



## **Tenth Annual AGM**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1p.m. – 1.45p.m.

Via Zoom

### **Minutes**

**Attendees:** Kate Acheson, Claire Cumiskey, Chris Gordon, Thea Gillen, Richard Moore, John Kearns, Aine Ni Shuilleabhain, Angela Gjertson, Aoife Durr, Claire McGowan, Niamh Ní Chonchubhair, Richard Butler Rita Melia, Roisin Fitzpatrick, Sinead O'Donovan and Vince McCarthy

#### **1. Minutes from the 2020 AGM**

Proposed by Aine and seconded by Claire McGowan

#### **2. President's Welcome**

Kate thanked everyone attending the meeting. Kate noted that things have been more accessible in the past year and that the IUSA had worked around the challenges really well. The IUSA created our first webinar events and online conference. Kate thanked the events committee of Richard, Vince, Roisin and Chris. A lot of work went into the conference, it was pre-recorded on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January. We have a large reach registered tonight and it has opened up the conference to a new audience. Kate noted that everyone has been struggling with their own work and life load and she thanked everyone for participating and contributing during the year. Kate extended particular thanks to Sinead Angie and Chris in the US embassy for all of their support to the IUSA. Kate extended a big thank you to Chris for all his hard work during the year.

Kate noted that the conference link can be sent to anyone who may be interested in viewing the event.

### **3. Financial Update**

Thea provided the financial update. Thea noted that IUSA now has online banking, Paypal to receive memberships and some reimbursements and also AIB banking for other incomes such as grants and also to make payments. Thea spoke through the income statement for 2020 and noted that income in 2020 related to the year only and conference expenses all related to the 2020 conference and expenditure for 2021 were expended in 2021.

Thea noted that the 2021 budget will be presented at BM2 (first BM after the Conference). Thea thanked Chris and Aoife for all of their help this year.

### **4. Events Update**

Roisin gave the events update and noted that the move to remote events was a different turn of events. We launched the first webinar series. Arts and the Future on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Ian Brunswick) and Youth and the Future 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (Ian Power). Attendance 40+ per event and new non-traditional attendees increased significantly. The learnings from the year are that these events can be utilised to mobilise new membership. Social media was used to bolster attendance and it was noted that zoom fatigue needs to be watched. Roisin thanked the two Claires, Thea, Kate and Chris and the entire board for the work on events.

### **5. Election of Board of Directors 2021**

Claire stepping down as secretary and Roisin stepping down as events lead. Julia Carmichael replacing Julia in events and Thea taking up the role of secretary. Aoife taking over the finance role. Two new members welcomed.

New positions were proposed by Roisin and seconded by Rita.

### **6. Articles of Association**

The AGM was updated that changes to the Articles of Association will be made at BM2 and include outline for IUSA roles. Proposed by Claire and seconded by Richard. Changes accepted.

## **7. AOB**

Date for Diary - Board Meeting 2 2021: 17th February @ 6pm

Reminder that books are being offered as prizes this evening. Reminder that the event starts at 7pm and the link is also available on twitter

Kate thanked Niamh for getting event information out to so many people and asked everyone to spread the word.