

**BCS e-Learning SG
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 23 January 2020
at Solent University, Southampton

Apologies: Various apologies for absence were received,

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on **Monday 11 March 2019** , were proposed, seconded and agreed.

2. Matters arising from the previous AGM

There were no matters arising, that were not otherwise included in the business of the meeting

3. Secretary's Report

The current Specialist Group membership is 970. These are mainly based in the UK, - but 23% are from outside the UK, Our membership includes 113 FBCS, and 760 MBCS.

The Specialist Group thanks the sponsors of the **4 meetings and activities**, many as BCS Branches joint events. The Specialist Group also would like to thank the speakers, and event organizers, and especially the Solent University, and Ulster University for hosting the 2018/9 events

We would be delighted to hear from any organisations that are prepared to sponsor or hold joint events.

If you are not a current member of BCS but would still like to hear about future conferences and activities we are organising, you can subscribe to our mailing list by sending a blank email to elarnnonmem-join@lists.bcs.org.uk

Margaret Ross. (Vice Chair and Secretary) This was proposed, seconded and agreed

4. Treasurer's Report (2018/2019)

The allocation for 2018/2019 was £1,000 including the £500 student prizes

There was only £411.65 spent that year, as the events were normally joint events, consisting of £85.95 on catering, £25.70 on postage and the £300 student prizes

The allocation for 2019/2020 is £1,111. 50, to include the £450 for student prizes

Liz Ryan, e-Learning SG Treasurer. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

5. Chairman's Report 2018/19

There have been a number of events and competitions during 2018/9

The e-learning 2019 student competition winners were:

Winner - Richard Palmer, from Hampshire, UK

2nd place prize - GU Shuxin - from Jiangsu and Rural Construction College, China

3rd place prize HU Po - from Jiangsu and Rural Construction College, China

Highly Commended - Tomas Clarke, from Ulster University,

Highly Commended - Xuanje Zhang from China

I would like to thank the committee and the speakers for all their help and their support throughout the year,

The 2018/2019 activities included:

Visit to the New Maritime Simulation Centre

July 2019, Solent University, Southampton, joint with AGD SG and BCS Hampshire Branch

Technology application in Higher Education; of what impact!

March 2019, Southampton, BCS e-learning AGM, joint with BCS Hampshire Branch

The School in the Cloud film and Panel session

November 2018, Southampton, joint with BCS Hampshire Branch

The Organ that Studies Itself: A Computational Perspective of the Brain

November 2018, Southampton, joint with BCS Hampshire Branch

These events were held mainly as joint events with BCS Hampshire Branch, e-learning SG and Solent University.

Also in 2018/2019 to date:

In addition to these events, the 24th annual international **INSPIRE 2019** conference, jointly with e-learning and Quality SGs, on 16 April 2019, were held at Solent University, with interesting presentations, both in person and remotely from authors and delegates who came from various countries, including Cyprus, Greece, Spain, Finland, Sri Lanka as well as the UK. Conference papers were presented also remotely and a book of the conference proceedings was printed, **Global Connectivity and Learning across the Generations**, ISBN 978-1-9996549-3-1 with editors O Khan, P Marchbank, E Georgiadou, P Linecar, M Ross, G Staples, J Uhomoihi. The proceedings are also available **free on-line**, at <https://www.bcs.org/media/5862/inspire-2019-proceedings.pdf>.

James Uhomoihi, Chairman of BCS e-Learning SG. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

6. Election of Officers

Chair: James Uhomoihi

Vice Chair/Secretary: Margaret Ross

Treasurer: Liz Ryan

The Officers were proposed by N Palmer, seconded by G Staples and agreed.

Far Eastern (Sri Lanka) Geetha Abeysinghe

Inclusion Officer: Safia Barikzai

Other Committee members:

Cornelia Boldyreff, Eleanor Dewar, Elli Georgiadou, Soheir Ghallab, Daniel Hutty,

Olufemi (Femi) Isiaq Paul Kingsley, Geoff Staples

The Committee were proposed by M Ross, seconded by N Whitelegg and agreed.

New Member - **Linda Odhiambo Hooper** - proposed by M Ross, seconded by J Uhomoihi and agreed

7. Future Events

Currently various being planned, including

The 25th annual INSPIRE conference, is planned to be on Friday 8 May 2020, as an e-conference, but with some attendance at the New BCS London facility, directions at <https://www.bcs.org/more/about-us/hire-our-london-office/>, 2 page abstract (max of 6 references) after reviewing, if successful submit the power point slides, with audio attached to each slide for the 15 minute presentation, and a brief half page bio, indicating if physical or remote presentation (stating the nearest city and country if remote) asap – acceptance following reviewing, will be judged on these for the 15 minute presentation – there will be no conference fee for accepted abstract and slides. After the e-conference, authors with good content will be invited to produce a formal paper to a given format, that will be reviewed, by at least 3 reviewers - accepted papers will be published, with ISBN as an e-proceedings, and possible a printed copy might be produced – a fee will be charged for the proceedings.

Send Abstracts with mini bios asap to hooper-l@ulster.ac.uk, cc Margaret.ross@bcs.org.uk with **BCS INSPIRE please in the subject line**

also

the **e-Learning SG 2020 Competitions**, full details at

<https://www.bcs.org/membership/member-communities/e-learning-specialist-group/>

For **single power point slide** on “**How e-learning could help the society and the environment**”

Closing date to submissions **1 May 2020**

For this BCS e-learning competition there is an Open class, where at least 1 member of a team has to be a BCS member, and Student classes, from Primary School to Postgraduate, when no previous connection with the BCS is necessary, but the student entries should be submitted by a single point of contact, usually a teacher or lecturer, from that educational establishment.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business