



Chester & North Wales Branch

**Annual General Meeting
2011
At
Holiday Inn, Chester South, CH4 9DL**

MINUTES

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

David Lloyd-Williams, Duncan Stewart, John Kewley, Miki Burgess, Rob Gittens, Robert Hellen, Steve Morris, Tom Charnley and Vic Grout

2 MINUTES OF LAST AGM

Approved

3 MATTERS ARISING

*Mid Wales's sub branch continue to be active
Our % of branch members registered with email addresses has not increased*

4 CORRESPONDENCE

None

5. REPORTS:

5.1 Chair's Annual Report (Garfield S)

*Thanked committee for their work
Emphasis for next year is education / computing at schools*

5.2 Treasurer (Les P read out statement from Tom C)

"The Branch funding allocation for the 2010/2011 financial year was £2200, excluding student prizes, which are fixed at £202 per University in the Branch area. These are Bangor, Chester and Glyndwr Universities. There was also Project funding requested to continue development within Second Life. This was to part compensate Bangor University for some of the development expenditure.

Expenditure was conservative and funded two meetings at the Holiday Inn, Chester with refreshment plus travel expenses on Branch business by two members. Total expenses claimed were £721, leaving an under spend of £1479. Only two full student cash prizes were claimed, together with a small amount at the beginning of the year. I have not been informed of any vouchers issued to the students against membership.

In common with most organisations, BCS has been required to reduce expenditure with the result that the budget for the 2011/2012 year has been substantially reduced to £1260. There will be provision available for dealing with Branches that have a substantial overspend. If expenditure for the coming year mirrors last year, then we should have few maintenance problems, although we are aware that there may be future charges for meetings held at Chester. Student prizes and Second Life continuation funding have been agreed."

All committee members were happy to serve again 2011 - 2012

6. PROGRAMME 2010/2011

The following to be considered for events for next year:

- *Mobile application development*
- *Cloud computing and security*
- *Visual computing and heritage to be held at Bangor*
- *PROM-G talks*
- *Mobile Broadcasting*
- *Cellular Automata*
- *Virtualisation*
- *Webinars*

Other possibilities are Smart Clothes and Laser Designed Reverse Engineering. Site visits being investigated are Bentley, BT Oswestry and Vauxhall. We will further develop our relationship with Software Alliance Wales.

7. COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 2010/2011

Chair - Garfield Southall – proposed by Charles R, Seconded by Stuart C: Passed as unanimous

Secretary – Paul M - proposed by Les P, Seconded by Karen V: Passed as unanimous

Treasurer – Tom Charnley - proposed by Garfield S, Seconded by Roger Howells: Passed as unanimous

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

At the suggestion of David Lloyd-Williams via email.

Minutes to be published on our website - discussed - AGM minutes to be published however the belief was that is insufficient interest to justify the publishing of committee minutes.

Earlier notification of events - agreed - this has been requested previously and we will continue our efforts at improving our communications.

LinkedIn group - agreed - our existing Facebook group will also continue meaning some duplication but at the gain of a wider audience.

Improved use of technology to share our meetings both live and recorded - discussed - we have previously debated this topic without reaching any conclusion - we will revisit and report back to AGM 2012.

The AGM was then followed by a talk

Karen Vickers - The British Oceanographic Data Centre
