

Minutes of the Open General Meeting of the BCTCS

BCTCS 39, Glasgow University, 3 April 2023

Opening: The meeting took place in the Advanced Research Centre and opened at 16.30.

Quorum: The meeting was recognised as quorate, there being present the President and the Treasurer, as well as the local organiser, 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 38 in Swansea University were approved without modifications.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

President's report: The President thanked the local organiser for the excellent work done in organising the 2022 event. No other comments were made.

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

The last confirmed account status is from August 2018: £16,347.75.

Unfortunately, we currently do not have access to the account due to an ongoing problem with the mandate transfer. We are in touch with Stephan Reiff-Marganiec, the former Treasurer in whose name the account is registered, who is working on initializing the mandate transfer procedure.

With respect to the outstanding payments in the 2021-22 financial year: Matthew Hague received checks for Royal Holloway for BCTCS 2018 (£1535); and St. Andrews for BCTCS 2017 (£1748). He passed these on to the respective institutions; however, we don't have updates on whether or not these were claimed. Swansea University has not claimed any expenses for BCTCS 2022 since the deficit of £766.18 was underwritten by Technocamps. £1,000 was contributed to the 2023 BCTCS meeting in support of the disciplinary commons as a part of BCTCS 2023. Hence, we expect approximately £12,000 remaining in the account. This will be confirmed once we gain access to the account.

We are thankful for the LMS support throughout the years. This year we received £600 from them. Unfortunately, we couldn't secure Heilbronn funding for student grants.

Election of the BCTCS Secretary: Michele Zito's term as Secretary ended this year. The President reported that Michele has very sadly been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease. Faron Moller gave an account of Michele's long involvement with BCTCS, dating to 2013, when he was elected an Additional Member (and long before he was Secretary). Faron proposed a vote of thanks to Michele for his years of service and hope that he remains in good health for many years to come. Such was passed immediately by the meeting. Oana Andrei was proposed for the post of Secretary by Olga Petrovic and seconded by David Kutner. There being no other candidate, she was duly elected.

Election of Postgraduate Student Representative: The President thanked Peace Ayegba for her contribution over the last year. David Kutner was the only candidate nominated for the position for the next twelve months, first by Peace and second by Jessica Enright, and was duly elected as Postgraduate Student Representative.

Election of Additional Members: It was noted that there was only one additional member at present, Jessica Enright. The President nominated Eleni Akrida for the role of second Additional Member. She was seconded by Faron Moller. There being no other candidate, she was duly elected.

Report on arrangements for BCTCS 40: James Davenport and Thomas Powell joined us via Zoom to discuss Bath's plans for the 2024 event. BCTCS will take place Wednesday to Friday in the week after (catholic) Easter (which itself is early in 2024). This means it will take place on the 3-5 April, inclusive.

Any other business: Nothing reported.

Closing: The meeting closed at 17.15.

Barnaby Martin
President, BCTCS