

**BCS - The Chartered Institute for IT**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 2018/19 Session**  
**of the South Wales Branch**  
**18:00 Thursday, 27 September 2019**  
**Companies House, Reception Meeting Room,**  
**Crown Way, Cardiff,**  
**CF14 3UZ**

**1. Welcome**

After all the housekeeping Jeremy White welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome was made to John Jeffery from HQ.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Rob Ludman and Wendy Dearing.

**3. Minutes of the Previous AGM**

The minutes of the previous AGM (September 2018) were accepted and are present on the website for the members to review.

**4. The Chairman's report.**

Jeremy reviewed the activity of the Committee and explained that our meetings are held on the first Wednesday in the month where we plan and discuss the programme for the year and make detailed plans for upcoming events. He explained that they were open to everyone and invited anyone interested to come along if they wanted to.

**Branch Events**

Jeremy reviewed some of the interesting events that have been held this year such as Car Forensics, behind the scenes of an ATM, Welsh Water's VR Igloo removing the need for site visits, Ethical Hacking and cyber security had a special mention. The chairman's slides will be made available as usual on the website.

**Branch Website**

Jeremy described how the branch website has changed and is far simpler. It uses Eventbrite for the event booking system.

**Membership**

Paul Bulmer went through the branch membership report and gave the result of his analysis. He concluded that there was some reduction in the South Wales Membership with the transfer of members from South Wales to Mid wales, although there has been a general downturn in the BCS members nationally.

**Committee service**

Jeremy presented two awards to committee members.

Phil Hopkins received a bronze pin for his services to the branch over five years

Carl Allen received a silver pin for ten years' service

## 5. Treasurer's Report

Phil Hopkins went through the budget figures the running costs, catering special prizes etc. He explained that the capital equipment budget which was for items like the Lego Mindstorms robots involves a separate business case to HQ for "special funding".

## 6. Election of Committee

The nominations for the new committee going forward were explained and agreed. There were no nominations from the floor.

- Andy Bellamy was elected was chair
- Carl Allen was re-elected as secretary
- Phil Hopkins was re-elected as treasurer.

The remainder of the committee was elected en bloc with a unanimous vote of those present at the AGM.

Andy Bellamy	Chair
Jeremy White	Vice chair
Paul Bulmer	Vice chair and Membership
Carl Allen	Secretary
Phil Hopkins	Treasurer
Fred Long	Chair, mid-Wales Branch
Rob Ludman	
Iain King	

## 7. Future Events

The new chairman then went through the outline programme of events for the forthcoming year. The details will be published on the slides on the website alongside these minutes and advertised through the Eventbrite booking system.

Andy encouraged members to come along and contribute to the Lego Mindstorms initiative where they could and thanked the committee for their recent efforts at Margam Park.

## 8. Future Directions

Andy explained that this year we were going to try and put the "BCSness" back into the events, expand engagements with STEM initiative and improve the gender balance on the committee. He also invited younger members to join to lower the average age of the committee. Andy also thanked the UWSW student chapter for attending the meeting.

## 9. Any Other Business

Andy outlined the forthcoming event programme.

Phil Hopkins recounted some recent conversations at Margam Park on the Lego Mindstorms project and described how it was really enjoyable and fun. He explained how the branch wished to expand this into the community by helping and training the teachers in schools.

He thanked all those who attended and closed the AGM