

**BCS SOUTH WEST BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
7.00PM ON MAY 13th 2009
AT PORTLAND SQUARE, UNIVERSITY OF PLYMOUTH.**

Present: Steven Furnell, Janet Kneller, Kevin Chamberlain, Jonathon Fieldsend, Alastair Revell, Nathan Clarke, Mark Culverhouse, J Browne, P Graham, Simon Garrity, Rob Cross, Phil Humphrey, B Sanders, K Ellis

Apologies for absence

1. Ted Draper, Shirley Atkinson, Phil Chivers, Paul Dowland, Chris Cooper

Minutes of the 2008 AGM

2. The Minutes of the AGM held on May 13th, 2008 were accepted as a true record.

Chairman's Report

3. The Chairman, Prof. Steven Furnell, reported that the Branch had had a range of presentations in the last year, covering both Plymouth and Exeter locations. He thanked his Committee for all their support during the past year, and invited those members present to join the committee for 2009.
(Secretary's note: For a full text of the report please visit the Branch Website.)

Financial Report

4. The Treasurer, Janet Kneller, presented the financial report. The main areas of expenditure within the total of £1368 were Catering/Room hire (£933) and Committee expenses (318), but the Branch had actually underspent due to some cancelled events and several speakers not requiring expenses. A reduced allowance of £2020 from BCS HQ had been received which could be challenging, however there is an opportunity to request additional funds for specific events. The BCS is also changing the financial year end from April to September, and it is unclear at present whether a revised report will be required in September, or if the 2009/10 year will be 16 months.

Election of Officers

5. The following Officers of the Branch were duly elected:

- Prof Steven Furnell – Chairman
- Ms Janet Kneller – Treasurer
- Mr Kevin Chamberlain – Secretary
(proposed en-block by Phil Humphrey, seconded by John Brown)

Election of Committee

6. Having been proposed by Kevin Chamberlain and seconded by Steve Furnell, the following Committee members were duly elected:

- Mark Culverhouse (YPG representative)
- Dr Paul Dowland (Web Master)
- Dr Nathan Clarke (Membership secretary)
- Mr Ted Draper
- Dr Shirley Atkinson
- Mr Jonathon Fieldsend
- Mr Phil Chivers
- Mr Alastair Revell
- Mr Max Hughes

Any Other Business

7. There being no further business and the meeting closed at 19.15pm.

Kevin Chamberlain
Secretary

May 17th, 2009.