BCS Berkshire AGM minutes, 29th September 2020

Held online under pandemic rules

1. 7 pm Welcome and introductions
Anthony Parker, the branch Chair, mentioned the following committee members as present: Prasad Amirthasagaran, Mike Buckland, Michael Dzandu, Andrew Fieldsend, Dr Blessing Mbipom, Chris Todd-Davies, Lee Williams.

2. Apologies for absence
Prasad reported just one from David. Anthony had not received any.

3. The minutes of the 2019 AGM were accepted

4. Matters arising – none

5. Chair’s report - attached

6. Treasurer’s report
Overview of budget, income and expenditure. Sponsorship of software for disabled children in Reading. The only event expenses were before the first lockdown in March 2020, e.g. Bucks Skills Show.

7. Election of Chair, Treasurer and committee members
Anthony stepped down as Chair. Nobody stepped forward to replace him, so Andrew agreed to be interim Chair. Chris volunteered to continue as Treasurer. There were no other volunteers, so he was duly elected.
Ugo Ekpo and Ian Scott joined the committee. Nobody stepped down.
A full committee listing, including those who joined as a result of the AGM, is publicly available at https://www.bcs.org/membership/member-communities/berkshire-branch/committee/

8. AoB – none. The AGM closed at 7:30 pm.

9. The AGM was followed by an interactive discussion on “Using AI for good in the workplace”, led by the Boundless Podcast presenter Richard Foster-Fletcher. A lively Q&A with Richard followed his presentation.

10. 8:30 pm close
You can watch a recording of the evening on BCS Berkshire’s YouTube channel: https://youtu.be/yIeucUOkmM8

Mike Buckland, Communications Manager, on behalf of the Secretary
Verified by Committee at its October and November meetings