FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Microsoft Teams
Date: 9th November 2020 13:00

Present: Mark Garavan (Chair), Michele Brady (minute taker), Willi Kiefel, Brent Ranalli, Mike Sandler, John Sharry

Apologies: Graham Barnes,

Attending: Morag Friel, Caroline Whyte, Alison McIntyre

AGENDA
1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
   Matters arising :
   - Intern Policy – initial policy to be drafted by Mark
   Minutes
   Proposed: Willi Kiefel  Seconded: Michele Brady
3. Chair for this year
   John Sharry to be Chair for this year and Mike Sandler to be Chair for next year
   Mark to Chair this meeting.
   Proposed: Mark Garavan  Seconded: Michele Brady
4. Finance & membership report
   Morag presented the financial report for the month. Report was discussed in detail.
   Membership payments noted. IEN funding for Zoom.
5. Communications Report
   Caroline presented the report for the last month and also an interim report on the funding report.
   Noted the results of the IEN funding. It was less than last year and we have slipped down their results list. Assessors: there is a rotation of the assessors each year and this may have had an impact. The process is transparent. The extent of funding for 2021 was discussed and it was agreed to budget €12,500 based on the reduction to this year’s funding.
   Website hosting options were discussed and reviewed. It was agreed to use the hosting service of SiteGround subject to a review of the implications of GoogleCloud.
   Brent presented the report.
   “Feasta USA” – under discussion
USA insurance – umbrella insurance which would cover a non-profit organisation but is state specific (i.e. Washington, Michigan, etc)
Exploring participation on other organisations podcasts.
Relief expressed about the outcome of the recent presidential election and that the President Elect is Joe Biden.

7. **Trustee Meetings**
   Proposed that meetings are held at 16:00 GMT on a trial basis.

8. **Proposal for Feasta focus**
   Willi proposed that some topics that should garner greater attention and/or research from us, for example:
   - Democracy / governance systems – participatory systems
   - Education to support employment
   We need to look at a new narrative for how we live and how our children will live into the future.
   Caroline noting the Theory of Change is to be updated next month and this could be worked into the document. Also to explore member fora to discuss these.

9. **Next meeting – December 14th, 2020**

SIGNED: ____________________________________  Dated: ____________________
Chairperson

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Company Secretary