



Minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the 2016/17 Session
 Committee of the South Wales Branch BCS, the Chartered Institute for IT

Wednesday 7 June 2017

Refreshments from 18:00, Meeting 18:10 -19:30

Reception Meeting Room, Companies House, Cardiff

215.9.0	Present P Bulmer (Chair) F. Long	D. Smith (Minutes) P. Hopkins	I King
	Apologies J. White	C. Allen	

215.9.1	Welcome	Actions
	Paul Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Fred joined the meeting via Skype.	
215.9.2	Minutes Of Previous Meeting	
	<p>There were just notes from Jeremy which Paul took the meeting through.</p> <p>IET very good event, Derek had initiated some Twitter and there had been a full house. It was a valuable event for CPD content, including coverage of the potential of VR in manufacturing.</p> <p>The 60th Dinner had been cancelled/postponed (but only to those who had already RSVP'd, not the membership in general). Fred reported distinct problems at Aberystwyth as a result, and is corresponding with Judith Taylor at HQ concerning perhaps separate Mid and South Wales venues, with a President's visit. Action: Paul to check with Judith for South Wales.</p>	PB
215.9.3	Website Review	
	Carl reported via Paul that he had made some progress and will continue with this. Action continues.	CA
215.9.4	Correspondence	
	(a) <i>Prizes</i> Paul to handle Swansea, Jeremy and Phil USW, Iain and Jeremy or Phil Cardiff Met. Other items dealt with under specific headings.	
215.9.5	Branch Reports	

	<p>(b) <i>Treasurer</i>: Phil presented accounts rundown. Overspent because Xmas event paid out of budget rather than special funding, which makes better sense.</p> <p>(d) <i>Mid Wales</i>: Fred has had 2 meetings in May, including a live link which suffered from poor comms!</p> <p>(e) <i>Universities</i>: Iain reminded the meeting that Taslima still needed guidance on how to foster university liaison. Action: Paul to raise with Jeremy.</p> <p>(f) <i>YPG and Student Chapters</i>: remains to be resolved.</p> <p>(h) <i>Publicity</i>: Derek reported that there was nothing to add to his May report, which seems to have worked well for the IET event.</p>	<p>PB JW</p>
215.9.6	Events Programme (owner: JW)	
	<p>Melin Homes Phil updated on progress with contacts there. A rerun of their February presentation is foreseen, and has standby plans if needed. Asked Cardiff or Swansea? Paul replied that most likely in Cardiff.</p> <p>Techniquet Phil updated the meeting on progress so far, and the provisional date was Weds 6th December. He will tour the site shortly to get a feel. Phil suggested a very early first warning branch mailing to earmark the date by a short Chair's email and Twitter simultaneously (needs care to invite Mid Wales and IET). Derek asked for a clear early decision whether non-members/families were to be invited. Paul also reviewed the latest draft programme and Iain/Derek commented.</p> <p>Feb 2018 DVLA Carl and Iain to collaborate on "insourcing" - the business event.</p> <p>March 2018 IET(SW) shared event. Paul to enquire.</p> <p>April 2018 need a history event. Paul to talk to JT.</p> <p>May 2018 our IET (SE) event; Paul to organise.</p> <p>June 2018 GDPR and implications as it goes live (Action: Derek to research and report back).</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>PH</p> <p>JW</p> <p>CA / IK</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB PB</p> <p>DS</p>
215.9.7	BCS in Wales	
	<p>Fred had put a proposal to Jeremy and North Wales Branch in March, and awaits decision to proceed. Essentially the idea was for a smaller committee (details in Fred's e-mail), much on the lines of the arrangement in Scotland.</p> <p>Action: Paul to raise with Jeremy.</p>	<p>PB</p>
215.9.8	<u>Committee 2017/18</u>	
	<p>Paul said we'd use the August meal to sign off proposals for 2017/18 membership. We are short on numbers, and representation at the Universities. Fred suggested approaching universities and asking for committee members there - staff, postgraduate, and undergraduate. Paul</p>	

	observed that the IET were getting increasingly involved in computing in such areas as manufacturing. Nevertheless Iain said that BCS remained the lead institution for security, and Phil said much the same for VR and AI. Action: Paul to talk to Jeremy about reconnecting with universities.	PB
215.9.9	Guidance Notes	
	All committee guidance notes are available on Dropbox. Please check and either update, or notify Jeremy of required updates.	
215.9.10	Any Other Business	
	Carl's resolution of the Skype / WiFi Problems at Companies House venue worked well on this its first trial, and the meeting thanked him for the improvement.	
215.9.11	Date Of Future Meeting	
	Wednesday 2nd August 2017	