

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE CONSULTANCY SPECIALIST GROUP
OF THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY
HELD AT 1st FLOOR, THE DAVIDSON BUILDING,
5 SOUTHAMPTON STREET, LONDON WC2E 7HA
AT 6 PM ON TUESDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2010**

PRESENT:

John McGarvey (A/Chairman)
Jennifer Stapleton (A/Secretary)
Colin Pearson (Treasurer)
José-Rodrigo Córdoba-Pachón (Committee member)
Andrew Brown (Committee member)
Richard Avery (Committee member)
Anne Taiwo-Mathew (MBCS)

1. The Chairman noted that the meeting had been duly convened and that a Quorum was present, and opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Rajan Anketell (in hospital).
2. With the consent of the members present, the notice convening the meeting was taken as read.
3. The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to conduct the business set out in the notice of annual general meeting.
4. The Minutes of the last AGM on the 22nd September 2009 were briefly read through and agreed as being a true record.

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5. Chairman's Report

The Chairman introduced Chairs' report for 2009/10. It was with some sadness that it was reported that due to ill health, the outgoing Chairman, Devarajan (Rajan) Anketell has been forced to step down from his role as Chairman. Rajan, a serving BCS Trustee, had been the Chair of the Committee since the inception of the SG and his contribution had been extremely significant.

During his many years as Chair of the Consultancy SG, Rajan had helped many people with their consultancy careers and had been influential in shaping the role of consultancy in the UK. Rajan had been instrumental in setting up the Joint Consultancies Forum, a unique ad-hoc group which had representatives from 14 different institutions with an interest in Consultancy.

Although he is stepping down from the position of Chairman, Rajan will remain a committee member. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery and thanked him for his work on the committee as Chairman.

Group highlights included a number of joint events with branches, details of which are in the Secretaries Report.

6. The Chairman wished to record his thanks to Committee, members of the Group BCS support staff and to the various speakers, who made last years programme so Successful.

7. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer gave an update on the current state of the finances and delivered his report (details Attached). As in previous years a small surplus accrued through prudent financial management and this year it was decided to continue the nominal charges at the same rate as previous years.

8. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that membership numbers had increased by approximately 10% from 3114 to 3417. The group had been invoved in 21 events since the previous AGM. In a drive to be less London-centric, some joint events had been run jointly with local branches, including Hampshire and Edinburgh. Also the group's activities reach outside London via the BCS Consultancy Group on Linked In.

9. Election of Officers

There being no other nominations the Acting Chair was elected as Chair. It was noted that Jennifer Stapleton, Acting Secretary, wished to retire from the Committee and the Chairman on behalf of the SG thanked her for her contributions to the Committee over the past few years. Colin Pearson (Treasurer) was re-elected unopposed and in addition will act as Secretary on a temporary basis.

They were duly appointed with effect from the end of the meeting.

10. Enquiries have been gratefully received from a number of members with various offers of help and to serve on the committee. Their offers are much appreciated and appointments will be announced on completion of the discussions.

11. A.O.B.

Colin Pearson asked the assembled members whether they wished to have refreshments at the end of the evening on in an interval between speakers in future as this would allow those who had travelled some distance and could not always stay for the entire event to have something to eat and during the event. It was agreed to arrange the programme to fit this on a trial basis in future.

12. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.25 pm.

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Hon Secretary

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Chairman

