

Minutes ISAANZ General Meeting  
Maynooth University  
18<sup>th</sup> June 2015, 1pm.

Present:

Philip Bull, Dianne Hall, Elizabeth Malcolm, Mark Finnane, Larry Geary, Attracta Brownlee, Liz Rushen, Gemma Clark, Sophie Cooper, Susan Arthure, Ronan McDonald, Kevin Malloy, Patrick McNamara, Oona Frawley, Pauric Travers, Sharon Crozier De Rosa .

Apologies: Fidelma Breen, Anders Ahlqvist, Rod Sullivan, Robyn Sullivan, John McLaughlin, Miriam O'Donovan, Brad Patterson, Frances Devlin-Glass

**1. Minutes of the Previous meeting.** Minutes of the previous AGM on 10/4/14 were pre-circulated. Passed.

## **2. Committee reports**

### **President**

- The website is functioning well after its refresh. Please let Dianne Hall know of any updates for events or anything else for the website.
- Volume 15 of the *Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* will be launched tomorrow. This is a change of publication time (from December to June) which has been made to facilitate the publication process. This issue includes the essay that was the winner of the ISAANZ/*Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* essay prize – Daphne Wolf. The Postgraduate Irish Studies prize has been a success with strong entries from United States, UK and Ireland.
- Committee consists of President, VP (NZ), Treasurer, Secretary, 2 committee members to be elected, 2 ex-officio members – Journal Editor and Current Conference Organiser – and 5 co-opted members.

### **Treasurer**

Tabled.

- Due to the timing of this meeting, the decisions will be ratified by email circulation after 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.
- There has been a small but gratifying increase in membership.
- Income in the current year continues to exceed expenditure for the year. This needs to be addressed by increased membership and journal subscriptions.
- This year there were increased expenses due to two issues of the journal being published. This is a one-off occurrence.

### **Secretary**

Pre-circulated

### **Journal Editor**

- Application to be included in Project Muse was unsuccessful. Application will be made to JStor Ireland this year and we will try Project Muse again.

- Application will be made to be included in Scopus. In order to do this, we need to have abstracts for all articles. This will now be the process for all articles.
- Book review editor will be Gemma Clark who will take over reviews from Volume 16.

### **3. Election of Office bearers**

#### **President**

Nominated: Ronan McDonald  
 Nominated: Dianne Hall  
 Seconded: Philip Bull

No other nominations. Elected

#### **Vice-President**

Nominated: Brad Patterson  
 Nominated: Dianne Hall  
 Seconded: Larry Geary

No other nominations. Elected

#### **Treasurer**

Nominated: Philip Bull  
 Nominated: Ronan McDonald  
 Seconded: Dianne Hall

No other nominations. Elected

#### **Secretary**

Nominated: Frances Devlin-Glass  
 Nominated: Larry Geary  
 Seconded: Dianne Hall

No other nominations. Elected

#### **Committee members**

Nominated: Gemma Clark  
 Nominated: Ronan McDonald  
 Seconded: Dianne Hall

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#### **Ex-officio members**

Journal Editor representative: Dianne Hall  
2016 Conference convenor: Fidelma Breen.

Additional five committee members will be co-opted at the first committee meeting.

#### **4. 22nd Australasian Conference of Irish Studies**

Proposal accepted from Fidelma Breen, Dymphna Lonergan, Stephanie James and Susan Arthure for conference to be in Adelaide in 2016.

Susan Arthure spoke to the proposal saying it will be in November/December 2016 and planning is well under way.

Meeting concluded at 1.30pm