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ASSOCIATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF STATE AGENCIES

Minutes of the 12th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Chief Executives of State Agencies

The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Chief Executives of State Agencies was held from 5.30 pm on Thursday 11th April 2024 in The Card Room, at Stephen's Green Club, Dublin 2. The meeting was chaired by Rosalind Caroll, Chair of the Association.

Members and Alumni Present:

Hilkka	Becker	Maureen	Kennelly
Garrett	Blaney	Joanne	Kissane
Carol	Boate	Geraldine	Larkin
Laura	Brien	Paddy	Lavelle
Maurice	Buckley	Owen	Lewis
Patricia	Carey	Deirdre	Malone
Rosalind	Carroll	Margaret	McCabe
Ger	Casey	John	McDaid
Elaine	Cassidy	John	McDonagh
Anne Marie	Caulfield	Anne	McGarry
Sandra	Collins	Eucharia	Meehan
Joan	Crawford	Niall	Muldoon
Fionnuala	Croke	Tomás	Ó Siocháin
Niall	Cussen	Orla	O'Brien
Ciairín	de Buis	Mairéad	O'Driscoll
Madeleine	Delaney	Marian	O'Sullivan

Renee	Dempsey	Jim	O'Toole
Brian	Doherty	Kevin	Prendergast
Ian	Drennan	John	Regan
Andrea	Feeney	Padraig	Walsh
Angela	Fitzgerald	Joanne	Walsh
Arlene	Forster	William	Walsh
Niall	Gleeson	Sheila	Willis
Anne	Graham	Helen	Hall
John	Kearney		

Apologies

A number of apologies were noted.

In attendance/support

Dermot Ryan (Company Secretary); Doireann Byrne-Ryan and Jacob Hudson, ACESA Events Team.

1 Opening Remarks

Rosalind Carroll, Chair, welcomed all members to the AGM.

2 Minutes of ACESA AGM 11th March 2023

The minutes of the 2023 AGM, held on 11th March 2023, were adopted by consensus.

3 Presentation of Annual Report (Chair)

The Association's Annual Report for 2023 was presented to members.

The Chair highlighted a number of achievements over past year including:

- Delivery of 10 briefings and events.
- These included an event with Minister Eamon Ryan, who reminded members of the key role and responsibility state agencies have when it comes to the climate challenge.
- Members learned about the strategies and tactics for success when holding the lonely job at the top from former European Commission Secretary-General Catherine Day.
- The Chair thanked Briefing & Events Subgroup Chair Garrett Blaney.
- Through the Annual Survey, members had Indicated high levels of satisfaction with their membership benefits.
- ACESA continues to engage with government, In particular through membership of the public Service Leadership Board.

The Chair finished by giving thanks to her fellow board members and thanked Dermot Ryan. She paid particular thanks to outgoing Board members John Farrelly, Helen Hall and Jim O'Toole.

4 Presentation of Accounts (Treasurer)

Jim O'Toole (Treasurer) presented the Association's accounts for 2023. ACESA remains In strong financial health, with a healthy balance allowing It to deliver the planned 2024 Conference.

The Treasurer said the accounts came with endorsement and recommendation for adoption from ACESA Auditors, Devaney & Durkin.

5 Adoption of Annual Accounts

The Treasurer asked that the Annual Accounts be adopted, and this was agreed.

Proposer: John Kearney Seconder: Hilkka Becker

6 Appointment of Auditors

A proposal to appoint Devaney & Durkin as ACESA's auditors for the year 2024-2025 was put to the meeting and was agreed by consensus.

Proposer: Garrett Blaney Seconder: John McDonagh

7 Election of Board Members

The Chair Informed the meeting that the term of five Board members – Hilkka Becker, John Farrelly, Helen Hall, John McDonagh and Jim O'Toole ends at the 2024 AGM. Two board members - Fiona Coyne and Liz Pope had resigned during the year, meaning that there were two vacancies on the board to serve out the remaining two years of Fiona and Liz's term.

Three Board members, elected at the 2023 AGM – Rosalind Carroll, Garrett Blaney and Brian Doherty, remain as Board members. Their term will expire at the 2026 AGM.

Five ACESA members were nominated to serve on the Board for a three-year term until the 2027 AGM:

- Angela Fitzgerald - Proposer: Helen Hall; Seconder: John Farrelly
- Aideen Hartney – Proposer: Geraldine Larkin; Seconder: Helen Hall
- Tomás Ó Siocháin - Proposer: Carol Boate; Seconder: Hilkka Becker
- Joanne Walsh - Proposer: Helen Martin; Seconder: John Farrelly
- William Walsh - Proposer: Garrett Blaney; Seconder: Anne Graham

Two ACESA members were nominated to serve on the Board to complete the remaining vacant terms of two members, until the 2026 AGM:

- Hilkka Becker - Proposer: Angela Denning; Seconder: John Farrelly
- John McDonagh - Proposer: Gina McIntyre; Seconder: Rosemary Steen

The number of nominees did not exceed the number of vacancies. In accordance with 3.1.9 of the ACESA Articles of Association, if the number of nominees does not exceed the number of vacancies, all the nominees are deemed to have been elected by ballot.

Any Other Business

As there was no other business, the Chair thanked members for their attendance and welcomed Guest Speaker David McRedmond.

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