

Minutes of the meeting of the Toscaireacht

Date 15 January 2009

Time 1pm

Venue No 70 Merrion Sq

Present

Seóirse Bodley, Anthony Cronin, Samuel Walsh, Macdara Woods, Dermot Healy, Mary FitzGerald, Mannix Flynn, and Éibhlís Farrell, Alice Hanratty.

In attendance

Toby Dennett (Registrar) and Katie Lowry (International Arts and Artists Supports Officer)

Papers before the meeting

Agenda

Minutes of previous meetings

Nomination papers

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- Election of Chair
- Apologies
- Previous Minutes/Matters Arising
- New Members Nominations
- Arts Council discussion document on interpretive and performing artists
- AOB

1. Election of Chair

Dermot Healy was elected to chair the meeting

2. Apologies

Apologies from Brian Maguire were noted

3. Previous Minutes / Matters arising

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the General Assembly motion to establish a working group on interpretive and performing artists.

Members felt that it would be useful to have all relevant minutes and documents on the issue in front of them in order to discuss the matter properly. Members also felt that a separate meeting was required in order to discuss the matter further and to bring some resolution to the issue in advance of the general assembly. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting. The Registrar agreed to collate all relevant minutes and documents and forward them on to the Toscaireacht in advance of the next meeting.

Sam Walsh noted that he had presented written material to the meeting on 29 September and that this had not been recorded in the minutes.

No decision was made on the minutes of the previous meeting of 3 December 2008.

4. New Members Nominations

Following a request at the last meeting for revised letters, the following nominations were approved to go forward to the discipline ballot:

- Mary Branley
- Brian Leyden
- John Liddy
- Colm McCann
- Lia Mills
- Louis Stewart
- Ronald Tallon

6. AOB

The Registrar informed the meeting that the provisional date for the upcoming General Assembly will be late April.

It was noted that out of the newly appointed Council members none were professionally practicing creative artists and that overall there was now only 1 creative artist and member of Aosdá na on the Council. It was felt that consideration should be given to writing to the Minister to express the concern of Aosdá na on this matter.