

CSS AGM - Agenda

Location:	Zoom call (<i>online</i>)
Date:	Wednesday 21st April 2021
Time:	13:00 BST
Attendance:	44 members attended

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| 1 | Apologies
- No apologies were provided. | TG |
| 2 | Adoption of October 2020 EGM Minutes
- No complaints | TG |
| 3 | Matters Arising
- Due to conflict of interest, TG will be chairing and JF will be minuting. | All |
| 4 | Chair's Report
- CSS has run over 51 events.
- Discord server has been a great success.
- Held a wide range of events, from board games to quizzes.
- Encourages everyone who is interested in a position to run. It's not too late.
- Provided a heartfelt farewell to the committee he has engaged with for 5 years. | TG |
| 5 | Treasurer's Report
- See corresponding spreadsheet for details.. | JF |
| 6 | Changes and Amendments to the Constitution
- Updates Guild structure references: This replaces the names from the old Guild democratic structure and replaces them with the current alternatives
- Removing Advisory Board and creating Contacts List: This consolidates and itemises a group of important contacts for the committee and tasks the Secretary with maintaining it
- Giving VP more responsibility: Makes VP responsible for Treasurer and Secretary if they cannot attend meetings. Also shares the duty of ensuring committee members are content with President
- Making publicity officer more managerial: Insert role: To delegate, oversee, and manage publicity-related activity undertaken by (and pertinent to) other members of the committee.
- Renaming roles and cleaning up grammar: Renames several roles to be Officers or Secretaries not Reps and fixes some grammatical issues to make the constitution read smoother | TG |

- All of the above were unanimously agreed upon.

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Election of New Committee Members

TG

- **President**

- One candidate registered: Likkan Chung
- **Likkan Chung:**
 - Currently on YII
 - Has served as Industrial Liason on CSS this year and Publicity rep 2019-2020.
 - Has a strong knowledge of how to host in person events.
 - Wants to focus on:
 - More regular events.
 - A mix of online and in person events.
 - More workshops.
- **Results:**
 - Likkan Chung: 33
 - RON: 1
 - Abstained: 1

- **Treasurer**

- 2 candidates registered: Jacqui Henes and Mohamed Dabcasar
- **Jacqui Henes:**
 - Final Year student
 - Has 2 years experience on the CSS committee resulting in a strong knowledge of how the guild operates.
 - Wants to work closely with the Industrial Liaison to secure sponsorship.
- **Mohammad Dabcasar:**
 - Believes this will be a cool opportunity to work with the committee and guild.
 - Likes watching anime and reading manga.
 - Has experience from hospital managing inventory - believes skills are transferable.
 - No current experience as treasurer, but believes this won't be of concern.
- **Results:**
 - Jacqui Henes: 28
 - Mohamed Dabcasar: 6
 - RON: 1
 - Abstained: 1

- **Secretary**

- 1 candidate registered: Rhys Morgan
- **Rhys Morgan:**
 - Boba enthusiast
 - Very good listener with strong time management skills.
 - Has experienced minuting in the past and believes he will

- be able to handle the task.
 - 3 main points:
 - Encourage the committee to continue the events to a high standard.
 - Ensure support is available for everyone.
 - Ensure continuous engagement with members.
 - Results:
 - Rhys Morgan: 31
 - RON: 3
 - Abstained: 2
- **Vice-President**
 - 2 candidates registered: Jacob Wilson and Jack Shilton
 - **Jacob Wilson:**
 - Currently a second year student who will be on PWC placement next year.
 - Has the most experience being on committee
 - Is prepared to put in the hours required of committee members.
 - Has experience of adapting to situations from fencing society - Has been a difficult year for them due to Covid.
 - Knows the guild well, is a student rep, and one of the organisers for HackTheMidlands. - Shows he is good at large scale event planning.
 - Also on the BCS committee.
 - In the future, he would love to do more relaxed social events and workshops.
 - **Jack Shilton:**
 - Has been a very active member of CSS, attending a range of events.
 - Has made lots of friends through CSS and wants to offer this support to others. - Wants to offer this experience to other first years.
 - Vice will give him the time to focus on the areas he cares about, while also supporting the other committee members when required.
 - Believes vice requires you to adapt quickly - customer relations job gives him experience in this.
 - Wants to focus on international student engagement - believes engaging earlier will help with this problem.
 - **Question:** How will you keep committee members engaged with CSS?
 - **Jacob Wilson:** Ensure everyone is doing small tasks each week to keep them engaged. Ensure every committee member is aware if they cannot keep up with the workload, they are free to stand down.
 - **Jack Shilton:** Agrees with above. Added that engaging

with everyone will help and being approachable is very important.

