



London Central Branch

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AGM 2022



Agenda AGM 2022

8th December 2022 at 6.30pm

Location: Hybrid – BCS London office and online Zoom

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 11th November 2021
3. Chair's Report for 2021/22
4. Hon. Secretary's Report 2021/22
5. Hon. Treasurer's Report 2021/22
6. Elections
 - 6.1. Election of Chair 2022/23

Mr Dalim Basu
 - 6.2. Election of Officers 2022/23

Nominees for re-election
Honorary Secretary- Mr David Grundy

Honorary Treasurer- Mr David Lewis
 - 6.3. Election of Committee Members 2022/23

Nominees for re-election (flexible roles)
Mr Mike Lloyd
Ms Kitty Hung
Mr Jean Carlos
Mr Kamesh Khanna
Mr Michal Michnowski

Nominees for election (3 month initial period)
None
 - 6.4. Assignment of specific roles
Inclusion Officer – David Grundy
7. Any Other Business

Previous Annual General Meeting Minutes

The British Computer Society – London Central Branch

11th November 2021 at 6.00pm

Location: Online - GoToWebinar

Committee Members present: Mr D Basu (Chair), Mr D Grundy (Secretary), Mr D Lewis (Treasurer), Mr I Idafar

It was noted that there were 16 members in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Mr N Ufodike, Ms A Hilton, Ms S Woolley, Ms S Barikzai, Mr S Ghosh

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 15th October 2020

The minutes were approved.

3. Chair's Report

Mr Basu presented the Chair's report. It was noted that we had several event initiatives in the past year, all with the goal of supporting BCS' objectives of making IT good for society.

Mr Basu outlined the increased collaboration between the London Central and North London branches. In addition there were a large number of event collaborations with other BCS groups, and some external organisations.

Mr Basu also presented on our high-level plans for the coming year.

The Chair's report was accepted.

4. Hon. Secretary's Report

Mr Grundy presented the Secretary's report. It was noted that we held 32 events in the past year, all of which were webinars. We were able to more than double event attendance over the prior year.

Mr Grundy highlighted our YouTube channel where we now upload the majority of our events for future viewing by members and the public.

The Secretary's report was accepted.

5. Hon. Treasurer's Report

Mr Lewis presented the Treasurer's report. It was noted that we only spent £25 in the last financial year due to the low cost of webinars.

Mr Lewis presented our approved budget for the coming year, which is a reduction from the previous one to £5,624. The majority of our expenditure is on catering and speaking expenses so the financials will depend on how quickly we return to a regular programme of events in the London office. Mr Lewis noted that we have the option of submitting a Supplementary Expenditure Request should it be required.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

6. Elections

All elected Branch officers and committee members were nominated in conformity with the Member Group Rules.

6.1. Election of Chair 2021/2022

Mr Dalim Basu was re-elected Chair for the forthcoming session.

6.2. Election of Officers 2021/2022

The following Officers were re-elected:

Honorary Treasurer: Mr David Lewis

Honorary Secretary: Mr David Grundy

6.3. Election of Committee Members 2021/2022

The following members were re-elected to the committee:

Mr Iraj Idafar

The following members were newly elected to the committee for an initial period:

Ms Kamini Hari

Mr Bhupinder D Mahi

6.4. Assignment of specific roles

The following committee roles were assigned:

Inclusion Officer – David Grundy

Early Careers Advocate – Kamini Hari

7. Any Other Business

A member asked about our plans around in-person events. We confirmed that we plan on resuming these in due course.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 6.23pm



Chair's Report for the Year 2021/22

How was it for YOU in 2021-2022?

Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic period, going through political instability, shockwaves from war in Ukraine, economic downturn, spiralling food and energy prices, and other challenges to society as we know it. Changing work patterns and financial rewards and personal priorities, increasing mental issues.

How are YOU coping?

For our BCS London Branches, in our key role in The Chartered Institute for IT and our shared aim of “making IT good for Society”, it's been a great year. I hope that you have shared and benefited from our success.

The most visible aspects have been our increased reach, planning and delivery of IT-related topics for the benefit of BCS members and others. Our product and service delivery activities have included more topics, speakers, deliverables, use of BCS facilities and products (including communications, AV, venue, books and publications).

We increased focus on events involving great speakers from large/medium/small organisations, many of whom have become great supporters of BCS.

