

FEASTA Trustee Meeting

Held: via Zoom **Date:** 16th May, 16:00 UTC

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

Apologies: Michele Brady

Attending: Caroline Whyte, Morag Friel

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising
3. Financial and Membership Update
4. Caroline Activities Update
5. North America Update
6. AOB.

1. Apologies

As noted.

2. Minutes of last meeting

April minutes approved without amendment.

Proposed: Mark Garavan

Seconded: Mike Sandler

No objections. Passed.

Discussed one item from last month's minutes: the possibility of Caroline connecting with Bob Constanza, who is now in the U.K.

3. Finance & membership update

Reports reviewed as circulated (see appendices).

Morag presented to the meeting and the following was noted/discussed:

- Mark noted that we could be reimbursed (after the internship is completed) by Development Studies Association of Ireland (DSAI) for spending related to activities of the current intern, Sarah Roach. It was agreed that the intern could spend money with receipts, subject to Morag's oversight, to carry out her project. This money would be fully re-imbursed by DSAI. The maximum limit of spend is 1,000 euro.
- Willi suggested to show the country of our Feasta interns
- Board recruitment: Solicitation for new board members to be send out to membership and friends of Feasta. Caroline will start with a note to membership.

4. Caroline activities update

Presented by Caroline.

Statistics about website vists, etc.

Morag asked about podcasts on YouTube. Caroline responds: we tried earlier and they didn't get much traffic, but we could try some more.

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Graham asked if there are actionable takeaways from the activities report. Suggested putting the monthly data into a spreadsheet to track trends. Maybe focus on a limited set of most useful/interesting metrics.

Willi noted a mistake in the audience location statistics (typo in percentage from France).

Funding applications:

Build Back Better application for IEN funding, jointly with Cultivate, re: the role of the arts in the future economy.

Sustainable Transport application, last-minute submission

IEN core funding application coming up

Events/activities:

WEAll campfire event

Discussion of Carnegie Trust partnership with Hub

WEAll talk on CapGlobalCarbon

Feasta now a full member of European Environmental Bureau. Caroline found this a receptive audience.

Agricultural goalposts research project

Caroline noted that previously discussed budget was missing 15% admin fee (€375). She asked if it would be ok to charge only half the usual admin fee, to preserve funds for performing the work.

Proposed: Graham Barnes

Seconded: Mike Sandler

No objections. Passed.

EEB is willing to fund one member of each organization per country to attend their meetings (at least twice a year). How to manage? Caroline will write to info@feasta list to solicit interest. Feasta participants in EEB events can be nominated based on topics of interest.

5. North American update (see notes attached)

Brent spoke about highlights:

- Ongoing communication with Senator Van Hollen's office about cap-and-dividend legislation. The next meeting will probably be in late May / early June
- Planning to reach out to NAACP to discuss environmental justice community's reservations about cap-and-dividend and carbon pricing generally
- 2022 BIG (Basic Income) Conference – three papers (from Mike, Brent, and Jim) on carbon dividends, etc., will be presented together on June 25.
- Jim is not a member yet, right? Mike and Brent to invite him to join.

6. AOB

- Morag will send best wishes to Michele, recuperating, on behalf of the group
- Morag and Michlle are putting organizational policies in order, to be prepared for audit
- John and Mike to sign last month's minutes and return to Morag for the files (if not already done)
- Discussion of EROI of supporting new/marginal members who what to use Feasta badge at events

7. Next meeting

Monday, June 13, at 16:00 UTC