

**MINUTES OF THE 11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE CONSULTANCY SPECIALIST GROUP
OF THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY
HELD AT 1st FLOOR, THE DAVIDSON BUILDING,
5 SOUTHAMPTON STREET, LONDON WC2E 7HA
AT 6.00 PM ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2016**

PRESENT: John McGarvey (Chairman)
Colin Pearson (Treasurer)
Christopher Morley (Secretary)
Terence Freedman (Committee member)

APOLOGIES:
Marwan Elnaghi (Committee member)

MEMBERS PRESENT:
One BCS member, Mr Kumar Gaurav, was present.

1. The Chairman noted that the meeting had been duly convened and that a quorum was present and opened the meeting at 6.00pm.
2. With the consent of the member present, the notice convening the meeting was taken as read.
3. The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to conduct the business set out in the notice of annual general meeting.
4. The Chairman introduced the minutes of the previous AGM (2015) which were published on-line and asked if there were any comments or amendments. Since there were no comments the minutes were taken as read and were agreed as being a true record.
5. The Chairman introduced Chair's report for 2015/16. There were five events during the year which had all been very successful and generally well attended. A Copy of the Chair's report is available to read with the minutes in the AGM section of the Consultancy SG web-space.
6. The Chair then introduced the Treasurer who presented his report. Once again, this group has made a positive contribution to central funds, having spent less than its budget. It was proposed to examine the charging level for events in the future and the Committee will table this at the next team meeting. For the moment the charges remain the same for 2016/17 and this was agreed by Committee.

The Chairman wished to record his thanks to Committee, members of the Group, Institute of Consulting (London Branch) and CMI for their help during the past year. In addition, the various speakers and BCS support staff that work so hard supporting Consultancy SG events. Our thanks and appreciation to those people.

Following analysis of the membership by Hon. Secretary, it was clear that more work needed to be done by the Committee to bring in younger members to the group and to encourage more women in IT to join us. These aspects are two new aims building on existing work in soft skills and helping people get into and access consultancy services.

7. Election of officers. No proposals had forthcoming during the notice period as outlined in the calling notice. No items for inclusion in any other business had been received during the past three days.

The Chairman being willing to stand for another year was nominated by Colin Pearson and seconded by Christopher Morley and therefore John McGarvey was duly elected Chairman unopposed for another year.

Colin Pearson having previously submitted his intention to stand as Treasurer was elected unopposed to the position of Treasurer, having been nominated by Secretary Chris Morley and seconded by Colin Pearson.

The Hon. Secretary Christopher Morley being willing to stand for another year was nominated by John McGarvey and seconded by Colin Pearson.

Other officers continue in post as before. Mr Kumar Gaurav also kindly agreed to join the Committee to help with its aims during the next year

8. There is one further item of business, a proposal by BCS support staff that future events be run free of charge for BCS members as it was thought that this would remove any barriers to members attending. This was discussed and it was decided that the cost would remain the same for the time being with the Committee considering this going forward with it as an agenda item tabled for discussion at the next team meeting on 12th October.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.14pm.

John McGarvey, FBCS CITP
Chair, Consultancy Specialist Group.