



Switzerland Section

Minutes of the 2011/2012 Annual General Meeting

Thursday, 18th October, 2012
18:30 – 19:30

Salon Primus
Restaurant Au Premiere
Bahnhofplatz 15 (in Station)
8021 Zürich

Attendees:

Phil Griffiths (all the way from Geneva), Jeff Hunter, Philip Indlekofer, Gerard Lambert, Mike Lewis, Calvert Marshall.

In the absence of Mike Bellhouse, Jeff Hunter was kind enough to act as meeting chair.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mike Bellhouse, Paul Kennerley, Paul Hicks, Peter Hurst and Teresita Alvarez Couvreu (who hadn't registered).

Despite having registered their attendance, five persons did not take part. An attendee thought that we should write to the no-shows, which was slated for discussion at a following committee meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

The minutes of the 2010/2011 were approved unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

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4. Officers Reports

4.1 Chairperson

The chairperson's report was made available to the attendees and will put up on the site in due course.

4.2 Secretary

No Report

4.3 Treasurer

A summary of the accounts were read out and approved. The balance sheet will be mailed out to the attendees.

4.4 Membership Secretary

No report

4.5 Webmaster

The site (<http://switzerland.bcs.org>) and the mailing list system have worked well this year (no outages or problems, other than dealing with umlauts in subject lines in the mail exploder).

We currently have no visit information on how the web site is used. Mike Lewis will investigate whether Swindon can provide us with ongoing statistics.

5. Discharge of Officers for 2011/2012

The officers were officially granted discharge.

6. Election of Officers/Committee Members for 2012/2013

All committee members, other than Paul Kennerley, are standing for re-election.

Due to changes in work responsibilities, Paul Kennerley is not standing for re-election.

Mike Bellhouse has stated his readiness to continue as chairperson even though his work responsibilities see him travelling extensively outside of Switzerland. Anyone wishing to take over the function of chairperson should get in touch with one of the committee members.

The committee members were unanimously re-elected. They are:

Mike Bellhouse, Chairperson

Paul Hicks, Membership Secretary

Jeff Hunter, (replaces Paul Kennerley in the post of) Secretary

Peter Hurst, Treasurer

Mike Lewis, Webmaster / E-Mail Coordinator

Calvert Marshall, Committee Member

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Membership Grades

Some of the "ranking" processes in BCS require the support of one or more Fellows. Are there any in Switzerland? May they be contacted? This is a matter for the Membership Secretary.

7.2 Future Events

Suggestions for future events were:

1. A workshop to discuss CIP/Fellowship grades. Perhaps we could get someone from the UK to expound on the benefits of these grades of membership and their advantages.
2. A visit/boat trip on Lake Zürich (perhaps at lunch time).
3. Follow up on Peter Hurst ETH contact with a view to closer ties and a platform for BCS membership.

7.3 Role/Membership

There was some discussion about our role in Switzerland. Jeff Hunter quoted Peter Hurst (who was "in at the inception"): "The purpose of the Switzerland Section as it was originally set-up was to promote networking amongst members as well as to promote the BCS in general".

In the matter of attracting membership/activity: Prepare mail text to be sent out by HQ to members with addresses in Switzerland who are not on the "swissmem" mailing list. Action not yet allocated. Who will take this on?

7.4 Social Media Groups

A discussion about setting up/using Xing and/or LinkedIn groups took place. Consensus is that "something should be done". A LinkedIn group already exists – its owner is one Daniel Seeli (according to LinkedIn), our member Daniel Seelig. Should we publish its existence to the BCS mailing list? Should we set up a Xing group? Who will take this on?

7.5 This Years Zürich Social Events

In the near future, Mike Lewis will plan the Zürich social/networking events.

7.6 Geneva Social/Networking Events

We should try to reincarnate Geneva social events. Are there any bidders in the Geneva area?

Many of these points will be dealt with at a committee meeting in the near future.

7.7 Closing

The meeting closed and the attendees went to dinner.