

Toscaireacht Meeting

Draft Minutes

Date: 17 January 2007

Time: 1pm

Venue: The Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square

Present:

Cecily Brennan

Roger Doyle

Anthony Cronin

Michael Kane

Jennifer Johnston

Seoirse Bodley

Paul Durcan

In attendance

Diego Fasciati (Acting Deputy Registrar)

Ciara Timlin (Artists' Services Officer, minutes)

Papers before the meeting

Agenda

Minutes of meeting

1. Election of Chairperson

Seoirse Bodley was nominated to chair the meeting.

2. Apologies

Theo Dorgan, Alice Maher

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

Minutes

Subject to the agreed changes the minutes were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

Following on from the previous meeting, the Toscaireacht were presented with a document which outlined the figures in relation to the Cnuas levels.

The Toscaireacht agreed that the calculation of the current value of the 1983 Cnuas of £4,000 is not the most accurate calculation given rising costs in the intervening years. It was decided that a more precise figure may be to compare the average wage/industrial wage in 1983 with that figure in 2006.

Matters Arising

The Toscaireacht were presented with correspondence from Theatre Forum requesting a meeting. The Toscaireacht agreed that a letter should be written to Theatre Forum to indicate that the Toscaireacht are not in a position to change Aosdána policy and Theatre Forum should redirect their request to the Arts

Council. The Deputy Registrar agreed to draft a letter to Theatre Forum to that affect

4. Nominations

The Toscaireacht considered all the nominations to Aosdána and the following comments were made:

Name	Comments
David Bolger	Subject to receipt of the nominee's CV, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Paddy Bushe	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Siobhán Cleary	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Peter Cunningham	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Philip Davison	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Catherine Delaney	Subject to receipt of the nominee's CV, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Vivienne Dick	Subject to the removal of the reviews and articles from the nominee's CV, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Chris Doris	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Christine Dwyer Hickey	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
David Farrell	The Toscaireacht agreed that Rod Tuach should be asked to resubmit his letter of nomination to further express his personal opinion of the nominee's work. Subject to receipt of this letter, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Yvonne Farrell	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Kerry Hardie	Subject to the removal of the quotations in both the nominators' letters, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination.
Pat Harris	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Kevin Kiely	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
John Liddy	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Aodhán Madden	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Michael Mullen	Subject to the removal of the quotation in David Shaw Smith's letter, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Padraig Ó Baoighill	The Toscaireacht agreed that neither letter of

	nomination contained sufficient personal opinion of the nominee or the work of the nominee. It was agreed that both nominators should be written to, to explain that the nomination had not been approved on this basis.
Donal O’Kelly	The Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Padraic Reaney	The Toscaireacht agreed that Mary O’Malley should be asked to resubmit her letter of nomination to further express her personal opinion of the nominee’s work. Subject to receipt of this letter, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination
Maurice Scully	Subject to the removal of the quotation in Macdara Woods’ letter, the Toscaireacht approved the nomination

5. General Assembly

The Toscaireacht agreed the membership should be corresponded to in relation to the potential of an open/discussion day and suggestions for this, invited from the membership. The Deputy Registrar agreed to include information on this in the discipline ballot mail out.

6. AOB

Pension scheme

To further evaluate the current value of the pension scheme to members of Aosdána, the Deputy Registrar recommended that individual members of the Toscaireacht should direct the broker for the scheme to prepare their personal pension value projections.

The Deputy Registrar suggested that a number of the Toscaireacht could then volunteer their personal information at a future meeting, so an overview of the value of the scheme can be established.

The Toscaireacht agreed their next meeting will take place on Thursday 22 February at 1pm.