

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of I.W.A. Company Limited by Guarantee

Hybrid meeting held on Friday 26th May 2023 in Croke Park and streamed on Zoom.

Item 1 – Chairmans’ Welcome and Opening Address

Martin Kelly, Chair, opened the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and welcomed everyone to the AGM in Croke Park. He outlined how the event would run and the agenda for the meeting.

Item 2 - Minutes for 2022 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting, as available online, were taken as read. As there were no matters arising the minutes were adopted.

Proposed by: Tony Cunningham

Seconded by: Michael Doyle

Item 3 – Chief Executive Officer Address

Rosemary Keogh, Chief Executive Officer, welcomed everyone to the 2023 AGM.

She reviewed the work of, and developments in, IWA over the last 12 months in the areas of Advocacy, ALS, Community Supports, Holidays & Respite, Transport, IWA Sport and Housing.

As Rosemary was stepping down in August as CEO, she stated how much she had enjoyed working in the IWA and she thanked the members, volunteers, Board and staff for all the support she received while CEO. The Chair in turn on behalf of everyone, acknowledged her contribution to the organisation as CEO during her term of office.

Item 4 - 2022 Services Update by Chief Operations Officer

Chief Hoey, Chief Operations Officer, outlined a review of services in the past year speaking about operations and services in 2022.

He outlined IWA’s COVID-19 responses, and gave examples of IWA responding in line with our values of Courage, Equality, Integrity, Excellence, Fun, Openness and Visionary. He also answered questions from the floor, regarding staff recruitment and availability of disabled parking spaces.

Item 5 – IWA Annual Financial Statements 2022

Catriona Griffin, Chief Financial Officer & Director of Corporate Services reviewed the reports of the Board of Directors and the Auditors, and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2022, as available on the IWA website.

The annual financial statements 2022 were then approved.

Proposed by: Damon Matthew Wise

Seconded by: Padraic Hayes

Item 6 - Appointment of Auditors

The Directors were then authorised to appoint the auditors.

Proposed by: Dermot Murphy

Seconded by: Padraic Hayes

Item 7 - Election of President and Directors to the Board of Directors

Stephen O'Beirne, Company Secretary outlined the following elections results:

Election of Board Directors - 3 Nominees for 4 Vacancies

Laura MacDermott (Outgoing Director) – nominated and deemed re-elected.

Ann Marie Connolly (Outgoing Director) – nominated and deemed re-elected.

Peter Smyth (Outgoing Director) – nominated and deemed re-elected.

Election of President

Jonathan O'Grady (Interim President) – nominated and deemed re-elected.

As Stephen was retiring in July as Company Secretary, he took the opportunity to say how much he had enjoyed working in the IWA and he thanked the members, volunteers, Board and staff for all their support during his time with IWA. The Chair in turn on behalf of everyone, thanked Stephen for his contribution to IWA as Company Secretary over the years.

Item 8 -Open Forum

A number of questions were asked by members both in person and online. Topics included Respite, Active Recruitment, ALS Services, QQI Qualifications, Housing, Advocacy and Wheelchair Friendly Toilets. These were discussed and answered at length by members of the senior management team.

Martin Kelly, Chair, then thanked everyone for attending the meeting and brought the AGM to a close.