

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting - Northampton Sub-Branch BCS Committee, 9th December 2004, 7pm at Sunnyside Pub, Northampton

Present:

Chair: Brendan D'Cruz BSc, PhD, MBCS, CEng, CITP
Secretary: Malcolm Collins MBCS, CITP
Press Officer: Dave Johnson BSc, MBCS
Education Liaison Officer: Alan P Broadaway BSc, MA, MSc, CEng, FBCS, CITP, MIEE, CM
YPG Representative: Chris Neale BA, MBCS

Apologies: Brian Allen AMBCS & Jes Ackland-Snow

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes of the 2nd meeting on 11th November were approved by the committee.

Actions and Matters Arising:

Dave confirmed that he had had the Artwork contact and had called but as yet there had been no response.

Brendan had, as requested firmed up the contacts for the possible political involvement in IT meeting, and had been in contact with Nationwide regards a possible Security meeting.

Brian/Jess urgent action to bring the web site up to date so that the links to the questionnaire are terminated and details of the Chip and Pin event are documented.

Progress on Questionnaire:

Malcolm had emailed the results of the questionnaire to all committee members, Brendan thanked Malcolm for his efforts in compiling the results. With some 40 responses, almost 25% of the potential membership, the survey was regarded as being a great success. Brendan confirmed our current membership as being around 230.

Age and Gender issues were highlighted, as well as the need for skills to be provided as part of an informal networking function rather than a formal process.

It was also noted that the demand for IT Governance was unexpectedly high.

The need for a supplier showcase & Future Trends in IT combined event was discussed, the likes of Belkin, PFC World Business & Phoenix IT were all thought to be potentials.

Project Management was the final point that was unexpectedly high on the list of issues that needed to be included in our events programme.

Brendan agreed to summarise the issues raised by the questionnaire and issue this document to the membership.

Note: This was done at the AGM by Malcolm – see presentation.

Communication Issues:

Dave confirmed that a newspaper article covering the formation of the committee and detailing the confirmed Chip & Pin event would be published in the Chronicle and Echo before Christmas. Probably Saturday 18th December

Further discussion took place confirming that minimal refreshments (tea & biscuits) would be provided, and that if the budget allowed advertising would be made into the local newspapers attached to the Chronicle and Echo.

YPG Matters:

A meeting regards YPG was to be held shortly, Brendan confirmed he would get in contact with Gary Hill regards this.

Alan & Chris confirmed they were to meet in January regards pricing for students, we have now obtained a contact for YPG central coordination.

Branches Congress is confirmed as the 12th April 2005 and Chris confirmed he would be attending.

Education Liaison Matters:

Chris had looked at the Marketing Society social event format to see if it would be appropriate for the committee to use as a model for us. He had one main suggestion: that YPG should be invited into Curriculum Events. On the 1st Feb there is likely to be a careers fair event, and Chris suggested that potential employers should be invited along to interactive sessions in the week up to this event on the 1st February. Chris was happy to put himself forward as the project sponsor.

Chris is attending the spring congress and the 20th January YPG networking event @ BCS central.

Brendan suggested that he should ask Derek Pedley (Business Link Contact) with regards to a Networking Social Event along the lines of Breakfast Clubs held by local bodies, etc.

Action from 1st meeting: Brendan/Alan to formalise the criteria for allocating student prizes.

Events Programme:

Present schedule.

January 18 th 7 for 7:30pm @ UCN	Barclaycard Chip & Pin Security event <i>Given by Barclaycard.</i>
February	Political Perspectives on IT <i>Brendan in contact with local political parties, Malcolm to discuss with his contacts.</i>
March	IT Security Issues Dr. Steve Furnell from BCS South West Branch, confirmed for Tues 8 th March 2004 <i>Brendan to chase Nationwide regarding involvement with this event, plus their involvement with gender/ageism agenda</i>

April	
May	AGM <i>Brendan/Dave to chase Bedford regarding timing of this and their involvement</i>
June	Student/YPG Showcase "Prize Giving" event <i>Alan and Chris to liaise on this to ensure maximal attendance by students and YPG</i>

Bedford Liaison and Finance Matters:

Nothing to report.

Any Other Business:

Next meeting of the committee, to be held after the Chip & Pin event, Brendan to confirm date and time.