



Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting  
of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Computer Society  
held at the Royal Scots Club, Edinburgh  
on Wednesday 14th May 2008, 6:15 pm.

1 APOLOGIES

George McDermid, Bob Bowden, Andy Rae, Apollo Temu, Subramanian Ramamoorthy.

2 MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007.

The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as a true record subject to correction of the date of the last AGM in the heading of item 2.

3 MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters arising.

4 TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ian Chuter presented the Branch Accounts. For the first time this year branch courses had to be treated as individual special projects. Only two were offered and the first, Ruby on Rails, did not proceed due to lack of applications and incurred a small loss against the project funding. ITIL, which ran for three sessions in April, had 15 participants and cleared its costs with a small profit. It remains to be seen how this will affect branch funding. Project funding had also been obtained for the usual BCS presentation as part of the Edinburgh International Science Festival. This was successful and was completed within budget.

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

The Branch Chairman, Mike Hurst, distributed his written report to those attending the AGM. A copy of it may be found on the branch web site.

He commented to the meeting on the following points

- The visit to the new control tower at Edinburgh Airport has been heavily over subscribed
- The Branch Committee would like to receive comments on the podcasts of branch meetings, which are now a regular service to members
- BCS in Scotland still lacks support from BCS HQ. We should continue attempts to get funding for a BCS staff member to aid liaison with the devolved institutions in Scotland.
- BCS-in-Scotland sponsored Scottish Developers' "Developer Day Scotland" on 10<sup>th</sup> May in Glasgow.

6 ELECTION OF BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 2008/2009.

The three office bearers (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) are required to retire and may seek re-election. The following nominations were made and, since there were no other nominations, the individuals were duly elected.

- Chair: Mike Hurst. Proposed George McDermid, Seconded Alison Crerar
- Treasurer: Ian Chuter. Proposed Peter King, Seconded Ian Ritchie
- Secretary: Allan Davidson. Proposed Ian Ritchie, Seconded George McDermid.

## 7 ELECTION OF BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2008/2009.

The BCS Branch regulations require that ...

- Committee members co-opted during the year should retire and seek election.
- Committee members who have been on the committee for three years without re-election should retire and may seek re-election.
- At least of one third of the committee (excluding Branch Officers) must retire and may seek re-election.

Following the above rules the nominations for committee membership were ....

- Peter Barker. Proposed Peter King, Seconded Iain Thompson.
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- George McDermid. Proposed Peter Barker, Seconded Ian Chuter.
- Tom McEwan. Proposed Alison Crerar, Seconded Ian Ritchie.
- Subramanian Ramamoorthy. Proposed Mike Hurst, Seconded George McDermid.
- Ian Ritchie. Proposed Allan Davidson, Seconded Iain Thompson.
- Apollo Temu. Proposed Paul Rattray, Seconded Peter King.

No other nominations were received and the above named people were elected.

## 8 AOB

There was no other business.