



# 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:** Carmel Meegan (Current President)

**Vice President:** John Dolan (Current Vice-President)

**Hon. Secretary:** Kay Baxter (Current Secretary)

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

**Membership Secretary:** Maria Stuart (Current Membership Secretary)

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

Mr. Mike Kingston is not offering himself for re-election for the coming year.

**Immediate Past President:** Mr Greg Whelan has agreed to re-join the Executive for the coming year.

**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, 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, Sam Herraghty, Tommy Meegan, Siobhan Cluskey and Stephen Maher all offer themselves for re-election.

## NOMINATIONS OPEN

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 20 March 2015. 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.

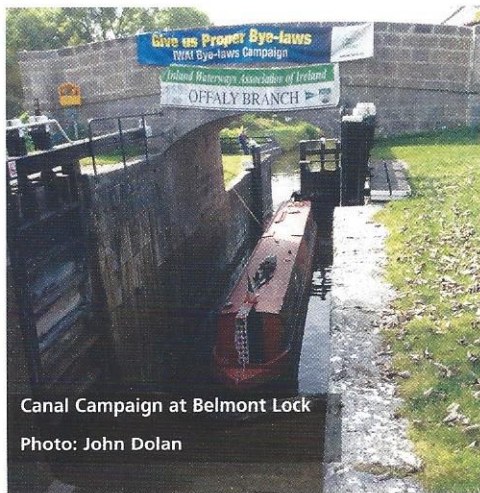
Note that while the incumbents have indicated their intention to stand for re-election, all positions (with the exception of the Immediate Past-President) fall vacant at the AGM and are open for nominations.

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  
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Boyle  
Co. Roscommon  
E-Mail: [honsecretary@iwai.ie](mailto:honsecretary@iwai.ie)

# CANAL BYE LAW CAMPAIGN



Canal Campaign at Belmont Lock  
Photo: John Dolan

As a new boating season gets underway, the IWAI Canals Action Group want to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed on the current status of the IWAI Canal Byelaws Campaign.

## COMPLIANCE NOTICE

Towards the end of 2014 IWAI agreed to encourage boat

owners who hold a valid Combined Mooring and Passage Permit (CMP) to display a notice stating that their vessel was compliant under the 1988 Bye Laws, the only Bye Laws currently enforceable. The notice quotes the relevant sections of the current Bye-Laws. The Canals Action Group issued these notices to the Chairperson

of each IWAI branch. Members who wished to display the notice could apply for one through their Chairperson on presentation of a valid permit number. The Canals Action Group also requested that Chairpersons send a list of boats availing of this notice in order to accurately track permit

compliance on the canal navigations. This action will continue for the coming season and the IWAI would encourage all members holding a valid CMP to display this notice on their boat. This notice only applies to the CMP and IWAI does not recognise the need for any other permit under the current Canal Byelaws.

## WI MEETING

IWAI recently met with Waterways Ireland to discuss a variety of topics including Byelaws and future regulatory plans. Waterways Ireland CEO Dawn Livingstone informed the IWAI representatives that the proposed amendments to the Canal Byelaws had been forwarded to Minister Heather Humphreys and that substantial changes had been made to the proposals. No further detail on these changes was forthcoming at this meeting. The IWAI will continue to seek a meeting with

Minister Humphreys in an effort to seek further clarity on what is proposed and to present again the IWAI position that collectively these proposed changes do not put user requirements, tourism development and local communities at the centre of the regulations. In order that this message is kept 'live', the Canals Action Group will continue to lobby local and national public representatives and we would encourage you to do the same through your branch, your community and individually.

So as you take to the water over the coming months please look out for the IWAI Campaign banners and if you can assist by displaying these at your rally, cruise in company or any other event please contact the Canals Action Group.

**Alan Kelly**