

THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at
West Suffolk College, Bury St Edmunds
on Thursday, 4th December 2014 at 8.50pm

1. Welcome and Chair's opening remarks

The Chair thanked Nigel MacKnight for his talk entitled "Bringing the World Water Speed Record back to Britain" which had preceded the AGM.

2. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Fran Paterson, Ben Downen and Raul Rowley. Paul had asked not to be re-elected onto the committee.

3. Minutes of 2013 AGM

The minutes of the 2013 AGM, held on 5th December 2013, were taken as read and passed as correct.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising.

5. Chair's Report

The Branch Chair, Rob Skinner, presented his report which is appended to these minutes. He thanked committee members for their hard work during the year, Marie Setterfield (the Branch's contact at BCS HQ) and, particularly Citrix Systems for sponsoring events. He reported on events the Branch had organised and the annual student prizes awarded, and commented that, for the future, changes to the national Apprenticeship Scheme would mean more involvement for professional bodies such as the BCS.

Rob explained that the Branch covers a large geographical area which had recently been increased by the addition of an area extending up to Lincoln. The Committee would be discussing the implications of this.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented his report which is appended to these minutes. The Branch had exceeded its budget by 5.5% this year.

7. Elections of Committee Members for 2012-13

Rob Skinner was proposed by Tony Hainsworth and seconded by Charles Looker as Chair. There being no other candidates, he was declared elected.

Tony Hainsworth was proposed by Irene Melo and seconded by Rob Skinner as Treasurer. There being no other candidates, he was declared elected.

For the Committee, Ben Downen, Irene Melo, Malgorzata van Leeuwen and Fran Paterson were proposed by Charles Looker and seconded by Rob Skinner, and

Charles Looker was proposed by Rob Skinner and seconded by Malgorzata van Leeuwen.

All of the proposed candidates were declared elected.

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.



East Anglia Branch

Chair's Report (AGM) 2014

BCS East Anglia Branch

Robert Skinner FBCS CITP
Branch Chair

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Thursday, 5 December 2013

1 Introduction

Our thanks are noted to all of the committee, particularly Charles Looker who, as Secretary, has worked so hard to organise and facilitate our activities. Also to Tony Hainsworth who once again has picked up the mantle of Treasurer. We are also particularly grateful to Citrix Systems who once again have sponsored events for us. Thank you to Ben Downen for his links in that direction.

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 over the year including Citrix Systems and the, our hosts this evening.

2.1 Example Activities & Events have included:

A presentation and exhibition on: *The Development and Release of Windows XP + Retro Games Night* in the Centre for Computing History, Cambridge.

A presentation on *Graphical Test Planning – or how to left shift for more impact* given at Citrix Systems Cambridge.

2.2 Changes & Developments

It is noted that the Branch has now additionally represents the Lincoln region. The Committee are aware that this now stretches the branch geographically.

The changes at National Level to the Apprenticeship scheme will mean that Professional Bodies, such as the BCS, will have a more significant role in confirming professional competence and the accreditation of Apprenticeship Standards. Broadly this change is welcomed by the Chair.

2.3 Annual Student Prizes

The Annual Branch Student Prize awards, this year's prize-winners were:

University of East Anglia:	Mr Nicholas Matthews
University Campus Suffolk:	Mr Azeem Bux
Churchill College, Cambridge:	Mr Adam Gleave
Anglia Ruskin University:	Mr Sam Cullum

The situation with regard to Lincoln University, and any associated BCS Annual Prize, remains to be clarified for the next round of awards. Contingency may be required in the Accounts.

2.4 Branch Organisation

Once again most of the meeting were conducted via Skype to save time and travel costs. This is a useful solution given the rural spread of the Branch's region. It may, however, be time to consider the balance on-line meeting with face to face events. Much or most of the day to day organisation and coordination is supported through email and this appears to suit the committee and its business. We are also grateful for the

support and help of staff at HQ particularly the welcome suggestions and interventions of Marie Setterfield.

3 Closing Comments

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 to 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.

That concludes the Chair's Report for 2014.