Minutes of the Open General Meeting of the BCTCS

BCTCS 38, Swansea University, 12 April 2022

Opening: The meeting took place in the Robert Recorde Room at the Computational Foundry, and opened at 17.15.

Quorum: The meeting was recognised as quorate, there being present the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, as well as the local organisers, and at least ten other members of the BCTCS.

Apologies:. No apologies were received.

Previous minutes: The minutes of the Open General Meeting held at BCTCS 37 in Liverpool (on-line meeting) were approved without modifications.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

President's report: The president thanked the local organizers for the excellent work done in organizing the 2022 event.

Treasurer's report: The financial position of BCTCS is strong.

The last confirmed account status is from August 2018: £16,347.75. Unfortunately, the treasurer does not have access to the account because of a problem with the mandate transfer due to the pandemic. For now, the mandate remains with Stephan Reiff-Marganiec, who served as a Treasurer before Matthew Hague. Unfortunately, it is not possible to initiate mandate transfer without Stephan. This will be rectified as soon as possible.

With respect to the outstanding payments in the 2021-22 financial year, Matthew Hague received cheques for:

* Royal Holloway for BCTCS 2018 (£1,535)

* St. Andrews for BCTCS 2017 (£1,748)

and passed these on to the respective institutions.

Liverpool has not claimed any expenses for BCTCS 2021 since the conference was fully online.

Hence, we expect to find approximately £13,000 in the account. This is to be confirmed once access to the account will be achieved.

We are thankful for the LMS support throughout the years. Unfortunately, they have not been able to offer us funding this year. However, we received £1,500 from Heilbronn for student grants and £2,000 from the Department of Computer Science at Swansea, as well as financial and operational support from Technocamps and the Institute of Coding in Wales. Additionally, Sony funding (£1995) for BCTCS 2020 which was not used due to coronavirus, was used to support this year's BCTCS.

We offered bursaries to 14 PhD students to attend BCTCS 2022.

Election of the BCTCS president: Barnaby Martin's term as president of the BCTCS has expired. However, Faron Moller nominated Barnaby Martin to serve a second term, which was seconded by Ian Stewart. There being no other nominations, Barnaby was duly re-elected to the post.

Election of Postgraduate Student Representative: Barnaby Martin thanked Michael McKay for his contribution over the last year. Michael McKay nominated Peace Ayegba as the next Postgraduate Student Representative, which was seconded by Faron Moller. No other nominations were received, and Peace Ayegba was duly elected as Postgraduate Student Representative.

Report on arrangements for BCTCS 39: Ciaran McCresh briefly described Glasgow's plans for the 2023 event. BCTCS should take place Monday to Wednesday in the week preceding the Catholic Easter. This is convenient, as the teaching is over at the time and facilities will be available to host the event. It is envisaged that the event might happen immediately before the Scottish Combinatorial Meeting. Glasgow offers easy connections to the rest of the country as well as many and diverse resources to contribute to the success of the meeting, academically, and socially. Themes of next year's event will include the pedagogy of TCS, and Applied TCS. The president welcomed the proposal.

Any other business: Nothing reported.

Closing: The meeting closed at 17.32.

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Secretary, BCTCS