Our approximately 36 events from September 2021 to August 2022 are listed in our Honorary Secretary's Report. Events were delivered in up to three formats – ‘in-person’, ‘hybrid’ and especially by live webinar. Video recordings of events were edited and made available faster to wider audiences via YouTube and Branch channels.

We increased our range of initiatives involving our great committees of enthusiastic volunteers and showcasing their skills and interests.

We also grew our own communities. Until October 2022 we comprised two Branches – Central and North London Branches (the CeNLB community).

In October we welcomed the active collaboration of the London South Branch, and are working together as the ‘London Branches 3’ community, with the ability to reach over 10,000 BCS members, as well as other groups and external organisations. A huge range of IT-related experience, capabilities, innovation, entrepreneurship and networking possibilities.

For BCS, for us, and for YOU!

Want to know more? Come and meet us!

Get involved. Share your inspiration and skills.

Collaborate to benefit. Let's help make IT good for Society!

Dalim Basu
Chair
6th December 2022

Honorary Secretary’s Report for the Year 2021/22

I am pleased to present this report for the past year, in which we held 37 events.

Event Attendance

We were able to resume in-person events during this period and most of these were run as hybrid events with online viewers too. Annual event participation was 2,373 with an average of 64 participants per event. The biggest event had 138 participants.

2021		
Sep	'Eco': CIO of a Global Environmental Body - Challenges and Opportunities	23
Sep	'Eco': Mayflower – AI Voyage of Discovery	44
Sep	Ransomware - Pay or Pray?	98
Sep	Wominspiration Sharon Moore of IBM	52
Oct	Email Compromise - A Phishy Business	71
Oct	Wominspiration Wendy Mars of Cisco	25
Oct	Coffee and chat afternoon 1	11
Oct	Coffee and chat afternoon 2	9
Oct	Coffee and chat - Email's Evolution with Conrad Taylor	22
Nov	London Central AGM	16
Nov	Touchless Computing with UCL	60
Dec	Innovation: Are we being too smart for Smart Cities?	47
Dec	Mind Your Language!	82
Dec	North London AGM & What a Year That Was	13
2022		
Jan	SecureIT: Data Privacy, Risks and Threats	77
Jan	SecureIT: Deepfake Fraud - Security Threats Behind Fake Images	132
Feb	SecureIT: Home Network Security	124
Feb	Seniors: Safety Online	78
Feb	South London's role in the History of Telecoms	49
Mar	HEIT: Fake News, Social Media and the Future	61
Mar	IT Heads 2022: Semiconductors – Everything from Supply to Sustainability	49
Mar	Ransomware Playbook: 5 Key Defensive Plays	107
Mar	The Meta-What? Let’s Talk about the Metaverse	37
Apr	LinkedIn secrets - learn how to leverage LinkedIn to get your ideal job	136
Apr	The Pen-Test Workout: 6 Tips for Rock Hard Apps	67
Apr	The role of data strategy to enable value	74
May	How can we define operational requirements in robotics?	34
May	Sustainability in the IT Industry through responsible.computing()	45
Jun	Alan Turing at 110 - and at Oxford!	87
Jun	Churchill, Cloud Security, and You - Vintage Principles for Modern Security	46
Jul	Data Confidentiality and Integrity	89
Jul	Innovation: Benefits of working with startups	25
Jul	NFTs, Creativity, and the future of Intellectual Property	60
Aug	Agile Development of Data Warehouses	82
Aug	Business Analysis in the Brave New World	138
Aug	Resilient Cyber Security for today’s Hybrid World	101
Aug	The Internet of Things: Can it ever be Secure?	102
Grand Total		2373



Social Media

This year we uploaded the majority of our events to YouTube which was made easier by the recording facilities of Zoom and GoToWebinar.

Number of new videos: 34

Number of views: 5,000+

Our most successful video was "SecureIT: Mind Your Language!" by Sarah Armstrong-Smith, Chief Security Advisor at Microsoft. She is a returning speaker and this is the 2nd year running that one of her YouTube videos was the most viewed.

We have been maintaining a social media presence on LinkedIn and Twitter but the impact has been flat. Most of our engagement comes from the BCS mailing list, BCS events website and Eventbrite.

David Grundy
Honorary Secretary
6th November 2022

Honorary Treasurer’s Report Financial Year 2021/22

I am pleased to present the Honorary Treasurer’s Report for the London Central Branch for the financial year 2021-22, this being September 2021 through August 2022. This report is presented at the Branch’s Annual General Meeting on Thursday 8th December 2022 and it contains information correct as at Wednesday 9th November 2022.

