



BCS North East Branch AGM 2018

Thursday 28th June at 1800

Durham University Calman Learning Centre, DH1 3LE

Present: Alastair Irons (chair), Cris Bloomfield, Tom Prickett, Steve Hewitt, Dominic Grey, Mason Collins, Nigel Morton, Chris Topham, Nigel Morton

1. Welcome and Introductions

The incumbent chair welcomed everyone to the AGM

2. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Ian Robinson, Klaus Michael Vogelberg, Pauline Ironside and Wendy Craig

3. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes from the previous AGM were accepted as a true record

4. Matters arising

No matters arising from the previous AGM minutes

5. A report from the Chair on the year's activities

The chair thanked everyone for their contribution and their participation in the branch activities over the last year. Thanks offered to those who helped organise events

- Alastair Irons at University of Sunderland
- Aad van Moorsel at Newcastle University
- Klaus Michael Vogelberg at SAGE
- Cris Bloomfield @ Durham University
- colleagues from the NE (ISC)2 chapter

An exercise took place during the year to ensure that all BCS branches and special interest groups complied with the GDPR data expectations. A report was sent from the NE branch and it was duly reported that the branch complied.

There were 8 events this session, slightly fewer than 2016/17. Overall more than 320 members and non-members attended the events.

Date	Location	Speaker	Organisation	Topic	Attendees
22 nd November 2017	Newcastle University	Nick Cook; Ben Garside; Jim Green; Chris Wilde	Computers at Schools	Delivering computer science in schools	60
13 th December 2017	Newcastle	Frank van Baar	SAGE	Building AI Solutions and 60th Anniversary Celebration	54
18 th January 2018	Sunderland Joint event with SPHERE	MSc Students	University of Sunderland	Challenges Facing Cybersecurity	28
19 th February 2018	Durham	Steve Carr	Palo Alto Networks	The anatomy of a cyber attack; why successful breaches do not have to be perceived as inevitable	41
13 th March 2018	Sunderland in collaboration with Sunderland Software City and Innovate UK	Peter Karney	Digital Catapult	Things Connected – LPWAN as an example	38
30 th April 2018	Sunderland	Dave Clark	Northern Gas Networks	Disrupting Stuff	29
23 rd May 2018	Newcastle joint event with (ISC)2	Mark Johnson; Tim Rawlins; Annabel Berry; Alastair Irons; Lyndsay Turley	SAGE Offices	The Human Firewall	70
28 th June	Durham	Clare McGlynn and Fiona Vera-Gray	Durham University	Tracking and Regulating online Pornography: challenges and opportunities	12

Planning for the schedule of events for 2018/19 is underway. The target is for 10 events distributed between Newcastle, Sunderland and Durham.

At the event in Newcastle in November the branch awarded prizes to students, 1 from each of the regional Universities. The practice for awarding a prize to the most successful year 1 student at each of the branch area's universities will continue in 2018/19. Nominations from each university have been requested.

The branch will continue to support the student chapters and will endeavour to host a regional event involving all of the university chapters.

Noted Dominic Gray has volunteered to take on responsibility as Young Persons Group liaison

This year there were collaborative events with Sphere North East and with the NE (ISC)2 chapter. Next year it is proposed that we collaborate on a joint event with IET to focus on the convergence of computing and engineering (relationship between automotive engineering and data science as an example).

There was an opportunity for members to attend the BCS 60th Anniversary event in the North. John Lloyd attended on behalf of the branch

There had been an aspiration for the branch to host a regional 60th birthday event and this was tied to the SAGE meeting before Christmas.

6. Treasurer's Report

Chris Topham provided the treasurer's report for 2017/18. Thanks expressed to BCS for monthly updates on accounts. The report included a review of income and expenditure against the budget agreed with BCS HQ for the past year and an explanation of next year's budget request

Budget for 2017-18 £3,420

- We have spent £100 according the BCS
- Expectation that we will incur further costs prior to end of financial year.
- Should have £200 in costs from the 4x £50 awards.

Budget for 2018-19

- We have asked for £3800 next year (10% increase on next year)
- This to include committee members travel expenses
- £2,400 for catering
- Money set aside for speaker expenses
- £300 for publicity
- £500 for student awards

It was noted that none of our speakers asked for expenses

Discussion on how the YPG members might be spent to support their events.

The financial report was presented and accepted as a true record

7. Election of Chair, Treasurer and committee members

Elections:

Post	Nominations	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Alastair Irons	Cris Bloomfield	Steve Hewitt
Vice Chair	Ian Robinson*	Alastair Irons	Steve Hewitt
Secretary	Cris Bloomfield	Steve Hewitt	Chris Topham
Treasurer	Chris Topham	Steve Hewitt	Nigel Morton
YPG	Dominic Gray	Alastair Irons	Cris Bloomfield
Committee	Steve Hewitt	Cris Bloomfield	Alastair Irons
Committee	Klaus Michael Vogelberg*	Alastair Irons	Chris Topham

Committee	Nigel Morton	Cris Bloomfield	Chris Topham
Committee	Mason Collins	Alastair Irons	Chris Topham

Discussion about need for a data protection officer, agreed not needed due to central approach.

Noted standing invitation to attend national conferences. Suggestion that this was a good opportunity for the young members, in addition Steve Hewitt volunteered to support regional representation as required.

*Nomination received in advance

8. Any other business – no items have been raised with chair

No items for AOB were received in advance of the AGM

Discussion about potential subjects for subject for talks in 2018/19

Meeting closed at 18.50 and adjourned for the talk by Clare McGlynn and Fiona Vera-Gray