MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT THE OLD SCHOOL CENTRE, SOUTH BRENT ON JUNE 26th, 2007

Present: Prof S Furnell, Dr P Dowland, Mrs S Atkinson, Mr K Chamberlain, Mr E Draper, Dr N Clarke, Ms J Kneller, Ms S Karatzouni

Apologies: None

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 16th JANUARY

The following matters arose from the previous meeting:

- Speaker's notes from the October presentation are still awaited.

- The Chairman welcomed Sevasti Karatzouni as the new YPG representative.

REVIEW OF 2006-07 EVENTS

October	Life, the World and Information Security in a Global Bank
November	Peer-to-Peer Networks: Facts, Controversies and their Future
December	You've been hired – CANCELLED
February	Professionalism in IT - What it is and how we get it
March	Security Research at the University of Plymouth
April	Student Project Evening – CANCELLED
	From e-world to real world, the work of the CEOP centre
May	AGM & The Future of Security

General consent was that Feb, March and May evenings were well attended and interesting, but some concerns at cancellations of the Student related evenings due to lack of interest.
Agreed that student project evenings would be better served by awarding prizes to projects at each university. Exeter submitted 3 projects and the committee agreed that a first prize (£100 + BCS membership) should be awarded to recognise their efforts. To be presented at graduation ceremony on 13th July by Ted Draper.
Concerns were expressed that BCS HQ decided not to allow financial backing for the coach trip to Internet World – their impression that it would 'be just a shopping trip to London' does not sit well with the professionalism expected of BCS members.

End of years HQ returns were completed.

REPORT FROM SPRING CONGRESS

Ted Draper reported that the Spring Congress was worth attending, and covered sessions on:
- Inspirational IT – Ways to improve the uptake of technology
- Elections – Elected 1 experiences and 1 new-comer to committee
- YPG Group – Talk by '1 Team'
- Branch Manual – Updates and guidelines added to Manual
- Finances & Admin – Much discussion over funding arrangements for Branches, which are constrained by Charity status, but then discussed why that was as branches are mainly run by volunteers.

The overall impression was that the day concentrated on internal politics, rather than Inspirational IT. The Press office presentation was useful, and also information about BCS office at Covent Garden – a very useful resource, but needs better promotion.

EVENTS PROGRAMME – 2007-08

Ideas for event were tabled:

SF   Web Route – an anti-spyware company have offered to speak – poss Nov
        Freeform Dynamics – Security related – Mobile working & risk assessment
        University of Reading – Pro Blogging – Poss Feb

ED   IT in rural communities – Dr Andrew Ecclestone has background in
        meteorology and marine IT. Possible to combine with Exmouth Yacht Club for
        meeting in January

KC   Dr. Jon Holt – UML – Unified Modelling Language – Possible for Nov/Dec
        Intel – new developments in Vpro and remote support – Possibly Oct

NC   Aim to run an event in Cornwall, but need to identify a local member to
        promote it, or use Cornwall College

ALL   Some form of school's competition – Needs some novel ideas?

FINANCE MATTERS

Last year was underspent by £1300, so committee agreed to organise catering for all Plymouth events.

This year £700 had so far been spent, out of the £3362. budget.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 25^{h}, 7.00pm at the Pack Horse Inn or Old School, South Brent.**

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