

Minutes BCS USA AGM, 14th October, 2014

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Attendees:

Bernard, Ken
Brindle, John
Burton, Paul (Chair)
Cathcart, Mark
Dervarakonda, Srichand
Chaplin, Alex (Membership Secretary)
Garcia, Jaime (International Relations)
Hogg, Richard
Hassan, Mohammed
Ingerman, Peter (Treasurer)
Kimber, Neil
LaForce, Salimah
Mitchell, Helena
Moon, Nathan
Narayana, Dileep Keshava
Penrose, Steve
Petru, Jerry (Secretary/Membership Secretary)
Ranasinghe, Lohit
Singh, Akash
Staines, Peter
Tuller, Rachel
Waserman, Moshe Michael
Zogg, Richard

Welcome and Introductions

Paul introduced the meeting and outlined the rules for the conference call. We asked all to mute their lines. Pleased to welcome Rachel Tuller, BCS North America.

Special Thanks to Sirius Computer Solutions for providing the technology to host the Webinar for the 2014 AGM meeting.

Registrants and Apologies for Absence

One apologies for absence were received in advance of the meeting from Sunil Nakrani. Registrants and attendees are listed at the top of the minutes. There seemed to be an issue with receiving of registration email. Paul to inquire.

Minutes/Actions of Last AGM

The minutes of the 2013/2014 AGM were accepted by the Committee.

Officer's Reports: Chair's Report

Paul presented the highlights for a year where we have seen increased activities and member-driven events, Another year of growing for the USA Section

Handover of Chair and Secretary roles to: Paul Burton and Jerry Petru

Regular Monthly Meetings for Committee

Action Groups / Task Force Meetings

Seminar Series started and will continue

Working with Rachel Tuller, BCS North America

Work on Membership Benefits for US-based Members

South-East Regional Group continues their exemplary work

To ensure longevity of section we are working on identifying people for succession planning purposes.

Elected to BCS Council role for International Sections

The Chair's report was accepted by the Committee.

Officer's Reports: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented by Peter Ingerman PhD and is located in Reference in spreadsheet format.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by the Committee. 1st by Paul Burton 2nd Helena

Stipends for US section and SERG have not been received yet

Officer's Reports: Secretary Report

Jerry Petru presented the Secretary Report. The minutes for all 2013/14 meetings have been created and posted to BCS HQ. They will be sent with the AGM minutes.

This year the Section had BCS USA Officers Meetings:

- Officer meeting with Minutes were held in
- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August.

Stats

- Members 2013 917
- Members 2014 962 5% +
- 18 Members attended teleconference in 2013
- Formalized monthly meeting to talk about support and growth to help all levels of members
- 14 members voted last year for the Officer Election

Committee Reports: Membership Secretary's Report

Jerry Petru presented an update on the membership statistics. All numbers are as of 9 Oct 2014. Numbers in brackets represent previous AGM reports.

Members 2013: 917

Members 2014: 962 (+5%), as of 9 Oct 2014

18 Members attended teleconference in 2013

Formalized monthly meeting to talk about support and growth to help all levels of members

14 members votes last year for the Officer Election 2013

27 member votes received this year (+95%). 2014

- Membership is up in 2014
- Total USA Members 962
- By Grade
- Affiliate 20
- Student 9
- Student Full Course 2
- Student Full Course Web 6
- Associate 227
- Member 307
- Chartered Member 259
- New Chartered Member 12
- Fellow 28
- Chartered Fellow 79
- New Chartered Fellow 5
- Distinguished 7
- Honorary 1

Members by State: (All stat numbers are as of 9 Oct 2014)

- AZ 6 CA **98**
- CO 21 CT 5
- DC 3 FL **38**
- DE 1

- GA 19 HA 1
- IL 15 IN 11
- IA 1 LA 2
- MA 18 ME 1
- MD 21 MI 6
- MN 9 MO 3
- MT 1 NC 17
- NH 11 **NJ 47**
- **NY 36** OH 7
- OR 8 PA 18
- SC 1 TN 5
- **TX 66** UT 2
- VA 2 VI 10
- WA 13 WI 6
- WI 1

BCS USA Stats By Top 5 Countries represented in the USA

- Membership by country:
 - USA **675 2014** (605 2013; 517 2012; 492 2011),
 - UK 145 2014 (155 2013; 171 2012; 189 2011),
 - Sri Lanka 26 2014 (35 2013; 40 2012; 42 2011),
 - Canada 18 2014 (18 2013; 26 2012; 30 2011),

- Australia 15 2014(15 2013)
- The largest population growth is in the Associate Membership within NJ.
- Membership secretary presented by Alex Chaplin
 - Onboarding Alex to membership secretary role – Paul / Jerry
 - identify drivers for membership increase
 - new member onboarding for members coming through channels other than BCS North America initiatives
 - request access to membership database
 - connect with lahodynskyj@bcs.org BCS Upper Canada section for tips on cleaning member info – Access database
 - finalize value proposition
 - increase task force engagement. Reach out to Srichand Devarakonda and other AGM attendees + membership

The reports were accepted.

