

MINUTES OF THE 15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CONSULTANCY SPECIALIST GROUP OF THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

HELD Online AT 6.00 PM ON TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2020

PRESENT: Alan Warr (Chair), Antonio Hidalgo-Landa (Secretary); Colin Pearson (Treasurer); Simon Wallace (Committee Member); Terrance Freedman (Committee Member); and Amit Modhvadia.

APOLOGIES:

none

MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. The Chair noted that the meeting had been duly convened and that a quorum was present and opened the meeting at 6.00pm.
2. The Chair conveyed no apologies.
3. The Chair introduced the proposed agenda and it was agreed.
4. The Chair introduced the minutes of the previous AGM (2019) and asked if there were any comments or amendments. Since there were no comments the minutes were taken as read and were agreed as being a true record.
5. The Acting Chair introduced the Chairs' Report for 2019/20. In summary, the Consultancy Specialist Group planned to deliver 8 events as it had in the previous year and delivered 7 events. Around 800 people benefited from attending a Consultancy SG event or viewing the video recording on the BCS YouTube channel. In the circumstance of the COVID-19 close down this was a very credible performance. This involved rapidly redeveloping the events programme from physical evening events in London to on-line webinars. In recent months the SG has been able to field two webinar events per month (in part to catch up on its targets).

A Copy of the Chair's report will be available to read with the minutes of the AGM in the Consultancy SG's area of the BCS Site. The Committee agreed the Chair's Report.

6. The Chair then introduced the Treasurer's Report who presented his report including the Consultancy SG's Accounts for 2019/20. The Committee agreed the Treasurer's Report.
7. Election of officers & members.

The AGM discussed the election of officers. All the active members of the Committee wished to continue and there was unanimous agreement to continue the Committee forwards with its officers and members with the addition of Amit Modhvadia as committee member.

For the record that means the current committee comprises:

- Alan Warr (Chair)
- Colin Pearson (Treasurer)
- Antonio Hidalgo Landa (Secretary)
- Simon Wallace (Member)
- Terence Freedman (Member)
- Amit Modhvadia (Member)

8. AOB

Following the election of the committee, we review the main governance topics for the committee:

1. **Event Program:**

- a. We have already in scope events for the end of 2021. Alan and Antonio are following up with the speakers.
- b. We are planning a call for speakers before the end of the year
- c. Alan is reaching to the President of the BCS for hosting an event
- d. We are considering calling again some popular recent and past speakers, like Colin Butcher and Andrew Sturdy
- e. Antonio is following back with CMI. They have not been very active this year, after the global pandemic.
- f. We are continuing with the convention of scheduling the events on the second Tuesday of each month (apart from January and August)
- g. We will reserve the last Thursday of the month for additional meetings (e.g. Committee meetings and specialist topics)
- h. We are suggesting alternate events starting at 16.30 and at 18.00 to offer more flexibility to our audiences.

2. **Early Careers Initiative:**

- a. We all agree that this is interesting topic, however it will require a considerable effort. We are conveying on November 12th for scoping and setting goals for 2021.

3. **Online Engagement:**

- a. Alan and Simon are following up on different techniques
- b. We are introducing the option of using Zoom as alternative to GTW

9. Close of AGM

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at approx. 19.25 pm.

..... Antonio Hidalgo-Landa
Secretary, Consultancy Specialist Group.

..... Dr Alan Warr
Chair, Consultancy Specialist Group.