

Annual General Meeting 2025: Saturday 27th September 2025

Venue: Hertford Museum, 18 Bull Plain, Hertford, SG14 1DT

The Meeting opened at 12:30

Present

Committee: 9

Aravind Jalajan (Chair) Sobere Opusunju (Secretary), Sidhdhaeth Rumanuj (Web Master), Premkumar Sampath (Student Chapter Liaison Officer), Pallavi Chintapalli (Early Careers Advocate), Paul Moggridge (University Liaison Officer), Bianca Chipanga (Schools and Further Education Liaison Officer), Dawn Howson (Accessibility and Disability Project Officer), and Ronald Edema.

Members (excluding the Committee): 7

No	Item
1	Welcome and Introductions The meeting was opened by the Chair, Aravind Jalajan, who welcomed those attending.
2	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Anil Jagota and
3	Minutes of the last AGM (5th October 2024) The minutes of the previous AGM were read and agreed.
4	Matters arising There were no matters arising from the minutes.

5 Committee Reports 2024-25

The Chairman read his report and reeled out programs and plans for Year 2025/2026, with more than ten events currently on the event schedule. His report highlighted the best thing that worked in the year, which was that the Hertfordshire branch has been the most ethically diversified branch in BCS history. The BCS Hertfordshire branch 51st anniversary is planned for October 15th, 2025. introduced the treasurer's report. The chair spent quality time reeling out programs for the following year, and explaining them individually, He announced that the Committee would be looking at working at new locations, meaning there'd be meetings at Wewlyn, Stevenage, St. Albans etc. The Year's budget was underspent, inspite the budget cuts. Low attendance rate was noted for the year. The Chair encouraged more learning and training for Committee members and other BCS members. He concluded by recognizing some volunteer Committee members, including Paul Morgridge and Secretary Sobere Opusunju. The Committee also nominated the Chair for a Meritorious Certificate based on his improvements to the Committee size and diversity.

A Treasury update was presented, showing that total funding received during the year amounted to £1,272. This funding covered committee travel, catering expenses, membership costs, and other related activities.

A Membership update was also provided. As of the year-end, membership stood at 1,139 in total, comprising 36 Affiliates, 864 Professional members (a slight increase from the previous year), 98 Fellows, and over 100 Student members. The age range of members continues to average between 51–60 years old, consistent with previous years. Looking ahead, there are plans to increase both Student membership and female membership. An open invitation has been extended to members to act and contribute ideas towards achieving these important goals.

The Secretary gave his report, with a notable delivery of 15 events and around 16 formal and informal committee meetings. The Secretary also pledged more personal commitment to the Branch and encouraged other committee members to be committed.

6	<p>Election of Officers for 2025-26</p> <p>Nominations were received as follows:</p> <p>Chair: Aravind Jalajan</p> <p>Deputy Chair: No nomination yet</p> <p>Secretary: Sobere Opusunju</p> <p>There were no other nominations and the above remain elected.</p> <p>The Disability Support Project Officer role was changed to Accessibility and Disability Projects Officer. No objection was raised. A new role of Creative Media Assistant was created; there were no objections as well.</p> <p>The name of the treasurer was changed to Treasurer and Financial Strategy Officer. No objection was recorded.</p> <p>Besides Deputy Treasury, the Treasury officer and Sustainability Officer, no one else has indicated interest to leave the Committee for the new year.</p> <p>The chair agreed to cover the mandatory roles of Treasurer and Financial Strategy Officer and other roles that are open.</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>News letters</p>
8	<p>The Meeting closed at 14:00.</p>

Signed as being a true record: *Sobere Opusunju*

Name: Sobere Opusunju MBCS Date: 28/09/2025

Position: Secretary