

## **Meeting of Toscaireacht, via Zoom.**

**10am – 12pm, 25 May 2021 via Zoom**

### **Present**

Anne Haverty (Chair), Enda Wyley, Geraldine O'Reilly, Gerard Smyth, Mary O'Donnell, Theo Dorgan, Eamon Colman, Michael Holohan

### **Apologies**

Deirdre Kinahan, Grainne Mulvey

### **Zoom Host**

Karen Hennessy (Registrar Aosdána)

### **Minutes and Matters arising**

A number of corrections were made to the previous minutes. It was noted that it is acceptable for a seconder to nominate more than one candidate. The Registrar confirmed all follow up on nomination papers was completed. Anne Haverty proposed the minutes and Mary O'Donnell seconded.

### **Discipline Ballot Vote**

Altogether there are 7 literature nominations; 6 music and 13 visual art. The total number of pages needing to be copied is 27,697. It was decided given COVID -19 restrictions and the scale of the manual work involved that this copying could be outsourced this year. The company that provides all Arts Council print and production will oversee the work. There is a contract in place which includes confidentiality. A memo will issue to the membership this week that they should expect the discipline ballot sheet and papers early June. 18<sup>th</sup> June was suggested as a return date. The Registrar will confirm this when papers issued. The Registrar is on leave 10 – 23 July so the ballot count should take place before 10 July.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication**

A selection panel meeting was held and [REDACTED] was selected as the Author for the publication. Gerry Smyth outlined the invitation to tender process involved. [REDACTED] will work with Research Assistant [REDACTED]. The Toscaireacht asked the Registrar to send to the Author the Motion for Toscaireacht on the Timeline that was voted on and passed by the Toscaireacht at the meeting of 27 July 2020. The Registrar will forward to the Toscaireacht the deliverable milestones as per the contract with the Author which outlines the timetable for the Author's interaction with the Selection Panel. Gerry Smyth as the Toscaireacht representative on this panel will liaise with the Author and organise a zoom call in the near future.

The design of the publication was discussed. The Registrar outlined that this will be part of the tender to the publisher. The e-tender in relation to this will go live mid June. Gerry will have oversight of all documents before the e-tender goes live. The quality of the design was discussed. Various companies were highlighted as experts in this field including [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The Registrar will call attention to the e-tender once it is live.

### **Cnuas Update**

The working group meeting did not take place in May 2021 and will now take place end June 2021 after the Council plenary.

### **General Assembly**

It was decided to have a postal vote for new members similar to last year. The response rate was very high last year and it worked well. This will take place in Nov. It may be possible to have some kind of physical gathering but as this is still unknown the discussion on this is postponed to the next meeting. The Registrar highlighted that 18 Dec 1981 was the date that the first 88 members were announced. This could be a significant date to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. 19 of these original 88 are still members.

### **Discussion on how to commemorate members**

It was agreed that this item could be moved to another Agenda.

### **Action items**

- Registrar to send on to the Author the Timeline adopted by the Toscaireacht
- Gerry Smyth to liaise with the Author and organise a zoom meeting
- Registrar to go live with e-tender for publisher and alert suitable companies when it is live
- Registrar to organise out sourcing of discipline ballot vote for early June with an expected count date of early July.