
Venue: Wolfson Building, Oxford University
Date: 25 May 2006
Time: 19:35

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:
- Brian Read
- Farough Khodadadi
- Robert Ward

Minutes of Last Year’s AGM

The notes of last year’s meeting had been published on the Branch web site. No comments had been received, and these were therefore accepted as a true record of the event.

Chairman’s Report

The Chairman highlighted the main achievements of the Branch in 2005/2006. These included:
- Nine excellent lecture meetings, plus a trip to the Science Museum. The programme covered topics ranging from software testing to computer crime, and from the developments of the web to VOIP. These lectures are accredited under the CPD scheme with certificates provided at each meeting for members.
- Attendance at meetings was typically > 45, and had peaked at 57
- Three Student Prizes had been awarded, funded by the BCS special projects fund
- Our web site continued to be the main focus for disseminating information to members.
- The BCS Oxon Schools’ Web Competition would be run again in the coming year. Prize giving would take place in June, at Cranfield University.
- The committee calendar for 2005/2006 looked like:
  - 4 main committee meetings, plus the AGM
  - representation at two national congresses

In addition, the planning for 2006/2007 had already started, and the programme again looks to have something for everyone.

Sheila thanked the committee for their support during the last year and she looked forward to working with the new committee in the coming year. In particular, she thanked Keith Diment, who was retiring from the committee after 18 year (and one day!). Keith had been an invaluable member of the committee, and had been responsible for much of the programme card production and publicity over that time.
Treasurer’s Report
The Treasurer presented the draft accounts. The Branch reserves had remained at ~£6000. The turnover of the Branch has been ~£6000, and we ended with an operating surplus of ~£300.

Election of Committee
All but two of the existing Branch Committee were willing to continue to serve for another year.

There had been one additional nomination for the Committee – Hossein Abaee (Proposer: Sheila Lloyd Lyons; Seconder: Tim Lambertstock).

In summary the new committee consists of:

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The election of Officers and allocation of Committee responsibilities will be decided at the first meeting of the new committee on 8 June 2006.

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There being no further business, the AGM was closed at 19:45.

After this, Dan Zambonini, CTO of Box UK, gave an interesting talk on The Semantic Web: Too clever for its own good?.

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