

# Minutes of APSG AGM, 7:30pm 8th October 2015

## Present:

- Rob Packwood (Chairman)
- Algirdas Pakstas (Vice Chair\Membership Secretary)
- Roger Johnson (retiring Treasurer)
- Bob Beatson (Committee Member)
- Joseph Daly (Committee Member)
- Jan Kim (Committee Member)
- + 10 other members

## Apologies, Minutes and Matters Arising

Apologies were received from Joseph Woodward (Committee Member). Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2014 were approved and there were no matters arising.

## Chairman's Report

RP reviews the past season which had included eight meetings, as listed in the accompanying presentation. Most attended meeting of the season was Application of *"High Performance and Low Latency Computing in Investment Banks"* with an audience of 83. It was noted that this was a joint meeting with the Financial Services SG. Seven meetings had been recorded and broadcast using Google+ Hangouts on Air, the most popular being *"From VBA to High Performance Computing in Supply Chain Optimisation"* with over 60 views. Membership had fallen slightly from the previous year to 1630 members. The annual survey had been conducted via SurveyMonkey and received over 100 responses of which 100 were available for review for free. Survey results are available on the web pages and showed the Apache Cassandra talk as the most popular talk, with many respondents, citing its relevance to their work. There was strong support for moving the meeting start time to 18:00 for 18:30 start. There was a clear desire for more flexible access to meetings through both videos and regional meetings. RJ noted that regional meetings had been tried previously and that had not been successful due to lack of support. RP suggested that during the coming year social media would be used to make meeting content more readily available, and would liaise with regional groups to share speakers. RP thanked the committee for their contributions during the previous year. Eight meetings are planned for this season, with confirmed speakers for the meetings up to January 2015.

## Treasurer's Report

RJ reported that the only expenditure was for two receptions held in October and December totalling £333. The approved budget for the forthcoming year was £1,100.

# Minutes of APSG AGM, 7:30pm 8th October 2015

## Election of Officers

The following were elected to serve as officers and committee members:

- |                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| • Chairman                           | Rob Packwood     |
| • Vice-Chairman/Membership Secretary | Algirdas Pakstas |
| • Treasurer                          | Joseph Daly      |
| • Event Organiser                    | Joe Woodward     |
| • Recording Officer                  | Geoff Sharman    |
| • Webmaster                          | Peter Seymour    |
| • Technical Committee                | Bob Beatson      |
| • Technical Committee                | Roger Johnson    |
| • Technical Committee                | Jan Kim          |

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 8:00pm.