

BCS Sussex Branch AGM

Wednesday 20th May 2009 at 7:30pm

Chichester 1 Lecture Theatre, University of Sussex.

Attendees:

All the committee members were recorded as present.

- Desmond Boksan-Cullen
- Roy Newell
- Veronique Pradalier
- Jon Robinson
- Norman Sansom
- Adrian Thomas
- Steve Ward
- Neil Winfield

There were 43 attendees, including the committee members.

Apologies:

None.

Chair's Report:

JR stated that at last year's AGM, the minutes for the AGM in 2008 had been approved, that DB, NS and JR had been elected to the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Chair respectively, that Peter Lappo had been thanked by DBC for his chairmanship, and there had been some discussion about the venue for our meetings.

JR listed all the branch events that had taken place this year. JR proceeded to thank all the committee for their efforts throughout the year, particularly DB who was not present but who had already stepped down from the committee. JR noted that SW had taken on the role of webmaster. JR verified that he was also stepping down as chairman, since he had undertaken the role for one year only.

Treasurer's Report:

NS than gave the Treasurer's Report. He stated that an inadequate budget had been submitted for 2008/9 and that as well as squeezing our expenditure where possible he had to request additional funds during the year because of this. NS pointed out that the final statement of accounts would be released later this year, in September,

because our financial year has changed. A member of the audience asked why we have altered our financial year, and a discussion ensued in which NS explained that this had been instigated by BCS head office.

Elections:

JR said that nominations for the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer had been received, namely DBC, NW and NS. There were no other nominees for these positions. These people were nominated as follows: -

Chairs position Desmond Boksan-Cullen
Nominated Jon Robinson
Seconded Norman Sansom

Secretary Neil Winfield
Nominated Jon Robinson
Seconded Roy Newell

Treasurer Norman Sansom
Nominated Jon Robinson
Seconded Adrian Thomas

A member of the audience asked for clarification about our election procedure. NS explained that only the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are elected to these positions at the AGM each year. The committee normally has up to nine other elected members and at least three vacancies must be declared for elections each year. These general committee members are therefore elected for a maximum of three years at a time. They are not elected to perform a specific role. The other roles to be filled are assigned by agreement within the committee who may co-opt others for particular purposes during the year.

JR gave a general call for new committee members. Dr Blay Whitby, a non-member, volunteered to join the branch committee.

AOB:

RN stated that we need somebody as YPG Representative, to replace NW who was now elected to Secretary. SW replied that VP had already agreed to take on this role. VP confirmed her acceptance.

The AGM concluded at 7:50pm.