



Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Computer Society

Wednesday 1 October 2025 at 18:27

Venue: Skyscanner Limited, Quartermile One, 15 Lauriston Place Edinburgh EH3 9EN.

1 Minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 2 October 2024

The minutes are a true record of the proceedings.

2 Matters Arising

None.

3 Chair's Report

Kevin Fisher, outgoing Chair of the BCS Edinburgh Branch, presented his overview report for the year. Over the past year, the branch successfully organised 13 events, covering a wide range of engaging topics including robotics, the history of computer graphics, the Post Office scandal, and a special presentation by BCS President Alastair Revell on professionalism in IT. The branch also hosted two joint events; one in collaboration with BCS Women and another with the Scottish Neuromorphic Network.

Young Software Engineer of the Year 2024: The branch sponsored the second prize (£2,000) in the annual awards organised by ScotlandIS. We also contributed to the judging process through our representative, Sharon Moore, who served on the expert panel. The 2024 award winner was Ben Laurie from the University of Aberdeen, recognised for his outstanding achievement and contribution to the field.

St Andrews University Computer Society (STACSHack): In March, the branch participated in judging entries and awarded prizes at a 24-hour hackathon, supporting innovation, creativity, and practical problem-solving among emerging technology talent.

4 Treasurer's Report

Mike Hurst, outgoing Honorary Treasurer of the Edinburgh Branch, presented the financial overview report for the year. The report, as detailed below, was accepted as a true and accurate record of the branch's financial position.

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	-	12	33
	2,232	1,631	1,964
Special Funding (comes from a central BCS pot)			
	Budget	Actual	
Scotsoft 2024 (on 24th September 2024)	4,280	4,161	
President's visit in September	300	267	
Venue hire and catering for April to July meetings	1,752	1,708	

5 Inclusion Officer's Report

No report was presented at the meeting.

6 Early Career Advocate's Report

No report was presented, as the branch did not have an Early Career Advocate (ECA) Officer during the past year.

7 Election of Branch Officers for 2025-2026

Paul Rattray 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: Hopewell Silas.

Proposer: Doug Curry.

Seconders: Doug Curry.

Seconders: Zsolt Husz.

13 committee members [to be elected en masse]:

Doug Curry;

Monika Gontarska;

Jacqueline Hogg;

Zsolt Husz;

Bryan Jones;

Ceri Jones;

Margus Lind;

Paul Rattray;

Seb Rose;

Hopewell Silas;

Shufan Yang;

Oluwaseyi Obiyemi;

Iain Thompson;

The 13 committee members listed above were elected and there was no objections from the floor.

8 AOB

A branch member asked how the Edinburgh Branch's financial position compares with that of other BCS branches. MH responded that the branch sits roughly in the middle range, spending more than some branches (particularly the now-defunct Scottish ones) but less than others, especially those based in London.

The meeting closed at 18:37.

Minutes written by Hopewell Silas on Wednesday 1 October 2025 and approved by Kevin Fisher – Chair