Minutes of the fourth meeting of the 2003-2004 Session of the
Committee of the South Wales Branch
Tuesday, 4th November 2003
County Hall, Cardiff

117.4.1 PRESENT

Noel Cox (Chair) (NC)	Ralph Miller (Sec)	Richard David
Nathan Cooper (NPC)	Daniel Cunliffe	Jason Mullins

Guest: Stephen Wood

117.4.2 APOLOGIES

Paul Bulmer (Branch Chair)	Stephen Harvey(Treas)	Jeremy White
Derek Smith		

117.4.3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING   **Actions**

These were approved and will be placed on the BCS Website

117.4.4 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

116.3.4:
Event evaluation Forms – complete
Plaque and Garden Tree for Mrs Stuart – Ongoing
Data Analysis and presentation- Tony Batchelor had resigned from the Committee. Nathan   **NC,**
agreed to assist.   **NPC**
Contact to those without email -   discontinued
Welcome at Dec 2nd event – ongoing   **DS,**
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Letter to Ken Potter- complete   **DS**

The Committee scored the Sept Event, following Daniel's scorecard result.

It was agreed that Daniel would devise a scoring form for each future event. - completed

117.4.5 CORRESPONDENCE

Secretary reported on correspondence from:
Frank Moran, Branches Congress: He had asked HQ to look into briefing Branches when
BCS events in their area
HQ re:
IT security seminar at Birmingham Branch
E-bility published
Leaflets on Global warming PC project
D Silver re: staying on at Swansea University Court, but considering availability for
Committee

117.4.6   BRANCH REPORTS

Membership Secretary's Report:

Noel reported he had interviewed three membership candidates recently. Ralph had been accepted as an assessor

Treasurer's Report:

Jason reported for Steve that new system still working well

Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report.

Copies of the Committee Members' Guidance Notes were distributed for review and update at future meetings   **All**

Branches Board/Council Reports

Ralph reported on the Autumn Congress: Wendy Hall had given her views on the BCS as a Learned Society, and the CE gave an upbeat report of the recent Governance and Membership Vote. Royal Assent would be likely in April. Other presentations on the Membership System project, Forums, Canadian Branch, etc.

The Branches Council representatives are to be cut from 12 to 6, agreed by a vote that this be done by natural wastage; Reps to be voted (!!) by merit not geography. Ralph and Ralph Wood (Dorset) were voted as Stand-by Reps. Both asked for some continuing contact, perhaps as Co-optees. Assistance in election process (!!) from two new North Wales reps   **PB, SH** was welcome, and from Richard Jardine (Chelt and Gloucester, and Regional rep)

However, very late and last, Frank Moran, Branches Congress Chairman announced that following continued under spending, the Branches Allocations would be cut by £42,000. To be reviewed next year. Much protest, no vote. Chairman and Treasurer advised to follow up with Frank.

YPG:

Nothing to report

Schools:

No Officer in Post

117.4.7   2003/2004 Events Programme

Good turn out at successful October event in Bridgend.

All other events progressing well.

Can move the rolling plan forward now.

Richard reported that the inter-university Video Conferencing network was available, but actual access needs approval and planning

Ralph suggested following up an event from Bristol branch - "How I made my first   **RRM**
Million" – agreed

117.4.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Early in the Meeting, Chair welcomed Stephen Wood, who would like to join the committee. A Canadian, Stephen has started his own IT Company in Cardiff, but is disappointed in the help given in the development of his company.

