

Toscaireacht Meeting

Minutes

Date: 17 October 2006

Time: 1pm

Venue: The Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square

Present:

Seoirse Bodley

Theo Dorgan

Cecily Brennan

Alice Maher

Roger Doyle

In attendance

Siân Cunningham (Acting Registrar)

Ciara Timlin (Artists' Services Officer, minutes)

Diego Fasciati (Joined meeting at 2.30pm)

Papers before the meeting

Agenda

Minutes of meeting

1. Election of Chairperson

Roger Doyle was nominated to chair for the meeting.

2. Apologies

Anthony Cronin, Paul Durcan, Michael Kane, Jennifer Johnston.

3. Minutes/Matters Arising

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

3.1 Matters Arising

Following on from the discussion at the previous Toscaireacht meeting, the Toscairí raised the issue of reviewing the current level of the Cnuas. It was agreed that a future Toscaireacht meeting agenda will specifically address the review of the Cnuas level in detail.

Members of the Toscairí expressed their preference for the Director of the Arts Council to fulfil the role of Registrar of Aosdána as was historically the case and that a deputy Registrar would do the administrative work of Aosdána. Theo Dorgan agreed to draft a letter to that effect on behalf of the Toscairí, to be sent to Council.

4. Theatre Forum Correspondence & related Correspondence

Correspondence from Theatre Forum to all members of Aosdána had raised the question of interpretative artists currently not being eligible for membership of Aosdána. The Toscairí agreed that an invitation would be extended to Theatre Forum to discuss this at a future Toscaireacht.

Geraldine O'Reilly (Aosdána member) wrote to the Toscairí in response to the letter from Theatre Forum. She proposed that a day for discussion be offered to all members of Aosdána to consider this and other matters which may arise. The Toscairí agreed that Ms O'Reilly's proposal would be given further consideration. As such an event will require funding and administrative support, the Toscairí agreed to approach the Arts Council to discuss the feasibility of the idea.

5. General Assembly

The Toscairí agreed that the nomination process should be allowed a longer period of time than has previously been allocated. The Registrar and Toscairí devised a timetable for the nomination process that allows members extra time to collate their nominations. In allowing this additional time to the nomination process, the Toscairí agreed the date for the General Assembly should also be pushed back. A preliminary date for the General Assembly was set for the end of March 2007.

6. FAQ Document

A number of approved changes were made to the FAQ document. It was agreed that the updated version of the document will be circulated to all members prior to the next General Assembly.

7. AOB

The Toscairí thanked Sian Cunningham for her work as Acting Registrar over the past months and wished her well for the future. Diego Fasciati, International Arts Development Manager, was introduced to the Toscairí as Sian's successor. The next Toscaireacht meeting, as agreed by all in attendance, will take place on Tuesday 5 December.