

Report of ACCS Constitution and Convention Sub-Committee 2019/2020

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Review of Convention 2019

The Sub-Committee were very pleased with the arrangements for Convention 2019 held in Slieve Russell Hotel Golf and Country Club, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan. All the facilities and the level of service in the hotel were favourably commented on. We would like to thank the students from Mount Temple Comprehensive School for providing the entertainment at the Banquet on Thursday night.

The Sub-Committee met on 6th February, 2019, 15th May, 2019, 12th June, 2019, 15th August, 2019, 2nd October, 2019, 12th December, 2019 and 29th January, 2020.

The Sub-Committee were happy with the format of Convention 2019 commencing on Wednesday, continuing on Thursday, closing on Friday lunchtime. Delegates felt that there was a good balance between time off and sessions.

ACCS Convention 2020

VSwire is agreed as main sponsor to Convention 2020.

PCI have agreed to sponsor both the pre-drinks reception prior to the Banquet and prizes for the golf as in previous years.

It was agreed to recommend to the Executive that Convention 2020 be held from March, 4th to March 6th 2020 in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney, Co. Kerry.

The Conference theme "Promoting Quality in Education" was recommended to the Executive and subsequently agreed.

It was agreed to have the Opening Session commence at the later time of 3.45 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

John Irwin, General Secretary, confirmed Dr. Harold Hislop, Chief Inspector as the keynote speaker for Wednesday evening the 4th March, 2020.

On Thursday 5th March, 2020 Tony Nolan, Chairperson, School Chaplains Association will address delegates on the topic "Chaplain for All".

This will be followed by a presentation by Professor Mel Ainscow, Emeritus Professor of Education, University of Manchester on the topic of "Collaboration for Success".

John Irwin, General Secretary and Hilary Treacy, Data Protection Advisor, ACCS will present on the Commencement of Further Sections of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018. This will be followed by an Open Forum on current issues.

Students from Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine agreed to provide the musical entertainment before the Banquet on Thursday, the 5th March, 2020.

An invitation has been issued to the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, T.D.

ACCS Convention Handbook

In order to reduce our carbon footprint the Committee decided that we would reduce the number of pages by half in the Convention Handbook for 2020. The regular A4 format has been reduced in size but will include all reports of the work of the Association since Convention 2019. This new format excludes the Appendices in the printed version. A digital version of the handbook, including Appendices, will be available on the ACCS website www.accs.ie for downloading for Board of Management Members. A copy of the handbook will be available to all delegates attending Convention.

ACCS Green Agenda

Recycle Reuse – Please return your name badge to the ACCS Registration Desk on departure as the lanyard can be used for the next ACCS Event.

Advertising Rates

Correspondence has been sent to potential companies requesting sponsorship. The Advertising rates for the ACCS Convention handbook, Trade Stands, Brochures/Fliers are outlined below:

Convention Handbook 2019	Cost
Back Cover, full colour	€800
Inside Front Cover	€500
Inside Back Cover	€500
Full Page	€350
2 Page Spread	€550
½ Page	€250

Trade Stands: Space shall be available for firms/organisations to display their products/services at Convention 2020. The set cost is €500.00 per display stand with a reduction of €75.00 for companies who take a full-page advertisement in the handbook.

Brochure/Fliers: (A4 Max.) for inclusion in the Conference pack of each Convention delegate to be set at €200.00

ACCS Policy Document

The ACCS policy document is included in the handbook with changes to reflect motions passed in 2019.

ACCS: Company Limited by Guarantee

The Sub-Committee requested that the Convention Handbook should contain the Memorandum and Articles of Association of ACCS as a Company Limited by Guarantee.

Format at Convention

- (i) Presidential address of Paul Fiorentini, President ACCS, to take place on Friday, 6th March, 2020 prior to the keynote address by the Minister for Education and Skills, Joe McHugh, T.D.
(This session maybe subject to change depending on the Minister's Schedule)
- (ii) ACCS Regional meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, 4th March, 2020 at Convention to conduct the elections of Area Representatives (Directors) to the 2020/2021 Executive.

The following recommendation from the Sub-Committee to the Executive was approved at the Executive Meeting on the 18th December, 2015.

Nominations should be submitted in advance of Convention. Only when insufficient numbers have been nominated to fill the positions of area representatives (Principal/non-Principal) for a constituency, then individual nominations for election in that constituency will be accepted at Convention.

Convention Motions

Motions from schools were reviewed and agreed with the original schools. These have been submitted and circulated to Boards of Management and will be considered during the course of Convention.

Standing Orders for ACCS Convention 2020

The Sub-Committee recommended that Standing Orders at the Convention 2019 be acceptable for Convention 2020. It was recommended to the Executive that the Constitution & Convention Sub-Committee be nominated to act as the Steering Committee for ACCS Convention 2020.

Banquet at ACCS Convention 2020

Guest invitations have been issued to our partners in Education to attend the Convention Banquet on Thursday, 5th March, 2020.

*Mr. James Duignan,
Chairperson.*