

Report of ACCS Constitution and Convention Sub-Committee 2017/2018

Members: Ms. Antoinette Nic Gearailt, President, Mr. Paul Fiorentini, Chairperson, Mr. Paul Thornton, An t-Uas Tomás Ó Nidh, Mr. Séamus Ó Ceallachain, Ms. Anne Marie Dillon, Human Resources Manager, Ms. Susan Cunniffe, Office Manager, Ms. Áine O’Sullivan, Assistant General Secretary and Mr. John Irwin, General Secretary.

Review of Convention 2017

The committee was very pleased with the arrangements for Convention 2017 held in The Malton, Killarney, Co. Kerry. All the facilities and the level of service in the hotel were favourably commented on. We would like to thank Pobalscoil Chorca Dhuibhne for providing the entertainment at the Banquet on Friday night.

The Sub-Committee met on 22nd May 2017, 29th November 2017, 14th December 2017, 18th January 2018 to review the format of Convention 2017 and to prepare for Convention 2018.

The Sub-Committee looked at the format of Convention, considering a number of options and recommended to the Executive that Convention should commence on Wednesday, continuing on Thursday, closing on Friday lunchtime.

ACCS Convention 2018

VSware is agreed as main sponsor to Convention 2018.

PCI has 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 2018 be held on March 7th, 8th and 9th in The Galmont Hotel & Spa formerly Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa, Lough Atalia Road, Galway.

The Conference theme “Leadership – Making a Difference” 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.

Mr. John Irwin, General Secretary, confirmed Dr. Simon Boucher, CEO, Irish Management Institute, as the keynote speaker for Wednesday evening the 7th March, 2018.

A presentation on ‘School Governance Issues – Impending changes’ will take place on Thursday the 8th March and will include the following topics:

- Introduction of the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU)
- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

This will be followed by a panel discussion on ‘Leadership in Education – Making a Difference’ on Thursday afternoon.

Students from Moate Community School, All Island School Choir final winners agreed to provide the musical entertainment at the Banquet on Thursday, the 8th March, 2018.

An invitation has been issued to the Minister for Education and Skills, Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D., and it is confirmed that he will be available to address the Conference on Friday, 9th March, 2018 following the Presidential address by Ms. Antoinette Nic Gearailt.

Convention 2018 will conclude with an Open Forum on current issues.

ACCS Convention Handbook

The regular A4 format for the Convention Handbook which records the work of the Association since Convention 2017 will continue and be made available to all delegates and to individual members of Boards of Management as requested. The handbook will also be available on the ACCS website www.accs.ie for downloading.

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 2018	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 2018. 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 2017.

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 Ms. Antoinette Nic Gearailt, President ACCS, to take place on the Friday, 9th March, 2018 prior to the keynote address by the Minister for Education and Skills Mr. Richard Bruton, T.D.
- (ii) ACCS Regional meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, 7th March, 2018 at Convention to conduct the elections of Area Representatives (Directors) to the 2018/2019 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 2018

The Sub-Committee recommended that Standing Orders at the Convention 2017 be acceptable for Convention 2018. It was recommended to the Executive that the Constitution & Convention Sub-Committee be nominated to act as the Steering Committee for ACCS Convention 2018.

Banquet at ACCS Convention 2018

Guests Invitations have been issued to our partners in Education to attend the Convention Banquet on Thursday, 8th March, 2018.

*Mr. Paul Fiorentini,
Chairperson.*

