BCS London (South) Branch AGM

18:30 GMT on 19 October 2021 – GoTo Webinar + BCS London

Present

10 people were physically present, plus 10 online. Apologies were not received.

1. Welcome – Jim Mclean, Chair

Immo welcomed everyone online and in the room. Jim thanked those present for attending and declared the meeting open.

2. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting (27 October 2020)

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 – our first in-person meeting since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. I would like to express thanks to the BCS for making this hybrid meeting possible.

I have written a Chairman's Report using the BCS template, of which I will pick out a few highlights.

Hopefully, live events will be the primary activity of the branch for the foreseeable future.

The BCS is in a process of transformation to meet its goal of "Making IT Good for Society". This affects member groups (branches and specialist groups) fundamentally.

There were only six or so meetings in the past year – in a more normal year it would be nearer 10.

The branch also awards student prizes once a year to Kingston University and NESCOT. This is a cash award of £150 and free BCS membership for a year to the winner. It also gives the BCS valuable exposure, encourages graduates to join the BCS, and keeps the branch involved with the education sector.

There were no questions.

5. Treasurer's Report

Chris presented the financial report, which had been circulated in advance. The expenditure was under budget thanks to the fact that all meetings had been online.

6. Elections of Officers

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.

The following were duly elected by a show of hands:
- Chair: Jim Mclean, proposed by Chris Lawrence, seconded by Immo Hüneke
- Secretary: Immo Hüneke, proposed by Jim Mclean, seconded by Chris Lawrence
- Treasurer: Chris Lawrence, proposed by Immo Hüneke, seconded by Jim Mclean

7. Elections of Other Committee Members
The following were duly elected on a show of hands:
- Jalal Ul Deen (standing for re-election)
- Sam Ofori-Sey (standing for re-election)
- Dan Edwardson, nominated by Immo Hüneke

8. Any Other Business
Ivan Atanasov (sp?) had been asked by BCS HQ in a letter whether coding services could be solicited from members and supplied to voluntary organisations. Chris requested forwarding the information to the Secretary, Immo Hüneke.

Jim McLean declared the meeting closed at 18:50. It was followed by a discussion on what the branch objectives should be, after which the meeting enjoyed a presentation given by Gerry McGovern on *World Wide Waste: how digital is destroying the planet and what to do about it*.