

Minutes of the meeting of the Toscaireacht, 2.00pm 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

**Present:** Michael Holohan (Chair), Cathy Carman, Rhona Clarke, Eamon Colman, Geraldine O'Reilly, Bob Quinn.

**In attendance:** Audrey Keane, Registrar (Acting)

**1. Apologies:** Anne Haverty, Tom McCarthy, Samuel Walsh, Vincent Woods.

**2. Minutes of Toscaireacht meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

It was **agreed** that the minutes are an accurate reflection of the meeting. This was proposed by CC and seconded by RC.

**3. Matters arising**

MH reported that he has drafted a letter to Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht Josepha Madigan TD regarding appointments to the Arts Council.

**4. General Assembly 2018**

a. Motions for GA

Motions for the General Assembly were reviewed by the Toscaireacht. It was **agreed** that all motions that were submitted could be included. It was **agreed** that some rewording and rephrasing was required. AK will follow up.

b. Structure of GA

Sebastian Barry (Laureate for Irish Fiction) and Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin (Irish Chair of Poetry) have accepted the invitation to speak at the Assembly. An invitation has also been issued to outgoing Laureate na nÓg, PJ Lynch.

Aosdána member and Saoi, George Morrison will also briefly address the Assembly.

**5. Update on General Assemblies 2019 (Cork) and 2020 (Galway)**

It was **agreed** that Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 was the preferred date for the General Assembly in Cork. AK will confirm with UCC.

Plans for the 2020 General Assembly in Galway were discussed.

**6. Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed.

**7. AOB**

There was no other business.

**8. Private Session**

AK left the meeting.