

**BCS SOUTH-WEST BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
7.00PM ON MAY 9th 2006 AT THE METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
EXETER.**

Apologies for absence

1. Noted that apologies had been received from Mr John Hall and Mrs Shirley Atkinson.

Minutes of the 2005 AGM

2. The Minutes of the AGM held on May 10th, 2005 were accepted as a true record.

Chairman's Report

3. The Chairman, Dr Steven Furnell, reported that the Branch had organised a number of well-supported events that involved seven presenters and which covered a diverse range of computing themes. He pointed out that the Branch had deliberately pursued a number of initiatives to promote the Society to future IT professionals. These included a Student Project Evening and a School Website competition. He thanked his Committee and BCS HQ for the support provided. *(Secretary's note: For a full text of the report please visit the Branch Website.)*

Financial Report

4. In John Hall's absence, the Chairman reported expenditure of £784 against an allocation of £2769. He explained that the one of the main reasons for the low expenditure was that Plymouth University had allowed the Society free use of their premises for meetings. He mentioned that a further £680 had been spent from the BCS designated fund for student prizes. The allocation for 2006-2007 was £2367.

Election of Officers

5. Before proceeding to the election of officers, Steven Furnell reported that for health reasons John Hall would be unable to continue as Treasurer, although he wished to remain on the Committee. He took the opportunity of thanking John for his many years of diligent service and wished him a speedy recovery. The following Officers of the Branch were duly elected:
 - Dr Steven Furnell – Chairman (proposed by E Draper, seconded by N Clarke)
 - Ms Janet Kneller – Treasurer (proposed by S Furnell, seconded by P Davies)
 - Mr Philip Davies – Secretary (proposed by S Furnell, seconded by S Razak)

Election of Committee

6. Having been proposed by S Bulman and seconded by W Lines, the following Committee members were duly elected:

- Mr John Hall
- Mr Kevin Chamberlain
- Mr Shukor Razak (YPG representative)
- Dr Paul Dowland (Web Master)
- Dr Nathan Clarke (Membership secretary)
- Mr Ted Draper
- Mrs Shirley Atkinson

Any Other Business

7. There being no further business and the meeting closed at 07.27pm.

Phil Davies
Secretary

May 10th, 2006.