to this.	
	Report on BCS in Wales: (Owner BW) See agenda item above.	
	<i>Report on Universities:</i> Nothing to report	
	<i>Report on Professionalism:</i>	
	<i>Report on Publicity:</i>	

203.5.14	Welsh Language (owner: DC)	
	No report from DC.	
203.5.15	Committee guidance notes	
	No updates.	
203.5.16	Any other business	
	Paul suggested that the committee required an expansion of active members to share the workload. Jeremy asked that suggestions for actions to address this be put forward for the next meeting.	
203.5.17	Date(s) and format of next meeting(s)	
	<p>The next meeting will be on Thursday May 1st as people not available for the normal first Wednesday of the month in May. (Note, this date is no longer valid and a new date is to be set)</p> <p>Jeremy also gave his apologies in advance for the June meeting. Paul to chair the June meeting on 4/6/14</p>	