

IWAI AT WORK

COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

The Executive of IWAI is made up of 11 members: President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Membership Secretary and 5 others, all of whom are directors of IWAI. The executive is empowered by the Articles of Association to co-opt additional non-voting members to the executive if required.

Ten members of the executive: President, Vice President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Membership Secretary and the 5 other directors are elected to office by the Annual General Meeting. The Immediate Past President is automatically elected to the executive in accordance with the Articles of Association.

While members frequently serve more than one term in office, they must put themselves forward for election at the AGM each year (except the Immediate Past President).

For a number of years now it has been the practice that the names of members putting themselves forward for election to the Executive be notified to all members of the association as part of the package of information sent out prior to the AGM. That will be done again this year. However, in the interests of transparency it was decided that the names of those who are already known to be willing to serve on the Executive should be published.

At the time of publication, the following members had already indicated their intention to stand for election for the positions indicated:

President: Ms. Carmel Meegan (Current President)

Vice President: Mr. Derry Smyth (Current Vice-President)

Hon. Treasurer: Ms. Jean Kennedy (Current Treasurer)

Membership Secretary: Ms. Maria Stuart (Current Membership Secretary)

Directors: Mr. Tommy McLoughlin, Mr. Brian Cassells, Mr. Mike Kingston, Mr. Martin Donnelly (all current Directors) are offering themselves for re-election.

Director Mr. Paul Garland is retiring at the AGM and not offering himself for re-election.

Mr. Greg Whelan is willing to re-join the executive as Immediate Past President.

Elected Members of Council: At the AGM each year, six members are elected to serve as ordinary members of Council. In accordance with a resolution of Council last year, nominations for those positions are to be invited prior to the AGM and the nominations received notified to members with the AGM papers.

The current elected members: Les Saunders, Mick Kinahan, Mick Farrell, Sam Herraghty, Tommy Meegan, Siobhan Cluskey and Stephen Maher all offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations are now invited for members to serve on the Executive and Council for the coming year. Nominations must be received by the Hon. Secretary no later than 28 March 2014. Nominations must be in writing and be signed by the candidate, the proposer and seconder. E-Mail nominations are acceptable provided corroborating e-mails are received from the candidate, the proposer and seconder.

Nominees for membership of Council and Executive positions must be fully paid up members of the association in good standing.

Send nominations to:
Kay Baxter

Hon Secretary, IWAI
24 Ashfield
Boyle
Co. Roscommon

E-Mail: honsecretary@iwai.ie

ENDEAVOUR CUP



Endeavour Cup
Photo: Michael Savage

Please forward your nominations in writing, indicating clearly who is proposed to receive the award and the reasons for the proposal. Any member can make a nomination.

Please send your nominations, either by post or e mail to: IWAI Secretary, Kay Baxter, 24 Ashfield, Boyle, Co. Roscommon or by e-mail to honsecretary@iwai.ie

CUP HISTORY

In 1999, Alf Delany, one of the founder members of IWAI, presented a trophy to the association to be awarded to a person or group for some noteworthy goal or achievement on the inland waterways. The trophy is a beautiful silver cup originally presented in the 1930s for motor-boat racing, but the club to which it had belonged had been defunct for many years.

Previous recipients of the award were:

1999 Eddie Slane (RIP)

In recognition of his work and achievements in promoting the restoration of the Royal Canal.

2000 Ruth Heard

In recognition of her work and achievements in promoting the conservation and development of Ireland's inland waterways.

2001 Kilbeggan Grand Canal Harbour Restoration Amenity Co Ltd For restoration and renovation of the harbour and store at Kilbeggan and other works on the Kilbeggan line of the Grand Canal.

2002 Lough Neagh Rescue

For all that they have done and continue to do in making Lough Neagh a safer place for all.

2003 Ian Bath

For inspiring the restoration of so much of our waterways.

2004 B.J.Goggin

For his work as editor of Inland Waterways News

2005 Carrick Cubs

For their work in introducing a new generation to the waterways

2006 Sean Fitzsimons

For his long and loyal service to the association

2007 Boyne Restoration Group - Dublin Branch (now Boyne Navigation Branch)

Because of their continued efforts and commitment to the restoration of the Boyne Canal

2008 Michael Slevin

For his work on the IWAI Web-Site...the single most important promotional achievement of the IWAI on both a national and international level

2009 River Bann & Lough Neagh Association

For their work on the Ram's Island project

2010 Brian Cassells

For the work he has done and continues to do for the Association.

2011 John McKeown

For all the work he and his team in Waterways Ireland have done over many years to restore the Royal Canal to Navigation

2012 Pat Lysaght

For the support and assistance unflinching and unselfishly offered to boaters transiting the Limerick Navigation

2013 Reggie Redmond

'A Champion of the Waterways and a Dedicated IWAI Supporter'

2014 NOMINATIONS

Nominations are invited for the recipient of the Endeavour Cup for 2014

The cup is awarded to the individual, group or branch (whether part of IWAI or not) that has undertaken some project or achieved a goal that is worthy of recognition in respect of activities associated with the waterways.

The cup will be presented to the recipient at the AGM on Friday 25 April 2014.