

**BCS, THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE FOR IT
MEMBERSHIP BOARD BEST PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

MINUTES – 24th March 2016

Interim Meeting held via Conference Call

Attendees:

Alastair Revell (AR), Judith Taylor (JT), Haiyan Wu (HW), Peter Abrahams, Margaret Ross (MR), Jonathan Shenton (JS), James Uhomoibhi (JU), Motassim Thupsee (MT), Garfield Southall (GS),

In Attendance:

Karen Myatt (KM)

Apologies:

Jose Casal-Gimenez, Bob Thurlby (BT), Kevin Chamberlain (KC), Iain Thompson (IDKT).

1. Introduction

GS welcomed everyone to the meeting; outlining the items to be discussed at this meeting

2.0 Convention Feedback

GS thanked PA for doing the UB training at the end of the Convention, numbers were high for the session and feedback fair.

Overall the convention went well with most people being “fired up”. SG’s were disappointed and appeared not to have been catered for and could not see how they could benefit from the new strategy. It was thought that BCS now needs to be better at promoting the message to SG’s, DE is aware of this gap.

The workshop feel to the BCS Voices section of the programme was well received, delegates enjoyed having input to the session. It was considered a tremendous gamble to do this with such a large group. It was thought something similar is required for future events.

IS has expressed a thought that Treasurers day would link very well into the role based convention held in the autumn.

It was felt the Equality strands needs to be kept and linked with liaison role and induction packages. A new subject is now needed for the next convention.

Action GS will put together the finding from the feedback and have as a separate item for the next agenda.

Action KM to add Convention Feedback to next agenda.

3.0 Making IT Good for Society (Middlesbrough)

GS reported on his experience following the deliverance of a Making IT good for society presentation at Middlesbrough. The presentation was well received and enjoyable GS now feels confident to talk about this further and is excited by the galvanising effect this has on the groups.

4.0 Work Programmes

4.1 Liaison role

AR gave a brief overview of the position so far and the 36 month rolling audit programme and using the Chairs report to provide information regarding performance in relation to the strategic pillars. It was felt that a series of questions was now required to build a basic

framework for the information required. It was questioned if a framework was required or a survey style report they filled in to be able to compare and collate data. It was felt qualifying statements were preferable. It was also considered to try to combine this with the budget submission. It was noted the Treasurers report is for the future years however the chairs report is for the past year. It was felt arranging for the chairs to design this framework would be a good idea. It is hoped that by involving the chairs, from all groups they can go away from the convention with a clear action plan of how to move forwards. It was highlighted reports could also be used a source of information to acknowledge groups best practice and reward the groups by giving them the spotlight at a future convention to share their practices.

It is hoped by the May meeting the structure will be in place for the Autumn Convention ready to be publicised.

4.2 Equality Thread

It was felt this was something to be expanded on at the next convention. It was questioned how the information would be disseminated to groups and the wider public. It was felt this role should be mandatory. It was decided to add Equality role to the next agenda and GS would contact KC to discuss the addition of the role within the induction pack. PA unfortunately will not be able to make the next meeting but will try to submit a paper

Action KM to add Equality Role to next Agenda

Action GS to contact KC regarding inclusion of equality role with induction pack

Action PA to submit paper for next meeting in his absence

5.0 Any other business

GS asked members for structural ideas for the next convention to be submitted for the next meeting.

Action All to submit Convention Structural ideas for discussion at the next meeting

Haiyan was congratulated on her recent election to Council.

There were no items of AOB

The meeting closed at 12.45pm.

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Dates of next committee meetings:

Thursday 28 April 2016 Conference Call at 12 noon

Thursday 26th May 2016 BCS London 10.30am