BCS - The Chartered Institute for IT
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 2015/16 Session
of the South Wales Branch
6.00pm, Thursday, 28th September 2016
Companies House, Reception Meeting Room,
Crown Way, Cardiff,
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1. Welcome

The chairman (Jeremy white) officially opened the AGM.

Jeremy opened the AGM and described how the committee meetings & venues are flexible and vary from month to moth but is always the first Wednesday of the month. Jeremy invited all interested to come along to observe.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Ed Swires-Hennessy and Fred Long.

3. Minutes of the 2014 AGM

Minutes published on website accepted by committee.

1. Chair's Report

The existing committee members were shown and thanks given to Companies House for hosting the AGM, and Swansea university for their help in hosting some events.

Venues & events held in 2016 were summarised and special mentions were made for the Swansea Maritime museum and Techniquest. Joint working with IET and the Scouts all day event were briefly summarised.

The website as the main source for local events and cross posting of events of interest was highlighted.

Jeremy covered the branch makeup (membership report) 1500 members Cardiff 22% Swansea 11%, Newport 8%, Bridgend 4%, Pontypridd 3%.

The forthcoming BCS Role based conventions (& general good connections with HQ.) were described. The convention is to be held on November 15th.

Future direction, improving and expanding on the work of the committee, spreading a little further west was emphasised alongside working with Government which has been requested by HQ.

HQ is keen for branch influencing government representatives & assembly members (about 20 MPs + welsh AM's).

2.   Treasurer's Report

Finances were described – the treasurer reported that 'we are solvent', costs saved by only claiming essential travel and car sharing had helped to keep us on-track.

3.   Election of the Committee

Three new nominees were proposed: Richard Thorne, Ian King, Rob Ludman

Existing committee members: Jeremy White(Chair), Paul Bulmer (Vice chair), Phil Hopkins(Treasurer) and Carl Allen(Secretary). Due process was followed for proposing and seconding nominations. Everyone present at the AGM agreed the nominations and the new committee was duly elected. Slides and minutes will be made available on the website.

4.   Any Other Business

Jeremy drew the AGM to a close and introduced the talk on the Enigma machine which followed a short break for refreshments.