



London
South Branch

BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

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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.