

## Notes from BCS Committee Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Attendees:

Phil Crewe (notes)  
Jacqui Hogan  
John McCarthy  
David Miller  
Shakeeb Niazi  
Ian Golding  
Jon Hall  
Jeremy Acklam

### Apologies

Jonathan Leeson

### Non-attendee

Haiyan Wu  
Algirdas Pakstas

### Agenda

1. Welcome – (Phil)
2. Chair report (Phil)
  - a. Committee members
  - b. Kick off, 2022 Symposium. Suggest we consider three ideas for topics - please come prepared with an idea or two. And, ideas for speakers.
3. Membership
4. Recent issues with mailing lists, and disconnects with numbers on dashboard
5. Treasurer (Jeremy)
6. Events (Shakeeb)
7. White paper update (John M)
8. AOB
9. Date of next meeting

### Notes from meeting

#### **Chair report**

- We need to concentrate on making the member Symposium concept work by preparing for the first one, scheduled September
- We also need to start planning for next year's Conference
- Thanks to David specifically for keeping things pushing forward whilst I have been distracted with work.

## David – membership:

Date	BCS		IT LEADERS FORUM BCS membership							ITLF		LINKEDIN Grp Total	Notes	
	Total FBCS	Total MBCS	M	F	U	Fellow	Profess'l	Other BCS	Overseas	Total BCS	Non BCS			TOTAL
30/11/2018			3078	274	40	1395	1980	17	320	3392	22	3414	1632	Memsec AGM data
03/12/2020										2487	22	2509	1650	Migration to Salesforce
20/01/2021	2870		1705	125	437	1195	1059	13	251	2267	22	2289	1649	First data available from PowerBI
22/01/2021	3066		1869	142	477	1310	1164	31	251	2488	22	2510	1649	
09/02/2021	3073		1867	142	477	1308	1164	31	252	2486	22	2508	1649	
06/04/2021	3049		1859	141	476	1296	1157	23	183	2476	22	2498	1651	
07/04/2021	3049		1859	141	476	1296	1157	23	253	2476	22	2498	1664	
05/05/2021	3054		1854	141	476	1295	1152	24	253	2471	22	2493	1665	
19/05/2021	2884		1723	115	443	1214	1054	13	230	2281	22	2303	1663	
04/08/2021	2890	26367	1686	122	430	1212	1015	11	227	2238	22	2260	1669	

	LINKEDIN membership activity since last report					Total
	Applic'ns	Accepted	Rejected	Pending	Appeals	
30/11/2018						1632
03/12/2020						1650
20/01/2021	5			0	0	1649
22/01/2021	6			0	0	1649
09/02/2021	14			0	0	1649
06/04/2021	27			0	0	1651
07/04/2021	9			0	0	1664
05/05/2021	2			0	0	1665
19/05/2021	5			5	0	1663
01/06/2021	5	0	5	0	0	1663
01/07/2021	1					
21/06/2021	1					
21/06/2021	1					
24/06/2021	1					
29/06/2021	1		1	0	0	
01/07/2021	2			2	0	1667
06/07/2021	2			2	0	1667
21/07/2021	2			2	0	1667
04/08/2021	2	2	4	0	0	1669

- Overall membership is falling, suspect mostly due to disproportionate fall in professional membership
- From now we should capture total MBCS membership as well as FBCS to see trends. DM to request back data from Mandy.
- Topic to potentially add to the Symposium – discussion on process and good practice for recruiting leaders.
- We should raise our profile to encourage members to join IT Leaders Forum
- Ways of doing this:
  - When BCS is asked for comment we should be one of the contactable groups, and we should be trying to respond quickly if asked
  - We should be generating our own material and giving to PR people to broadcast
  - Working groups on symposium could be a source of ideas for material, and also look at a working group on topics that are up and coming

## Treasury

- We are still on track – no changes – spent nothing
- We have been asked by BCS HQ – how are we going to run a future event – physical/virtual
  - We want to run a hybrid event, but we need to see that capability in action
  - 20/30 people in London and 2-4 times that virtually
  - participate and ask questions virtually
- We have spoken to Jon Jeffrey, but they have not responded on how to achieve this
- There could be a technical problem in London office

- How to get a network path out of the building?
- So difficult live streaming
- We could propose that we volunteer for a hybrid meeting in London
- Who is accountable for the technology for running this kind of meeting in the London office?
  - Original thought was for Jacqui to discuss at community board, but this was parked based on an attempt to contact someone more directly
  - Suggestion was to reach out to Paul Fletcher (CEO) with the kind of statement “we have ideas and want to co-operate and move it forward, so who do we talk to so that we can run a hybrid event, and that we want to run it soon. Our members, CIO, CTO etc are raising questions about whether the org is serious as we cannot do the simplest things. We need a hybrid event to push for more members”
  - [ACTION]: Phil – to contact Paul and follow this up.
- Problem may be that this lack of technical solution has not got to top of any agenda
  - Why can't the leading computer society in the UK run a hybrid event
- Jon Hall's TOR
  - David and Phil to comment
  - We recognise the problem, but we do not want to be destructive of the relationship, we have built recently
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### **Events – Shakeeb in Jonathan's absence**

- September 8 agreed date for Symposium.
  - 1800 – 2100.
  - 60-90 mins talk and then open forum? for 30 mins.
- Other event opportunities:
  - Oct - Shakeeb to ask Jonathon for ideas
  - Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, AGM followed by a drink, in person
- 'Pressing Reset on Our IT Management Methods' working group chaired by David.
  - David presented the output from the working group.
  - It was agreed this should be featured at the Symposium
  - It was suggested it might be used as a theme for the conference.
- Symposium plan
  - Ask questions and then discuss in round table format
  - Then form a larger working group and maybe someone to lead at conference
- Topics
  - “How can IT leaders beat the criminals?”
    - Dr John M to lead? He already has a starting framework
    - Dr John to write a half-page proposal
  - “Attracting people into the industry to address the skills shortage”.
    - Training on the job or getting people ready-trained.
    - Need a terms of reference
    - Jon will ask at Open University. Jon to ask (Jane) about putting a ToR together.
    - Shakeeb also doing something with YMCA taking homeless and unemployed people and helping with career path, mentoring,

potential signposts to employment. Root cause of why people who are poor do not achieve their potential even though they are talented.

- 3 topics @ 20-30 mins each – more work on pressing reset, plus the other two
- Final topic? Subjects for new working groups. Subjects for the conference.
- Voting – we should engage with this. [ACTION] Phil has looked at Mentimeter and this may be an option – anyone else with ideas?
- Need an announcement, agenda, email to members, and posts to LinkedIn to promote the symposium. There was some discussion about the best methods for mailing that needs to be resolved in conjunction with HQ.

### **White papers**

- Jane's document should be published?
- Jon is half-way through some interviews with the OU chair – looking to do a report re system replacement
  - Need to buy in effort to do these things
  - Request from Jeremy some money to employ someone to do this
- Jon also suggested we could hire a professional author to write a weekly LinkedIn item

### **Date of next meeting**

- Not discussed, but suggest late September, after Symposium so we can collate ideas