

BCS Member Group Chair's Report

Member Group Name:	Financial Services Specialist Group (FINSiG)
Year:	1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025
Report Completed By:	Chikezie Ekeanyanwu

Group Chair:	Chikezie Ekeanyanwu
Group Treasurer:	Marc Wentworth (resigned)
Group Secretary:	David Lewis
Group Inclusion Officer:	Francis Wan (co-opted)
Group Publicity Officer:	Stephen Murgatroyd
Group Industry Liaison Officer:	David Lewis
Group Early Careers Advocate:	Mark Cook

Successes

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

Success	Additional Comments
1. Held hybrid events during the reporting period	<p>04 Sept 2024 "Fintech Evolution: Driving Innovation for Growth or maintaining the status quo?"</p> <p>03 Dec 2024 "Blockchain/DLT Disrupting Securitisation or Is Legal/Reg Uncertainty More?"</p> <p>28 May 2025 "AI in Financial Services: Advancing Innovation or Preserving Old Models?"</p> <p>Collaboration with BCS Branches / SGs and BCS HQ on Financial Services related initiatives.</p>
2. Initiation, exploration and negotiation of community partnership between external organisations, FINSiG and the BCS	

Plans

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

Planned Activity	Additional Comments
1. Events	Publicising and holding more hybrid events for BCS members and the wider public.

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2.Collaboration	Increased collaboration with other specialist groups and BCS HQ.
3.Partnerships	Maintaining existing community partnership with London Blockchain Conference. We supported and attended the London Blockchain Finance Summit on 3 June this year. We are also actively working on establishing new partnerships.

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
1.	
2.	
3.	

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.

The average in-person attendance for events over the last year ending August 2025 was about 29.

Further Comments

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

We are keen to continue to hold hybrid 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

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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

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:

- 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.