



EDINBURGH BRANCH AGM 2024 - 2025

Wednesday 1 October 2025 at 18:15

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Edinburgh Branch Committee

October 2025

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of 2024's AGM
- Matters arising from the minutes
- Chair's Report by Kevin Fisher
- Treasurer's Report by Mike Hurst
- Elections
- AOB

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair's Report

In the past 12 months, we held:

- **13 monthly events**

Topics this year included a talk by BCS' President, Alastair Revell, about professionalism, one about robotics, one about the history of computer graphics; one about the Post Office scandal; and two joint events; one with BCS Women, and one with the Scottish Neuromorphic Network. Full details are on the Past Events section of our website.

- ***Young Software Engineer of the Year 2024***

We sponsored second prize (£2,000) in the awards organised by ScotlandIS and provided a judge, Sharon Moore for the expert panel. Our winner in 2024 was Ben Laurie from the University of Aberdeen.

- ***St Andrews University Computer Society (STACSHack)***

In March, we judged the entries and awarded prizes at the 24-hour hackathon.

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:

- Dr Luciana Blaha (2 years)

TREASURER'S REPORT

FY 2024-2025 Accounts (provisional)

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

	Budget	Actual	Last Year
Committee Travel/Subsistence	380	310	493
Room Hire	494	631	625
Speakers' expenses	1,168	489	592
Catering	190	189	221
Other	0	12	33
	2,232	1,631	1,964

Special Funding (comes from a central BCS pot)

	Budget	Actual
Scotsoft 2024 (on 24 th September 2024)	4,280	4,161
President's visit in September 2024	300	267
Venue hire and catering for April to July meetings	1,752	1,708

FY 2025-2026 Approved Budget

Operational Expenditure

	Requested	Granted	Percent
Committee Travel/Subsistence	802	544	68%
Room Hire	792	660	83%
Speakers' expenses	1,040	696	67%
Catering	264	205	78%
Other	35	35	100%
Total	2,933	2,140	73%

Additional Potential Special Funding Requests

	Requested	
Provision for room hire and catering if no sponsorship	4,480	
President's visit in September 2025	180	Granted
Sponsorship of Scotsoft 2025	4,280	Granted
Participation in Edinburgh Science Festival 2026	3,060	
Sponsorship of Edinburgh University SIGINT	1,500	Requested
Sponsorships and participation in STACSHack 2026	650	

ELECTIONS

Elections

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

Two mandatory committee roles, to be elected individually. 18 September 2025 was the closing date for chair and treasurer nominations, with one nomination received for each role:

- *Chair:* **Kevin Fisher** *Proposer:* Hopewell Silas *Secunder:* Doug Curry
- *Treasurer:* **Mike Hurst** *Proposer:* Doug Curry *Secunder:* Zsolt Husz

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

- Doug Curry
- Monika Gontarska
- Jacqueline Hogg
- Zsolt Husz
- Bryan Jones
- Ceri Jones
- Margus Lind
- Oluwaseyi Obiyemi
- Paul Rattray
- Seb Rose
- Hopewell Silas
- Iain Thompson
- Shufan Yang

AOB

THANK YOU

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James Christie