

Minutes

11am – 130pm 30th January 2024

Meeting of Aosdána Toscaireacht

Present

Gerry Smyth, Anne Haverty, Cathy Carman, Vivienne Dick, Michael Holohan, Theo Dorgan Chair, Mary O Donnell, Vivienne Dick, Anne Tallentire, Grainne Mulvey, Enda Wyley

Apologies

There were no apologies

Minutes and Matters Arising

Due to a laptop issue the Registrar did not have the previous minutes to circulate.

Aosdána Open Forum

There was very positive feedback from members on the forum. Discussion was had on whether it should be an annual event or biennial. The topics could be expanded so not only Aosdána matters. One of the purposes of the Forum is to formulate MOTIONS for the GA. The Registrar will issue a call for Motions in the coming days.

General Assembly 2024

Viveinne Dick will accompany the Registrar on the site visit to Dublin Castle on 13th February. All members have been advised of the date change to 26th March 2024.

Aosdána Handbook – working group

A draft Handbook compiled by the working group will be circulated to the Registrar. It is the intention of the Toscaireacht to circulate it at the General Assembly.

Aosdana – International Comparisons

The Registrar has met with Counter Culture and they would like to meet with the Toscaireacht. The Registrar will facilitate these meetings. It was thought that members should be encouraged to update their biogs on the web site in advance of this piece of work beginning. The Registrar was asked to circulate the 'Statement of Values' to Counter Culture. The Registrar was asked to circulate the 'Scope' of the Examination to the Toscaireacht.

Aosdána Pin

The quote from ESL jewellers for a pin in solid gold is too expensive. It was suggested to look at gold plaited or silver options. A number of jewellers were suggested and the Registrar will follow up.

Toscaireacht Elections.

It was thought that the Registrar should circulate to members that an election of a new Toscaireacht will take place after the GA in March 2024 and that the current Toscaireacht's term will continue until then in order to see through 2 General Assemblies.

Arts Council Chair and Council Members

As soon as the new appointments are known the Registrar will circulate the information.

AOB

The next meeting on 20 Feb will review the nominations. There are 23 in total with 6 places.

The Toscaireacht and the Chair will meet with Counter Culture on 26 and 27 February.