

Minutes of the Open General Meeting of the BCTCS

BCTCS 34, Royal Holloway, University of London, 27 March 2018

Opening: The meeting opened at 1818. Barnaby Martin chaired the meeting in Faron Moller's absence.

Quorum: The meeting was recognised as quorate, there being present Barnaby Martin acting as proxy for the President, the Secretary, the local organiser of BCTCS 34, and at least ten other members of the BCTCS.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Faron Moller and Stephan Reiff-Marganec.

Previous minutes: The minutes of the Open General Meeting held at BCTCS 33 in St Andrews were approved.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising that will not already be covered by specific agenda items.

President's report: The following report was submitted by the President and was conveyed by Barnaby Martin in his absence:

"Firstly, my apologies for not being present at the OGM this year due to having to participate in another meeting at the University of Kent today. Many thanks to Barnaby Martin for stepping in as my proxy for this meeting, ensuring through this proxy that the meeting can be regarded as quorate.

On behalf of the BCTCS Committee - and community - I would like to express our gratitude to Matthew Hague and his colleagues at Royal Holloway for taking on the organisation of BCTCS 34 and putting together such a strong programme. Our thanks go to those who contributed to this strength: the invited speakers, those who contributed talks, and those who sent their research students to do likewise. Our thanks go also to the LMS for supporting the attendance of John Hopcroft; and the Heilbronn Institute for Mathematical Research for supporting the attendance of 7 PhD students.

This meeting has the business of electing three posts: Treasurer, Additional Representative, and Postgraduate Student Representative. I would like to thank the current post-holders coming to the end of their respective tenures for their contributions: Stephan Reiff-Marganec, Barnaby Martin and Frances Cooper.

I particularly wish to highlight Stephan's contribution to BCTCS: without complaint, he repeatedly accepted the urgings of the BCTCS body to continue in the role of Treasurer each time his 3-year tenure came to an end; having served as an Additional Committee Member before being first elected into the role of Treasurer, he has served on the Committee for a total of 17 years. As well as this, during this time he has also organised two meetings."

Treasurer's report: the following Treasurer's report was received subsequently to the meeting:

“LMS had paid the expenses for last year’s speaker (László Babai) to the full amount of the grant (£1,250). LMS funding had again been applied for and BCTCS was successful in being awarded support to the amount of £1,250 for John E Hopcroft. This will be claimed after this year's event.

St Andrews: Final accounts had not been received by the time of the meeting and no payments have been made to St Andrews. This includes no transfer of the LMS grant money’s received for László.

The closing balance of accounts as of 5 July 2017 (last statement as there had not been further transactions for BCTCS 2018) is £15,249.99.

Just as a note, the account details of the BCTCS account at Barclays have changed due to the ring fencing undertaking by the banks. The account now has a new sort-code. Also, the account is protected under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme to an amount of £75000.”

Election of Treasurer: Notice had been received from Stephan Reiff-Marganiec that he would like to resign as Treasurer, creating a vacancy for this position. David Manlove nominated Matthew Hague for Treasurer. Barnaby Martin seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received and Matthew Hague was duly elected as Treasurer.

Election of Additional Representative: Barnaby Martin’s three-year term of office had concluded. He was nominated for re-election by David Manlove and this was seconded by Frances Cooper. No other nominations were received and Matthew Hague was duly elected as Treasurer.

Election of Postgraduate Student Representative: Barnaby Martin thanked Frances Cooper for her contribution over the last year. Sofiat Olaosebikan was nominated by David Manlove and seconded by Barnaby Martin. No other nominations were received and Sofiat Olaosebikan was duly elected as Postgraduate Student Representative.

Report on arrangements for BCTCS 35: It was agreed at last year’s OGM that BCTCS 35 will be held at Durham University in 2019. The local organisers are Barnaby Martin and Daniël Paulusma. Barnaby Martin gave a presentation on the arrangements thus far for BCTCS 35. The meeting will be held at the traditional time for BCTCS (the week leading up to Good Friday), running from Monday 15 April – Wednesday 17 April 2019.

Choice of host for BCTCS 36: Barnaby Martin encouraged meeting delegates to consider whether they may like to host BCTCS 36 in 2020, and report back to him if there are any expressions of interest.

Any other business: There was no other business.

Closing: The meeting closed at 1827.

David Manlove
Secretary, BCTCS