

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH
WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT PLYMOUTH
UNIVERSITY ON JUNE 6th, 2006**

Present: Dr S Furnell, Dr P Dowland, Mr S Razak, Mrs S Atkinson, Mr K Chamberlain, Mr E Draper, Mr P Davies

Apologies: Dr N Clarke, Ms J Kneller, Mr J Hall

MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 11.04.06 AND THE AGM

1. The following matters arose from the previous meetings:
 - SF queried if the transfer of treasurer duties had commenced and asked that JH and JK report progress at the next meeting.
 - Schools website competition. SR reported that the websites had been judged by the Committee and cheques sent to the winners. It was agreed that the Branch should seek to maximise publicity from this. PD and ED agreed to contact the schools involved and arrange a publicity “shot”. SR agreed to contact BCS Press Office to enquire if they would prepare a suitable press release. It was urged that this action should occur before the schools break for summer. The Committee took the opportunity to thank SR for the commitment he displayed in organising the competition.
 - Degree prizes. SF agreed to speak/email Exeter University to see if they are wishing to award a BCS degree prize this year. At the same time he undertook to ascertain how the BCS Branch could gain some form of greater involvement with the University. In his absence, NC was actioned to assist SF by listing the Exeter University staff that are members of the BCS.

EVENTS PROGRAMME 2006-2007

2. The following events were discussed for the period September 2006 to June 2007:
 - Early October: PDow reported that he had a contact in the banking security industry who could give a presentation concerning hacking and staff security issues.
 - November: SF agreed to contact the Land Registry at Plymouth to see if a site visit could be arranged. In his absence, NC was actioned to list for SF all those members who are Land Registry employees.
 - December: PD agreed to run a “Your Hired!” event to assist students seeking to find employment in ICT. PD to prepare a summary of his suggestions for the Committee. Anticipated date was 05.12.06.
 - January: BT Skynet (PDow) or Police (SF). PDow and SF to investigate.

- March: After discussion it was agreed that we should stage an event in Cornwall, either at Cambourne or Truro. This could be either ICT Security (SF) or Computing in the NHS (SA). SF and SA to consider. NC is to list any “clusters” of members in Cornwall to ascertain the ideal locations for an event.
 - April: Student Evening in Exeter (depending upon SF’s discussions with Exeter University)
 - May: AGM. PD to contact Bristol Branch to research presentation they received from Sean Brennan.
 - Other events: It was suggested that we consider a coach trip to Internet World (London) in May and KC agreed to determine the date of the exhibition. Also considered was 50th BCS anniversary social event. This could consist of a boat trip from Totnes in Spring 2007. John Hall’s presentation of his 50 years’ computing experience could be combined with a visit to the Babbage museum in Totnes. The Committee are to consider these events and report back at the next meeting.
3. It was agreed that, by the end of June, all the various actions placed should be completed and the results/further information/anticipated costs emailed to the Committee for consideration and further action at the next meeting. This information could then be used to finalise the events programme and to prepare a budget forecast for the year.

A.O.B.

4. SF and PDow raised the possibility of the Branch using the next annual Plymouth University Network Conference to promote the Society. This would consist of advertising the BCS logo and placing details of the Society in packs. It was agreed this was an excellent opportunity to promote the Society to many delegates from over 20 countries and a provisional amount of £200 was agreed.
5. It was agreed that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 19th, 7.00pm at the Pack Horse Inn, South Brent.** KC kindly agreed to make the appropriate room booking

PD
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