

**BCS SOUTH WEST BRANCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT
7.00PM ON MAY 13th 2008
AT HARRISON BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER.**

Present: Steven Furnell, Janet Kneller, Kevin Chamberlain, Ted Draper, Chris Cooper, Jonathon Fieldsend, Shirley Atkinson, Kevin Cahill, Phil Chivers, Andrew Mirza, John Carroll, Alastair Revell, Kris Sum, Trevor Sharp, Paul Dowland, Nathan Clarke, Sevasti Karatzouni,

Apologies for absence

1. None.

Minutes of the 2007 AGM

2. The Minutes of the AGM held on May 8th, 2007 were accepted as a true record.

Chairman's Report

3. The Chairman, Prof. Steven Furnell, reported that the Branch had made good progress over last 12 months, with a range of presentations. He also noted that several events had been skewed towards security events, but that with a more active committee he hoped that this would expand in the coming year. He thanked his Committee for all their support during the past year, and invited those members present to join the committee for 2008.

(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 £2580 were Speakers (£570) and Catering/Room hire (£957), but the Branch had actually underspent due to the cancelled events and postponement of Schools competition. A budget for an increased allowance of £4180 from BCS HQ had been submitted, to allow for costs of catering at all events.

Election of Officers

5. The following Officers of the Branch were duly elected:
 - Prof Steven Furnell – Chairman (proposed by K Cahill, seconded by A Revell)
 - Ms Janet Kneller – Treasurer (proposed by S Furnell, seconded by J Fieldsend)

- Mr Kevin Chamberlain – Secretary (proposed by A Mirza, seconded by J Carroll)

Election of Committee

6. Having been proposed by S Furnell and seconded by J Carroll, the following Committee members were duly elected:
 - Ms Sevasti Karatzouni (YPG representative)
 - Dr Paul Dowland (Web Master)
 - Dr Nathan Clarke (Membership secretary)
 - Mr Ted Draper
 - Dr Shirley Atkinson
 - Mr Chris Cooper
 - Mr Jonathon Fieldsend
 - Mr Phil Chivers
 - Mr Alastair Revell
 - Mr Max Hughes

Any Other Business

7. Sevasti Karatzouni announced the results of the Student Project Poster competition, which had attracted 5 entries, which were posted on the Branch website and 31 branch members voted for the best presented.
 - 1st RF Safety Boat System
Bradley Crocker, University of Plymouth
 - 2nd Iris Authentication System
Nguyen Cong Thanh, University of Plymouth
8. There was a request from Exeter based members for more meetings in East of the Branch – SF responded by agreeing, and that with improved committee membership from Exeter area this should be achieved during the next year.
9. There being no further business and the meeting closed at 07.20pm.

Kevin Chamberlain
Secretary

May 17th, 2008.