

AGM Report 2005/2006

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 years 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:

Committee Member	Nominator	Seconder
Adrian Walmsley	Tony Cox	Brian Read
Sheila Lloyd Lyons	Tim Lambertstock	Brian Day
Brian Read	Adrian Walmsley	Simon Marsh
Brian Day	Adrian Walmsley	Tim Lambertstock
Cheryl Griffiths	Sheila Lloyd Lyons	Simon Marsh
Tim Lambertstock	Sheila Lloyd Lyons	Brian Day
Robert Ward	Tony Cox	Adrian Walmsley
Tony Cox	Simon Marsh	Brian Read
Simon Marsh	Sheila Lloyd Lyons	Robert Ward
Geoff Stone	Brian Read	Sheila Lloyd Lyons
Farough Kodadadi	Geoff Stone	Robert Ward
Hossein Abaee	Sheila Lloyd Lyons	Tim Lambertstock

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

AOB

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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