

## **Minutes**

### **Meeting of Toscaireacht**

**2pm – 4pm, 5 December 2019 at The Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2**

#### **Present**

Cathy Carman, Bob Quinn, Rhona Clarke, Eamon Colman, Geraldine O'Reilly, Samuel Walsh  
Anne Haverty (Chair) – late arrival.

#### **In attendance**

Karen Hennessy (Aosdána Registrar)

#### **Apologies**

Vincent Woods, Michael Holohan, Thomas McCarthy

#### **Previous minutes and matters arising**

Minutes of meeting 5 September were reviewed and approved however Anne Haverty on arrival expressed that she would like to make amendments to the minutes and did not have an opportunity at the meeting. Anne will liaise with Registrar on amendments and minutes will be re-circulated to all for approval before the Christmas break.

#### **Review of nominations 2020**

Altogether there are 22 new nominations. All 22 were approved to proceed to the discipline ballot vote. The discipline ballot voting process will take place across Feb/March 2020. There are 8 nominations from 2019 carrying over to the 2020 General Assembly. The Registrar to follow up on the detail provided in relation to works on view by one of the nominees carrying over. Otherwise all detail in place and in order.

#### **Discussion on Discipline Ballot Sheet and Voting**

It was decided not to change the ballot sheet again as the sheet worked well last year and is similar to the way one votes at polling stations. There is only an option to mark X on ballot sheets, in a YES box and so a blank box means NO. However in order to try to ensure members do return a ballot sheet even if blank it was decided that the Registrar issue a letter accompanying the discipline ballot sheets in 2020 which states that it is an 'obligation' of members to participate in the discipline ballot vote.

It was agreed that Architecture should have its own discipline ballot sheet and form its own discipline ballot quota as per previous minutes. This will be the first time for this to take place. Choreography nominees will continue to be issued to all members.

It was decided that to reiterate and stress the importance of this that a presentation could be made at the General Assembly to outline the importance of voting. The Registrar could outline the process as well as the statistics on returned ballot sheets .

It was thought that new members on becoming a member of Aosdána should receive an outline of what this entails. This could include an emphasis on participation in the discipline ballot vote as well as attendance at the General Assembly. It could be informative also in relation to other aspects of Aosdána for example the Cnuas. The Registrar to look into drafting this.

**Next Meeting**

A date was set for 16 January for the final meeting of the current Toscaireacht. This final meeting will focus on the 2020 General Assembly Agenda. The Registrar to circulate details to all.

**AOB**

Mary Loughlin had received the gift from the Toscaireacht on behalf of Aosdána and was very moved.

It was agreed that the Toscaireacht would write a letter in response to the proposal that RTE Lyric FM relocate. Bob Quinn to draft the letter and all members to approve it.

**Ends.**