- Results:
 - Jacob Wilson: 20
 - Jack: 11
 - RON: 1
 - Abstained: 3
- **First Year Rep**
 - One candidate registered: Fatima Zahra Al Hajji
 - **Fatima Zahra Al Hajji**
 - Has been active on the discord
 - Student rep
 - Had a leading role engaging with new students year 7 - ran one-to-one sessions to help them settle in.
 - wants to engage with students on more platforms: Namely Whatsapp and Telegram.1
 - Wants to send out surveys on a regular basis to see what people are interested in.
 - Results:
 - Fatima Zahra Al Hajji: 32
 - RON: 2
 - Abstained: 1
- **Publicity Rep**
 - One candidate registered: Alex Banks (he/him)
 - **Alex Banks**
 - Currently on YII
 - Running for publicity officer
 - Has been student ambassador, student rep and first year robotics TA.
 - Has managed publicity for LGBTQ+, treating the role more managerial. Found this to be highly successful.
 - Wants to ensure CSS engages with the wider community.
 - Results:
 - Alex Banks: 35
 - RON: 1
 - Abstained: 1
- **International Student Rep**
 - One candidate registered: M Aamaan
 - **M Aaman:**
 - wants to ensure other international students get involved.
 - As an international student, he is aware of difficulties of finding the societies.
 - **Question:** Do you have any event ideas>
 - **M Aaman:** Wants to primarily aim events at first years as they come into the uni.
 - **Question:** We haven't been successful in this area in the past.

How will you try to do better?

- **M Aaman:** Use Whatsapp and Telegram to engage those. They will be more comfortable initially engaging on a site they are comfortable with.

- Results:
 - M Aamaan: 25
 - RON: 6
 - Abstained: 2

- **Special Events Rep**

- No candidates registered.
- One candidate stood from floor: Jack Shilton
- **Jack Shilton:**
 - Has experience running large scale events. Has handled/assisted with the graduation ceremony in school and run musical events - believes these skills are transferable.
- **Question:** How do you think the CSS BBQ will be run this year.
 - **Jack Shilton:** Doesn't want to make promises he can't keep at this point. Will keep an eye on regulations and decide closer to the event.
- Results:
 - Jack Shilton: 29
 - RON: 1
 - Abstained: 1

- **Socials Rep**

- 1 candidate registered: Leaf Crauwels
- **Leaf Crauwels**
 - Wants to bridge the gap between society and students.
 - Wants to ensure CSS comes across as a highly professional society.
 - Current treasurer for LGBTQ+ and on NerdSoc committee.
- **Question;** What sort of event ideas do you have in mind?
 - **Leaf Crauwels:** Puzzles and quizzes come across well.
 - Have people submit segments of code. Build a larger program. Can only see some of the code.
- **Question:** How will you manage your time when you are on three committees?
 - **Leaf Crauwels:** Since they longer have a full time job, allowing me to spend more time on committee.
 - Very good at managing time.
 - Workaholic and enjoys creating stuff.
 - LGBTQ+ will take priority if an issue arises but this should not have a large impact on CSS.
- Results:
 - Leaf Crauwels: 21

