



EDINBURGH BRANCH AGM 2025 - 2026

Wednesday 7 October 2026 at 18:15

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Edinburgh Branch Committee

October 2026

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- Apologies for absence
- Minutes of 2025'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:

- **12 monthly events**

A fireside chat from BCS' President, Daljit Rehal, about the lessons he learned from large digital transformations.

Plenty of talks on the ever-popular topic of AI, including perspectives on trust, threats, and psychology.

Talks on other topics too like Rust, C4, the history of ransomware, and the value of lifelong learning.

A field trip to visit the James Clarke Maxwell Foundation.

- ***Young Software Engineer of the Year 2025***

We sponsored second prize (£2,000) in the awards organised by ScotlandIS and provided a judge, Sharon Moore, for the expert panel. BCS' prize was presented by our president to Klara Krämer from the University of Aberdeen. Her project improved the quality of input data by combining it with human intuition.

- ***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:

- Bryan Jones (4 years)
- Iain Thompson (42 years)
- Dr Zsolt Husz (10 years)

TREASURER'S REPORT

FY 2025-2026 Accounts

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

	Budget	Actual	2024-2025
Committee Travel/Subsistence	545	328	310
Room Hire [Committee Meetings]	660	667	631
Speakers’ expenses	696	563	489
Catering	205	332	189
Other	35	12	12
	2,141	1,901	1,631

Special Funding (comes from a central BCS pot)

	Budget	Actual
Scotsoft 2025 (on 25 th September 2025)	4,280	3,942
President’s visit in September 2025	180	176
Sponsorship of Edinburgh University SIGINT	1,000	1,000

FY 2026-2027 Approved Budget

Operational Expenditure

	Requested	Granted	Percent
Committee Travel/Subsistence	373	174	47%
Room Hire [Committee Meetings]	860	430	50%
Speakers' expenses	1,005	360	36%
Catering	400	250	63%
Other	25	0	0%
Total	2,633	1,214	46%

Additional Potential Special Funding Requests

	Requested	
Sponsorship of Scotsoft 2026	4,040	Granted
Catering [Pizza] for September to December meetings 2026	500	Granted
Sponsorship of Edinburgh University SIGINT in 2027	1,500	
Sponsorship and participation in STACSHack 2027	650	
Participation in Edinburgh Science Festival 2027	3,300	
Contingency for venue hire and catering in 2027	4,480	

ELECTIONS

Elections

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

Two mandatory committee roles, to be elected individually. 23 September 2026 was the closing date for chair and treasurer nominations, with one nomination received for each role:

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

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

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| ▪ Doug Curry | ▪ Margus Lind | ▪ Hopewell Silas |
| ▪ Monika Gontarska | ▪ Oluwaseyi Obiyemi | ▪ Shufan Yang |
| ▪ Jacqueline Hogg | ▪ Paul Rattray | |
| ▪ Ceri Jones | ▪ Seb Rose | |

AOB

THANK YOU

“SO, YOUR COMPANY IS DOING AN ‘AI TRANSFORMATION’ - LESSONS FROM THE COAL FACE”

Kate Gray