Jeremy had suggested earlier that an annual programme of Committee Meetings be agreed. However, this would need further discussion, though some Members thought a meeting every two months or so could be planned. More urgent matters could be dealt with by Phone or email.   **All**

Ralph reported that the Cardiff University Prize giving went very well. Ted Stuart was obviously well regarded and liked there. Our Prizewinners were a great credit to us. Microsoft, IBM and CapGeminiEarnstYoung also gave prizes, as well as the University. Ralph wondered if this School's Computer Soc and Graduate students could be developed into a YPG, perhaps by involving Alex Gray, or others nearer Cardiff, and use the video system for communication to other institutions. The Prof. seemed to be interested in receiving a proposal   **All**

117.4.9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 7th, 18.00 hrs, at County Hall, Cardiff

Appendix 1
Current Events Planner

Date	Event Manager	Event	Comment
Wed 10 Sep 03	Derek Smith	**Title:** Electronic Identity **Speaker:** Professor David Rippon **From:** Buckinghamshire Chilterns University College **Venue:** Trevithick Building, University of Cardiff **Synopsis:** In 2002, David Rippon chaired the BCS working group reviewing the government's consultation paper "Entitlement Cards and Identity Fraud". In this talk, he will summarise the key conclusions of this review, and suggest ways of minimising the risk of failure that apply to this specific project. Whether interested in the issue of entitlement cards per se, or in the project management, biometrics, identity fraud, or e-government aspects in general, this promises to be a fascinating and informative presentation.	
8 Oct 03	Jeremy	**Title:** Recruitment / Staffing talks. **Speaker:** Cath Possamai **From:** Best International Howard House Queens Avenue Bristol BS8 1SN Tel: 0117 9459000 **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	
Thu 13 Nov 03	Daniel	**Title:** Culturenet Cymru - a showcase for Wales on the Web **Speaker:** Allison Coleman **From:** **Venue:** University Of Glamorgan **Synopsis:** Detailed synopsis to be confirmed.	

Tue 2 Dec 03	Ralph Miller Derek Smith	**Title:** The Role of the Chief Information Officer **Speaker:** Various - see synopsis **From:** **Venue:** To be confirmed **Synopsis:** The role of Chief Information Officer (CIO) has undergone considerable change in recent years in many organisations in both the private and public sectors. The changing nature of this role and how it can be managed to maximum advantage for the organisation will be debated by Phil Martin (Director of Information Services at Cardiff University and previously a CIO in industry) and Dr. David Grant (Vice-Chancellor (Chief Executive) of Cardiff University and previously a CEO in industry) at this joint meeting of the Cardiff Business School and the South Wales Branch of the British Computer Society (BCS).	
Wed 14 Jan 03	Jason Mullins	**Title:** INVESTOR **Speaker:** Luke Fielder **From:** NSC Ltd. **Venue:** Trevithick Building, University of Cardiff **Synopsis:** INVESTOR is focused on knowledge transfer of "best practice" Whole Life Costing and asset management techniques cross sector. It is sponsored by the DTI and has resulted in a tool set that has been employed to model both rail and water treatment assets. INVESTOR uses Monte-Carlo simulation techniques to predict asset failure and calculate business interruption costs. A feedback loop enables model correction and, ultimately, learning by comparing predictions with actual data. INVESTOR has been developed by a core collaboration led by Halliburton KBR which includes: Kalido – experts in Data Management Systems who have developed a leading 2nd generation data warehouse application; AMCL – specialists in asset management; NSC – specialising in advanced modelling and simulation techniques. Under the DTI ICT Carrier Programme, the collaboration team has partnered with asset manufacturers and asset owners to develop INVESTOR as a means of understanding and communicating asset behaviour in situ. The talk will outline the three fundamental parts making up the architecture of INVESTOR: the Kalido data warehouse, the simulation engine and visualisation of results.	Changed from War Simulation.
Feb	Tony Batchelor	**Title:** Pro-Net **Speaker:** **From:** Atkins **Venue:** Atkins, Newport **Synopsis:**	Project management aspect to be promoted.

Mar	Jeremy White	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	Bob Hall is the speaker contact.
April	Derek Smith	**Title:** Techniquest **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** **Synopsis:**	
May	Volunteer?	**Title:** **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** AGM at Cardiff **Synopsis:**	
Spare	Richard David	**Title:** Unix versus Windows **Speaker:** **From:** **Venue:** Bridgend **Synopsis:**	