



1. Attendees:

- 1.1 Committee: Mark Slater, Peter Eldridge, John Wallace, Joshua Scotton, Clinton Walker, Mathew Cunliffe
- 1.2 There were 16 attendees.

The chairman opened the meeting shortly after 7pm.

2. Minutes of the last AGM

- 2.1 Copies of the minutes of the last AGM on Monday 18th May 2009 were available.
- 2.2 No objections were raised against the acceptance of the AGM 2009 minutes.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Any matters arising from the minutes of the 2009 meeting should be raised with the chairman by e-mailing nottm-ch@bcs.org.uk

4. Chairman's report:

- 4.1 Peter Eldridge presented a combined Chairman's and Treasurers report, a copy of which is attached.
- 4.2 Peter resigned as Chairman after 15 years.
- 4.3 An EGM was held during the year whose results can be seen on the main website.

5. Treasurer's report:

- 5.1 See attached combine Chairman and Treasurers report.

6. Election of Officers

- 6.1 **Chairman: Mark Slater** (nominated: John Wallace, seconded: Peter Eldridge) elected unopposed.
- 6.2 **Treasurer: Peter Eldridge** (nominated: Mark Slater, seconded: John Wallace) elected unopposed.
- 6.3 **Secretary: John Wallace** (nominated: Mathew Cunliffe, seconded Peter Eldridge) elected unopposed.
- 6.4 Other roles will be filled from the committee at the next committee meeting.
- 6.5 Other local members were encouraged to get involved by joining at the next committee meeting, scheduled for Monday 1st November.

7. Other Business

- 7.1 Peter was thanked for all his hard work as Chairman.
- 7.2 Upcoming events such as YPG can be seen on the branch website.
- 7.3 The formal AGM closed at 7.25 and was followed by a presentation on Chartered Status: What is it? Do I need it?



Chairman/Treasurer's Report 2009-2010

This is my last report as Chairman and it is gratifying to report another successful year for the branch. We have maintained our regular monthly meetings, with breaks only in August and December, and held additional meetings as part of our traditional Winter School in October. Attendances have been variable but regularly above 20, an encouraging level rarely achieved in many other branches.

Earlier this year there was an EGM called by a number of members who were concerned at the way BCS was developing. The resolutions were rejected, quite possibly because many members are more concerned with just being members of a professional, and chartered, institute rather than concern in the way the institute is run. However it is good to see that BCS has recognised members' concerns and is now running a survey into member views. Hopefully this will help to allay any fears and promote the future of BCS.

I have been a member of the Nottingham & Derby branch for over 20 years and have been chairman now for some 15 years. As I indicated at the last AGM I do not intend to stand as Chairman for a further term. Whilst I do not regret any of my time as Chairman it really is time I stood down to make way for new ideas and directions.

This year has seen a change in BCS accounting processes with the accounting year finishing at the end of August. As a result our AGM is now in September and for this year covers a 16 month accounting period. In future we will be back on an annual accounting period and our AGM will continue to be in September (until the rules change again!). As Treasurer for the past period I am happy to report that we ended the accounting period within 1% of budget (an under spend of just £46 on a budget of £2382), probably more by luck than judgement but nevertheless a satisfactory outcome. For next year our budget has been set at £2,800 from a request for £2,895. Overall it seems that branches consistently under spend their budgets and this has been reflected in overall branch allocations. We have not had our budget reduced as much as others and is very much in line with last year's expenditure. We have budgeted for reasonable speaker expenses but have benefited by minimal claims from most of our speakers. As in previous years we always have the ability to request additional funds for special events if required

As always I am grateful for all the work done by the committee without whose efforts this annual program would not exist. I would again ask all branch members to consider offering their time and support to the committee, both as members and possible future post holders – we are currently putting too much pressure on too few committee members.

The Nottingham & Derby branch is a very successful branch, due entirely to the efforts of the committee, and it is with some sadness but with great confidence for the future that I hand over the reins to our new chairman.

Peter Eldridge

