

THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at

Citrix Systems UK, 101 Cambridge Science Park Rd, Milton, Cambridge CB4 0FY,
on Thursday, 19th October 2017

1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Minutes of 2016 AGM

The minutes of the 2016 AGM, held on 6th October 2016, 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

6. Elections of Committee Members for 2017-18

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, 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

There was no other business.



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Chair's Report (AGM) 2017

BCS East Anglia Branch

Robert Skinner FBCS CITP

Branch Chair

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Thursday, 19 October 2017

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. It is also a welcome opportunity to thank our newest Branch Committee members, Antony Andrew, Jeremy Bull and David Gee whose help with the work of the committee has been very warmly received.

Special praise and thanks is also due to Citrix Systems who have supported us so well for some time now and who are hosting us once again for an event.

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, Microsoft and on one occasion The Boathouse Public House, Cambridge.

2.1 Branch Activities have included:

The unusual *“Digital Agriculture - A Computer Scientist's View”* which was presented by Professor Mario Caccamo of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany (NIAB).

A thought provoking consideration of software development trends presented by Kirk MacPhee and Ben Davies, both from Citrix Systems, with the title *“Legacy and Futures of Automation in Software Development”*.

In addition we have continued our series of collaborations with other regional organisations such as OWASP. Interestingly the next BCS/OWASP collaborative event is looking at The GDPR. It is scheduled for 7th November and will be hosted at ARU, Cambridge. The speaker, Dr Reza Alavi, is an Information Security Consultant and Chairs the BCS *Information Risk Management and Assurance Group*.

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:	Tomasz Wojtowicz
University of East Anglia:	Jonathan Windle
University of Cambridge:	Xuan Guo of Peterhouse College
University Campus Suffolk:	Andreea Collins

4 Closing Comments

The committee of volunteers have worked ot try to engage organisations and individuals across the Eastern Region. The large regional spread, along with particularly localised areas of intense activities (e.g., Cambridge) present some unique challenges. Recent conversations have opened up the possibility of hosting at least one future event in the Peterborough area. Hopefully that discussion will bear fruit.

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.

That concludes the Chair's Report for 2017.

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) 2017

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	Inc £	Exp £
Branch Allocation 2015-16	1,400	
Travel/Subsistence		0
Room Hire		30
Speakers' Expenses		3
Catering		299
Sponsorship		288
Student Prize & Membership		387
Totals	1,400	1,007

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Wednesday, 19th October 2017