

British Computer Society  
Coventry Branch  
2023 AGM



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024,  
at 6:30pm, by webinar.**

**Present:**

Ada Chan (Treasurer)                      Dianabasi Nkantah (Chair)      Lisa Payne  
John Rendall (Secretary)                Yuri Vershinin

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Dianabasi thanked everyone for attending. As we all knew each other, the introductions were skipped.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were formally received from the following:  
Rich Bishop, Margaret J. Low, Peter Mason, Adrian Pauling

**3. Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

**3.1. Minutes**

Motion to accept the minutes  
Prop: Yuri Vershinin                      Sec: Ada Chan : Motion carried: ratified copy to be sent to HQ

**3.2. Matters Arising**

None.

**4. Chairman's Report**

**4.1. Report**

Motion to accept the chairman's report:  
Prop: Ada Chan      Sec: Yuri Vershinin : Motion carried

**4.2. Matters Arising**

It was noted that Yuri is now the local IET Chair; thereby strengthening Branch ties with the IET. Congratulations were extended to Yuri.  
We acknowledged that our combined efforts had kept the Branch thriving for a further year; we now need to decide what we can do better.  
We agreed that we had aligned with other SGs, and we had shared events with other Branches, and vice-versa.

## 5. Treasurer’s Report

### 5.1. Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report:

Prop: John Rendall                      Sec: Lisa Payne : Motion carried.

### 5.2. Matters Arising

John remarked that either Branch was doing really well not spending anything, or else this was a lost opportunity.

Ada confirmed that as all our Branch meetings had been online, we had not incurred any expenditure.

John suggested that, as we had not spent any budget, HQ may deem it acceptable to further reduce any budget we do request for our 2024-2025 programme.

Ada reminded us that the deadline for our next budget submission was in March.

Yuri asked if all the unspent budget from the last two years was accumulated for us to spend, John advised that HQ actually held the money and if budget was not spent it remained in the HQ pot; there were no individual Branch accounts anymore.

## 6. Election of Officials

### 6.1. Elected Officials

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder	Result
Chair	: Dianabasi Nkantah	Ada Chan	John Rendall	Nem. Con.
Secretary	: John Rendall	Yuri Vershinin	Lisa Payne	Nem. Con.
Treasurer	:			

As no Treasurer was elected, it was agreed that the role would default to the Branch Chair, Ada confirmed that it was not an arduous role, and Dianabasi confirmed that, as Branch Chair, he did already receive copy of all communications for the Treasurer.

### 6.2. Committee

John had been in touch with the committee before the AGM. The committee list is now:

Rich Bishop - Early Career Advocate

Margaret J. Low - Education Liaison Officer

Adrian F. Pauling – local IET Liaison Officer

Yuri Vershinin - Equality and Diversity Officer and additional IET Liaison.

Jianhua Yang

Peter Mason had indicated his wish to stand-down from the committee, thanks were offered to Peter for all his support for the Coventry Branch over the years.

## 7. Any Other Business

The tail end of the 2023-2024 Branch meeting programme needs finalising. John advised that he may have a contact for Cyber/Data Security. The window of opportunity for an “Industrial Visit” to the local Amazon warehouse had closed before we had a chance to approach them.

Formal Meeting closed 19:12 with thanks to the attendees.

I certify that this is an accurate transcription of the proceedings of the meeting to the best of my ability.

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John Rendall, CEng. MBCS CIP MIET  
Coventry Branch Secretary  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

