



Arthritis Ireland: Minutes of the AGM of the Board

9th October 2014

The Helix, Dublin City University, Dublin 9

Attendees- Board: Mr. Peter Boyd, Mr John O’Flynn (Chairperson), Mr Michael Kelly, Mr. Seoirse Smith, Ms. Eimear Lyons, Mr. John Tuohy.

Apologies; Ms. Anne-Marie Healy, Mr. Conor Kavanagh

Branch Committee members and ordinary members attendance – Recorded on the day.

In Attendance: Mr. John Church, CEO

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The notice convening the meeting has been circulated and the meeting duly called to order.

Mr John O’Flynn thanked those members and Branch Committee members who travelled to attend the AGM.

1: Resolution to Receive the Minutes of the AGM, October 10th 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as a true and accurate record and were signed by Mr. John O’Flynn being proposed by Mr. Michael Kelly and seconded by Mr Seoirse Smith.

2: Resolution to receive the Annual Report and Accounts of Arthritis Ireland for year ended December 31st 2013

The CEO read highlights from the 2013 accounts. The accounts were proposed by Mr Michael Kelly and seconded by Mr Peter Boyd.

3: Resolution to note the election of new directors and the re-election and retirement of other directors.

Election of New Director – Having joined the Board in the course of the year, and as per the Articles of Association being required to be officially voted through at the next AGM which is October 9th 2014, Mr. John Tuohy was proposed by Mr. Seoirse Smith and seconded by Mr. Michael Kelly.

Re- Election; Having served one term of 3 years on the board, the following directors have volunteered to serve a further term of Three Years.

- Mr. Conor Kavanagh – Proposed by Mr. John Tuohy, Seconded by Mr. Michael Kelly
- Prof. David Kane – Proposed by Mr. Peter Boyd, seconded by Ms. Eimear Lyons.

Retirement ; Dr. Frances Stafford indicated that she wished to retire from the board and not be considered for re-election. Mr John O' Flynn thanked Dr. Stafford for her contribution to the board of Arthritis Ireland.

4: Resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors for 2015 by order of the board.

The Chair pointed out that Ernst & Young carried out the 2014 audit on a pro-bono basis which saves the organisation in the region of €15,000 per year. Mr Michael Kelly proposed Arthritis Ireland thanks EY via a note of thanks at the AGM. Mr John Church added that a letter of thanks is sent as a matter of course and that E&Y is thanked publically in our Impact Report and is happy to have their work acknowledged publically.

5: AOB

Olwyn Lanigan, Member of Arthritis Ireland, raised 2 issues.

One surrounded the issue of there being difficulty in reading the website in certain areas due to the contrast and colours used. Mr John Church thanked her for raising this and assured her that it would be looked at.

The second question surrounded the Charities Act 2009, issues around governance and transparency and how Arthritis Ireland was positioned. Mr. Michael Kelly and Mr. John Church assured Ms Lanigan that Arthritis Ireland has signed up to the Code of Governance and has established a Governance sub-committee to provide oversight of the executive. The Impact Report was mentioned as a document that displays full transparency and the intention to publish a similar document each year. Mr Michael Kelly concluded that Arthritis Ireland has anticipated requirements surrounding the Charities Act and the appointment of a Charities Regulator and are up to date.

The official agenda concluded and the meeting formally drawn to a close.

Signed _____ Date _____