Minutes of 2006 AGM of the BCS Open Source Specialist Group

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30/05/2006
18:30 – 19:00 Hrs
BCS London Office - Southampton Street
First Floor, The Davidson Building,
5 Southampton Street
London
WC2E 7HA

In attendance :

Paul Adams, Mark Elkins,Malcolm Kendall, David Nutter, Andrew Halsall, Andrew MacFarlane,Steward Wilson, Charlie Halliday, John Ingleby, Adrian Delemore, Glyn Moody, Alan Cox, Mark Taylor, Andrew Katz, Paul Hussain, Matthew Taylor, Marlon Bromfield, S. Coass, Adrian De Luca, N Black, Michail Judd, Stephen Russell.

Apologies received from :
Patrick Tarpey, Conrad Taylor, Gary Lloyd, Peter Murray, Graham Oakes + numerous email apologies.

In the absence of both Patrick Tarpey and Gary Lloyd, Mark Elkins volunteered to chair the meeting.

Mark Elkins outlined the officerships due for re-election, together with their respective candidates. He gave notice that the post of External Relations had no candidate.

The proposed committee was then elected without opposition.

In his capacity as Treasurer he then formally presented the accounts for 2005/2006 and said that attendees would find a copy of this on their seats.

Mark then made way for the newly elected chairman Paul Adams.

Paul Adams introduced himself as the previous web master of the group. He then went on to outline his vision of the year ahead, before summarising the progress of the group's first year of existence. His vision included closer cooperation with the OSI, the FSF, and other such groups. A target for the year was to increase publicity and membership.

Concerning the website Paul then introduced David Nutter the new web master for the group.

David Nutter introduced himself to the group.

Paul Adams then asked for volunteers for the vacant post of External Relations officer. There were no volunteers from the floor.

Paul Adams then took questions from the floor:

Q. Will there be an OSSG annual conference?

A. This had been discussed in committee and the feeling was that the group was not yet established enough to hold a conference by itself. However one suggestion that he thought was worth pursuing was attaching an OSSG workshop to an existing annual conference. Although the OSSE conference was held at Como this year and would be in China the next. Another suggesting was the Health SG annual conference at Harrogate.

Q. How are events put together?

A. Paul outlined the somewhat adhoc process which now existed. He further explained of the success of holding joint meetings with branches. These meeting were well attended and also increased the reach of the OSSG to other parts of the country e.g. Southampton and Oxford to name but two. He said that the current location of London had the advantage of centrality and zero cost. The secretary of the Information Retrieval SG then suggested a OSSG workshop at once of their meetings.

There being no further business the AGM was closed.

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List of Officers 2006-2007 for BCS OSSG

Chair : Paul Adams
Vice Chair : Peter Murray
Treasurer : Mark Elkins
Secretary : Malcolm Kendall
Web master : David Nutter
Without Portfolio : Andy Halsall, Graham Oakes, Conrad Taylor,