

BCS Birmingham Branch

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

Location:	Online
Date:	Monday, 11th November, 2024
Time:	6:30PM - 7:30PM
Mode	Zoom

ATTENDANCE

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| a. Jake Foster | j. Damilare Akinlaja | s. Babatunde |
| b. Emmanuel Badger | k. David Hazelwood | |
| c. Babajide Ogunjobi (Jay) | l. Comecar Ltd | |
| d. Tom Goodman | m. Enobong Ebitu | |
| e. Terry Bounds | n. Precious Douglas | |
| f. Ian Dean | o. Robert Ward | |
| g. Osikpemi Otsemeuno | p. Stephen Booth | |
| h. Alan Ma | q. Uche James | |
| i. Marc Hundley | r. Victor Ezeliorah | |

APOLOGIES

- a. Jacob Wilson
- b. Drew Conor

1. Opening remark

JF

The Annual General Meeting commenced at 6:37pm with an opening remark by the Chairman, Jake Foster. He warmly welcomed everyone to the 2023/2024 AGM.

2. Adoption of Agenda

ALL

The AGM agenda was adopted by all members

3. Minutes of Last Annual General Meeting

ALL

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 13th of February, 2024 was adopted by all members.

4. Chairman's Report

JF

The Chairman of the branch, Jake Foster gave a comprehensive report on the branch activities for the year 2023/2024. The summary of the report are stated below:

a. Re-establishment of the Student Awards: Jake said the student awards prizes have not been claimed for a number of years after contacts with these universities were lost but this year, we have successfully given student awards prizes to two out of the three approved universities by the BCS national. Prizes were given to winners from Aston University and University of Birmingham. In his report, he said we hope to re-establish contact with the third university soon.

b. Collaboration with Birmingham Communities: Jake informed everyone that the Birmingham branch has been more collaborative with other bodies such as C# group, Birmingham City University and working towards collaborating with Fusion on Hackathon events. He said the aim of the events are to get more engagements for the BCS within the community.

c. Challenges: Jake said the major challenge this year is engaging members. To address this challenge, he said he hopes our upcoming collaborative events will help increase our membership drive to branch events and activities

In his closing report, he said the document will be available online on the website of the branch.

5. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer of the branch, Tom Goodman said a total of five hundred (500) pounds was allocated to the branch for 2023/2024 financial year. He gave a detailed breakdown on how the money was expended. He said the branch was prudent in spending and did not incur expenditure above the allocated budget in the financial year.

6. Appointment of Committee**ALL**

The following members were elected to the committee on a three-year term:

- a. Ian Dean
- b. Osikpemi Otsemeuno

The primary nomination was done by Tom and seconded by Jake

7. Election of Officers**ALL**

- Chairman: Jake Foster was elected as the Chairman of the branch with a vote of 15 out of 18 participants
- Treasurer: Tom Goodman was elected Treasurer of the branch with a vote of 12 out of 18 participants
- Inclusion Officer: Drew Conor was elected as the Inclusion Officer with a vote of 16 out of 18 participants
- Early Coordinator: Osikpemi Otsemeuno was elected as the Early Coordinator with a vote of 16 out of 18 participants

8. AOB**ALL**

Alan said Birmingham City University student union is organizing an event on the 20th of November for all students in the university. He said we could use the avenue to reach out to students to introduce BCS to them. Further details about the event will be posted on the committee whatsapp group for extensive deliberation.

9. Closing**JF**

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The date of the next Annual General Meeting is proposed for 20th October, 2025. The meeting ended at 7:16pm with a closing remark by Jake Foster.