

DSC Specialist Group – AGM: Monday 07/11/2011, Stanley Gill's room, BCS Southampton Street Office, 17:00 – 18:00.

Minutes of the AGM

Present: Peter Dzwig, Choi-Hong Lai, Souheil Khaddaj, Jason McGuiness

Apologies: Ian Osborne

1. Minutes of the last meeting should be circulated and accepted.
2. Annual report: PD presented his annual report and was accepted.
3. Finance:
The annual account was circulated before the meeting and accepted at the meeting.
To check whether there is any equipment charge of using conference telephone. (Action JM)
Funds should also be used for seminar speaker's travel expenses and, if necessary, overnight accommodation.
4. Election of new committee:
The existing committee members agreed to stand for the same posts. These were accepted at the AGM and the new committee for 2011/12 formed. The new committee will stand for another year.
5. Outline business opportunity for an on-line open access journal:
A confidential document of an on-line open access journal was circulated and discussed. It was thought that a dedicated journal in the area of distributed and scalable computing is needed for open access.
6. Speakers plan (Actions to be done):
David Deutsch (Action PD to contact)
Jim Austin, York University (Action PD to check whether Jim Austin is recovered.)
Alex Shafarenko, Hertfordshire University, agreed to talk in February 2012.
Graham Burnett, city people, PD speaking to him currently.
Gordon Hughes, Intel – no reply. (Action PD chase up.)
AMD - Ian has had contact from AMD who are keen to market themselves. Ian wants to put together a webcast/webinar with them for the KTN. I propose that we join them (KTN) in that, ie do it as a joint event.
Lee Gilliam, Surrey, will talk. Date to be arranged.
Every committee member nominates speakers. (Action every committee member)
7. Conference set up:
Workshops and conferences could be done in a loosely controlled way, i.e. leave the organising committee to organise and DSC supported by nominating speakers and sponsoring speakers follows with an approval from the committee. Conference could be DSC organised or DSC sponsored. The next event could be again a Kingston Workshop in 2012 and the DCABES 2013.

The AGM was closed at 18:00.

Next AGM: 05/11/2012 17:00.