

Minutes of the Open General Meeting of the BCTCS

BCTCS 42, University of Birmingham, 26 March 2026

The meeting took place at the University of Birmingham and opened at 16:45.

Apologies had been received from Oana Andrei (Secretary) and Olga Petrovska (Treasurer).

The meeting was recognised as quorate, there being present the President, a Local Organiser, at least ten other members of the BCTCS; and the Treasurer had authorised the President to act as their proxy in the meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the Open General Meeting held at BCTCS 42 were approved.

Matters Arising

The Code of Conduct: The President and Secretary had been tasked with investigating a Code of Conduct; however, the President expressed regret that they had not completed this. Todd Ambridge noted that he has expertise on the matter, and was happy to be co-opted for advice.

President's Report

The President noted the recent death of Tony Hoare. Tony was a towering figure in the area of TCS. He was an invited speaker at BCTCS 22 (Swansea 2006) and BCTCS 31 (Middlesex 2015). The OGM noted their gratitude for his life and scientific contributions.

Treasurer's Report (delivered by the President as proxy)

The financial position of BCTCS is strong. As of 31 March 2026, BCTCS has £12,186.56 across three accounts, which is almost £195 more compared to the last year's report due to income from savings accounts. The only expense incurred last year was £38 for the Treasurer's travel expenses to attend BCTCS 41.

Strathclyde University has not claimed any expenses, as BCTCS 41 ran with a profit of £190.60. It was agreed that Strathclyde University will keep the profit and use it towards other theory-focused events. There are no outstanding claims to date.

We are grateful to Heilbronn Institute and the Computer Science Department of the University of Birmingham for contributing £2,250 and £1,350 respectively towards the event. By co-locating the colloquium with 14th Southern and Midlands Logic Seminar (SMLS), the organisers were also able to obtain an additional £150 towards the invited speakers expenses.

Election to Organising Committee Posts

Secretary

Oana Andrei was nominated by the President and seconded by Justus Cowie. There being no other nominations, she was duly re-elected.

Postgraduate Student Representative

The OGM noted the passing of Justus Becker's term as Postgraduate Student Representative and voted their thanks to him in this role.

Nox (Jessica) Cowie was nominated to replace him by Justus Cowie and seconded by Benjamin Langton. There being no other nominations, she was duly elected.

Additional Member

The OGM noted the passing of Eleni Akrida's term as Additional Member and voted their thanks to her in this role.

Todd Ambridge was nominated to replace her by the President and seconded by Jake Masters. There being no other nominations, he was duly elected.

Any Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 16.55pm.