

ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY REPUBLIC OF IRELAND CENTRE www.rts.org.uk

Notes from Committee Meeting held online on Tuesday, 30th June 2020, 7.15pm

Present: Agnes Cogan (Chair), Charles Byrne (Treasurer), Niall Cogley (Deputy Chair), Stella Downey (Hon. Sec); Committee: Larry Bass, Helen Doherty, Peter McEvoy, Aidan Maguire, Bill Malone, Sue Murray, Marie Penston, Noel Smyth.

Apologies: Lís Ní Dhálaigh, Aoife Stokes.

Not Present: Adrian Lynch

Also Present: Peig Looney

The Chair, Agnes, opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

1. **Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting already circulated by Stella Downey. Minor amendment made to a company name. Proposed: Niall Cogley; Seconded: Helen Doherty.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** (COPY ATTACHED TO FILE). The annual accounts were audited by Paul Doyle. Enda O'Kane completed his term as Treasurer and was replaced by Charles Byrne. Total income for the year was €19,300; total expenditure was €13,636. Balance on Dec. 31, 2019 was €10,522. A major change is underway as all accounts are in the process of being centralised via London. Mike True plans to visit when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted. It was noted that there will be additional challenges for the ROI Centre due to the different currency and tax systems. Charles expressed gratitude to Breda O'Donohue, Andrea Elsworth, and Megan Fellows, for their assistance. He also thanked Dee Forbes and Alan Esslemont for their support.
3. **Chair's Report:** (COPY ATTACHED TO FILE). Agnes noted that there were many changes for the Centre in the last year, including six new Committee members. All the Officer positions changed in April 2019, and a sub-committee was formed to investigate Professional Awards. Major central reorganisation means significant changes for the ROI Centre, though the Covid-19 emergency response has delayed the implementation of centralised finances. Mike True will be visiting to hold further discussions when it is safe to travel. The Centre enjoyed great Student Awards success. One of the most notable events was the presentation of the Pilgrim Award to Charles Byrne by Teresa Wise and David Lowen, in July. Agnes extended thanks to Head Office for facilitating our online meetings in recent months.
4. **Nomination for RTS ROI Committee:** Helen was re-nominated to the Committee. Proposed: Agnes; Seconded: Marie. Officers normally serve a two-year term but positions can be discussed at the next Committee meeting. Anyone who wishes to step down must offer 21-days notice.
5. **Auditor Appointment:** Paul Doyle was re-nominated as Auditor. Proposed: Charles; Seconded: Noel.
6. **AOB:** The committee voted thanks to Agnes and Charles.

Next meeting: Wednesday 29th July, 6.30pm - online.