

THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at
Anglia Ruskin University, Lab 003, Ashcroft Building, East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1BT,
on Thursday, 6th October 2016

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of 2015 AGM

The minutes of the 2015 AGM, held on 1st October 2015, were taken as read and passed as correct.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

4. Chair's Report

The Branch Chair, Rob Skinner, presented his report which is appended to these minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report which is appended to these minutes. Thanks to generous sponsorship of our events, expenditure had been kept down and was well below the budgeted amount.

6. Elections of Committee Members for 2016-17

Rob Skinner was proposed as Chair. There being no other candidates, he was declared elected.

Tony Hainsworth was proposed as Treasurer. There being no other candidates, he was declared elected.

Antony Andrew, Jeremy Bull, Hazel Cook, David Gee, Irene Melo, Malgorzata van Leeuwen, and Charles Looker were proposed as committee members.

All of the proposed candidates were declared elected.

7. Any Other Business

The first meeting of the new committee was provisionally set for 08 November 2016.



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Chair's Report (AGM) 2016

BCS East Anglia Branch

Robert Skinner FBCS CITP

Branch Chair

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Thursday, 6 October 2016

1 Introduction

Thanks to all of the members of the committee, all of whom are volunteers. Particular thanks must be expressed to Charles Looker who, as Secretary, has worked so hard to organise and facilitate our activities and to Tony Hainsworth who once again performed as our Treasurer. I am also grateful to Irene and Malgorzata who have organised and publicised our events.

Special praise and thanks is also due to Ben Downen for the enthusiasm, work, and creative thinking he has demonstrated during his time with us on the committee. I know he will be sadly missed as he steps down and relocated to another part of the country. It is nice to think he will keep in touch. We wish him the best for the future and for the future of his new baby.

2 Report On Branch Activities

As usual we involved ourselves in a number of activities and events, both on our own and in partnership with other professional bodies and interest groups. I am delighted to be able to record our thanks to all the partner organisations we have worked with during the year. Our hosts, Anglia Ruskin University, previous hosts and collaborators including Citrix and Microsoft.

2.1 Branch Activities have included:

Andrew Fitzgibbon's very well attended presentation "Doing blue-skies research with an eye on the ground" which was hosted by Citrix

"Securing the Internet of Things (IoT)" held at the Department of Computing & Technology, Anglia Ruskin University and jointly hosted by the British Computer Society (BCS) East Anglia Region, and OWASP (Open Web Application Security Project) Cambridge Chapter. The highly entertaining and informative speakers were Steve Lord and John Mersh.

3 Student Prizes

We also awarded the Annual Branch Student Prize awards. This prize is for the student of the year in the second year of an undergraduate course in a computing discipline. This year's prize-winners were:

Anglia Ruskin University:	Milan Mihaldinecz
University of East Anglia:	Michael Price
University of Cambridge (Jointly)	Andrej Ivaskovic Robert Eady
University Campus Suffolk:	Dan Sanderson

4 Closing Comments

The committee has spent some time recently considering the future role and focus for the Committee. In the current era it appears that members may increasingly see themselves as members of an overall professional body with limited allegiance to a regional branch. The key challenge for the coming period is to identify and focus on a role for the branch. It may be that

having such a large regional spread, along with particularly localised areas of intense activities (e.g., Cambridge) present some unique challenges.

My thanks go to all Committee members for their time and effort, which is provided on a voluntary basis. For BCS to continue to fulfil its mission then each subsequent generation must pick up the challenge and build the future. Our Branch has benefitted from the enthusiasm and work of BCS YPG (BCS Young Professionals Group) and our YPG representative Irene Melo. More information is available on the BCS YPG via their website.

As Branch Chair I am particularly indebted to the Secretary, and the Treasurer who each have specific responsibilities which they perform and the Vice-Chair who has made my role so much easier. I note that as the current Vice-Chair, Ben Downen, is retiring from Committee affairs the new committee will be charged with the responsibility of appointing a new Vice-Chair.

That concludes the Chair's Report for 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R J Skinner', written over a light grey rectangular background.

R J Skinner

BCS East Anglia Branch Chair



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Treasurer's Report (AGM) 2016

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	Inc £	Exp £
Branch Allocation 2015-16	1,500	
Travel/Subsistence		0
Room Hire		0
Speakers' Expenses		0
Catering		106
Sponsorship		127
Publicity & Materials		0
Student Prize & Membership		372
Totals	1,500	605

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Wednesday, 6th October 2016