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Minutes from the AGM– 16.10.2014, Zurich, Switzerland

Location: Salon Primus, Restaurant “Au Premier”, Bahnhofplatz 15, 8001 Zürich

Date / Time: 16.10.2014: 17:45 (18:00) – 18.50

Participants

- Mike Bellhouse (MB - Chairperson)
- Peter Hurst (PH - Treasurer)
- Mike Lewis (ML - Webmaster)
- Paul Hicks (PaulH - Membership Secretary)
- Jeff Hunter (JH - Secretary)
- Joel Schur (JS – Committee Member)
- Alex Curtis (AC)
- Gerry Lambert

Excused

- Calvert Marshall (Committee Member)
- Stefano Onofri (Committee Member)

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- Minutes from the previous AGM were accepted.
- There were no matters arising
- MB presented his Chairperson's report, speaking briefly about the past year
- JH gave a brief (spoken) round-up of events & secretaries duties
- PH presented the Treasurer's report, detailing the new BCS format. He noted that we are low on finances, but are able to request funding on a per event basis.
- ML gave a brief (spoken) round-up of Webmaster activities, indicating that he would be stepping down at the next AGM. Notable metrics regarding the BCS Switzerland site are:
 - About 300 hits for the AGM
 - About 30-40 hits per month
 - *Note: The actual figures should be adjusted downwards, since these metrics include frequent updates / refreshes by him, other committee members for general AGM planning / preparation, as well as Web robots scanning the pages.*
- PaulH gave a gave a brief (spoken) round-up of membership as follows:
- We believe to have about 215 Members, where we currently have 40% in the ZH area
 - Approx 67 in Canton BS/ZH/ZG (Zurich conglomeration)
 - Approx 52 in Canton GE/VD (Geneva conglomeration)
 - Approx 10 in Canton BE
 - Remaining are geographically dispersed.
- The Committee was duly discharged and formally re-elected
- Many thanks to Alex Curtis who offered to join the committee, and whose nomination was both duly & unanimously accepted.
- JH noted developments in other Institutions / Countries, where there is a growing trend (necessity) to keep a CPD log for maintaining professional registration – there is otherwise a risk to lose the credential. We agreed to take this offline for discussion during the evening meal.
- JH proposed the idea that every committee member, look to organise at least one event. The emphasis should not be a requirement, but a guideline. We agreed that this would not be applicable for retired / outgoing committee members.
- JH enquired whether we could obtain "Speaker Gifts".
- Following the AGM, Mandy Bauer (BCS HQ) has very kindly sent us some items (Pens etc) which we may present to future speakers. Thanks Mandy, much appreciated !

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- The AGM was formally closed at 18:50
- Following the AGM, we had a guided tour at the National Museum, and the AGM evening meal.