

*Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Feis Ceoil Association,  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.  
Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2 and online via Zoom*

The Chairman Mr. Ray Bates opened the meeting by welcoming members present both in person and online.

**1. Notice and Quorum**

The Chairman requested confirmation from attendees that the requisite notice of the AGM had been received, which was agreed. It was also confirmed that quorum had been reached, there being in excess of 20 members in attendance.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies had been accepted from 10 members whose names were read out at the meeting.

**3. Matters arising from minutes of AGM**

As there were no matters arising, it was proposed by Chris O'Toole and seconded by Edith Forrest that the minutes be approved for signature by the Chair.

**4. Retirement of Directors and appointment of new Directors:**

No current Directors were due for retirement or re-election.

**Co-option of new Director:**

The Chair informed those present that Christine Monk had been co-opted to the Board with responsibility for PR and Marketing during the year. With over 30 years' experience as a freelance publicist, she had worked with Feis Ceoil annually since 2010. She has been hugely instrumental in raising awareness of Feis Ceoil nationally and her expertise across all areas of the Arts has been invaluable in finding innovative ways to bring Feis Ceoil to the attention of the public. Now that she has taken up the full-time position of Director of Communications at the Abbey Theatre, we are delighted that she is prepared to continue her association with the Feis in this new role.

*It was proposed by Andy Gilsean and seconded by Anne-Marie O'Farrell that this co-option be approved.*

**5. Financial Report and adoption of Financial Statements for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022. (See attached from Finance Director)**

*The adoption of the Financial Report was proposed by Ursula Gormley and seconded by David Mooney.*

**6. Appointment of Auditors**

The Chairman announced that it was the wish of the Association to re-appoint KSI Faulkner Orr as auditors for the coming year. *This was proposed by Chris O'Toole and seconded by Jane Buckley.*

**7. Address by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Ray Bates**

*(See attached from Board Chairman)*

**8. Any Other Business**

The death of Ronald Swainson, former member and co-founder of the Swainson Pianoforte Award at Feis Ceoil, was noted. RIP

The death of Alison Young was also noted with regret. Alison had been involved with the Feis for over 50 years; had been a member of the Executive Committee, the vocal sub-committee, had been an official accompanist and private accompanist for many decades. She also set up and sponsored the Young Cup competition in memory of her late husband Bill.

Barry Murphy noted that Leeson Park worked very well as an additional venue for Feis competitions this year.

Ursula Gormley expressed her thanks for James Gleeson and Ray Bates for their work throughout the year and in preparation for the AGM.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Bates, Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Attachments*** Finance Director's Report  
Chairman's Report