

FEASTA Trustee Meeting

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

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

Apologies: n/a

Attending: Caroline Whyte, Morag Friel, Alison McIntyre

AGENDA

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

1. Apologies noted.

none

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes approved without amendment. Actions to be updated.

Proposed: Willi Kiefel

Seconded: John Sharry

3. Staff Liaison Report

Staff Liaison committee to meet more often. Noted that last meeting was 6 months ago. Mark notified the Trustee meeting that the Liaison Group (Mark Garavan and Anne Ryan) intend to bring a formal report to the next Trustee meeting around the current paid contracts and some changes they would like to recommend.

Noted that there appears to be a mission creep from point of view of staff involvement and hours paid for vs. actual time committed to Feasta. The time commitment of the staff should be respected.

Role of staff in Trustee meeting: reporting line is to the Liaison Committee not to the Trustees.

4. Finance & membership report

Reports reviewed as circulated (see appendices).

Morag presented to the meeting on:

- Key highlights for last period
- IEN payment issue noted
- Youth recruitment – to be discussed further at future meeting. Graham Barnes circulated some thoughts on this (see appendix below).

Budget for 2022 (on cashflow basis):

- Noted that IEN error is distorting the figures for 2022

- Noted that the COP expenses payments are also distorting the cashflow.
- Query on income – can it be shown separately to highlight what is not IEN core income. Concern about continuing reliance on IEN core funding.
- COP funding and expenses reviewed – noted timing issue with some expenses only refunded in 2022. This is to be taken into account for the 2021 financial statements. Michele and Morag to review and present updated financial reports to the next meeting.

Profit and Loss for 2021 and Balance Sheet for 31 December 2021.

- Noted that COP expenses not all taken into account. Financial statements to be adjusted to reflect this.

Proposed: that financial statements for 2021 and cash flow for 2022 are updated to take into account the impact of the COP Expenses and IEN payment straddling the year end.

Proposed by: Michele Brady

Seconded: Brent Ranalli

5. Activities report

Presented by Caroline. See report below. The following points were noted:

- Podcast logo being updated
- Theory of Change being updated – plan to have ready for the end of the month.
- IEN funding application – proposed and agreed that Caroline takes the lead on same.
- Fundraising budget still available € 400. Caroline outlined possible support of WEAll Hub event about wellbeing economy in Ireland. Following discussion this was proposed to support the project and Seán ÓConláin's work in making this happen. CW to circulate a formal proposal to document this.

6. North American Report (see notes attached)

Brent circulated report as copied below.

Noted in particular:

- Brent Ranalli, Peter Barnes and Jim Boyce panel discussion
- Alison McIntyre is following up with the young people who attended the COP event with an interview
- Bob Costanza to join North American Group for February monthly call.

7. Recruiting trustee from Global South

Initial reaction is that this is a good idea. To be discussed further.

Under the Irish Companies Acts we must have at least one Director/Trustee registered in the EEA (European Economic Area). It is to be confirmed if there are any restrictions from an IEN and funder perspective.

8. Next meeting – February

February 14th at 16:00 UTC

SIGNED: _____
Mike Sandler
Chairperson

Dated: _____
June 21st 2022

SIGNED: _____
Michele Brady
Company Secretary

Dated: _____
13th April 2022