



**BCS SOUTH WEST BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
6:30pm ON SEPTEMBER 29th 2011
AT ROLLE BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH.**

Present: Steven Furnell, Janet Kneller, Kevin Chamberlain, Ted Draper, Nathan Clarke, Alastair Revell, Shirley Atkinson, Paul Dowland, S Haugh, Daniel Oxenbury, Dave Foxcroft, Anne Beasley, Brian Spoor

Apologies for absence

1. Jonathon Fieldsend, Sandy Garrity, Mike Brett

Minutes of the 2010 AGM

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the BCS South West Branch AGM

2. The Minutes of the AGM held on September 27th, 2010 were accepted as a true record.

Chairman's Report

3. The Chairman, Prof. Steven Furnell, reported that the Branch had held a range of events in the last year, covering both Plymouth and Exeter locations open to all BCS members, local practitioners, students and general public. In addition presentations and some videos of all events back to 2004 are available on Branch website. 4 events were already planned for 2011/12, so the Branch is looking forward to an active year.

The Branch also presented prizes to best performing students at both Exeter and Plymouth Universities. He thanked his Committee for all their support during the past year, and invited those members present to join the committee for 2011.

(Secretary's note: For a full text of the report please visit the Branch Website.)

Financial Report

4. The Treasurer, Janet Kneller, presented the financial report. The main areas of expenditure within the total of £1018 were Catering, with Room hire for all events donated by the hosting organisation. Speakers and Committee expenses (£556) and degree prizes (£412) were the other major items of expenditure. The Branch had actually underspent the budget of £2857 due to free room hire, some cancelled events and several speakers not requiring expenses. A budget of £2498 has been allocated from BCS HQ for the coming year, with an additional £404 for the 2 degree prizes.

Election of Officers

5. The following Officers of the Branch were duly elected:

- Prof Steven Furnell – Chairman (Nominated by Kevin Chamberlain / Paul Dowland)
- Ms Janet Kneller – Treasurer (Nominated by Shirley Atkinson / Alistair Revell)
- Mr Kevin Chamberlain – Secretary (Nominated by Ted Draper / Alistair Revell)

Election of Committee

6. All the present Committee members were willing to continue – the Chair asked for any additional nominations from the floor, so following Committee members were duly elected:

- Mr Kent McClymont (YPG representative)
- Dr Paul Dowland (Web Master)
- Dr Nathan Clarke (Membership secretary)
- Mr Ted Draper
- Dr Shirley Atkinson
- Mr Jonathon Fieldsend
- Mr Alastair Revell
- Mr Phil Chivers

Any Other Business

7. There being no further business and the meeting closed at 18:50pm.

Kevin Chamberlain
Secretary

24th October 2011.