

Minutes of the meeting of the Toscaireacht, 3.00pm 2nd May 2018 at Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

Present: Michael Holohan (Chair), Cathy Carman, Rhona Clarke, Eamon Colman, Anne Haverty, Tom McCarthy, Bob Quinn, Vincent Woods.

In attendance: Audrey Keane, Registrar (Acting)

1. Apologies: Geraldine O'Reilly, Samuel Walsh.

2. Minutes of Toscaireacht meeting of 14th March 2018

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

Matters arising

MH confirmed that a notice on behalf of members on the death of Val Mulherns was submitted to RIP.ie.

BQ made contact the Galway 2020 team and received a very enthusiastic initial response to the idea of having the General Assembly in Galway during the European Capital of Culture year. Marilyn Gaughan agreed to follow up with him shortly.

Issues related to social welfare payments for artists were discussed.

AK confirmed that members have been invited to submit items in relation to their work for the Aosdána twitter feed and these are now being posted in addition to the 'Dates for your Diary' email circular.

The representative members on the joint Arts Council/Aosdána Working Group discussed ways of raising the public profile of Aosdána at the meeting with Arts Council representatives on 2nd May 2018.

3. Resignations and retirements from the Arts Council

It was agreed that MH would draft a letter to the Minister of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht with a list of Aosdána members attached and suggesting that she might consider them when making appointments to the Arts Council.

4. General Assembly 2018

a. Discipline ballot result

During the recent discipline ballot count it was clear that the current format of the ballot paper is confusing as both an 'X' and a '✓' may indicate a vote in favour of a candidate. If a member uses both symbols on their ballot papers then their intentions

in the voting process is open to interpretation.

b. Changes to ballot system

It was agreed that the ballot paper would be changed whereby only an 'X' will indicate a vote in favour of a candidate. It was agreed that this change will be notified to members at the General Assembly 2018 under an agenda item.

c. Motions for assembly

It was agreed to have a variation to the standing orders and allow a deadline of less than 20 days for submission of motions and agenda items for the General Assembly. It was agreed that the deadline would be Friday 11th May for post and midday on Monday 14th May for email submissions.

5. Update on General Assembly 2019

A very enthusiastic response had been received from the President of UCC. AK will follow up with UCC to begin discussions on arrangements.

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th May at 2pm.

7. AOB

8. Private Session

AK left the meeting.