



Bedford Branch

## **Minutes of BCS Bedford Branch Annual General Meeting**

**Held in the St Andrew Church Hall, Bedford**

**On 18 September 2012 at 19:45**

### **Present:**

Bob Lincoln	<i>Chairman/Email Co-ordinator</i>
Ip-Shing Fan	<i>Secretary/Education Liaison Officer</i>
Richard Maddison	<i>Treasurer</i>
Ian Wilson	<i>Webmaster</i>
Chris Knight	<i>Membership Secretary</i>
David Briggs	<i>Committee</i>
Bob Bethell	<i>Committee</i>
Saverio Bongo	<i>Committee</i>
Anthony Bodle	
Guy Littler-Jones	
Christine Briggs	

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Paul Stewart

### **2. Minutes of Last AGM**

The Minutes of the 2011 AGM were accepted as a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising not covered by the 2012 Agenda.

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

See attached.

The committee thanked Mr Lincoln for his sterling work as Chairman.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

- Everything is satisfactory. In 2011/12 we spent £1771 on meetings and student prizes. Initially HQ did not allocate us as much as the Treasurer bid for. The Treasurer had bid for the same as the previous year and was initially allocated £1331. Eventually the Treasurer bids for approval of the £440 overspend, which was allocated, covering the actual expenditure of £1771.
- For 2012/13 the Treasurer has bid for £2230 based on the Branch Committee proposed meetings and prizes. HQ are allocating a sum to cover the first three months. The Treasurer don't anticipate any problem.
- The committee thanked the Treasurer for the strenuous effort to be accurate with HQ.

#### **6. Secretary's Report**

- Regular correspondence with BCS HQ has been maintained. There were occasional contacts received from the website.
- The boundary issue has progressed. After making a fuss just before the Spring BCS Convention, Maggie Kellner and Judith Taylor agreed that actions would be taken. Dr Robert Thurlby was assigned by the Membership Board Best Practice Committee to resolve the issue. Having had dialogue, we were informed that they shall decide on their recommendation at the end of August. We still have no information.

## 7. Other Reports

- As Education Liaison Officer, Fan reported connection at the Higher Education, Further Education and the Schools levels:
  - The Student Prizes were very successful with three local universities, Buckingham, Cranfield and Open. University of Bedfordshire did not nominate a student in time and shall engage for the coming year. The interaction led to very successful meeting at the Open University and the University of Buckingham.
  - The Bedford College series of meetings have been very successful, with planning for four meetings in place for the coming programme year.
  - If we can find the resource, the intention is to engage local schools on the new ICT curriculum.
- The Webmaster, Ian Wilson, reported the regular update of the Branch website progress as usual. The attempt to launch a members' survey was delayed by the collapse of the survey website company. A new service provider is now found and work shall re-start soon.
- The Membership Secretary, Chris Knight, reported that the members database is still very difficult to use and any attempt to use it requires significant pain to clean.
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## 8. Election of Committee

David Briggs and Ip-Shing Fan stood for election of the post of Chairman. After the reading the candidates pledge and a secret ballot, Ip-Shing Fan was elected.

Saverio Bongo stood for the post of Secretary and was elected.

All other existing Committee Members had agreed to stand again.

The result of the election for Officers was as follows:

Position	Nominated	Proposed	Seconded	Result
Chairman/Email Co-ordinator/Education Liaison Officer	David Briggs/ Ip-Shing Fan			Ip-Shing Fan Elected
Secretary	Saverio Bongo	Ip-Shing Fan	Bob Lincoln	Elected
Treasurer	Richard Maddison	Bob Lincoln	Anthony Bodle	Elected
Webmaster	Ian Wilson	Bob Lincoln	Anthony Bodle	Elected
Membership Secretary	Chris Knight	Bob Lincoln	Anthony Bodle	Elected

Committee Member	Bob Bethell	Bob Lincoln	Anthony Bodle	Elected
Committee Member	David Briggs	Bob Lincoln	Anthony Bodle	Elected
Committee Member	Bill Kenway	Bob Lincoln	Anthony Bodle	Elected
Committee Member	Paul Stewart	Bob Lincoln	Anthony Bodle	Elected

**9. Any Other Business**

Ip-Shing Fan reports on the new liaison with Hays IT Recruitment and invited ideas to develop the relationship.

Bob Lincoln declared the meeting closed at 20:27.