



# Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Computer Society

Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 18:20

Venue: Computershare Ltd, Edinburgh House, 4 North St. Andrew Street, Edinburgh EH2 1HJ.

## 1 Minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 5 October 2023

The minutes are a true record of the proceedings.

## 2 Matters Arising

None.

## 3 Chair's Report

Kevin Fisher, outgoing Chair of the Edinburgh Branch, presented his overview report for the year. Over the past year, the BCS Edinburgh branch held 10 events covering topics such as AI, robotics, career growth, and professionalism, including a talk by BCS President Alastair Revell. The branch also sponsored the Young Software Engineer of the Year award, supported university hackathons, and participated in the Edinburgh Science Festival. Kevin also thanked outgoing members Lee Parry and Kieran Soutter for their contributions.

## 4 Treasurer's Report

Mike Hurst, outgoing Honorary Treasurer of the Edinburgh Branch, presented his overview report for the year. The report is a true record of the branch's financial position.

## 5 Inclusion Officer's Report

The Inclusion Officer of the BCS Edinburgh branch Oluwaseyi Obiyemi promoted equality, diversity, and community outreach, attending the inclusion officer conference and facilitating an event for Black Professionals United Kingdom (BPUK). This event, featuring BCS leadership, focused on the benefits of BCS membership for career growth and the ethical use of computing. The branch aims to hold more inclusive events in the coming year.

## 6 Early Career Advocate's Report

In the absence of Kieran Soutter who has now stepped down from the committee, Kevin Fisher noted that BCS introduced a mandatory committee role of ECA to facilitate the professional representation of early-career professionals. Not much was done in the past year due to the long absence of the past ECA officer.

## 7 Election of Branch Officers for 2024-2025

Kevin Fisher reminded the meeting of the rules governing the election of branch officers.

Office bearers must stand down but may seek re-election. The officers, proposers and seconders were:

**Chair:** Kevin Fisher.  
**Treasurer:** Mike Hurst.

**Proposer:** Paul Rattray.  
**Proposer:** Doug Curry.

**Seconders:** Doug Curry.  
**Seconders:** Paul Rattray.

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

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Enebi Adejoh;</b>      | <b>Luciana Blaha;</b> | <b>Doug Curry;</b> | <b>Monika Gontarska;</b> |
| <b>Zsolt Husz;</b>        | <b>Bryan Jones;</b>   | <b>Ceri Jones;</b> | <b>Margus Lind;</b>      |
| <b>Oluwaseyi Obiyemi;</b> | <b>Paul Rattray;</b>  | <b>Seb Rose;</b>   | <b>Hopewell Silas;</b>   |
| <b>Iain Thompson;</b>     | <b>Shufan Yang;</b>   |                    |                          |

The election of the 14 committee members was motioned by Jacqueline Hogg and it was seconded by Gareth Morgan. There were no other nominations or objections from the floor.

## 8 Election of Committee Members for 2024-2025

BCS regulations require that:

- Committee members stand for election for only one year but are eligible for re-election.
- Elections happen at the AGM.
- The committee may co-opt further members, but all those co-opted during the year must stand down and seek re-election.
- Lee Parry and Kieran Soutter did not seek re-election.

These 14 committee members were duly elected:

1. Enebi Adejoh;
2. Luciana Blaha;
3. Doug Curry;
4. Monika Gontarska;
5. Zsolt Husz;
6. Bryan Jones;
7. Ceri Jones;
8. Margus Lind;
9. Oluwaseyi Obiyemi;
10. Paul Rattray;
11. Seb Rose;
12. Hopewell Silas;
13. Iain Thompson;
14. Shufan Yang;

## 9 AOB

None.

The meeting closed at 18:30.

Minutes written by Hopewell Silas on Wednesday 2 October 2024 and approved by Kevin Fisher – Chair