

BCS, The Chartered Institute for IT

South Wales Branch Annual General Meeting

Thursday 22nd October 2020
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2020-21 Annual General Meeting: Agenda



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Apologies

Minutes of 2019-20 Annual General Meeting

- Apologies for this meeting received from:
 - Rob Ludman
 - Wendy Dearing
- Minutes of the last AGM and Chair's report available via branch web site
- Link to documents sent to members via eMail

Chair's Report: Branch Committee



- Committee meetings
 - First Wednesday of every month
 - Traditional business meetings and themed meetings (run online since March)

- 12 committee meetings held since the last AGM
 - Minutes available via Branch web site (<http://southwales.bcs.org>)

Chair's Report: Committee Members 2019-2020



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

Chair's Report: Branch Activities & Events



- *For our 2019/20 programme we ran a number of evening events including ...*
 - September – Filling the Cyber Skills Gap
 - October – The Climate Emergency & Scarce Resource Use
 - November – The Future of Aviation Tech
 - December – Xmas Fun with Lego Robots
 - January – Using Lego Mindstorms in Community Learning
 - February – World of Internet & Connectivity: Are We Really Safe? [with IET South West]
 - May – WEBINAR: The Welsh Supercomputing Program [with IET South East]
 - June – WEBINAR: Notions and Notations: Babbage's Language of Thought
 - September – WEBINAR: COVID-19: The data behind the Welsh Pandemic Response

Are events are always free and open to BCS members and non-members

Chair's Report: Branch Activities & Events



- We work with the IET to deliver joint events every year
- We continued our work with HE students from University of South Wales and their Student Chapter
- Supported events by other organisations
 - Numerous STEM days at Margam Park introducing Lego Mindstorms robots
 - DVLA Coding competition
- Formed the STEM Robotics Initiative Group which is made up of committee members and branch volunteers who are working together to create teaching and learning materials to be used in schools to encourage development of STEM skills especially in robotics

We'd like to thank everyone who helped - our presenters, collaborators and hosts

Chair's Report: Branch Web Site



- Contains details of events for branch and links to related groups:
 - Mid-Wales branch
 - Chester and North Wales
- HQ looks after the site for us once we've created the content and manages event bookings through Eventbrite
- A new initiative in 2020-21 will hopefully see changes to the way we interact with the site
- We are also active on social media and you can follow our Twitter and LinkedIn for event updates.

https://twitter.com/bcs_south_wales

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8843006/>

Chair's Report: Membership Report



Total Branch members: **1,585** (1,214 last year)

Membership by grade		<i>(2019)</i>
Fellow	6%	<i>(7%)</i>
Professional	67%	<i>(78%)</i>
Associate	17%	<i>(11%)</i>
Affiliate	4%	<i>(1%)</i>
Student	6%	<i>(3%)</i>

Chair's Report: BCS Member Group Convention



- Each year we attend two BCS Member Group Conventions
- Normally two events in London every year, but online since end March
- These enable us to
 - hear the views, problems and solutions of other branches
 - hear from the Executive and discussion around the way BCS is changing
- Most recent event took place online in July and split between *member* and *specialist* groups
- Focused on how BCS can increase its relevance and impact *locally* for members
- Discussion around how we navigate the current situation of online only events and how that could potentially affect our branches, both the negative and positive impact

Treasurer's Report: Annual Budget



2019/20 Budget

Budget allocation was £6,098 which comprises

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

2020/21 Budget

Budget allocation is £5,048 which comprises

- £2,489 running costs for events (including sponsorship)
- £600 for student prizes and membership
- £1,950 special funding

Upcoming events

**November 4th 6.30pm – Webinar: Joint event with BCS Bristol Branch
“Digital Poverty and Digital Capital” Speaker - Dave Donaghy**

COVID-19 has underlined the importance of access to and comfort with technology. Dave Donaghy CEng MBCS FRSA argues that addressing this means thinking of both digital poverty and digital capital and explores the relationship between existing and potential stakeholders.

- Future planned events include webinars on:
 - Neurodiversity
 - Hardware series: Pi, Arduino and Mindstorms
 - Technology and Home Schooling
 - Joint events with the IET South East and South West Branches
 - Annual History Lecture

And many more in the pipeline

Future Directions



- To continue our work within education and STEM through our development of online learning material, particularly our LEGO Robotics Initiative for Schools
- To continue, and to expand, our engagement with the public through STEM events
- Encourage new member volunteers to join the South Wales committee, and improve the balance of diversity, gender and age
- Engage with local IT business and industry to develop and deliver relevant and exciting events for our members
- To work closely with the new Early Careers Executive group, created to support the future talent of our IT industry
- To continue our work with the Higher Education institutions in the region and help to develop and nurture more student chapters and encourage more student members to join the organisation

Election of Committee 2020-2021

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Fred Long	Mid Wales Branch Chair
Iain King	Committee member
Rob Ludman	Committee member
Lauren Watts-Keane	Diversity and Inclusion Officer

Any Other Business



- No notifications received

Close

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

Stay safe and well

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