

## **Annual General Meeting of the UCC Retired Staff Association**

**The Annual General Meeting of the UCC Retired Staff Association was held in the Council Room, UCC on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 at 2. 00 pm.**

1. **Apologies:** John Cullinane, Ruth McDonnell, Avril O'Donnell, Philip O Kane, Susan O Connor, Ronny Swain, Siobhan Laoide kemp, Hattie O Sullivan, Mary Morrison, Mary Cusack, Max Taylor, Tom Andrews, Laboure Kelleher, Mary Mc Grath, Dolores Dooley, Ann Egan, Eileen Barry.

**In Attendance:** Catherine O Brien, Chair, Mary O'Grady, Secretary, Pleun Maaskant, Treasurer, Mary Steele, Esther O'Farrell, Eleanor O'Connor, Vince Gallagher, Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Eileen Twohig, Eileen O'Brien, Fiona MacLeod, Anne Mc Cann, John Murphy, Stephen (Steven) Dodd

2. **Minutes of the EGM held on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 were approved by Vince Gallagher and seconded by Eleanor O Connor**

3. **There were no matters arising**

4. **Election of Officers for 2024/2025:**

Catherine O'Brien, Chairperson, Mary O'Grady, Secretary and Pleun Maaskant, Treasurer all indicated they were willing to continue in their respective roles for another year.

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

Vincent Gallagher, Eileen O'Brien, Eleanor O'Connor, Margaret O'Shaughnessy, Eileen Twohig, Eileen Barry all indicated they were willing to continue as RSA Committee Members. Ann Mc Cann was proposed by Eileen Twohig and seconded by Fiona Mc Leod.

The Officers commented that if committee members cannot attend 50% of the meetings then, decision making at RSA Committee meetings is compromised.

For 2024/25, we now have 10 RSA committee members in total (This includes RSA Officers and Committee Members) As per the Constitution, the Committee has the power to fill the two remaining vacancies through co-option from the membership. The Chair, Catherine O Brien, indicated that it would be important to fill the two remaining vacancies from recently retired membership to ensure the work of the RSA is reflective of all members i.e. those recently retired and those who have retired for some years.

The RSA Committee members wish to thank Fiona Mc Leod and Ruth Mc Donnell for their contribution to the RSA Committee.

6. **Chairperson's Report**

Catherine O Brien, Chairperson, gave a comprehensive report on the activities organised by the RSA committee throughout the year. There were 14 activities held in

total which included presentations on energy saving, ancient crafts such as, creation of paper from calf skin, overview of St John's Bible in the Boole Library, Cork's Rooftop Farm Business, Presentation on The Irish Revolutionary Period, (1916-1923), Presentations from Alone and Age Action, The Annual Barbeque, The wonderful trip organised by Ruth Mc Donnell to Gougane Barra and St Gobnait's Well in Ballyvourney, Presentation on cyber security, Presentation on Health and nutrition and importance of wellbeing. We concluded the year with an attendance of 170 plus retirees at the Annual Christmas Lunch on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

**Other RSA Activities :**

RSA members, Hattie O Sullivan organises Short walks on weekly basis  
Sue Aylwin organises Hill walking and  
Ruth Mc Donnell has organised some arts activities

**In conclusion,** Catherine O Brien thanked Dept of Human Resources, the Finance Office and pensions Office for their support throughout the year.  
Thanks was also attributed to UCC Staff, Sports and Social Club who continue to support RSA activities with financial aid.

**The Chairperson's report was approved by Margaret O Shaughnessy and seconded by Pleun Maaskant.**

**7. Financial Report**

Pleun Maaskant gave a comprehensive overview of the RSA finances. He covered the income from subscriptions, BBQ ticket sales, Christmas lunch ticket sales, Gougane Barra Ticket sales, Sports and Social Club grant in 2023 and UCC subvention.  
Pleun also outlined the Expenditure in 2023 which included Monthly meeting costs, Summer BBQ, Christmas lunch, Bank charges, presentations and miscellaneous costs.

The closing balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 indicated a positive increase on closing balance in 2022.

Cormac Mc Sweeney , Finance Officer in UCC has reviewed all income and expenditure in 2023 and has signed and approved the RSA Annual Accounts for 2023. All present thanked Pleun Maaskant for his efforts in managing the finances in 2023.

Pleun has requested support going forward in managing the tasks involved in ensuring finances are maintained in a correct manner. The RSA committee will give Pleun further support throughout 2024.

**The Financial report was approved by Vince Gallagher and seconded by Margaret O Shaughnessy.**

**AOB:**

The AGM attendees debated Ronny Swain's suggestion that the RSA constitution be amended following the non-election of officers at the AGM in 2023 which necessitated the need for an EGM.

After much debate, all present agreed that the current wording in the Constitution supported the previous Chair of the RSA Committee when the need arose to hold an

EGM when it wasn't possible to elect officers at the AGM that year. The Constitution states that " An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be convened by the Chairperson at the request of the Committee"

There being no further business the Chair thanked all those present for their contributions and the AGM was concluded.

Mary O Grady  
Secretary, UCC Retired Staff Association

11<sup>th</sup> April, 2024