

Minutes of the Open General Meeting of the BCTCS

BCTCS 40, University of Bath, 4 April 2024

The meeting took place in the Chancellors' Building and opened at 18.00.

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: Apologies were received from the Secretary, Oana Andrei.

Previous minutes: The minutes of the Open General Meeting held at BCTCS 39 in Glasgow 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 2024 event.

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

We finally transferred the mandate to me from Stephan Reiff-Marganiec: the old Barclay's account was closed, and a new account was opened at Natwest under the same name "British Colloquium for *Theatrical* Computer Science" due to the Barclay's check for £12,774.30 being written for that name.

As of 4 April 2024, BCTCS has £11,797.99 across three accounts. Apart from the current account (balance to date: £1,762.14), I opened two new savings accounts with starting balances of £5,000 each:

- A Business Reserve Account with 1.45% Gross / 1.46% AER (balance to date: £5,019.28), which allows instant transfer of funds to the current account with no extra charge.
- A Liquidity Manager Account with 4.17% Gross / 4.25% AER (balance to date: £5,016.57), which requires a 95-day notice period to transfer funds.

If the expenses stay similar to those in the previous years, the expectation is that the savings accounts will earn at least £260 in the next year. This is good, considering that we have not had any income in a long time.

University of Glasgow has not claimed any expenses. BCTCS 2023 ran with a deficit of £417.95; however, Ciaran McCreesh agreed to underwrite this cost. Additionally, the conference dinner (£1,012.16) was covered by BCTCS (pre-approved by Barny Martin and paid by Faron Moller). Faron Moller was reimbursed for this once I gained the access to the BCTCS account.

With respect to the outstanding payments in the 2022-23 financial year:

- Royal Holloway for BCTCS 2018 (£1,535)
- St. Andrews for BCTCS 2017 (£1,748)

These were passed by Matthew Hague on to the respective institutions. I am unable to check whether these were claimed, as I never received access to the old account. However, considering that in August 2018 the confirmed balance was £16,347.75 and the closing balance of this account in 2023 was £12,774.30, it is reasonable to assume that the checks were claimed. Hence, we will not consider these payments as outstanding anymore.

Unfortunately, it was not possible to secure LMS and Heilbronn funding this time, but we are thankful for their support over the years. This year £750 were secured from the British Logic Colloquium towards student bursaries.

There has not yet been any financial activity with respect to BCTCS 2025.

Election of Committee Members

Treasurer: Olga Petrovska's term of office has ended. She agreed to be nominated again. She was nominated by Chris Tofts, seconded by the President and duly elected as Treasurer.

Postgraduate Student Representative: The President thanked David Kutner for her contribution over the last year. Sean Watters was the only candidate nominated for the position for the next twelve months, first by Faron Moller and second by Filippos Pantekis, and was duly elected as Postgraduate Student Representative.

Additional Members: Jessica Enright's term of office has ended She agreed to be nominated again. She was nominated by Faron Moller, seconded by Filippos Pantekis and duly elected as Additional Member.

Any Other Business

Report on arrangements for BCTCS 41: Sean Watters gave a brief presentation on Strathclyde's plans for the 2025 event.

Preliminary plans BCTCS 42: Anupam Das expressed interest in hosting on behalf of others in his department at the University of Birmingham.

Remembering Alan Gibbons (1942-2024): Fond memories and gratitude for service were expressed for Alan Gibbons, who served for six years (1992-1998) as the second President/Chairman of BCTCS. Earlier in the meeting, former President Chris Tofts gave words of appreciation, for which he was thanked.

Closing: The meeting closed at 18.07.

Barnaby Martin

President, BCTCS