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## Annual General Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

The sixth Annual General Meeting of the Trinity Retirement Association was held at 12 noon on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 via Zoom online platform.

Present: See attached list

Apologies: Roisin Ryan,

1. **Minutes** of the 2020 Annual General Meeting. Approved. Proposed by Claire Laudet seconded by Jean Whyte
2. **Matters rising:** No matters arising
3. **Reports from the Officers:**
  - Chairman's Report:**
    - a. The Chairman welcomed the members.
    - b. Membership stands at around 200+ - mostly paid up; 130 different members had attended events (names are known because members have to register in advance to receive the link for events) and , in addition, some of these had guest/partners/spouses.
    - c. Two events have been organized each month since September, with the exception of December when there was just one.
    - d. About 65% of members attend events and it is requested that they publicise events in their networks of retired TCD staff.
    - e. A 'light' relationship with TCD, a little activity with HR; TRA contribution to pre-retirement courses scheduled for May and June.
    - f. Inter-University Association of Retirement Associations had been planning a gathering, but it has been postponed for the moment.
    - g. The TRA's way of working has been transformed by the pandemic and is likely to remain online for some time to come and perhaps in a partial way after life evolves into the 'new normal' .
    - h. Appeal to members to volunteer to present talks, to suggest events (all necessary support and back-up will be provided), to serve on the Committee (co-option being a possible first 'taster' step) and to publicise events.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Finances in a healthy state. Balance of €5863 in the account will permit part-subsidisation of some events.

### ***Secretary's Report***

The Committee met on the third Tuesday of each month and made important decisions -

mainly about upcoming events and sharing responsibilities for them.

We organised two events each month since the last AGM in September, except for December when we just had one. Attendance via Zoom increased steadily throughout the period. The lowest number attending was 26 and the highest was 88. The events this year, because of Covid, were straightforward talks or lectures, plus an interactive Quiz, with great illustrations which held the audience's attention and provoked questions and discussion afterwards in the break-out rooms. There was quite a variety of topics as we strove to appeal to the broadly based membership of the Association. Here follows the list of events since the last AGM: they were illustrated by a selection of slides.

- Zoom Video Link Coffee Morning for New Retirees
- "I liked the early stuff,," Iggy McGovern via Zoom with Poetry
- 'The Challenge of Being an Irish Woman Sculptor' lecture via Zoom
- Lecture 'Red Hugh O'Donnell and His World' via Zoom
- Growing Spring Bulbs in Containers – online class via Zoom video link from Hazel Proctor
- 'The Liffeside and Dublin' Lecture via Zoom
- "Kremlin Nightmares" a Talk via Zoom
  
- 'Irish History Represented in Art' on Zoom from the National Gallery of Ireland
- 'Sacred Wells of Ireland: where does the water come from and is it good to drink?', a lecture by Bruce Misstear on Zoom
- 'Meteorites and the birth of the Solar System', a lecture by Ian Sanders on Zoom
- 'The Devil's Chaplain' a talk on the life and work of Charles Darwin via Zoom
  
- A glimpse of life in rural India, by Sara McMurry on Zoom
- March Madness Online Quiz, organised by Louise Power
- Writers' Group presentation. By Tim Jackson, Rose Kevaney, Jim Malone, Mary McCarthy and Pat Wall on Zoom
- Planting containers for summer by Hazel Proctor, on Zoom
- Notre Dame de Paris: Triumph and disaster by Roger Stalley on Zoom

Future plans will be discussed when the new committee meets next week but it is hoped that we will be able to organise a visit to an outdoor space like a garden or park as well more interesting talks.

The Officers' Reports were adopted.

Chairman's Report proposed by Doreen Mac Raois, seconded by Kay O'Neill

Treasurer's report proposed by Denise Leahy, seconded by Ruth Potterton

Secretary's report proposed by Liz Oldham, seconded by Claire Laudet

#### 4. Elections

Officers are elected at the AGM and serve for one year with a maximum of 3 years. The following 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:

	Proposed by:	Seconded by
Chairperson	Mike Nowlan	Claire Laudet
Treasurer	Tom McCabe	Denise Leahy
Secretary	Jean Whyte	Mike Nowlan

They were declared elected unanimously with an online poll.

Six 'ordinary' Committee members had been nominated as follows

Member	Ann Battersby	Myra O'Regan	James Lunney
Member	Mke Jones	Ruth Potterton	Claire Laudet
Member	Claire Laudet	Ruth Potterton	Jean Whyte
Member	Denise Leahy	Ann Battersby	Claire Laudet
Member	James Lunney	Claire Laudet	Mike Jones
Member	Ruth Potterton	Denise Leahy	Jean Whyte

They were declared elected unanimously by online poll

Thanks were expressed by members for the events that had been organized and tributes were paid to the committee for their hard work.

5. AOB.

Next event on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Provost elect has been invited to speak to the TRA; response awaited.

Link to be sent by Claire Laudet to videos about restoration work on Notre Dame

The meeting ended at 13.00 and the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance.