

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

**230pm-430pm 15 October 2021**

### **Present**

Anne Haverty (Chair), Enda Wyley, Geraldine O'Reilly, Gerard Smyth, Grainne Mulvey

### **Apologies**

Mary O'Donnell, Theo Dorgan, Eamon Colman, Michael Holohan, Deirdre Kinahan

### **Zoom Host**

Karen Hennessy (Registrar Aosdána)

### **Minutes and Matters arising**

The minutes of 25 May were approved with no matters arising.

### **General Assembly 2021 and Election of New Members**

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.

The following timeline was adopted.

#### **Proposed Timeline for Postal Elections**

Memo to members re: Postal Elections for 2021	18-Oct
Email to nominators re: written speeches	18-Oct
Deadline for written speeches	29-Oct
Postal Ballot Mail out to all	01-Nov
<i>includes ballot paper and SAE only : email sent with PDFs</i>	
Return Date for ballot papers	12-Nov
Ballot Count	15/16 Nov

It was decided there will be no in person General Assembly. The Toscaireacht will provide a news update to members on the work of the Toscaireacht across 2020 and

2021 in place of the Report which would usually be provided at a General Assembly. The Registrar will email this update at the same time as the email to notify when the new members for 2021 are elected. It is hoped a General Assembly can take place in Spring 2022. The Registrar will send on minutes to the Chair from meetings across 2020/21 of the Toscaireacht and the Working Group to assist in the preparation of the Toscaireacht news update to members.

### **Discussion Document – ‘*Future Proofing Aosdána*’**

Not all members had had a chance to read this discussion document. The Registrar will resend it to Enda and Grainne. It was decided that the Toscaireacht should meet early November to discuss the document and feedback to the Working Group. A provisional date of 11/12 Nov was set. The Registrar will re-send the document to all.

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

Gerard Smyth who is part of the Selection Panel gave an update on the progress to date of the author. There were queries on the writing and content. It was reported that it is of a very high calibre, very well researched and referenced. All references are very well foot noted. It is very readable and engaging. The Registrar updated on the publisher.

### **Action items**

- Registrar to send on to Anne Haverty minutes from 2020/21.
- Registrar to send on to members the discussion document ‘*Future Proofing Aosdána*’.
- Registrar to follow timeline adopted on postal elections.