- RON: 7
 - Abstained: 1
- **Sports Rep**
 - 2 candidates registered: Ryan Arrowsmith and Afarin Izadi Dehkordi
 - **Ryan Arrowsmith:**
 - Has experience speedrunning kids games.
 - Since we were unable to do in person events last year, he wants to make up for this.
 - Has experience organising competitive esports events.
 - Plans to run a variety of events, both in person and online.
 - **Afarin Izadi Dehkordi:**
 - Served on committee as first year rep.
 - Is a very sporty person.
 - Believes that being a computer science student makes you more unhealthy since you sit at your computer all day.
 - Has organised runs with neighbours.
 - Has hosted boxing and volleyball tournaments.
 - Wants to encourage computer scientists to be more active.
 - Believes sport is a great way to build friendships.
 - **Question:** How are you going to bridge the gap between online and in person events. Also how can you manage events since not everyone will be able to attend in person?
 - **Afarin:** Volleyball and basketball are great sports you can do outside.
 - If things go back to online only, you could do a running competition. Everyone runs and shows how many steps they have run a day.
 - **Ryan Arrowsmith:** Believes it might be possible to do a hybrid online/in person event however doesn't believe this is a good idea since it'll reduce the quality of the event. He thinks it is better to do some in-person and some online events.
 - **Question:** Afarin has not been able to attend many events or committee meetings this year. Going forth, how will you better manage your time?
 - **Afarin:** At the start I wasn't aware of the meetings.
 - Since then, I have attended most of them.
 - **Question:** Typically members aren't interested in sports and turnout can be low. How do you encourage members to get engaged?
 - **Ryan Arrowsmith:** For all sports events, he will tailor them more like tryouts instead of competitive sports.

- Would also like to focus on esports since those have proven to be popular.
 - **Afarin:** Having more sports events will encourage more people to get involved. If it is an engaging environment, people will show up.
 - Results:
 - Ryan Arrowsmith: 27
 - Afarin: 3
 - RON: 0
 - Abstained: 1
- **EDI Rep**
 - One candidate registered: Victoria Tilley
 - **Victoria Tilley:**
 - Her experience mainly comes from personal situations.
 - Active member of LGBTQ+
 - Is very engaged in community outreach.
 - Wants to encourage more women to come out and talk about their experiences.
 - Want to fight for equal treatment of minorities to ensure everyone feels included.
 - Results:
 - Victoria Tilley: 27
 - RON: 0
 - Abstained: 1
- **Industrial Liaison**
 - One candidate registered: Lyndon Chan
 - **Lyndon Chan:**
 - Currently studying computer science with AI (industrial year).
 - Due to covid, we haven't had on campus sessions, but we want to ensure all students are still able to engage.
 - This is a great chance to step out of my comfort zone.
 - Wants to work closely with the university and school of computer science.
 - Will reach out to previous sponsors to see if they are interested in sponsoring us again.
 - **Question:** I haven't seen you at events. What sort of sponsor events do you have in mind.
 - **Lyndon Chan:** Having specific talks on the different areas you can go into after your degree: AI, data science, software engineering etc.
 - Reach out to Alumni for talks. These can either be on Zoom or in person.
 - Results:
 - Lyndon Chan: 17
 - RON: 3

- Abstained: 4
- **PGT Rep**
 - 2 candidates registered: James Dickinson and Prabjot Kandola
 - **James Dickinson:**
 - MSC Student
 - Has attended our quizzes and workshops,
 - Gave a lightning talk.
 - Areas to improve: More outreach to other Discords.
 - Should try to get people into the CSS discord early.
 - **Prabjot Kandola:**
 - Part time researcher. Good at delegating time to other researchers.
 - Studies the HCI course. Is very engaged with PGT Facebook groups.
 - Believes most international students remain in their own chats and don't branch out. We should get engaged with these groups.
 - Using WeChat/TicTok might help.
 - Create a poll to get peoples opinion on a weekly/monthly basis.
 - I believe this will help my confidence.
 - Results:
 - James Dickinson: 17
 - Prabjot Kandola: 3
 - RON: 0
 - Abstained: 3
- **PGR**
 - One candidate registered: Dan Clark
 - **Dan Clark:**
 - 2nd Year PhD (cybersecurity)
 - 2 years experience on CSS
 - Has managed the discord bots over the last year.
 - Got a place on the SRCC: Research version of SSF.
 - Results:
 - Dan Clark: 22
 - RON: 2
 - Abstained: 2

- Will soon reach out to everyone who has been elected via Discord,
- There will be a group photo at the end.
- To those who didn't get elected, don't be disheartened. You can still get engaged with CSS.
- I've had a great time as president.
- Would you believe CSS didn't have a discord last year!
- Juggling president with Final Year was difficult, however it was worth

it.

- Goodbye and thank you to the current committee.

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