Minutes of the BCS Fortran Specialist Group AGM
Held at BCS London Office, First Floor, The Davidson Building,
5 Southampton Street, London.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting of the British Computer Society Fortran Specialist Group was held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 29th September 2011.

Present

Peter Crouch	Nickel Institute
Sam Ellis	Defence Equipment & Support (MOD)
Ian Hounam	NAG Ltd
David Muxworthy	BSI Fortran Convenor
Ian Chivers	University of Leicester
John Pelan	Gatsby Unit, University College London
John Reid	Science and Technology Facilities Council
Jane Sleightholme	FortranPlus
John Young	International Seismological Centre (ISC)

The Chairman opened the meeting.

(i) Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Sammani D. Abdullahi (University of Qatar), Ariadne Tampion, Clive Page (University of Leicester).

(ii) Minutes of previous AGM:

The minutes were accepted as a correct record and were approved unanimously (proposed by Ian Hounam, seconded by John Reid).

(iii) Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

(iv) Chairman's Report:

The chairman started his report by announcing that David Muxworthy would be presented with a BCS Meritorious Award at the Specialist Groups Convention being held in October.

He outlined the group's lack of success in arranging joint meetings in the previous year but added that he was hoping that members from the Institute of Physics Computational Physics Group would be attending the presentations after lunch.

He commented on the shortfall in funding to support UK Fortran standardization but added that the standardization achievements would be covered by David Muxworthy later.

He offered his opinions on the Member Groups Convention and the changes to the BCS structure that he felt would gain more recognition for the Institute's volunteers.

He thanked the committee members for their assistance and the staff at BCS HQ for their willing support.

John Reid thanked Peter Crouch.

The report was approved unanimously (proposed by John Reid, seconded by Jane Sleightholme).

(v) Treasurer's Report and SG Development Fund Report:

The Treasurer gave a verbal report and presented the accounts for the year.

The SG had underspent against the budget with the major underspend being against the WG5 meeting in Munich. This was exacerbated by the fact that one claim had not made it into the accounts in time and would appear in next year's accounts. A budget for 2011/12 had been obtained from BCS and this claim has been included in the final table of the report.

This report was approved unanimously (Proposed by John Pelan, seconded John Young).

David Muxworthy (in his role as BSI Fortran Convenor) presented a report on the use of the SG support of Fortran Standards. The report was primarily for BCS as most members of the committee already knew what had happened in regard to development of the new standard.

It was noted that this report would be submitted to BCS together with the Chairman's report.

A presentation on the Fortran Annex to a Technical Report on Language Vulnerabilities would be given after lunch.

This report was approved unanimously (Proposed by Ian Chivers, Seconded by Ian Hounam).

(vi) Membership Secretary's Report:

The membership secretary, Ian Chivers, presented his report. This report contained a number of analyses of the membership breakdown including a breakdown of UK members by county. In the year 20 members had left but 22 joined so the membership was stable but getting older!

The report was approved unanimously (Proposed by Jane Sleightholme, Seconded by David Muxworthy).

(vii) Web Editor's Report:

The Web Editor, Peter Crouch, presented his report.

He described his attempt to use the BCS content management system and, this being unsuccessful, how he had continued to use his own system to produce the SG pages. With the addition of recent pages for this year's AGM the site now had over 1000 pages on it.

He described how the SR Education Group had thanked the SG for the resources page on the web site. SR used links to the site to provide guidance to potential students. They also provided links back to some of their pages on programming language basics.

He thanked all contributors to the SG site and Carl Harris and Susannah Rogers at BCS HQ for their assistance throughout the year.

John Young offered his congratulations for keeping the SG site, with over a thousand pages, up to date. A discussion about placing a Google search box for BCS FSG website followed but no conclusions were reached.

The report was accepted unanimously (proposed by David Muxworthy, Seconded by John Reid).

(viii) Election of Officers

The nominations for the SG officers had been received by the Secretary according to the Constitution.

David Muxworthy took over as Chairman for re-election of the Chairman. John Reid and Ian Chivers had nominated Peter Crouch – unanimously elected.

John Young and John Reid had nominated Sam Ellis as Secretary
John Pelan & John Reid had nominated Sam Ellis as Treasurer
Ian Chivers and Ian Hounam had nominated John Pelan as Vice-Chairman.
Peter Crouch and John Pelan had nominated Ian Chivers as Membership Secretary.
Sam Ellis and Clive Page had nominated Peter Crouch as Web Editor.
John Young and Jane Sleightholme had nominated David Muxworthy as Archivist.
Peter Crouch and David Muxworthy had nomnated John Reid as Standards Officer.
Peter Crouch and Sam Ellis had nominated Ian Chivers and Jane Sleightholme as Committee Members.

John Young and John Pelan had nominated Clive Page

As each of these positions had only received single nominees all were deemed duly elected. The committee for the year 2011/2012 is therefore:

Chairman	Peter Crouch
Vice-Chairman	John Pelan
Secretary	Sam Ellis
Treasurer	Sam Ellis
Web Editor	Peter Crouch
Archivist	David Muxworthy
Standards Officer	John Reid
Membership Secretary	Ian Chivers
Committee Members	Clive Page
	Jane Sleightholme

(ix) Future activities of the Group

John Pelan informed the meeting that the Institute of Physics had money available for joint meetings. As the Institute of Physics financial year is the calendar year he wondered whether anything could be done before end of 2011. As it is considered difficult in academic term time it was decided that it should plan for June 2012.

A number of topics were suggested - John Young suggested Seismic Forensics – Ian Hounam suggested Financial Modelling - John Reid suggested tools to improve better codes.

It was decided that John Pelan would discuss ideas with Institute of Physics and everyone else would try to put together more detailed suggestions.

(x) Any Other Business

It was decided that Peter Crouch and David Muxworthy would represent the SG at the Specialist Groups meeting on Thursday 11th October.

(xi) Date of next Annual General Meeting

The AGM has to sit between issue of accounts and submission of signatures back to BCS HQ so the date of the next AGM was chosen as Thursday 27th September 2012.

Formally declare the AGM closed. After a break for lunch, a number of presentations were made:

Details already on web site

The chairman closed the meeting. He thanked everyone for coming, in particular the speakers. He hoped that the meeting had been useful and the reports would be posted to the website with the minutes.