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## Trinity Retirement

### Association

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## Annual General Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The fifth Annual General Meeting of the Trinity Retirement Association was held at 12 noon on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 via the Zoom online platform.

**Present:** Mike Nowlan (Chair) Ruth Potterton (Secretary), Tom McCabe (Treasurer) Ann Battersby (committee member), Kay O'Neill (committee member) Denise Leahy (Committee Member) James Lunney (Committee Member) Doreen MacRaois (Committee Member) Jean Whyte (committee Member) Mike Jones (Committee Member) Gilbert Carr, Breege Connolly, Marna Law, Lesley Penney Shane Allwright, Daniel Canning, Gaye O'Hara, Mary Coffey Virginia Coulter, Richard Cox, Hugh Gibbons Daphne Gill, Susan Leonard, Elizabeth Oldham, Tom Turpin, Maeve Foreman

**Apologies:** Gay Duffy, Frances Duffy, Anne Fitzgerald, Gaye Fallon, Claire Chambers, Mary O'Donnell, Mike Bridge, Jim Malone, Norah Kelso, Marcella Senior

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### 1. Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019 having been circulated were approved.

### 2. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

### 3. Reports from Officers

#### *Chairperson's Report*

The Chairperson welcomed everyone he referred to this new way of operating due to the Covid-19 virus, this will certainly be the way of operating well into the new year. Despite everything the Committee have been working in the background holding meeting via Zoom. For the time being all events will be online and we hope to now offer at least two events per month.

Relationship between the College and the Retirement Association: We have good contact and support from the College. The Association can now book rooms for events. The Association were invited to speak at the retirement courses for staff. We will be having a virtual coffee morning to welcome new retirees this month. We have the use of the Global room for coffee mornings and the Alumni room for committee meetings.

The Relationship between the Trinity Retirement Association and Retirement Associations in other Universities: The meeting of the 6 Colleges in this group should have been held in Cork in April, however due to Covid it had to be postponed. Trinity Retirement Association would hope to host this meeting in the future.

In conclusion the Chair thanked the members for their continued support and engagement with the Associations activities..

- **Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Association's Accounts for 2020 were displayed on screen

The Association had a healthy Balance. Which meant it was possible to subsidise coffee mornings and coffee etc at other events eg walks. Most events were self financing. The Committee had spent money keeping the website functioning well as this essential in these times. Most members had renewed their membership and for this the committee are very grateful. We may be able to offer a discount on subscriptions for 2021. The Treasurer also thanked our Web developer who has been crucial to keeping us in touch with members and up to date in these difficult times.

The meeting adopted the circulated Accounts for 2020 adoption proposed by Kay O'Neill seconded by Denise Leahy..

- **Secretary's Report:** The Secretary outlined some of the many and varied activities that had been organized by the Committee during the year.  
**Visits:** Provosts House, Rathfarnham Castle, Writers museum, Casin Marino, Trinity new Business School. Jewish Museum, Freemasons Hall and the Seamus Heaney Exhibition.  
**Walks.** Bohernabrena, Dollymount and Grand Canal to Poolbeg.  
**Other Events:** Lunchtime concerts in Concert Hall, Christmas Commons, Coffee mornings with various speakers. Coach trips to Johnston Castle and Altamont for the snowdrops. Also croquet and pitch and putt.  
**Trip:** Trip to Munich  
The Secretary also drew the meetings attention to the Creative Writing group which now had a presence on the website  
Since Lockdown an art lecture and an ice age talk and a talk on Bees.  
The Secretary thanked all the members of the Committee who had worked so hard to organize this wide range of events. She thanked our Chair who had worked especially hard to get us all up to speed using Zoom.  
Adoption of report proposed by Doreen MacRaois Seconded by Gaye O'Hara.

#### **4. Matters arising from these Reports**

The meeting expressed its thanks to the Committee for all its work.

#### **5. Proposals to amend the Constitution .**

##### **Section 3. Memberships and Subscript**

##### **Current Wording:**

*3.8 At the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee, the annual membership fee payable by members retiring from the College in a particular calendar year shall be waived For the remainder of that calendar year.*

##### **Replace with:**

3.8 At the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee, the annual membership fee payable by new members joining in the second half of a particular calendar year shall be waived for the remainder of that calendar year.

This amendment was passed.

##### **Section 4 Executive Committee insert new section 4.16**

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Notwithstanding Section 4.1 the Executive Committee may at any time co-opt a member to the Executive Committee until the next AGM, and such co-opted member of the Executive Committee shall have power to vote at meetings of the Executive Committee. Any member of the Executive Committee so appointed shall hold office only until the next AGM and then shall be eligible for election by the Members in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

An amendment was proposed after the word co-opt "up to a max of 2 members"

The meeting passed this amendment.

The new section as amended was passed.

##### **Section 6 General Meetings.**

##### **Current Wording:**

*6.3 Not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given to members of all General Meetings.*

*Replace with:*

6.3 Not less than twenty-one days' notice shall be given to members of all General Meetings. This amendment was passed.

## 6. Elections

The Chairperson invited the Secretary to address the meeting on this matter. The Secretary drew the meeting's attention to Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution, a copy of which was available On the website

### (a) Election of Officers

The Secretary advised the meeting that she had received one nomination for each of the posts of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. These nominations had been received in writing with appropriate notice (seven days prior to the AGM), had been proposed and seconded, and had the consent of the nominee, as follows:

Chairperson:	<b>Mike Nowlan</b>	Proposed by:	Ruth Potterton
		Seconded by:	Doreen MacRaois
Treasurer:	<b>Tom McCabe</b>	Proposed by:	Mike Jones
		Seconded by:	Claire Laudet
Secretary:	<b>Jean Whyte</b>	Proposed by:	Mike Nowlan
		Seconded by:	Ruth Potterton

The meeting deemed these elected.

The Secretary stated that there were six ordinary members of the Executive. Six nominations had been received in writing with appropriate notice (seven days prior to the AGM), had been proposed and seconded, and had the consent of the nominee, as follows:

<b>Ruth Potterton</b>	Proposed by:	Doreen MacRaois
	Seconded by:	Claire Laudet
<b>James Lunney</b>	Proposed by:	Jean Whyte
	Seconded by:	Ann Battersby
<b>Ann Battersby</b>	Proposed by:	Tom McCabe
	Seconded by:	Jean Whyte
<b>Claire Laudet</b>	Proposed by:	Ruth Potterton
	Seconded by:	Doreen MacRaois
<b>Mike Jones</b>	Proposed by:	Kay O'Neill
	Seconded by:	Claire Laudet
<b>Denise Leahy</b>	Proposed by:	Ruth Potterton
	Seconded by:	Mike Jones

The meeting deemed these elected.

## 7. Motions – There were no motions.

## 8. Any Other Business.

Drew the meetings attention to the various planned future events.

The Chair thanked the Secretary for her work.

The Chair thanked Kay O'Neill who was retiring from the committee for all her work, she was one of the founder members of the Association. She had also looked after our Postal members. The committee will greatly miss her contributions.

The Chair also thanked Doreen MacRaois who was retiring from the Committee. She had helped organize many events including walks and visits.

The Chair also thanked Mike Jones who had retired as Chair after a four year term last year but was still working away on the Committee

The Meeting thanked the committee for all their work and for all the interesting events organized over

the year and for managing to stay in touch and arrange talks etc. during the current Covid situation.

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Signed

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Date