Financial Year 2021/22

To fund our operations during this period, we submitted a budget request which was reduced to £5624, which included £2,250 for student prizes. During this extraordinary lockdown and then hybrid financial year, the branch spent just £1047, despite running an extensive programme of webinars and events that kept the membership engaged, active and entertained. The primary reasons for this underspend were the extraordinary lock down since March 2020 that has prevented face to face events and related catering costs. We had limited speaker expense claims (mainly thanks to the generosity of our speakers and continued use of Zoom etc.), and we have outstanding student prizes still to award with only £300 out of the £2250 allocation being awarded.

	Actual Aug 2022	Budget Aug 2022	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Expenditure	415.88	269.93	(145.95)	154.07%	1,047.61	5,624.11	4,576.50	18.63%	1,047.61	5,624.11	4,576.50	18.63%
Net Profit/(Loss)	(415.88)	(269.93)	(145.95)	154.07%	(1,047.61)	(5,624.11)	4,576.50	18.63%	(1,047.61)	(5,624.11)	4,576.50	18.63%

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Income Account												
Total Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

Expenditure Account Number Account Name	Actual Aug 2022	Budget Aug 2022	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
3010 Travel/Subsistence (Other)	8.50	19.97	11.47	42.56%	11.60	239.64	228.04	4.84%	11.60	239.64	228.04	4.84%
4130 Speakers expenses	100.00	40.50	(59.50)	246.91%	192.00	486.00	294.00	39.51%	192.00	486.00	294.00	39.51%
4150 Catering	307.38	209.46	(97.92)	146.75%	544.01	2,513.52	1,969.51	21.64%	544.01	2,513.52	1,969.51	21.64%
4900 Other Costs General	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	134.95	134.95	0.00%	0.00	134.95	134.95	0.00%
5102 Student Prizes & Membership	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	300.00	2,250.00	1,950.00	13.33%	300.00	2,250.00	1,950.00	13.33%
Total Expenditure	415.88	269.93	(145.95)	154.07%	1,047.61	5,624.11	4,576.50	18.63%	1,047.61	5,624.11	4,576.50	18.63%

Net Profit/(Loss)	(415.88)	(269.93)	(145.95)	154.07%	(1,047.61)	(5,624.11)	4,576.50	18.63%	(1,047.61)	(5,624.11)	4,576.50	18.63%
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Financial Year 2022/23

For the forthcoming financial year 2022/23, being September 2022 through August 2023, the branch was advised that budgets would be reviewed, and a new zero budget exercise undertaken. I cannot say that I agree with this reduced allocation or understand how the numbers were calculated. We were awarded a total of £1,554 against last year’s £5,624, which envisages catering costs for live events but no Student awards. As described in the secretary report, we are seeing a return to face to face as well as hybrid events.

	Actual Sep 2022	Budget Sep 2022	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Expenditure	0.00	141.29	141.29	0.00%	0.00	141.29	141.29	0.00%	0.00	1,554.17	1,554.17	0.00%
Net Profit/(Loss)	0.00	(141.29)	141.29	0.00%	0.00	(141.29)	141.29	0.00%	0.00	(1,554.17)	1,554.17	0.00%

	Actual Sep 2022	Budget Sep 2022	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
Income Account												
Total Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%

Expenditure Account Number Account Name	Actual Sep 2022	Budget Sep 2022	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget	Actual Full Year	Budget Full Year	Budget Variance Over/Under	% of Budget
3010 Travel/Subsistence (Other)	0.00	26.00	26.00	0.00%	0.00	26.00	26.00	0.00%	0.00	286.00	286.00	0.00%
4130 Speakers expenses	0.00	41.59	41.59	0.00%	0.00	41.59	41.59	0.00%	0.00	457.47	457.47	0.00%
4150 Catering	0.00	73.70	73.70	0.00%	0.00	73.70	73.70	0.00%	0.00	810.70	810.70	0.00%
Total Expenditure	0.00	141.29	141.29	0.00%	0.00	141.29	141.29	0.00%	0.00	1,554.17	1,554.17	0.00%

Net Profit/(Loss)	0.00	(141.29)	141.29	0.00%	0.00	(141.29)	141.29	0.00%	0.00	(1,554.17)	1,554.17	0.00%
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This report is presented for the consideration of the meeting, supported by a summary of the Branch’s expenditure as at the end of August 2022 and the budget for 2022/3.

David J W Lewis Honorary Treasurer 9th November 2022