

FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Zoom **Date:** 8th February 2021, 16:00 UTC

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

Apologies: n/a

Attending: Alison McIntyre, Caroline Whyte, Morag Friel,

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Review
4. Communication and Activity Review
5. Annual Report, Strategic Plan, Communications Plan and IEN Application
6. Governance
7. North America Update
8. Forthcoming events
9. AOB.

1. Apologies none.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes approved *nem con.*

3. Finance & membership report

There was also a formal review of 2020 results against the budget. One off items noted. Reserves noted of €27k odd (€26,859 from 2019 and €1000 approximately from 2020). Money in bank €21,475. Higher IEN allocation was because of some funds being re-allocated as not expended during the year.

Noted that there is capacity to submit plans and budgets for activities to be considered.

Expected that IEN funding for this year will also be increased.

Morag presented the financial report for January 2021. Noted that budget has been updated to take into account IEN revised funding.

Query on access to new members in a region - Caroline can make mail shots region specific. Note that there is interest online from North America.

Noted death of member, Patrick Noble (RIP), Caroline proposed we write a memoriam piece on the website.

4. Communications Report (see notes attached)

Caroline presented report as circulated.

Noted upcoming events – anyone interested may take them on.

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Noted that may support volunteers who write submissions with a stipend given to the writer. Particularly, where we cannot make deadline due to other commitments. Agreed that we look at developing a panel of people who can write submissions. They will be quality checked.

Very good advice from Karen, IEN with regard to fundraising. Caroline to circulate information.

5. Annual Report, Strategic Plan, Communications Plan and IEN Application

Caroline circulated links to draft documents:

- Annual report
- Strategic plan
- Communications plan

Agreed that everyone to review the documents and comment, amend as needed.

Final deadline is Monday, 15th February next. Plan to finish on Friday, 12th February.

6. Governance

Governance compliance document to be reviewed for 2021. John, Michele and Morag to review in advance of board meeting.

7. North American Report (see notes attached)

Mike presented North American report (notes attached). In particular:

Continuing planning meetings – last monthly meeting:

- Doug Smith, Business consultant joined meeting
- Campaigning on US Federal policy – window before 2022 elections where people may discuss some of these issues – DS advised move fast, it doesn't have to be perfect, and have a specific name for the campaign (22 months long) rather than use Feasta.
Propose campaign name: "Dividends for America"

8. Upcoming Events

COP – 3 young people interested in attending on our behalf. Proposed that have a selection process by summer as we may have more people interested than can attend. Mike recommended we put in for 20 or 30 tickets. We may not be allocated this number. May be postponed or remote access. Difficult of accreditation with remote access.

Members evening – very successful. Participants requested a reprise of the topic. Presented by Alison McIntyre.

9. Additional business

Interns – applicant did not revert.

10. Next meeting – March 8th, 2021 at 4pm GMT

SIGNED: _____
John Sharry
Chairperson

Dated: ___08 March 2021___

SIGNED: _____
Michele Brady
Company Secretary

Dated: ___08 March 2021___