Notes from BCS Committee Meeting, 23 November, 2021

Attendees:
Phil Crewe (notes)
Jonathan Leeson
Shakeeb Niazi
David Miller
Jacqui Hogan
Algirdas Pakstas
Jon Hall
Haiyan Wu

Apologies
John McCarthy

Non-attendees
Jeremy Acklam
Ian Golding

Agenda

1. Chair report (Phil)
   a. Update on election process
2. Membership (David)
3. Events (Jonathan)
4. Conference planning (David, Phil)
5. AOB
6. Next meeting - AGM

Notes from meeting

Chair report

- Update on election process
  - Proposer and seconder requirement
    - The process has been problematic over recent years. David raised the requirement for a proposer and seconder, and whether this is putting potential nominees off especially during the Covid period where there has been little opportunity to meet others in person.
    - Shakeeb suggested that this might more effectively be replaced by nominee interviews
    - Proposer and seconder are part of our constitution and may be mandated
    - Could there be a propose/second from local group?

- ▪ Jacqui to look at BCS and whether it is mandated
- ▪ We should set up a panel session to "discuss" options and have a review before next year's elections
  - o Phil to circulate applications for review for proposer and seconder
  - o Phil to circulate link to google tracker

Membership

- ▪ Info shown by David
- ▪ Conversation about membership stats - shrinking - and corporates - growing - and benefits
- ▪ Topic for a members' event - BCS to present their strategy to increase membership
- ▪ What do members need to do to make BCS a "going concern" - how can IT Leaders help?

Events

- ▪ Continue to work with Shakeeb
- ▪ Promote through LinkedIn
- ▪ Looking to set up event once a quarter - looking at first one to be hybrid - have spoken to Mandy - looking at Weds (last week March or 1st week April)
- ▪ Can start to cover themes from the Conference in more detail
- ▪ Jon suggestion to look at events at Conferences already taking place and ask for some space to talk to the conference
- ▪ Jonathan will work on this and confirm with Mandy
- ▪ Shakeeb happy to work with Jonathan on his schedule for next year and suggested some co-branding and co-working
- ▪ Jon - also look for CIO authors of books just published - couple of them on stage talking about their books

Outline of Conference

- ▪ Initial meeting positive
- ▪ Dates: end-Feb
- ▪ Next meeting including of Jon Hall and John McCarthy
- ▪ Opening session will be about futures and Brian Runciman will try to get speakers from IBM (Quantum Computing), Google, and another. - Shakeeb has contacts especially around ethics and AI and Quantum.
- ▪ Will feature sessions on the three current ITLF working groups: IT management methods, what the CIO can do to help cut cybercrime, and the skills shortage. David has put John M in touch with his police contacts who wish to make an input to the cybercrime initiative.
- ▪ It is hoped that the 2022 conference will provide further opportunity for more spin-off working groups as last year.

- Shakeeb/Jonathan to take forward with others in IT Leaders
- David suggested a round table as the final session of the conference - ideas for future legislation from topics arisen from conference and other ideas from delegates. Brian Runciman supported this and is willing to chair.
- Questions/survey – draft from Brian for feedback
  - Phil to circulate
  - Comments to Phil by COP Thurs

Further Ideas for Events

- Tomorrow's world - pick three subjects every quarter and discuss - Jonathan and Shakeeb to meet and do a para on several subjects that can then be subject of a committee conversation

AGM
- w/c 3rd Jan - Tuesday 4th? 4pm start?
- Open discussion on Events
- 45 mins on AGM
- 60 mins or so to generate discussion with members on topics for future events