



Chester & North Wales Branch

**Annual General Meeting
2012
At
Urban Resort St David's Park**

MINUTES

1 WELCOME

Chair - Garfield Southall
Minute taker - Paul D Murphy

Round table - Les Pritchard, Charles Ryder, Robert Gittins, Duncan Stewart, Helen Searle-Jones, Shaun Roberts, Tom Charnley.

Member Group rules for committees and meeting had been circulated to all member prior to the AGM (as displayed on the BCS Volunteer portal).

We have 873 members registered to our Chester & North Wales branch.

The total combined attendance at our meetings and meetings we were associated with was over a thousand.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Lloyd-Williams, Stephen Harrison, John Kerrins, Karen Vickers.

3 MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Approved

4 MATTERS ARISING

None

5 REPORTS

5.1 Chair's Annual Report (Garfield Southall)

Thanked committee for their work.

Emphasis for next year is more joint ventures with like minded organisations.

5.2 Treasurer Report (Tom Charnley)

BCS Financial Year runs from 1st September to 31st August

"The budget for the 2011/2012 Financial Year had been reduced from the previous year. Most of the reduction was caused by a change in Branch Finance allocation procedures by BCS to allow a more flexible system that incorporated a reserve fund, to accommodate variations in the unplanned financial needs of branches, depending on activity."



" Our total allocation was £2366, with expenditure to the end of July being £2,261, of which £606 is specifically allocated to Student Prizes at the three Universities linked with this branch (£202 each)."

Tom stressed that he needs Glyndwr and Bangor Universities to contact him regarding confirmation as to the description and administration of their Student Prizes.

Tom Charnley and Robert Gittens discussed the continued funding of our 2Life environment which may evolve onto a different platform in the near future. Our annual contribution will be increased by £100.

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All committee members were happy to serve again 2012 - 2013

The three account signatories: -

Chair - Garfield Southall (*unanimous re-elected*)

Treasurer - Tom Charnley (*unanimous re-elected*)

Secretary - Paul D Murphy (*no vote required*)

YPG (young person) Representative - Stuart Cunningham.

Educational Liaison Officer - Phil G Evans & Vic Grouts

Membership Secretary - Karen M Vickers

Committee members - Rob Gittens, John M Kewley, Les Pritchard, Charles Ryder, Helen J Searle-Jones.

Branches Congress Representative is Garfield Southall.

Email co-ordinators are Paul D Murphy, Vic Grout, Les Pritchard, Karen M Vickers.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

We continue to be aware of the need to cover North Wales as well as the Chester area.

We will continue to investigate how to better utilise the virtual attendance of our meetings.

We will work harder to use social media such as Facebook to open up our discussions.

--- formal business closed ---

8 OPEN DISCUSSION

Garfield discussed his experiences of and enthusiasm for the Membership Board and the Best Practices Board on which he sits and contributes at national level.

We all then discussed our understanding of the base remits of the British Computer Society such as 'Promote use of Technology' and 'Encourage Professionalism'.

The discussion range from public general awareness through trusted sources concluding with the lobbying of government. All attendees contributed.

Garfield emphasised the value and quantity of background information now available via the Volunteer Portal.

There was also mention of and praise for the Computing at School campaign.

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