

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

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| Member Group Name: | Financial Services Specialist Group (FINSiG) |
| Year: | 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 |
| Report Completed By: | Rob Handicott / Stephen Murgatroyd |

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| Group Chair: | Rob Handicott |
| Group Treasurer: | Marc Wentworth |
| Group Secretary: | Stephen Murgatroyd |
| Group Inclusion Officer: | Chikezie Ekeanyanwu |
| Financial Services Industry Liaison Officer | Chikezie Ekeanyanwu |
| Other Committee Members: | David Lewis |

Successes

Please list the top three successes the group has achieved in the past year.

| Success | Additional Comments |
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| 1. Held a number of online events throughout the pandemic | 25 Nov 2020 'Identity & Electronic Signatures' 24 Feb 2021. 'PSD2 / Open Banking' 20 July 2021 'Corporate Bond Market Disruption' |
| 2. Continued to hold regular committee meetings events throughout the pandemic via Zoom etc. | |
| 3. Recruited an additional member to the Committee. | David Lewis was introduced to the committee by Rob Handicott as an industry colleague and friend. He is already involved with the BCS North London Branch and its Embrace sub-group and will maintain these contacts acting as our formal Liaison. |

Plans

Please list the top three activities the group is planning for next year.

| Planned Activity | Additional Comments |
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| 1. Ongoing online events | |
| 2. Face to face live events | It is intended that the group will be holding events in person at the BCS London offices from the Jan 2022. |
| 3. More surveys, which can be linked to events | |
| 4. Better liaison with FStech Magazine | We already 'sponsor' and attend two annual Tech Award events and presents prizes, although these live events have been suspended due to COVID-19 |

Impediments

Please list and describe the top three impediments stopping you from succeeding in your group's ambition and support the BCS vision of "Making IT Good for Society."

| Impediment | Description |
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| 1. Covid-19 | Generally difficult to organise events |
| 2. No access to BCS offices for live events until summer 2021 at the earliest | |
| 3. Committee is too small | We need new blood and new energy / ideas to drive forward our aspirations for the Group |
| 4. Lack of BCS provided file storage similar to Dropbox, MS OneDrive or Google Drive etc | Over the years we have accumulated a great deal of data and files which are currently stored on the Secretary's MS OneDrive. This is unsatisfactory, as the other Committee members do not have routine access to this. We have assessed Basecamp & found this to be inadequate |

Additional Facts and Figures

Please provide any facts and figures you think would be useful to the Community Team for further analysis and future activity planning.

Average attendance of events over last year to July 2021 is 30 over the online events.

Further Comments

If you have any further comments you wish to provide the Community Team; please give them below.

We are very keen to step up use again of the London office at Cophall Avenue for in-person events.

Nominations for Awards and Recognition

It is important that the BCS recognise deserving voluntary service. If you are aware of someone who warrants one of these awards, then please nominate them. It is easy to nominate someone, but, if you are unsure about completing the form, the Community team and your liaison in the Programme, Practice and Policy Committee can help. Please email groups@bcs.uk.

There are three levels of Recognition of Appreciation award:

- Certificate of Appreciation – going beyond the normal expectations of a single voluntary role by directly contributing to significant involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- Meritorious Certificate – going beyond the normal expectations of two or more voluntary roles in different areas of BCS by directly contributing to tangible involvements, achievements or benefits to BCS.
- John Ivinson Award – significantly furthering the BCS's strategic aims and mission on a wide scope of BCS's areas of endeavour by directly contributing significant achievements and benefits to BCS. Typically, the BCS will present this prestigious award to 1-3 volunteers per year.

There are long-service awards for 5, 10, 25, and 30 years of contribution to the BCS.

Volunteer Recognition

Please complete the table below and indicate if you wish to nominate a member of your team for an award of recognition. A member of the Community Team will get in touch to help you complete the process.

| Group/Branch Member | Years of BCS Volunteering | Nomination |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Stephen Murgatroyd | Last 20 years + | Long service |
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Honorary Fellowship

Nominees will have made an outstanding contribution to the charitable objectives of the BCS over an extended period.

The BCS award Honorary Fellowship under Byelaw 8 of the BCS's Royal Charter and Trustee Board Regulation 1.3 specifies that the BCS award may also make the award to non-members who may not be eligible for any other class of membership.

Community Board and Trustee Board will consider a candidate for Honorary Fellowship against the following criteria:

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- At any time, both the contribution to BCS's work and the stature of the individual nominated should be commensurate with the standards set by previous recipients. There is no overall limit to the number of Honorary Fellows although it is unlikely that there will be more than two Honorary Fellows elected in any one year.
- To be elected, the nomination must be on the Trustee Board Agenda, and at least 3/4 of those present must resolve in favour.

If you are aware of a nominee for Honorary Fellowship; please add their details below and a member of the Community Team will raise this at the next appropriate meeting of the Community Board.