CSS EGM - Minutes

Location:	Old Engineering Y3 - G34 (*in-person*) & Zoom (*online*)
Date:	**Wednesday 11th February 2026**
Time:	**13:00 BST**
Attendees:	**Matty Widdop (MW) (*Chairing*), Marcus Gustafsson (MG) (*Minuting*)**

1   Apologies   MW
- Oli

2   Adoption of October 2025 EGM Minutes   MW
- Unanimous adoption of previous minutes.

3   Matters Arising   All
- There were no matters arising.

4   Chair's Report   MW
- MW mentions that it is our second best year for membership at this point in the year
- MW mentioned upcoming events
  - MW announced the release of BirmingHack tickets
  - MW announced the upcoming CSS Ball
- MW thanked committee and attending members for coming

5   Treasurer's Report   MW
- **Most recent statement balance: £4220.35**
- **Actual Working Balance: £2225.19**
- Pending outgoings:
  - Christmas Meal
  - Hetzner and Domain Renewals
  - Bletchley Park
  - Break Snacks + Fuel
  - SloLAN Pizza
  - Board Games Night Pizza
  - Board Games Night Drinks
  - Bar Crawl T-Shirts
- Pending Incomings:
  - Memberships!!
  - Bar Crawl Tickets

Provisional

- ○ Bletchley Park Tickets
- Total Memberships so far: 383
  - ○ Membership cost: £5 (with VAT)
  - ○ Actual income per membership: £4.17
  - ○ Total income so far: £1392.78
- Pizzas bought so far: £1175.97

6   Changes and Amendments to the Constitution   MW
- No amendments were submitted for consideration ahead of time.
- MW asked the floor if there anybody had any amendments to propose. None were raised.

7   Election of New Committee Members   MW
- MW explained the Instant Run-off Voting system.
- **Socials Secretary**
  - ○ Candidates standing in advance: Lee Alabaster, Misha
  - ○ **Lee Alabaster (LA):**
    - ■ LA mentioned their previous experience on committee
    - ■ LA mentioned that they attend events frequently
    - ■ LA suggested we push publicity harder on Instagram
    - ■ LA mentioned their Sainsbury's discount
    - ■ LA suggested improving accessibility in events including quiet rooms
    - ■ LA suggested bringing back TeX talks and Nerds Night Out
  - ○ **Misha (M):**
    - ■ M mentioned their experiences at early CSS events they went to
    - ■ M mentioned that CSS was a valuable opportunity for people to socialise
    - ■ M suggested helping people find groups at quizzes etc to make them feel more included
    - ■ M suggested making CSS more inclusive for people joining partway through the year
    - ■ M mentioned that the Biweekly Pub event is very good
    - ■ M suggested trying to reach out to PGTs and PGRs more
    - ■ M suggested running small scale Hackathons
    - ■ M mentioned their experience from AFNOM board
  - ○ **Questions:**
    - ■ MG asks what your favourite event and least favourite was
      - M liked the Christmas Meal and enjoyed the CSS Ball but enjoys more relaxed events more.

M thought the early pub night was somewhat disorganised
- LA enjoys SloLAN the most. LA thought more workshops at a higher standard would be better
  - ML asks how the candidates would involve women plus more
    - LA suggests using alternative outlets for publicity outside of discord
    - M suggests working with Women in CS more and also asking what events would appeal to women more
- No candidates stood from the floor.
- **Results**
  - Round 1
    - Current first-choice votes:
    - Re-open nominations (RON): 1 votes
    - Lee Alabaster: 6 votes
    - Misha: 7 votes
    - Eliminated Re-open nominations (RON)
  - Round 2
    - Lee Alabaster: 6 votes
    - Misha: 7 votes
    - Eliminated Lee Alabaster
  - Round 3
    - Misha: 13 votes
  - Misha is duly elected as Socials Secretary
- **Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer**
  - Candidates standing in advance: None
  - Lee Alabaster stood from the floor
  - **Questions:**
    - JA asks what LA has learned from committee that they could use in the role
      - LA mentioned avoiding giving out food during Ramadan and talking to experts
  - **Results**
    - Round 1
      - Re-open nominations (RON): 4 votes
      - Lee Alabaster: 10 votes
      - Eliminated Re-open nominations (RON)
    - Round 2
      - Lee Alabaster: 10 votes
    - Lee Alabaster is duly elected as Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer

8   Any Other Business   All

- MW thanked attendees for coming.
- The meeting was closed at 13:44.

Actual start time   13:15 GMT
Actual end time   13:44 GMT
Duration   29 minutes