

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRISH MUSEUM OF  
MODERN ART HELD BY ONFERENCE CALL, KILMAINHAM, ON 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 AT  
13.00am**

Present: David Harvey, Mary Apied, Dermod Dwyer, Gerard Byrne, Margot Lyons, Mike Fitzpatrick, Jess Majekodunmi, Ali Curran, Emma Goltz, Sinead O'Sullivan

Apologies : Eva Kenny, John Cunningham

In attendance: Annie Fletcher, Fintan McDonald (Company Secretary); and for agenda items Lisa Fitzsimons and David Duff

**1 Conflict of Interest**

All Directors confirmed that they had no conflict of interest in relation to the matters to be dealt with at this meeting.

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were taken as read.

Minutes were proposed for approval by AC, seconded by MA and approved.

**3 Matters arising**

No matters arising.

**4 Director's Report**

- a. The PYMs exhibition has opened and is important for defining how to build an art collection.
- b. Patricia Hurl – The exhibition is proving very popular with very broad reach. A publication is being planned.
- c. Sarah Pierce 'Scenes of the Myth' is open and will feature in Art Review later this month.
- d. IMMA Outdoors 2023: 8 June – 23 Sept will feature live music on Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.
- e. IMMA is working with MISA (Mercer's Institute for Successful Ageing) at St James' to instigate a wellbeing initiative.
- f. IMMA Horizons – the expanded version of IMMA's Art & Ageing programme will be launched in June.
- g. Matheson Creative Hub – the architecture competition is complete, and the winner has been announced.

- h. The conviviality project, looking at space use in the Matheson Hub, the foyer and the café is on-going.
- i. Eirigh, the courtyard structure from Earth Rising 2022, has been reinstated. AF has been asked to present at a national policy framework on culture and climate.
- j. IMMA has opened discussions with Heuston Station about a space in the station to promote IMMA.

## **5 IMMA Strategy 2023-27**

A draft introduction to the Strategy 2023-27 document was discussed. A number of observations were made with suggestions to the Executive to amend the text.

## **6 Development Strategy**

LF joined the meeting and presented a draft strategy on plans to raise financial support through grants, sponsorship and membership programmes. The matter was discussed and the Board will return to this matter at the next meeting.

## **7 Security Update**

DD joined the meeting and presented a security briefing. DD updated the Board on the current fire and security arrangements at IMMA. A tender for night-time security manpower has been completed and the tender awarded to the incumbent company. The Board agreed to approve this renewal. An upgrade of The Fire Suppression system at the storage facility is nearing completion.

## **8 Finance, Audit & Risk Committee update – ML**

ML presented a report to the Board, following the FAR Committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> April.

- i. The Internal Auditors attended the meeting and presented a report on Stakeholder Communication and Engagement. The overall finding was that the system operated to a satisfactory level. They made five recommendations that have been accepted by Management.
- ii. The external audit field work is complete and the draft Statutory Accounts together with Final Management Accounts for 2022 were presented. An additional committee meeting is being scheduled for May to review the Financial Statements.
- iii. Budget 2023 has been re-cast to reflect updated estimates since the Committee discussed the budget in November 2022. There are some small changes to anticipated revenue, and estimates for utility costs have been reduced and the benefit is being invested in IMMA's programme.
- iv. Management Accounts to February were reviewed and are satisfactory.
- v. The Committee's Workplan for the year was reviewed and agreed.

- vi. The Annual FARC Report 2022 was reviewed by the Committee and is presented here to the Board for its approval. The report was endorsed by the meeting.

**9 Finance**

The final Management Accounts for 2022 and the Management Accounts to February 2023 were presented and are satisfactory.

**10 Risk Register**

The latest version of the Risk Register was discussed. A limited number of changes had been made since the last Board Meeting.

**11 AOB**

Membership of the Board Committees was discussed. It was agreed the GB, SOS and AC would join the FAR Committee. Membership of the Collections and Acquisitions Committee would be reviewed after the latest round of Acquisitions was complete.

AF left the meeting. The Board discussed the report of AF's first term as Museum Director and agreed unanimously to propose her reappointment to the Department.

**12 Close**

The next meeting is scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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**Chair**