

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Mediators' Institute of Ireland.**

**21st November at 6.30 pm 2024 on Zoom**

The meeting was chaired by MII Hon. Secretary, Orla Tompkins.

The Hon. Secretary opened the meeting and verified that a quorum was present.

It was NOTED that three proxy votes had been received and all were in favour of President Ber Barry Murray.

There were 34 Members present on Zoom. See Appendix 3

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 AGM and the EGM on 25th September and matters arising.**
  - MINUTES OF THE AGM: Proposed by Mary Flanagan and seconded by Scott Alexander. APPROVED.
  - 2. MINUTES OF THE EGM Proposed by Denis Blanch and seconded by Bob Cree Hay. APPROVED.

There were no matters arising brought to the attention of the meeting.

### **2. President's Annual Report.**

The President, Ber Barry Murray, outlined the work of the MII over the past year and thanked the volunteers on Council and committees for their work. See appendix 1 for the presentation. She noted that the MII journeyed through a year of transformative change in 2024, marked by significant progress in key strategic areas, including governance restructuring, strategic partnerships, providing key learning and support opportunities for our members and contributing to the development of the Mediation Council - read the full details in the Annual Report (Appendix 1)

### **3. CEO Report**

The CEO, Sue Cogan, presented a report on the operational work of the MII. See appendix 2 for the presentation.

She notified the meeting that the MII has been awarded the Charities Institute of Ireland Triple Lock Status that verifies best practise and high standards of MII, assures stakeholders of our high standards and exemplifies MII as a highly trusted organisation.

### **4. Council Elections**

There were 10 Vacancies on the MII Council.

Nine nominations were received namely:-

Name	Surname	Proposer	Seconder
Ber	Barry Murray	Orla Tompkins	Andrea O'Neill
Denis	Blanch	Scott Alexander	Susan Chauke
Joe	Coleman	Andrea O'Neill	Tony Davis
Niamh	Cunningham	Keelin O'Reilly	Pamela Howard
Niamh	Fitzpatrick	Andrea O'Neill	Bob Cree Hay
Rónán	O'Brien	Orla Tompkins	Tony Davis
Brian	O'Byrne	Pauline Eustace3	Daphna Cuddy
Andrea	O'Neill	Niamh Fitzpatrick	Orla Tompkins
Polly	Phillimore	Siun Kearney	Orla Tompkins

As the number of Nominations is less than the number of vacancies, the above nine nominees are confirmed to be duly elected as Members of the MII Council.

## 5. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer outlined the financial situation as contained in the Annual Accounts. He confirmed that the MII is running a deficit in the accounts and that this was a planned decision by Council so that the strategic decisions of the MII could be implemented. In particular he noted the recruitment of a CEO as being one of those key strategic expenditures.

He also discussed the decision to raise membership fees and outlined the research that had gone into determining the new level of fees.

## 6. Annual Accounts

- Presentation of Audited Accounts for 2023.

The annual accounts were circulated to all members and presented to the meeting by the Treasurer. They are included in Appendix 1 (President's Annual Report)

- Presentation of Auditor's Report for 2023

The Auditor's Report was circulated to all members and presented to the meeting by the Treasurer. They are included in Appendix 1 (President's Annual Report)

- \* Appointment of Auditors for the 2024 Financial Year and authorise Council to fix the Auditors' remuneration.

It was proposed that the Treasurer seeks tenders for future accountancy services.

Proposed by: Niamh Fitzpatrick Seconded by: Andrea O'Neill

APPROVED.

## 7. Any other business.

There was no other business.

On behalf of the Council of MII

Orla Tompkins

Hon. Secretary

11 November 2023

## Appendix 1



## Appendix 2



Participants (35)

Find a participant

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Mediators' Institute ... (Host, me)

Sue Cogan MII C... (Co-host)

BB

Ber Barry-Mur... (Co-host, guest)

Orla Tompkins (Co-host, guest)

Andrea O'Neill (Guest)

AM

Angela McCarthy (Guest)

AW

Ann Walsh (Guest)

AL

Anne Lordan (Guest)

Anne-Marie Blaney (Guest)

Avril Sheridan (Guest)

B

bernie (Guest)

Bob C... (Guest)

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Brian O'Byrne (Guest)

Caroline Kelly (Guest)

Ciaran Dolan (Guest)

CH

Claire H (Guest)

DM

Deirdre Murphy (Guest)

D

denisblanch (Guest)

FS

Frances Stephenson (Guest)

FM

Frank Mulrennan (Guest)

Geoffrey Corry (Guest)

JN

Jeane Nourse (Guest)

J

Joe (Guest)

JI

John's iPad (Guest)

Martina Murphy (Guest)

MF

Mary Flanagan (Guest)

MO

Michael OSullivan (Guest)

NC

Niamh cunningham (Guest)

NF

Niamh Fitzpatrick (Guest)

PP

Polly Phillimore (Guest)

RM

Roisin Mc Daid (Guest)

SA

Scott Alexander (Guest)

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seamus (Guest)

Siun Kearney

TD

Tony Davis

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