Committee Voting Report:

Online votes received from: Senapathi Tavindra, Bryan Campbell, Richard Hogg, Thadsoruban Theivendram, David Grubb, Dwight York, Jaime Garcia, Christopher Tendell, Mohammed Riza Hassan, Srichand Devarakonda, Jerry Petru, Alex Chaplin, Leah Watson, Malcolm Black, David Slight, Alexander Hampson, Mark Cathcart, Stephen Holden, Kaj Pedersen, Anthony Gargaro, David Doyle, Joseph Sventek, Thavachelvan Thirugnanathiyaneswaran, Peter Ingerman, David Freeman, Paul Burton, Hannah Im

Officer election

Chair: Paul Burton. 26 votes for. 1 abstain.

Treasurer: Peter Z. Ingerman. 26 votes for. 1 abstain.

Secretary: Jerry J. Petru. 26 votes for. 1 abstain.

Member Secretary: Alex Chaplin 27 votes for

International Relations Jaime Garcia 27 votes

note: manual votes captured as not all members received online voting information

Guest Speaker:

Rachel Tuller

BCS North America

Partner with USA and Canada sections

Top 10 US City Roadshow

New Member On-boarding

Learning and Development is 90% BCS revenue

5 year BCS plan to generate 35% of revenue from US

Committee Reports: Membership Benefits

Described by Alex Chaplin, MBCS

BCS Email Address

BCS Secure area

BCS USA Section Linked In group

Free access to Safari Books Online (via secure area)

20% Discount on ACM Membership (\$79 / yr)

10% Discount on PluralSight training plans (new today)

IT Now Magazine

BCS Specialist Groups (SG)

for other international sections that may have queries about setting up and starting their organizations.

- Education Liaison: Alex will hand over. Mark Cathcart, Ken Bernard and Lohit said they would get involved. Mark Cathcart, Ken Bernard to schedule ELO meetings

Helena Q: high schooler's also want a way to membership. can we gift some memberships for student/associate members. Salimah Q: k-12 is where they decide on careers... we need to get them interested at this point.

Alex Q: if someone would be in ELO role @ section level. Ken Bernard said he would do this.

Committee Reports: Education Liaison

USA Section focus has been redirected to the Action Groups for the time being.

SERG have performed some extensive work with the Raspberry Pi device at a local school. This will be described in more detail their section.

Sub-Group Reports: South-East Regional Group

Raspberry Pi initiative

Extended funding

Additional support from BCS USA Section

Attended BCS International Meeting

Sub-Group Reports: Value Proposition:

Community of friends and professional allies

Bringing together diverse constituents

Access to a national network of highly accomplished professionals

Personal and professional development

Any Other Business

Alex recommended a cross group between USA and Sri Lanka Section. Helena would like us to promote SERG to other groups. Have a note from Paul to promote the SERG in Florida. Lohit Ranasinghe suggested that we do a tri-state NJ, NY & PA meet up. (make an action)

Webinar series: call for volunteers

want to understand membership increase (how/why) Requested volunteers for action groups (none forthcoming on call). AOB: BCS website shows student chapters at some Uni's in UK. Consider this here? Or at SERG?

Are they tied to associate (BCS approved) courses? ACM/IEEE have student chapters. What frameworks do these use? AOB: Rachel: hiring acct mgr type. 6-12 mnths time. Sales and initiatives. Qualified teacher.

Alex suggested this could also potentially be collaboration with members and contract.

AOB: Jaime Garcia asked about AGMs/regularity.

PB suggested that we start doing a quarterly wider-committee meeting (or open to all) to try and maintain momentum. (add as action item)

References

	Sep '13 -
	Sep 14
Income	<hr/>
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Interest earned	
(Commerce)	2.88
BCS	
Headquarters	6,442.50
Total Income	<hr/> 6,445.38 <hr/>
Total	
Income	6,445.38
Expense	
Reconciliation	
Discrepancies	1.04
Expenses	
Agent fee	90.00
Bank fees	15.00
Costs of	
incorporation	450.00
Expense	
reimbursements	2,819.55

	Insurance	782.00
	Meeting support	475.71
	Postage	7.61
	Taxes, Delaware	
	Franchise	25.00
	Travel expenses	1,714.12
	Wire transfer fees	30.00
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	Total	
	Expenses	6,408.99
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	Total	
	Expense	6,407.95
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Income		37.43
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The Next AGM meeting will be hosted on the 23rd of September 2015.