

THE COMPUTER CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Minutes of the Eighth Annual General Meeting, held at 2.30 pm on Thursday 28th May 1998 in the Director's Suite at the Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 2DD.

1. The Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 29th May 1997 were approved.
2. The Chairman's Report.

The main event of the year is to be the Manchester 50th Anniversary celebrations in June, at which the replica of the Small Scale Experimental Machine will be the highlight. The Society is delighted to express its congratulations to Chris Burton and his team for his work on this project, and notes with great pleasure that he is to be awarded an honorary degree by Manchester University.

In other Working Parties, the Turing Bombe reconstruction has made a satisfactory start with the building of the frame, which in order to facilitate a forthcoming film has now been enhanced by a wooden mockup of the front panel. Important progress has been made in the capture of the many engineering drawings in CAD form. It is hoped that the increasing attention which this project is attracting will facilitate the major fund-raising effort that is still required.

At the Blythe House store of the London Science Museum, the Pegasus machine is continuing to work remarkably well.

Successful meetings programmes have been held in both London and Manchester, and satisfactory plans are in hand for the programmes for the 1998/1999 season.

3. The Treasurer's Report.

The current position is bearable but not entirely satisfactory. The main feature is a continued shortfall in corporate subscriptions. In their absence, useful help has been derived from the Headquarters of the British Computer Society and from a number of donations. Effectively income for the year has been about £3000 and outgoings have totalled £4500. It is therefore essential that a major effort be made to attract more corporate membership subscriptions.

4. Election of Officers

The Chairman stood down and the Secretary chaired the meeting pro tem.

The Secretary reported that Mr Brian Oakley had expressed his willingness to stand again as Chairman. Proposed by Mr Robin Shirley, seconded by the Treasurer; passed nem con.