

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT PLYMOUTH UNIVERSITY ON FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER 2009

Present:

Prof Steven Furnell(SF), Janet Kneller(JK), Dr. Shirley Atkinson(SK), Dr. Paul Dowland(PD), Ted Draper(ED), Dr. Jonathan Fieldsend(JF), Alastair Revell (AR), Kevin Chamberlain(KC), Kent McClymont (KM)

Apologies:

Phil Chivers(PC), Mark Culverhouse(MC), Nathan Clarke (NC)

Introduction:

JF introduced Kent McClymont based at Exeter University as a potential additional YPG rep.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted as true record.

Matters Arising:

- Branch now has a video camera to record events. YPGTV has helped with the consent forms for both speakers and audience.
- Name badges to be ordered with new logo for current committee members
Action KC
- Signs – still needed for Exeter meetings (from HQ) – **Action KC**

Events:

The following outline event program was discussed:

- Oct SWGfL on Internet Safety at Plymouth (SA)
- Nov Air Traffic Control at Exeter (JF)
- Dec Artificial Intelligence at Plymouth (JK)
- Jan / Feb ?
- Mar IBM Testing at Exeter (JF)
- Apr / May ?

Suggestions:

- Fly Safe (Met Office project) (JK)
- Socio-Technical joint meeting (AP)
- Wimbledon – Hawk Eye (PC) - ? May
- AGM will be in September – Large Scale IT change Management (PD)?

Finance:

JK reported Branch has a budget of £2020 for the year (to Aug 2010). We are waiting for end of year figures from HQ.

[Post meeting note: Budget was £2,610, spend £2,280 (£330 underspend) with £606 allocated to student prizes and £696 spent (£90 overspend)]

HQ:

Long Service pin badges have been received for those on Committee for 5 or 10 years and were distributed.

KC is attending Members Convention (23rd Sept) as BMC member – JK will represent SW Branch.

Request that Branches promote BCS as “The Chartered Institute for IT” in line with new branding and seek to hold joint meetings with other professional bodies.

A short video about the re-launched BCS will be available along with feedback report from Convention.

AOB:

- Graduation at Plymouth University – ED to present graduate prize.
- Schools competition – Does Branch/YPG(s) want to organise, possibly using the Manchester Mindstorm outcomes?
- Post Graduate Conference – Option to sponsor a prize for best presentation. Project bid for 2 x £250 to be generated.
- Branch involvement with Chamber of Commerce – **SF to investigate Plymouth, AR in Exeter**
- History of Computing Displays at Plymouth University – Would Branch consider sponsoring the leaflet – **SF to get costs**
- Kent McClymont was formally co-opted as second YPG representative.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 18th November, 7pm at Royal Oak, South Brent