Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on **Tuesday 22nd October 2019** at 6.30pm
at BCS London, 5 Southampton Street, London

**Attendance**

**Present**
Jim McLean (Chair)  
Chris Lawrence (Treasurer)  

Around 10 branch members  
Around 7 guests  
9 people online

**Apologies**
Samuel Oforisey (Membership & Publicity)  
Jalal ul Deen  
Immo Hüneke (Secretary)  
Chris Sluman  

**NB:** Samuel arrived at the end of the AGM and attended the following presentation.

1 **Welcome.**
Jim Mclean, the branch chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 **Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (16 October 2018)**
The minutes, circulated at the meeting, were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3 **Matters Arising**
There were none.

4 **Chair's Report**

4.1 **Overview**
Jim expressed his thanks to his fellow committee members and to tonight's speaker. Jim's report followed the guidance given on the BCS Template, with a summary given at the meeting.

4.2 **Programme**
There had been seven meetings in the past year (September to August).

4.3 **Community**
The branch membership is in excess of 3,000 but only about 150 attend one or more of our meetings over a year.

4.4 **Objectives for next year**
The intention is to run a programme of informative meetings over the coming year on topics aligned with BCS objectives. There are three confirmed meetings in the current year. The next one is on Data Science – Professional Responsibilities and Ethics, held in conjunction with the ICT Ethics Specialist Group. The first was on the 24th September, “Gifted – the most neglected segment” presented by Konstantinos Bonikos.
4.5 Committee
Jim appealed for more committee members, adding that someone connected with higher education would be useful as the ELO.

5 Treasurer’s Report
Chris Lawrence reported that £1730.07 had been spent in the past year – mainly on catering and on academic prizes. This was just within budget. The budget for the coming year was £1500. To provide more detail, he had printed out copies of the summary account spreadsheet and distributed them around the auditorium.

6 Elections to the Committee
The following were unanimously elected through a show of hands:
Chairman: Jim McLean (proposed Immo Hüneke, seconded Chris Lawrence)
Treasurer: Chris Lawrence (proposed Jim McLean, seconded Immo Hüneke)
Secretary: Immo Hüneke (proposed Chris Lawrence, seconded Jim McLean)
All officers were elected en bloc unopposed.
Chris Sluman, Sam Ofori-Sey and Jalal ul Deen had previously declared their willingness to continue to serve. All ordinary committee members were elected en bloc.

7 Any Other Business
There was no further business.
The meeting closed at 6.40pm to be followed by a highly informative talk about Information Security by Zuzana Bitter.