

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the British Association for Irish Studies which took place in the Ulster Room at the Irish Club, Eaton Square, London SW1 on Saturday, 12 November 1988, beginning at 2.45 p.m.

APOLOGIES: Tom Arkell, Séamus Mac Mathúna, James McAuley.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS AGM: Agreed as a correct record and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NAMES OF ELECTED AND CO-OPTED MEMBERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND NAMES OF CONVENORS OF ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEES:

#### OFFICERS

Chair: Ms Ruth Dudley-Edwards

Vice-Chair: Mr Jim O'Hara

Hon Sec: Dr David Cairns

Treasurer: Dr Shaun Richards

Conference Secretary: Mr Jonathan Moore

#### CONVENORS OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Higher Education: Dr George Boyce

Continuing & Further Education: Mr Nesson Danaher

Compulsory Education: Mr Clem Morrison

Irish Language: Ms Kate Thompson

Cultural: Ms Gemma O'Connor

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Mr Eamonn Hughes

#### MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr Paul Bew

Dr Patrick Buckland

Professor Emrys Evans

Dr Mary Fitzgerald

Dr Anne Lawrence

Mr James White McAuley

Mr Oliver McLarnon

Professor Séamus Mac Mathúna

Mr Bob Purdie

Dr G J B Watson

#### REPORTS

Chair/Vice-Chair: The Chair and Vice-Chair gave a report which covered the Ireland Fund of Great Britain dinner and other lobbying; the House of Commons dinners, sponsored by AIB, for potential donors; the continuing negotiations with AIB concerning sponsorship; applications for support to the Ireland Fund of America and the Irish Lottery; the maintenance of contact with politicians and civil servants in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, with organisations such as the Federation of Irish Societies, in Britain, and ACIS, in the USA, and with the press.

Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary spoke to a written report which included the following - new patrons; services to members; the annual lecture series; progress on A/S levels being developed under the Joint Education Programme; in-service training at the Institute of Irish Studies, Liverpool, under the Joint Education Programme; BAIS/Institute of Linguists co-operation; the future of the Chair of Irish at Aberystwyth; developments in Irish Studies at Liverpool, PNL and elsewhere.

Honorary Secretary: Outlined plans for the next edition of the Survey of Irish Studies in Britain.

Treasurer: Submitted the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 1988. These were adopted by the meeting.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed and spoken to by the Honorary Secretary and adopted by the meeting:

- 4 After "Officers" add "and Executive Committee".
- 4.3 After "two representatives from" omit "each of the advisory subcommittees referred to in 4.7 below" and add "each of the duly constituted advisory subcommittees of the Association".
- 4.9 After appoint add "the Editor and".

Delete section 4.8.

Create a new section 5 and renumber throughout accordingly.

#### 5 Advisory Subcommittees

- 5.1 The Executive Committee shall have the power to constitute advisory subcommittees, and the membership of such duly constituted subcommittees shall be reconstituted following each Executive election.
- 5.2 Duly constituted advisory subcommittees shall be convened initially, in each case mentioned in 5.1, by a person identified by the Executive Committee.
- 5.3 Following each Executive Election, each duly reconstituted advisory subcommittee will appoint two of its members to represent the subcommittee on the Executive Committee for the term of the Executive Committee. The Convenor of the Subcommittee will normally be one of those representatives. If either of the chosen representatives is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive or of Officers and Convenors, a substitute for that person may be appointed by the subcommittee from among its members.
- 5.4 It will be the responsibility of Convenors of subcommittees to ensure that minutes are taken at all meetings and that approved minutes are submitted to the Executive Committee.

5.5 The Honorary Secretary of the Association, or the Association's full-time Official will notify members from time to time of the duly constituted subcommittees or their membership.

6.1 After "4.2 and" omit "4.3" and add "for posts in 4.3 which are to be filled by a ballot of all the paid-up members".

#### MEMBERSHIP FEES

The following motion was proposed and spoken to by the Treasurer and adopted by the meeting:

That as from June 1989 (the beginning of membership year 1989-90) the rates of subscription for membership shall be as follows:

Waged	£14.00	(\$23)
Unwaged	£ 7.50	(\$12)
Corporate/Multiple User	£30.00	(\$60)

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Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter editor gave an account of his editorship during the past year. He outlined his ideas for the development of the Newsletter.

Conference Secretary: The outgoing Conference Secretary indicated the initial arrangements made with Liverpool concerning the 1989 BAIS biennial Irish Studies conference.

Higher Education: George Boyce reported that the survey of provision for Irish Studies in Higher Education had been completed. He indicated the use would be made of the information so gained.

Continuing & Further Education: Jonathan Moore reported on a number of meetings which he had attended, or which were projected, in connection with the development of Irish Studies at this level.

Compulsory Education: Nesson Danaher reported on the development of examinations and in-service training under the Joint Education Programme.

Irish Language: Siobhán Uí Néill reported on the development of in-service training for teachers by the subcommittee. She also reported progress on Irish language examinations being developed by BAIS and the Institute of Linguists.

AOB: There was no AOB.

The meeting closed at 4.40 p.m.