BCS London (South) Branch AGM

18:30 GMT on 27 October 2020 – Zoom

Present

16 people were present. It was not determined which of them were members of the branch.

1. Welcome – Jim Mclean, Chair

Jim thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting open.

2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (22 October 2019)

The minutes were accepted unopposed.

3. Matters Arising

There were none.

4. Chair's Report

Jim McLean delivered the following report:

Welcome to this AGM - my contribution as Branch Chair will be brief but will I hope give those of you who are members of the Branch something to think about and to respond to if you wish.

Evening events with an expert speaker on a current IT topic have always been the most significant activity of Branches. We are very grateful therefore to Charles Weir for bringing us his expertise this evening.

Before Covid these events were, as you all know, usually held at the BCS London offices, or on the premises of 'BCS friendly' organisations. Refreshments were provided both before and after the speaker's sessions - and networking opportunities were thereby created. We regret very much our current inability to provide those same networking/socializing opportunities for you this evening.

The likelihood is that it may be many months before we can do so again - but on a more positive note we recognise that on-line events like this evening's make possible participation by members and their guests for whom getting to evening events in central London was never convenient or possible (does that include any of you?)

That should I believe also prompt us to 'think outside the box' with regard to event topics. If we are now able engage a wider geographic distribution of branch (or branches) members we should perhaps also address a wider range of topics in line with the BCS's current "aspiration to achieve 'Policy & Influence' in four key areas including Tech & Society, Health & Care, and Education".

I am making these points to you now to set a context for any of you considering volunteering for membership of the Branch committee. The BCS's aspirations, which will no doubt affect our event planning, indicate areas of experience/expertise which we would welcome. Our committee meetings as well as our events will probably be on-line for some months to come. Please email me, Immo, or Chris if you wish to join us.

There were no questions.

5. Treasurer's Report

Chris presented the financial report by sharing his screen. The budget was underspent because the planned series of meetings could not continue past February.

6. Elections to the Committee

There were no last-minute volunteers or nominations. Immo proposed that, as the number of candidates was equal to the number of posts, the candidates be elected en bloc on a show of hands. This proposal was accepted on a show of hands.

Officers: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer

The following were duly elected by a show of hands:

- Chair: Jim McLean
- Treasurer: Chris Lawrence
- Secretary: Immo Hüneke

Ordinary Committee Members

The following were duly elected on a show of hands:

- Jalal Ul Deen
- Sam Ofori-Sey
- Bruce Pentreath

Immo expressed his thanks to Chris Sluman, who had left the committee owing to poor health.

7. Any Other Business

There was none.

Jim McLean declared the meeting closed at 18:45. It was followed by a presentation given by Charles Weir of Lancaster University on *The Power of Teamwork: Using Workshops to Improve Software Security*.