

**Minutes of the BCS L&D SG Committee Meeting  
Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
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## **Agenda**

- 1) Welcome and apologies (Kevin)
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting (ALL)
- 3) Matters Arising
- 4) Finance Update (Mark)
- 5) Events Schedule
- 6) Membership report (Gary)
- 7) Inclusion and Diversity (Ismini)
- 8) Any other business
- 9) Date of next meeting (16<sup>th</sup> March 2020)

## **Minutes**

### **1. Attendees**

	Action by
Present: Kevin Streater, Michelle Kaye, Mark Palmer, Charles Ryder, Dawn Ibbotson, Gary Thornton	
Apologies received: from: Ismini Vasileiou, Adil Fathelrahman, Ken Gaines	

### **2. Minutes of previous meeting:**

	Action by
The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the January meeting have not been typed up yet due to Gary being on holiday last month. Michelle recorded them so they will be transcribed in the near future.	GT

### **3. Matters arising:**

	Action by
The BCS event in Birmingham on March 19 <sup>th</sup> has been postponed. We now have a new banner.	

### **4. Finance update**

	Action by

We haven't spent any of the budget yet although we should probably expect a bill for the banner.	MP
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## 5. Events schedule

		Action by
Apr	The Bristol event on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April has been postponed	
	We discussed the Member Group Convention on 12 <sup>th</sup> March. A number of the committee attended.	Completed
Apr - Jul	We looked at ramping up on a number of webinars now that physical meetings are on hold. The webinars will be for 1 hour, either 6-7pm or 7-8pm. Michelle will tweet and see which time is preferred.	All
Jun	Kevin suggested a webinar on introduction T-Levels with new BCS President. He will approach the President's office for dates.	KS
May	Charles suggested a webinar on the future of computing in teaching that could be modified. He will let the committee have a copy of the video and could approach the speaker to see if he could participate.	CR
Apr	Dawn is working on a project with Nicholas Tolvey who has developed an online platform called SkillGrades aimed at coding.	DI
	Michelle suggested that we could try and set something up with LPI again	MK

## 6. Membership report

	Action by
<p>Gary reported that he had not asked for an update this month but said that last month the AGM L&amp;D SG had 1536 members, of which 1312 were BCS members, 144 were non-BCS.</p> <p>Mark and Kevin reported that access to data was discussed at the convention and we may have more information shortly.</p>	GT

## 7. Equality, Inclusion & Diversity

	Action by
<p>The committee believes that we are demonstrating good practice in this area. L&amp;D SG is international and has members from different countries and ethnic groups. Gary highlighted that, due to GDPR again, we don't see the Male/Female or UK/non-UK split any more so we don't really know how diverse we are.</p> <p>We ensure, as far as possible, that dietary requirements are met at meetings.</p>	All

We ensure disabled access to meetings.	
Dawn has been working on a project relating to sight-loss and IT. Dawn is a RNIB person and is a committee member. This might be a good article for IT Now so we will look into it. Michelle suggested including elements on the problems of software version suitability for disabled users.	DI, MK
We will discuss further at the next meeting	All

### 8. Any other business

	Action by
Charles said that the North Wales Branch would be very happy to do a joint event sometime in the next BCS year,	All
Mark spoke to someone from South Yorks and West Yorks Branches so more to follow.	MK

### 9. DT&P of next meeting

	Action by
Date 20 <sup>th</sup> April at 7pm	GT