



Irish Countrywomen's Association
Bantracht na Tuaithe

Firstly, thanks to everybody who came to the EGMs Saturday 18th November in Athlone.

Over 600 members were present. That is a fantastic turnout from Guilds all over the country.

We value the effort made by Federations, who sponsored buses, and the Guild members who availed of this transport. We really appreciate your support.

At the first EGM held in the morning, called by the National Executive Board (NEB), the motions put forward by the NEB were carried on a majority of over 80%. i.e., **Motion 1: 89.8%, Motion 2: 85.9%, Motion 3: 87.7% and Motion 4: 84%**.

Each motion was proposed by a member of the NEB and seconded by a member of the Structures' Working Group. Each Motion was then voted on.

Motion 5, which required two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that such two-thirds majority exceeded 50% of those entitled to attend and vote, was deferred.

The second EGM, which had been requisitioned by a number of Guilds, started at 3pm.

The motion of 'No confidence' in the leadership of the ICA was proposed by Phillis Roe, Meath Federation President and duly seconded. After a number of contributions, it was proposed that the motion be withdrawn due to perceived '*hostility*'. This statement was supported by a seconder.

A number of contributions followed.

Then there was a proposal from the floor that the original motion be put to the meeting, and NOT be withdrawn. This proposal was seconded.

There were further contributions.

Eventually, it was proposed and seconded that the '*Motion be now put*', clarifying that the second motion has to be put first, according to accepted meeting procedure, i.e. that the original requisitioned motion be put to the meeting and voted on. Motion 2 was carried.

The requisitioned motion was then put to the meeting and voted on, with the below results:

- 64 votes in favour;
- 160 votes against the requisitioned motion;
- 18 abstentions.

The motion was declared defeated.

The EGM finished as soon as the results were announced.

On foot of the restructure EGM there is more work to be completed to secure the future of our organisation. We will keep you the Members, Guilds and Federations updated as we take each step in the process.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to the next consultation process early in 2024.

Members of the National Executive Board