



The Chartered Institute for IT
Enabling the information society

BCS Chester and North Wales Branch

AGM – 23rd November 2016, 7:00pm

Money Penny, Western Gateway, Wrexham, LL13 7ZB

MINUTES

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair & Secretary – Garfield Southall
Vice Chair – Helen Searle-Jones
Treasurer – Keith Richardson
Membership Secretary – Martin King
Committee Member – Les Pritchard

Attendees:

Alex Astall, Ruth Brown, Aled Brown, Jason Brown, Kathleen Bulmer, Blake Byron, Barry Cook, Susan Davis, James Dent, Gary Duffy-Brogan, Ralph Ferneyhough, Stanley Foxall, Anna Gronno, Stuart Haynes, Antony Jones, Daniel Klemm, Ann Marchant, Shaun McCann, Jamie Neville, Hemant Raste, David Redmayne, Shaun Roberts, Charles Ryder, Susan Sheperd, Duncan Stewart, Adrian Stoddart, Eduardo Vega, Ranganayakulu Velaga, Madhuri Velaga, Carl Walker, David Williamson, Ruth Windon.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from: Zed Spencer-Milnes, Stuart Cunningham.

3. MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Previous AGM minutes were accepted as read with no objections.

4. MATTERS ARISING

N/A

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

The chair thanked the committee for their hard work during the year, especially to the committee members who were standing down at this AGM.

The chair also mentioned some of the new initiatives being developed by BCS, all evolving around the notion of Making IT Good For Society.

Looking ahead the chair briefly mentioned some of the talks that members could look forward to.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Formal EOY accounts not yet released.

The budget for 2015/16 was £1,290. Of that £266.05 was spent on catering and £486 on prizes (the budget for prizes was £230), making a total spend of £752.05. That equates to an under spend for the year of £537.95.

The reason for the under spend is a result of:

- lower than expected catering costs;
- no expenditure on:
 - publicity materials;
 - room hire [due to the use of university facilities at no or little cost];
 - speaker's expenses'
- a reduction in the overall number of meetings run by the Group.

Looking towards to 2016-2017, the budget remains the same at £1,290:

- £160 for travel costs;
- £135 for room hire
- £315 for catering
- £375 for speaker expenses
- £75 for publicity materials
- £230 for prizes

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The three Account Signatories:

Chair & Secretary – Garfield Southall (proposed - Eduardo Vega, seconded - James Dent, unanimously re-elected)

Treasurer – Keith Richardson (proposed - Adrian Stoddart, seconded - Antony Jones, unanimously elected)

Other Committee Members re-elected:

Vice-Chair – Helen Searle-Jones

Membership Secretary – Martin King

Committee Member – Les Pritchard

Committee Member – Stuart Cunningham

The following Committee Members were not seeking re-election and the Chair thanked them for their commitment and effort over their term; Paul Murphy, Charles Ryder, Zed Spencer-Milnes & John Zlosnik.

New Committee members were actively encouraged to get in touch if they wished to join the committee.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

... formal business of AGM was closed at 7:13pm ...

9. GUEST PRESENTATION

“SETTING SAIL FOR ADVENTURE – MAKING PLAYTIME ISLAND”, Ross Butler – Senior iOS & Android Developer (BBC)

Ross spoke about how the CBBC Development team utilise Agile practices.

“The majority of organisations engaged in software development these days utilise some form of Agile practice, however the details often vary between organisations and even between teams within the same organisation. The talk covered how Agile practices and processes were employed by the BBC Children’s Apps Team to deliver value to the audience during the development of CBeebies Playtime Island.”