

The British Computer Society

Swiss Branch Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23rd September 2010
6:00 - 7.10 pm

Bluewin Tower (Swisscom AG)
Hardturmstrasse 3
8005, Zurich
Switzerland

Minutes

Attendees:

Michael Bellhouse (Chairman), Peter Hurst (Treasurer), Paul Kennerley (Secretary), Jeff Hunter, Gerard Lambert Toby Wilson, Philip Indlekofer

1. Apologies were received from Michael Lewis, Paul Hicks
2. The Minutes from the 2009 AGM were unanimously approved
3. There were no matters arising
4. Committee Members Reports:
 - 4.1. Michael Bellhouse presented the sections annual report which covered the events held over the last 17 months. In the Zurich region there were five social events and one presentation given by Peter Jones at Phonak which unfortunately was not well attended. It was thought that was due to the location of the Phonak site. There was one event in the Geneva region, organized by Rob Watts which was attended by several people. Rob indicated that he may repeat the event

Mike explained that he and Ahmed had both attended separate BCS members group meetings over the past year.

Mike thanked the committee for the various roles that they performed over the previous year.

All attendees voted unanimously in favor of the chairman's report.

- 4.2. The memberships report was not available at the AGM, however it has since been distributed and states that there are currently 199 members of which 103 have addresses in Switzerland.
- 4.3. Peter Hurst presented the financial report and annual budget. Most of the budget for the year was spent on social events, committee meetings and administration fees such as bank charges.

Peter explained that the last year had been abnormal as the change in date of the AGM had resulted in an extra 5 months and due to this BCS head office had provided extra funds. In the last year CHF 1825 was spent and a total of CHF 3527 will be transferred to the accounts for the new budget period of 2010/2011

Jeff Hunter asked if the BCS Swiss Section was in danger contravening "Charity Status" by having budget carried over from one year to the next. Peter Hurst explained that the BCS Swiss Section is legally a "Verein" and not a charity so therefore it was not an issue. Peter went on to explain that the BCS Swiss Section contributed the remaining budget to itself at the end of each year as a gift and that this was perfectly legal.

- 4.4. There was no report given by the Web Master, however Michael Bellhouse commented that things were going smoothly and that the website had enjoyed stability over the previous year.

Michael Bellhouse explained that there is a LinkedIn group for the BCS Switzerland Branch and that the BCS Head office encourage member to join. However, it was reported that the group is currently inactive

5. Discharging the committee of responsibilities was proposed by Jeff Hunter and was agreed upon unanimously by all attendees

6. Election of Offices for the year

6.1. All previous members of the committee stood for election and were elected unopposed. In addition, Jeff Hunter volunteered to stand as a committee member and was elected unanimously. Since the meeting, Ahmed Abu El-Ata communicated that he wished to resign from the committee.

6.2. The committee for the year 2010/2011 is therefore as follows:

- Chairman: Michael Bellhouse
- Secretary: Paul Kennerley
- Treasurer: Peter Hurst
- Webmaster / Email Coordinator: Michael Lewis
- Membership Secretary: Paul Hicks
- Committee Member: Adrian Harper
- Committee Member: Jeff Hunter

7. Any Other Business

7.1. Mike Bellhouse informed the meeting that the BCS would be holding a Branches group meeting on the 13th October and a Specialist group meeting on the 28th October. It was thought unlikely that the BCS would contribute towards accommodation traveling expenses from Switzerland.

7.2. Jeff Hunter informed the group that a Mr Peter Taylor, a professional speaker on Project management has offered to give a presentation to the BCS entitled "The Lazy Project Manager". The only available date would be Friday the 19th November and the fee would be £500. The offer was received favorably by all attendees and Jeff is to proceed with making arrangements.

Jeff requested that the event be well publicized in order to achieve a good turnout. It was also agreed that an upper limit of 20 participants would be imposed on the event. It was also agreed that the presentation should start at 6pm on the 19th November.

Peter Hurst and Jeff Hunter agreed to ask their respective employers,, Zurich Insurance and Swisccom, if they would be prepared to provide a suitable venue for the event

7.3. Meeting Closed at 7:10pm.