

Mary Mulvihill Association

AGM 25 November 2021 (ONLINE - ZOOM)

Attendance: Anne Mulvihill, Liam Ryam, Nóirín Mulvihill, Carmel Hennessey, Aileen McGrath, Fionnuala Murphy, Catherine Coxon, Jim Turner, Brian Dolan, Brian Trench, Rebecca O'Neill, Ena Prosser, Therese Caherty, Cáit de Barra, Cormac Sheridan, Eoin Murphy, Fiona Doris, Nigel Monaghan

Apologies: Brendan Delany, Marion Palmer, Peter Burke, Anne Fitzgerald,

1. Co-Chairperson's address (by Therese Caherty)

Therese welcomed the attendees to the sixth AGM of the Mary Mulvihill Association and the second one online. She noted that while the committee had wanted an in-person event, given the covid numbers the correct decision had been made to remain online.

She said that despite the pandemic it had been a good and busy year for the committee. She highlighted the partnership with the Science Gallery which resulted in an excellent roundtable discussion on the theme of the 2021 award 'Virus'. She thanked Brian Trench for arranging and chairing the event and ensuring a gender balance of participants. It put a much-needed pep in the step of the committee.

She spoke about the 2021 award, noting there were two superb awardees this year. She thanked Cliona O'Farrelly for her excellent presentation. There is an aim for future years to open the award up wider, to new disciplines other than science. The association will look to newer members to assist. She thanked Carmel Hennessey for her work in getting the membership into order.

The highlight of the year was organising a Plaque in Mary's honour. It was lovely to see everyone come together to celebrate the event. She thanked Rebecca O'Neill and the Plaque Committee for their work in getting this done, Brian Dolan for opening his house and garden for the event, and Leo Enright, Oran Grehan & Nóirín Mulvihill for their kind words at the event.

Therese thanked the committee for their work during the past two years, singling out those who joined the committee since the pandemic who had not had a single in person meeting – Rebecca O'Neill, Deirdre Ní Dhuillearga, Aileen McGrath and Fionnuala Murphy. She went on to say that the Mary Mulvihill Association was all about remembering Mary and that two of the committee members who contributed to that mission were stepping down this year – Catherine Coxon and Brian Trench.

Catherine is a person who always spots things that might be overlooked by others and that having her on the committee made it more effective as a whole. Brian was a founding member, and his fingers can be seen in all parts of the association. He is not a fan of complacency and kept the association on track and facilitated better outcomes. Both will remain members and will be available to help.

She finished her address by noting that Mary would be pleased to see the quality of the submissions to the award.

Nóirín then thanked everyone on the committee for their work over the past year on behalf of the family – In particular she thanked Catherine and Brian for their time on the committee.

2. Election of tellers (if necessary)

The meeting agreed that as it was unlikely that tellers would be required none would be appointed.

3. Adoption of minutes of AGM held on 26 November 2020

The minutes of the AGM held on 26 November 2020 were approved and signed with no amendments.

4. Election of Officers

The following were elected as Officers for 2021/22:

- Chair: **Therese Caherty & Nóirín Mulvihill**
- Proposed by Fionnuala Murphy & seconded by Anne Mulvihill
- Treasurer: **Aileen McGrath**
- Proposed by Therese Caherty and seconded by Nigel Monaghan
- Secretary: **Fionnuala Murphy**
- Proposed by Therese Caherty and seconded by Nóirín Mulvihill
- Membership Secretary: **Carmel Hennessey**
- Proposed by Aileen McGrath and seconded by Therese Caherty

5. Secretary's Report including reports from sub-groups

The Secretary's Report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, was taken as read and adopted.

Cormac Sheridan thanked Brian Trench for his work on the Award and roundtable discussion. Brian Dolan said he was pleased the plaque has gone up and that it wouldn't have happened without help from Rebecca O'Neill and the committee.

Fionnuala thanked the members of the sub-committees for their hard work during another turbulent year.

6. Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ended 31 August 2020 (to be tabled)

Aileen invited attention to her Treasurer's Report and Accounts for year ended 30 August 2021 which had been tabled. She noted it had been a learning curve for her after taking over from Ena this year.

She started by noting the financial year is the end of the financial year is the 30th, August of every year. And as such there is always a lag between the end of the financial year and the AGM. The Treasurer's report runs from August to August.

Mary Mulvihill Association ("MMA") secured reduced business banking fees for this account. A small reserve of under €500.00 was retained in a private account held in the names of Brian Dolan/ Ena Prosser, to enable payments using the organisation's debit card on that account. This account will be closed in coming months and a new Treasurer/Brian Dolan account will be opened.

Due to the ongoing pandemic many of the normal costs associated with the running of the Mary Mulvihill Association were not incurred. The association received €8,355 in donations for the year ending 31 August, 2021. There are still some issues with linking member to membership payments but due to the work of the membership officer these have been greatly reduced. The 5-year membership has proved popular and a system for accurately reflecting this in the income and reserves is in operation.

She stated that the Closing Balance was €27,199.74. There is a small balance on the working account of the organisation of around €419.

7. Approve Amendments to the Governing Instrument

All amendments added to the Governing Instrument at the 2021 AGM were formally approved.

8. Election of Ordinary members of the Executive

The following were elected as Ordinary Members of the Executive Committee for 2021/22:

- Anne Mulvihill:** proposed by Nigel Monaghan and seconded by Therese Caherty
Cormac Sheridan: proposed by Brian Dolan and seconded by Fionnuala Murphy
Liam Ryan: proposed by Brian Dolan and seconded by Nigel Monaghan
Nigel Monaghan: proposed by Brian Dolan and seconded by Rebecca O'Neill

Rebecca O'Neill: proposed by Nigel Monaghan and seconded by Fionnuala Murphy
Deirdre Ní Dhuillearga: proposed by Brian Dolan and seconded by Nóirín Mulvihill
Eoin Murphy: proposed by Fionnuala Murphy and seconded by Rebecca O'Neill
Fiona Doris: proposed by Nigel Monaghan and seconded by Brian Dolan

The committee thanked those members stepping down for their work Aileen singled out Ena for her assistance with taking on the role of Treasurer.

Carmel gave an update on membership, noting there are 75 members of the association. She also said that if any were interested in taking part in a sub-committee they could reach out to her.

9. Election of Auditors and setting audit fee

The meeting approved an Auditor and proposed provision for fees as follows:

C O Sullivan & Co, Chartered Accountants

Quaestor Management Services Ltd

50 Fortfield Park, Terenure

Dublin 6W

€100 + VAT for account preparation and TAX registration for 2019/20.

10. AOB

No AOB proposed

11. Chairperson's closing comments

Therese closed the meeting with a few remarks thanking the new committee members for joining and welcomed them on board. She noted that it was personally very rewarding, not just because it was advocating for Mary's legacy but also about the friendships made. It is a great way to learn what we can do well. It is wonderful knowing the impact Mary had on people and the community.