



EDINBURGH BRANCH AGM 2022 - 2023

Thursday 5 October 2023 at 18:15

SkyScanner Limited, Edinburgh, EH3 9EN

Edinburgh Branch Committee

October 2023

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of 2022's AGM
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Chair's Report by Kevin Fisher
- Treasurer's Report by Mike Hurst
- Inclusion Officer's Report by Kevin Fisher
- Early Career Advocate's Report by Kieran Soutter
- Elections
- AOB

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair's Report

In the past 12 months, we held:

- 12 in-person events. Our first year of running a full programme since the pandemic.

Topics this year included accessibility, lighthouses, neuroimaging, lean agile, and problem management

- One professional awareness course

“Agile leadership and coaching immersion day with Lyssa Adkins”.

- On behalf of BCS-in-Scotland, we sponsored second prize (£2,000) in the *Young Software Engineer of the Year 2022* awards organised by ScotlandIS. This year's prize winner was Raufs Dunamalijevs from Robert Gordon University.

A huge thank you to **Skyscanner** for its ongoing support.



Thanks as always go to our committee. Its members freely donate their time and energy. Without them, we would not have an Edinburgh branch.

The branch is fortunate in having a particularly low turnover of committee members. At this AGM, we bid farewell to:

- Olusegun Akintola (5 years)
- Tim Honisett (1 year)
- Anne Kay (4 years)
- Lee Parry (10 years)

Ian Chuter

Sadly, Ian passed away on 21 June 2023. Ian stepped down from our committee in 2013, after 33 years.

He was an undergraduate with Peter Higgs and a founder of computing at Napier.



Source: Peter Higgs 80th Birthday 2009 (ed.ac.uk)



TREASURER'S REPORT

FY 2022-2023 Accounts

Operational Expenditure (“our” money for running our programme of events)

	Budget	Actual	Percent
Committee Travel/Subsistence	348	192	55%
Room Hire	1205	541	45%
Speakers’ expenses	604	1,011	167%
Catering	687	159	23%
Other	0	104	0%
	2,844	2,007	70%

Sponsorship Projects (comes from a central BCS pot)

	Budget	Actual	Percent
Scotsoft 2022 (on 29 th September 2022)	4,160	4,050	97%

Branch Professional Awareness Course

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus (Deficit)
Agile leadership day with Lyssa Adkins (in July)	2,587	3,409	(822)

FY 2023-2024 Approved Budget

Operational Expenditure

	Requested	Granted	Percent
Committee Travel/Subsistence	360	360	100%
Room Hire	780	780	100%
Speakers' expenses	1,540	1,092	71%
Catering	300	300	100%
Other	0	0	0%
Total	2,980	2,532	85%

Additional Potential Special Funding Requests

	Requested	
Provision for room hire and catering if Skyscanner unavailable	3,200	
Sponsorship of Scotsoft 2023	4,280	Granted
Participation in Edinburgh Science Festival 2024	2,300	
Sponsorship of Edinburgh University SIGINT	1,500	
A Branch Professional awareness course (risk funding only)	0	

INCLUSION OFFICER'S REPORT

Inclusion Officer

BCS introduced a mandatory committee role of 'Inclusion Officer' to promote the equality, diversity, inclusivity and community outreach of members group and BCS.

We hoped to run an unconscious bias training event this year. We'll try again next year.

EARLY CAREER ADVOCATE'S REPORT

Early Career Advocate's Report

BCS introduced the mandatory role of Early Careers Advocate to “facilitate the professional representation of early-career professionals to the broader industry and supports the early career professional with help from both the Institute and industry”

We ran an early careers evening event at Edinburgh Napier University in October and we are in discussions to, hopefully, hold another event in 2024.

ELECTIONS

Elections

The entire committee stands down each year and then seeks re-election.

Two mandatory committee roles, to be elected individually. 21 September was the closing date for chair and treasurer nominations, with one nomination received for each role:

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| ▪ <i>Chair:</i> Kevin Fisher | <i>Proposer:</i> Kieran Soutter | <i>Seconders:</i> Paul Rattray |
| ▪ <i>Treasurer:</i> Mike Hurst | <i>Proposer:</i> Paul Rattray | <i>Seconders:</i> Seb Rose |

12 committee members [to be elected *en masse*]:

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| ▪ Doug Curry | ▪ Paul Rattray |
| ▪ Zsolt Husz | ▪ Seb Rose |
| ▪ Bryan Jones | ▪ Hopewell Silas |
| ▪ Ceri Jones | ▪ Kieran Soutter |
| ▪ Margus Lind | ▪ Iain Thompson |
| ▪ Oluwaseyi Obiyemi | ▪ Shufan Yang |

AOB

THANK YOU

“INTRODUCTION TO AI”

Dr Luciana Blaha