

**BCS Hampshire Branch
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 11 December 2024

Online

Apologies: Various apologies for absence were received,

1. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the AGM held on 4th October 2023, were proposed, seconded and agreed.

2. Matters arising from the previous AGM

There were no matters arising, that were not otherwise included in the business of the meeting

3. Secretary's Report

The Membership is currently **2,005 members** (previously 2,071) which includes Fellows **173** (172) and Professionals **1,621** (1,661)

In 2023/24, there was **31 events**, of which 4 hybrid and 2 in-person only

The Branch also thanked the speakers, and would be delighted to hear from any potential speakers, and any organisations that are prepared to host visits or meetings.

Geoff Staples (Secretary) This was proposed, seconded and agreed

4. Treasurer's Report

The HQ Allocation (available to spend) **for 2023/24 was £730** (previously £1,998).

Our total spending for the year was the 3 Student Prizes for top final year computing students, at the 3 universities of Southampton, Portsmouth and Solent, value each of £150 plus one year's BCS membership, but these and the speaker's gifts do not come out of the BCS Allocation. We had no catering expenses, as meetings, were mainly online, many jointly with other Groups

The HQ Allocation for **2024/25 is £570**

Paul Jenkins (Treasurer) This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

5. Chairman's Report

There were **31 online presentations, of which 4 were hybrid, and 2 in person only**, during 2023/2024, many with other **BCS groups, the Royal Aeronautical Society, IET and WCIT** – the majority of the events were recorded

Presentations from **Ghana, Germany, Japan, Norway, USA** and the UK , including Diversity was shown by the range of presenters, approximately 30% female presenters

The presentations included:

- Emerging technology – Buzzwords, Hype and real Change, By Ian Hughes
- **Hybrid**, Is your AI quality good enough to save humanity? By Tom Gilb HonFBCS from Norway
- How to make underwater exploration with autonomous vehicles more reliable by Achille Martin,
- **Hybrid** How to organize delivering Quality on Time, What are the secrets that make this happen? By Niels Malotaux from Japan
- TickITplus - A Universal Model, by Dave Wynn
- **Hybrid**, Introduction to Explainable Artificial Intelligence, by Dr Alex Gegov
- Cyber Security and the importance of your security posture, by Bal Matu,
- The Autonomous Systems Journey from Lab to Ubiquity, by Professor William (Andy) Wright FREng, FIET, CEng, PhD **physical only** at University of Southampton, organised by the Royal Aeronautical Society, with IET
- **Hybrid**–Preventing cyber-crime: the role of the Regional Cyber Crime Unit and you, by Charlotte Knill,
- Aerospace, Digitisation and Data Science: Harnessing the power of data, by Professor Honor Powrie, FREng, FInstP, **physical only**, University of Southampton, by the Royal Aeronautical Society, with IET
- How we created in 7 years, a global tech company, by Andrew Radcliffe,

- AI driving force of Cyber Security, by Mazhar Malik
- Preparing children for artificial intelligence, by Dale Lane, about the free resource, Machine Learning for Kids [ML4K]
- Reviews and Inspections used in various ways, by Niels Malotau
- Generative AI and Metaverse what a powerful combination! By Ian Hughes
- Using hydrogen from the sea to power ships and planes by Neil Kermod, Managing Director, European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC)
- Quantifying and reducing the carbon footprint of your IT infrastructure, by Rory Choudhuri and Vern Bolinius
- The Genie is Out of the Bottle, (about ChatGPT) by Martin Tate

Early Career related events included:

- Degree Apprenticeship – Chloe’s three year journey to BSc by Chloe Baker, National Oceanography Centre,
- From novice to professional - Starting a career in Malware Forensics, by Andrew Moore
- Quality Management 2nd Cohort Training Scholarship by Quality Management Institute, by Dr Larry Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the Quality Management Institute
- Decolonising Computing: Insights into mapping of UK activity within HE, by Zoe Tompkins, Kate Feliciello and Amaninder Singh,
- Delivering Cyber Education in HEI, by Mazhar Malik

Diversity is actively encouraged – approximately 30% female presenters

Inclusion related webinars include:

- Encouraging girls, women and people of BAME descent into STEAM education, by Emeffa Amoako
- All things digital health and social care at the ALLIANCE , by Chris Mackie
- Closing Digital Divide: Employing highly qualified vision-impaired professionals,
- Bridging the Digital Divide: Technology harnessed for children in care, by Rubi Kaur, Rowan Aderyn, Christian Brock, Mathew
- Digital for all: Building a connected digital inclusion ecosystem in Leeds, by Amy Hearn
- Designing an Inclusive Wearable Product to close the digital divide, by Elodie Draperi,
- #Joiningthedots to close the digital divide for the visually impaired, by Kirsty McIntosh and Kris Gibson

Request were made to help **with Careers Events**, say once or twice a year, the annual offer of **Prizes** of book tokens for **the top male and female computing students** in the approximate age range of 16 to 18, not in HE, based in various **schools, or 6th form colleges, and FE colleges in Hampshire**. It was necessary to postponed due to Covid our **student competitions on 3D printing** for students, but this will be restarted in 2024/25.

The Chair thanked the presenters, the committee and all those that helped with the BCS events
Margaret Ross (Chair) This was proposed, seconded and agreed.

6. Election of Officers – all were proposed, seconded and agreed

Chair: Margaret Ross

Secretary: Geoff Staples

Inclusion Officer: Neville Palmer

Treasurer: Paul Jenkins

Early Career Officer: Dave Braines FBCS CIP

Committee: Nina Bishop-Bolt, Ivan Carter, Dave Locke, Nick Whitelegg,

and a **new committee member- Peter Ray**

We are delighted to congratulate Ivan Carter, previously FBCS, and a founder member of the BCS but now also now an HonFBCS

7. Future Events in 2024/2025

Currently various activities are being planned, usually jointly with other BCS MGs, including:

- **Employing IT professional with mobility issues**, by Rob Trent, possibly the most inspiring BCS presentation I has attended, <https://www.bcs.org/events-calendar/2024/december/webinar-employing-it-professionals-with-mobility-issues-then-hampshire-branch-agm/>

- Pesky Malware, by Steve Shepherd MBE.
The (Positive) Effects of Playing Video Games,
- World Quality Day- How to identify problem projects before they to start to fail? by Bal Matu ,
- Augmented Wildlife Experiences: AWE trails to support nature connection, by Professor Amanda Korstjens Dr Anastasia Vayona
- **Hybrid** - BCS London : What's New in GreenIT 2024? by John Booth , and Ewen Anderson,
- Recycle Your Electricals and the use of AI in handling e-waste - look at some emerging trends in the world of e-waste., by Scott Butler

The **2025 BCS SG Competitions** were discussed <https://www.bcs.org/membership-and-registrations/member-communities/community-competitions/>

8. Any Other Business

There was no other business.