

FEASTA Trustee Meeting - Reports submitted

Held: via Zoom **Date:** 10th Dec 2021, 16:00 UTC

Present: Mike Sandler (Chair), Mark Garavan, Brent Ranalli, Willi Kiefel, Graham Barnes, John Sharry

Apologies: Willi Kiefel and Michele Brady said they would arrive late

Attending: Morag Friel, Caroline Whyte

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Review
4. Activities Report
5. North American Report
6. Other business
7. Next meeting

1. Apologies noted.

Since Michele not in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, Brent will take notes.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of November meeting approved.

Proposed by B Ranalli, seconded by J Sharry, no dissent

3. Finance & membership report

Morag shared the finance report.

Per established practice, Feasta will deduct 15% from funds (over a threshold of €400) passed through to COP participants as per diem, to cover overhead.

4. Activities report and Communications report

Presented by Caroline. The following items were highlighted in discussion:

- Feasta is applying to join European Environmental Bureau.
- Initiated collaboration with World Basic Income.
- Sustainable economics funding bid to IEN.
- Some funding remains for fundraising research.
- Caroline and Anne Ryan will be participating in Pillar activities.

Questions:

1. Would the board approve a budget for a new 10-part podcast series? The cost would be €1500 for the editing work by Caroline, the same as last year, plus approximately €300 for a new logo design by a third party.
2. Could Deirdre Lane be offered a modest amount of funding, like €300-400, for an application to Community Foundation Ireland for funding on a biodiversity and cultural diversity project? (This would deal with the remaining fundraising support money from the IEN that needs to be spent down before the end of the year.)
3. Would Feasta be willing to hire a graphic designer to lay out our Annual Report for 2021, and also (possibly) to help with the graphics on the revised Theory of Change?

Decisions:

1. Approved, with encouragement to Caroline to consult with Feasta members on topics that will be covered in the podcast series.
Proposed by M Garavan, seconded by W Kiefel, no dissent
2. Caroline to initiate discussion, no formal approval needed at this time.
3. Caroline to investigate and get one or more quotes, no formal approval needed at this time.

5. North American Report (see notes attached)

1. Activity re: Peter Barnes book:
 - a. In discussion with WBI about possibly piggybacking on a web event they have planned.
 - b. Interns made contact with other organizations; we may follow up with them.
 - c. Brent made contact with Alex Howlett of Boston Basic Income. Good contact, willing to promote event.
 - d. The organizers of the Kelso seminar (worker ownership / citizen ownership) would like to feature Peter's book in some way or other; in discussion.
2. Andrew, our latest intern, has prepared a blog post on developments in Germany, in consultation with Willi.
3. Carbon dividend advocacy: Among legislators, planning to start with Van Hollen's office in the new year.
4. Gwen will be inviting Bob Costanza to join our monthly call either in Jan or Feb.
5. Brent has written a blog post about Thoreau's *Walden* and PTSD.
6. We received some feedback / constructive criticism from former intern, are taking it under consideration. Discussed. We could add more structure to the internship experience. We could consider creating some policy documentation about internships and assigning a budget. Could be discussed further in January. Graham volunteered to put together a proposal.

6. Other business

1. John Sharry has a funding opportunity to share, concerning climate, with a January deadline.
2. Morag will prepare the budget next week, invites input on items that should be included.

7. Next meeting

Will be back to the normal time: second Monday of the month (January 10), at 4pm Irish time.

SIGNED: _____ Mike Sandler _____
Chairperson

Dated: ____ 21/06/2022 ____

SIGNED: _____ Brent Ranalli _____
Director

Dated: ____ 19/04/2022 ____