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# **BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT**

## **South Wales Branch**

### **AGM**

Thursday 26 September 2019  
Companies House, Cardiff

<http://southwales.bcs.org>

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# 2018/19 Annual General Meeting: Agenda

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- 1- APOLOGIES
- 2- MINUTES OF LAST YEAR'S MEETING
- 3- CHAIR' S REPORT
  - Branch Committee
  - Branch Activities
  - Branch Events
  - Branch Web Site
  - Branch Membership
  - BCS Member Group Conventions
- 4- TREASURER'S REPORT
- 5- ELECTION OF COMMITTEE
- 6- FUTURE DIRECTIONS
- 7- ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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# Minutes of last year's AGM

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- Minutes available via branch web site
- Hard copies available
  
- Apologies received from:
  - John Dyer
  - Wendy Dearing

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# Current Branch Committee

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- Committee meetings
  - First Wednesday of every month
  - Traditional business meetings and themed meetings
  - Open to everyone!
  
- [xx] committee meetings held since the last AGM
  - Minutes available via Branch web site (<http://southwales.bcs.org>)

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# 2018-2019 Committee Members

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<b>Who</b>	<b>Role</b>
Jeremy White	Chair
Paul Bulmer	Vice Chair
Andy Bellamy	Vice chair
Carl Allen	Secretary
Phil Hopkins	Treasurer
Fred Long	Mid-Wales Branch Chair
Rob Ludman	Committee member
Iain King	Committee member

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# Branch Committee – Special mentions

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- Thanks to Companies House for hosting committee meetings

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# Branch Events

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- For our 2018/19 programme we ran [xx] evening events including
  - Car Forensics and Infotainment Systems. How computerised is your car?
  - Behind the scenes with some cash machines
  - Applying augmented reality and wearable technologies - Dwr Cymru Welsh Water
  - DVLA Transformation & Ethical Hacking Building the Ethical Hacking Capability
  - Cybersecurity and Internet of things (IoT): How safe are you and the Internet?
  - From Abbey Works to Amazon
- We worked with the IET to deliver joint events
- We worked with students from USW to form a student chapter
- Supported events by other organisations
  - STEM days at Margam Park introducing Lego Mindstorms robots
  - DVLA Coding competition
- We'd like to thank everyone who helped - our presenters, collaborators and hosts

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# Branch Web Site

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- Contains details of events for branch AND links to related groups:
  - Mid-Wales branch
  - Chester and North Wales
  - Relevant non-branch events
- Committee details
  
- HQ looks after the site for us once we've created the content and manages booking through EventBrite



# Membership Report

- Total Branch members: **1,214 (1,540 last year)**
- **Gender:** Male 85% (82%), Female 14% (16%)
- **Top 5 Towns/Cities**  
Cardiff 24% (23%), Swansea 9% (11%), Newport 8% (9%), Bridgend 5% (5%), Pontypridd 2% (3%)
- Members may wish to join Mid-Wales branch (three branches in total)

## Membership by grade

Professional	56%	(47%)
Chartered professional	20%	(18%)
Student	3%	(4%)
Associate	11%	(22%)
Affiliate	1%	(2%)
Fellow	2%	(2%)
Chartered Fellow	5%	(5%)

## Membership by age

< 25	4%	(5%)
25 - 34	11%	(12%)
35 – 44	25%	(28%)
45 – 54	30%	(30%)
55 – 64	21%	(17%)
> 65	10%	(8%)

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# BCS Role Based Conventions

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- Each year we attend two conventions in London
- This year they're looking at how BCS can increase its impact locally for members
- These enable us to
  - promote our branch and remind HQ that south Wales isn't far away
  - link up with other branches
  - hear the views, problems and solutions of other branches
  - understand the way BCS is changing
  - press the importance of BCS in the devolved countries
- Next Convention early November for Branch Committee officers

# Treasurer's Report



## **2018/19 Budget**

Budget allocation was £5,660 which comprised

- £4,230 running costs for events
- £900 for student prizes and membership
- £530 special funding request for sponsorship (DVLA coding competition, IWD event)

## **2019/20 Budget**

Budget allocation is £6,098 which comprises

- £3,498 running costs for events (including sponsorship)
- £600 for student prizes and membership
- £2,000 special funding

# Election of Committee

Who	Roles
Andy Bellamy	Chair
Carl Allen	Secretary
Phil Hopkins	Treasurer
Fred Long	Mid Wales Branch Chair

Who	Roles
Paul Bulmer	Vice Chair
Jeremy White	Vice Chair
Iain King	Committee member
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# Future events

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- October – Green IT – Sustainability and Climate Change
- November – Avionics
- December – Lego Mindstorms workshop for members
- January – AI and Ethics
- February – Visit to Network operations center
- March – Joint with IET South West
- April – Annual history lecture – The Swansea University Welsh Computing Collection
- May – Mobile phone forensics
- May – Joint with IET South East

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# Future Directions

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- Continue and expand our engagement with the public through STEM events
- Expand the committee to lower the average age and improve gender balance

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# Any Other Business

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- No notifications received

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# Close

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The Committee would like to thank all the members  
for their support throughout the year

And ...

Space for the buffet is limited ... please use the foyer  
as well as the small side room