

Minutes

Toscaireacht Meeting

11am – 1230pm, 2 June 2022

At

The Arts Council, 70 Merrion Square, Dublin 2

Present

Grainne Mulvey, Anne Tallentire, Cathy Carman, Eamon Colman, Vivienne Dick, Enda Wyley (via zoom)

Apologies

Michael Holohan, Theo Dorgan, Gerry Smyth, Anne Haverty

There was a heart-felt warm welcome from Maureen Kennelly, Director to the new Toscaireacht. Maureen spoke about how important Aosdána is to the Council. Maureen then introduced Suha Shakkour, Head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the Arts Council, a new position which the Arts Council is very proud of creating and which is feeding into all of its work.

Chair

Cathy Carman proposed Eamon Colman to Chair the meeting and Enda Wyley seconded.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of 21 March meeting were approved with no matters arising.

Saoi Update

The Registrar informed that the Aras had been contacted and the President invited to confer the honour of Saoi. Currently waiting to hear back on a date. It was suggested that it is built into the guidelines for future elections that the nominator and the Registrar keep in close contact to ensure that enough members have returned their ballot to allow for a vote. It was requested that the Chair of the Toscaireacht have a prominent position at the ceremony. The Registrar will feed this request internally and to the President's office when the protocol arrangements are being made. All Toscairi are always invited to the event.

Publication Update

The Arts Council will publish the work. It was not usual for CUP to have a contract with a third party. Usually they would have the contract directly with the author. The Arts Council

has the contract with the Author so after discussion it was thought best by CUP for the Arts Council to publish the work. It was asked if an Irish language version will be published. The Registrar said that to date this has not been discussed and would not fall into the current budget.

General Assembly

It was outlined that there is a good relationship with UCD and this should be revisited. It would be ideal if the Publication is launched at the same time. It was suggested that the President is invited to launch the Publication. The Registrar cannot issue this invitation however until the work is printed. The question of a postal vote for new members was discussed. It was decided that this year it should return to the usual policy that members can do a postal vote if not able to attend due to illness or away. Otherwise it will be a live vote at the Assembly itself. Attendance at the Assembly itself must be encouraged.

Ends.