

## **Toscaireacht Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**Date:** 22 March 2004

**Time:** 1.30pm

**Venue:** The Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

**Present:** Michael Kane, Alice Hanratty, Theo Dorgan, Brian Maguire, Tony Cronin.

**In attendance:** Paul Johnson (Deputy Registrar), Siân Cunningham (Artists' Services Officer, minutes).

**Apologies:** Paul Durcan, Maud Cotter, Fergus Johnston, Patricia Quinn, Eric Sweeney.

#### **1. Election of chairperson**

Tony Cronin was nominated to chair for this meeting.

#### **2. Correspondence from Fergus Johnston**

This correspondence was received on the day of the meeting. It was agreed to ask the Registrar to provide the Toscairí with statistical information and that a discussion of the points raised in Fergus Johnston's letter will be held at the next meeting.

#### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 19 January 2004 were adopted as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

##### **4.1**

Under item 3.5 of the previous minutes it was noted that at the subsequent General Assembly of Aosdána, the Registrar confirmed to the General Assembly, that the increase in the value of the Cnuas would be effective from January 2004.

##### **4.2**

A discussion was held regarding the voting procedures for Aosdána. If any changes are to be made, page 6 of the Handbook will have to be considered and amended accordingly. The Toscairí will have to meet with the new Council and this will have to be considered and agreed on by both parties.

##### **4.3**

The Toscairí expressed a concern about the increasingly cavalier attitude to attendance at the General Assembly. This is an unhealthy situation for the organisation.

## **5. Draft General Assembly Minutes**

It was decided to postpone a discussion of the minutes until there is a minuted version available.

## **6. Next meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held in the offices of the Arts Council on Monday 26 April at 1.30pm.

The Registrar Patricia Quinn joined the meeting at 2.50pm. The Chair on behalf of the Toscairí thanked her for her support and guidance to Aosdána over the past number of years and wished her the best of luck for her future.

## **7. Any other business**

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 3pm.