



At the Council Chamber, Whitehall

THE 8th DAY OF JUNE 2022

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST
HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL

The Privy Council has approved amendments to the Bye-laws of The British Computer Society as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS OF THE BRITISH COMPUTER SOCIETY

1. In Bye-law 2, after the definition of “Fellows” *insert* an additional definition:
“General Meeting The Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting;”.
2. In Bye-law 26 after “at such time and” *insert* “, where relevant,”.
3. In Bye-law 31:
 - (a) before “No business shall be transacted” *insert*:
“The Trustee Board may decide at its discretion to hold an Annual General Meeting or any other General Meeting as a physical “in person” meeting, a hybrid meeting (where some Professional Members attend in person and others attend by virtual means) or a fully virtual meeting and the notice of the General Meeting must specify the fact that it is a physical, hybrid or virtual General Meeting as the case may be.”;
 - (b) after “Twenty Professional Members” *delete* “personally present” and *substitute* “present in person”;
 - (c) after “quorum.” *insert*:

“Where a meeting is being held as a hybrid or virtual general meeting, a Professional Member may participate by means of attending via an electronic meeting platform or similar virtual conferencing arrangements whereby all the Professional Members participating in the meeting can hear each other. A Professional Member participating in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to be ‘present in person’ at such meeting and shall be entitled to be counted in the quorum and to vote accordingly.”.

4. After Bye-law 31 *insert* new Bye-law:

“31A Where a meeting is being held as a hybrid or virtual General Meeting any communications issues affecting an individual member or members and affecting their ability to hear or participate in the proceedings will not affect the legitimacy of the General Meeting or any resolutions passed at the meeting.”.

5. In Bye-law 32, paragraph (c) *delete* “personally” and *substitute* “in person”.

6. In Bye-law 34:

(i) in paragraph (a) after “meeting.” *insert*:

“In the case of a hybrid meeting or a virtual meeting the Trustee Board shall have discretion to determine the most practical way for votes to be cast by poll (including using an electronic voting platform).”;

(ii) in paragraph (b) after “permitted.” *insert*:

“Provided that a show of hands required by this Bye-Law 34(b) may be conducted by a Professional Member raising their hands at a physical meeting, or in the case of a virtual meeting may be conducted by a Professional Member voting using an electronic voting platform, and in the case of a hybrid meeting may be conducted partially by a physical show of hands and partially using an electronic voting platform, depending on whether the Professional Member is physically or virtually present at the meeting.”.