

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH ON OCTOBER 26TH, 2004

Present: Dr S Furnell
Mr A Munslow
Mr S Razak
Mr J Hall
Mr P Dowland
Mr N Clarke
Mr P Davies

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4TH

1. SF reported the following:
 - Notes received regarding the duties of the Membership Secretary
 - John Higgs had stated that the Coaver Club at Exeter could not be used for future events, but recommended Cowick Barton Club (Craig, 01392 270411)
 - Julian Elliot has agreed to stand down as Secretary but wishes to remain on the Committee

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

2. Shukar Razak kindly agreed to undertake the position of YPG Ambassador and Nathan Clarke the duties of Membership Secretary.

TREASURERS REPORT

3. JH tabled documents showing expenditure and the allocations for the year 2004/2005. These showed expenditure of £917.48 as at September 30th and it was agreed that when compared with the allocations there was no cause for any particular action.

PROGRAMME

4. SF went through the Programme for 2004/2005 outlined below:
 - October 12th - Security presentation by Symantec at Plymouth
 - November 11th - Web Technologies presentation at Plymouth
 - Jan 10th - Who is to blame for project failures? (Exeter University- Veitch Room, Reed Hall)
 - February - Presentation by Orange - SF to arrange with Paul Reynolds
 - March 1st - Computer Forensics Andy Jones at Plymouth
 - April - Dr D'Cruz to present regarding virtual communities
 - May - AGM at Exeter.
 - June - Student project evening

5. PD to speak to staff at Exeter University about their possible hosting of the Student Evening in May/June next year. Subject to reasonable cost, PD is to book facilities at Reed Hall for the AGM on May 10th

SEPTEMBER CONGRESS

6. JH reported that he attended the September Congress and had met HQ staff, including Susan Guy.. It was agreed that Susan be invited to the March Computer Forensics event - PD to arrange. JH also noted that the Branch Service Award for Bernard Apps had been agreed

BERNARD APPS

7. PD reported that BCS HQ still wished to present the Branch Service Award to Bernard and that a BCS senior executive was intending to break his holiday in Australia to travel and meet Bernard in order to make the presentation in person. After discussion it was agreed this was wholly inappropriate and the Committee speculated as to why the HQ wished to make this formal presentation when they had been previously advised that Bernard did not want any fuss. Also, some concern was expressed regarding the cost of any special travel that the BCS (and ultimately therefore its members) would have to bear in carrying out the unwanted presentation. PD agreed to email SG with the Committee's view that such a presentation in Australia should not go ahead.

JOURNAL

8. AM asked for further contributions for the Journal. PD reported he would resend a short description of the January event he was organising and an article. SF would organise an advertisement for the March event. It was agreed that all articles etc. would not be in .pdf format, therefore allowing direct printing.

A.O.B

9. It was agreed that the schools website competition be considered for the next year (2005/2006). AM undertook to see if it would be possible to obtain a list of schools carrying out ICT GCSE in the South West.

PD

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