

Extraordinary General Meeting of the UCC Retired Staff Association

The Extraordinary General Meeting of the UCC Retired Staff Association was held in the Electrical Engineering Building, Room L2 on Thursday, 18 May 2023 at 2 00 pm.

1. **Apologies:** Aisling Campbell, Helen Kelly, Anne Kelly, John Cullinane, Myriam Cotter, Patricia Downing, Charles Daly, Bettie Higgs, Ruth McDonnell, Mary Daly, Tony Lewis, Avril O'Donnell, Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Healy.

In Attendance: Ronny Swain, Mary O'Grady, Pleun Maaskant, Mary Wade, John Doyle, Hattie O'Sullivan, Mary Steele, Esther O'Farrell, Rosarie Causer, Maeve McManamon, Susan O'Connor, Catherine O'Brien, Eleanor O'Connor, Vince Gallagher, Ann Egan, Eileen Twohig, Eileen O'Brien, Labouré Kelleher, Fiona MacLeod.

The Chairperson Hattie O'Sullivan confirmed with those present that the meeting had been called correctly and then proceeded with the election of officers.

2. **Election of Officers for 2023/2024:**

(a) Catherine O'Brien was elected as Chairperson and was proposed by Mary Steele and seconded by Hattie O'Sullivan.

(b) Mary O'Grady was elected Secretary and was proposed by Mary Steele and seconded by Ronny Swain.

© Pleun Maaskant was elected as Treasurer and was proposed by Eileen O'Brien and seconded by Ronny Swain.

3. **Election of Committee Members for 2023/2024**

Eileen Barry, Liam Cotter, Vincent Gallagher, Anne Kelly, Fiona MacLeod, Ruth McDonnell, Eileen O'Brien, Eleanor O'Connor, Margaret O'Shaughnessy were proposed by Mary Wade and seconded by Hattie O'Sullivan.

4. **Any Other Business:**

Under matters arising at the AGM Susan O'Connor agreed to check out if it is possible to start a Book Club for the RSA. Our understanding was that if one already existed, we could not set up a new one. Susan confirmed that whilst we could not start a new one, the Staff Sports and Social Club do have a Book Club and they would welcome members of the RSA to join.

Ronny Swain asked whether the RSA might consider amending the constitution following the non election of officers at the AGM which necessitated the need for an EGM. The members present agreed that the new committee should examine this. Ronny offered his assistance to the committee with any changes that may be considered. For information, Ronny provided excellent advice to the RSA when the original constitution was approved.

Ronny brought to our attention that UCC staff members are receiving training on *cyber crime* and it might be useful if members of the RSA could be trained too. The new committee will check this out with IT in UCC.

Eileen O'Brien, Treasurer mentioned that it might be possible to agree one signature when requesting money from the RSA bank account. The members agreed that this matter and any other financial matters would be considered by the new committee.

The EGM proposed that the current committee complete the June business and the new committee will start with the new academic session in September. A meeting will be held on Monday, 26 June 2023 at 2 30 pm in the Dora Allman Room, The Hub to discuss the handover.

The EGM approved changing the Get Together day from the Second Tuesday of each month to the second Thursday of each month from September 2023 with a start time of 2 30 pm.

Mary Steele reported that the UCC RSA Oral History Project is ongoing. Several members have agreed to be interviewed about their life, particularly in relation to UCC. The documents needed to cover the RSA in relation to the recordings are ready to be reviewed and the recordings will commence shortly. The project is affiliated with the Department of Folklore and Dr John Borghonovo, our recent guest speaker, who is the new official College Historian replacing Professor John A. Murphy has volunteered to assist with the project.

The Annual RSA BBQ, organised by Esther O'Farrell will take place at Sundays Well Tennis Club on Thursday, 29 June 2023. Esther volunteered to continue to organise this event each year.

The members present thanked the current committee for its excellent work over the past few years.

The new committee were very warmly welcomed by everyone present.

Mary Steele,
Acting Secretary, UCC RSA
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