



# The British Computer Society Fortran Specialist Group

## **Constitution of the Fortran Specialist Group** **(revised and adopted at the Group's AGM on 11 May, 2000)**

### **1. Constitution**

- a. The Group is called The British Computer Society Fortran Specialist Group.
- b. The Group is formed by a number of people with a common interest in the Fortran language.
- c. The Fortran Specialist Group is a part of the British Computer Society.
- d. The Fortran Specialist Group consists of the officers listed in Section 3, individual fee paying members and corporate members.

### **2. Objectives**

- a. To promote the use of Fortran.
- b. To encourage research into Fortran.
- c. To develop competence in Fortran
- d. To promote and support the Fortran standard.
- e. To provide a forum for Fortran Specialists to talk to one another.
- f. To represent the interests of Fortran Specialist Group members with other bodies.

### **3. Officers**

- a. The officers are Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as are required to perform specific tasks.
- b. The Chairman of the Group is ex officio a member of the BCS Technical Board Specialist Groups Management Committee.
- c. The Chairman and Treasurer of the Group must be a Fellow or of the Group must be a Fellow, Member or Associate Member of the BCS.
- d. Other officers of the Group should normally be members of the BCS.
- e. All officers of the Group must abide by the Code of Conduct relating to members of the BCS.
- f. The officers shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting and shall serve from the end of the meeting at which they are elected until the end of the meeting at which they are replaced ~~The Group must advise the Chairman of the Specialist Groups Management Committee of members of the Group who are not members of the BCS.~~
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### ~~4. Annual General Meeting~~

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- a. Each year the Group shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May.
- b. The Secretary shall send out to all members of the Group, at least 28 days before, notice of the date, time and place of the AGM, together with the agenda and nomination form for officers.
- c. All members have the right to attend the AGM for which there shall be no charge.
- d. The quorum is ~~five~~seven members.
- e. The agenda for the AGM shall include:
  1. The minutes of the previous AGM.
  2. The minutes of any EGM held since the previous AGM.
  3. The Chairman's Report.
  4. The Treasurer's Report and ~~Audited~~ Statement of Accounts.
  5. Proposals for alterations to Rules.
  6. Proposals for alterations to Fees.
  7. Election of Officers ~~and Auditors~~.
- f. The minutes of previous AGM and EGMs must be confirmed, after any amendments, by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- g. Any member of the Group is entitled to nominate a person for any elected office. Such nominations may be proposed and seconded at the meeting if not previously received by the Secretary.
- h. Every proposal at an AGM shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast by those present. Individual members of the Group each have a single vote. The accredited representative of each corporate and sustaining BCS member also has a single vote.

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- a. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be convened within five weeks of receipt by the Secretary of a requisition signed by seven members.
- b. An EGM shall transact only such business as is specified in the resolutions or requisitions convening it.
- c. Sections 4b, c, d and g apply also to an EGM.

#### **6. Finance**

- a. The Group shall follow the BCS Financial Guidelines as issued from time to time.
- b. The financial year shall start on 1st May each year.
- c. In accordance with BCS Guidelines, the Group shall have at least one Account (Account A) at Lloyds Bank, Langham Place Branch, used for normal running expense- ~~A) at Lloyds Bank, Langham Place Branch, used for normal running expenses. For Groups opting out of the centralised accounting system other accounts may be used for special events or for investment funds.~~
- d. All cheques drawn on the Group's bank accounts must be signed by two of the Treasurer, the Chairman, the Vice Chairman or the Secretary.
- e. The Chairman is responsible to the BCS for submitting draft budgets, recording ongoing expenditure and capital expenditure separately for each by 30 November in the preceding year.

- f. The Chairman is responsible for making available to the BCS a receipt and payments statement at the end of every financial year (30th April) in respect of the Group's normal operations and special events, this statement to be included in the BCS annual accounts subject to audit by the BCS auditors.
- g. All income and property of the Group shall be applied solely to the promotion of the Objectives of the Group~~The accounts of the Group must be audited each year by an auditor elected at the AGM.~~
- h. No member of the Group shall receive payment for his services as a member~~All income and property of the Group shall be applied solely to the promotion of the Objects of the Group.~~
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- a. The Group is governed by the rules of the BCS as these apply to Specialist Groups. Where it is considered that a rule of the Group is in conflict with a BCS rule governing Specialist Group activities, the BCS rule applies.
- b. The Group may use the BCS name to enhance the reputation of their own activities but must not bring the BCS into disrepute.
- c. No member of the Group may speak on behalf of the BCS without proper authority from the BCS.