

**Irish Kidney Association Minutes
Annual General Meeting on Zoom
Saturday 4th September 2021**

The Annual General Meeting of the Irish Kidney Association CLG was held by virtual zoom on Saturday 4th September 2021.

The National Chairman, Colin Mackenzie, welcomed the members to the AGM. A minute's silence was observed for all deceased members and donor families. The apologies were noted. A quorum of 20 had been set for the AGM at the board meeting on the previous evening, Friday 3rd September 2021. There were a total of 48 in attendance for the AGM and a total of 43 at the IKA Strategy Launch.

The apologies were noted: John Whelan, National Secretary, Elsie Moore, Lisa Mellon, Kieran Murray, Liam Buttle, Angela Kirwan, Frances Moynihan, Valerie Brady.

1. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting – National Honorary Chairman.

In the absence of John Whelan, National Secretary, the minutes of the previous AGM were read by Eddie Flood, National Treasurer. The minutes were adopted on the proposal of Joan Gavan and seconded by Pat May.

2. Approval and adoption of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 – National Honorary Treasurer.

Eddie Flood, National Treasurer, read the accounts report.

There were no queries on the accounts. The accounts were proposed by Michael Kiely and seconded by Edward Kehoe.

3. Appointment of Auditors and authorisation of the Directors to fix the Auditor's remuneration.

The Directors were given the authority to fix the remuneration of our auditors PKF O'Connor, Leddy & Holmes Limited, Century House, Harolds Cross Road, Dublin 6W. The Chairman explained in order to re-appoint PKF O'Connor, Leddy & Holmes Limited we required a vote. A vote was taken to re-appoint the auditors and there were no objections.

4. National Honorary Chairman's Report.

The Chairman updated the members on our Renal Support Centre (RSC). The Centre was sequestered by Beaumont Hospital in March 2020. The Hospital had requested that the RSC be retained by them until October 2022. The Chairman gave a report on the work carried out in the Centre at a cost of €200,000. He explained how the Board, after careful consideration had agreed to Beaumont's request and there were no queries from the members on this decision. The Chairman explained that due to Covid 19 many of our activities and services

were cancelled. On behalf of the Board he expressed his appreciation to three members of long-standing staff, Mark Murphy, CEO, Lorraine Costello, Patient Support Officer, and Cyril Kelly, Finance Manager who all retired in 2020. The Chairman welcomed Carol Moore, new CEO, Gary Davitt, new Finance Manager, and Fiona Aherne, new Patient Services Manager.

The Chairman answered questions regarding board effectiveness and the Governance Code. The Chairman thanked the IKA members, donor families and his fellow officers and the Board.

5. AOB:

There were no items raised under AOB.

Notes of meeting

The formal AGM ended at 2.45pm and the Introduction to the new IKA Strategic Plan 2021- 2025 was launched at 3.00pm.

The CEO gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan 2021-2025. The attendees broke into groups to discuss the strategic objectives.

Room 1: Supporting Patients

The points reported by this group;

- More support for patients for their transition to dialysis
- Patients exchanging dialysis sessions nationwide in order to avail of holidays around the country.

Room 2: Living Life Well

The points reported by this group;

- More care and information for newly diagnosed patients
- Support groups and programmes for living well with chronic kidney disease.

Room 3: Dynamic Branches

The points reported by this group;

- Strengthening the network in branches.
- Guidelines put in place for all branches holding branch meetings. How to conduct a meeting and make new members feel welcome.

Room 4: Organisational Fitness

The points reported by this group;

- The need to collaborate with other member organisations and have a liaison officer in Donor House specifically qualified in this area.

Room 5: Research Campaigning

The points reported by this group;

- More research programmes available to members possibly through the SUPPORT magazine.
- Representative from local hospital to attend branch meetings.
- Help families more as well as the patient, as renal failure affects all.

The following dates were given to the members:

Saturday 18th September - PKD International Event

Monday 27th September - Patient Forum on home dialysis with George Mellotte in attendance

Monday 18th October - Branch Officers meeting

Wednesday 6th October – Recording of the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving.

A general conversation ensued with the members and the following items were highlighted

- Long term disability benefit for patients.
- Newly diagnosed patient.
- Promoting the IKA branches and services.
- Education and information packs.
- Need for IKA posters in Dialysis Units.
- Development of peer support for home haemodialysis and peritoneal dialysis patients.

Edward Keogh complimented the Kerry Branch on the holiday homes in Tralee and Killarney.

The Chairman thanked all those in attendance. He explained how the IKA wants to listen to the members and keep them involved in the ongoing changes ahead with our new strategy.

The meeting ended at 4.40.