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Theatre Forum CLG
trading as Performing Arts Forum
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Date: Friday, 27 September 2024
Location: Online via Zoom

MINUTES

David Francis Moore welcomed everyone as Chair. Between proxies and attendees, the meeting was quorate and proceeded accordingly.

1. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

The minutes from the 2023 AGM were reviewed and approved without any amendments.

2. Annual Report and Financial Statements

The Company's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 were presented. The statutory auditors' report was also considered.

3. Appointment of Statutory Auditors

The Directors were authorised to appoint the statutory auditor and to determine their remuneration.

4. Election of Directors

Election candidates presented their statements. The results were counted and verified post-meeting, with the following outcomes:

- Joy Nesbitt and Kelly Phelan were elected.

5. Chair's Presentation

The Chair, David Francis Moore, delivered a report on the company's activities and financial performance for the year 2023. He highlighted the following key points:

- **Financial Performance:** The year 2023 concluded with the company recording a deficit of €8,227. The directors agreed that this shortfall would be covered by the company's accumulated reserves, which stood at €46,430 by year's end. The deficit was mainly due to an overspend on MAKE and the broader economic pressures impacting the arts sector.
- **2023 Activities:** The company delivered a strong programme of member events, training sessions, and initiatives, including MAKE, the Green Arts Initiative, the Gathering and other member events in 2023.
- **Strategic Initiatives:** The Chair emphasised the company's progress in its transition to Ireland's Performing Arts Forum.
- **Looking Ahead:** The Chair discussed the organisation's priorities including advancing fair and sustainable working conditions for artists and arts workers, enhancing multidisciplinary connections, and supporting climate leadership initiatives.
- **Acknowledgments:** The Chair expressed gratitude to the outgoing board members (Orla Flanagan, Ronan Phelan and himself), the executive team, and all members, partners, and funders for their continued support. Further thanks were given to Anna Walsh, who completed her tenure as Director at the end of 2023 after 11 years with the organisation.

6. Chair Succession

With David Francis Moore retiring as a board member, the role of Chair will pass to Mary Boland.

Conclusion

There being no other business, the Chair thanked all attendees for their participation and support, and the meeting adjourned.