

Mr. Carrick, the retiring Chairman, then rose and handed the badge of office to Mr. Walsh and expressed his pleasure at the choice of Mr. Walsh as his successor. He also spoke to the meeting and said how much he had enjoyed his year of office and expressed the sincere hope that he had given satisfaction to the members. It was a year he would always remember and he was most appreciative of the help and assistance which had been extended to him by his officers.

Mr. Walsh then thanked the members for their support of his nomination as Chairman and said that he sincerely hoped he would be able to fulfil the office as satisfactorily as his predecessors.

He then asked Mr. Carrick to accept a tankard in recognition of his services, which had been presented by the members. Mr. Carrick expressed his thanks for the kind gift which he again said would remind him of this year.

Vice-Chairman

On the proposition of the South-West Section it was unanimously carried that Mr. I. Scoones should take over the office of Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

Secretary and Treasurer

There was a general request that Mr. C. H. Dix should carry on as Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year, which he said he would do and thanked the meeting for their support. He also stated that he would like them to look ahead with a view to finding a successor for this office as he was not prepared to carry on after 1973 and, if at any time prior to then a successor was available, he would be quite happy to hand over the reins at the end of the current year.

Executive Committee

It was unanimously agreed that the Executive Committee should be as nominated by Sections.

Hon. Auditors

The Hon. Treasurer reported that the services of Messrs. Smallfield, Rawlins & Co. had again been most efficient and at his proposal it was unanimously agreed that the Hon. Auditors should be re-elected.

Hon. Solicitor

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. H. Dowding, who had kindly taken over the duties for the Association, should be re-elected for the ensuing year.

6 Any Other Business

The Hon. Secretary was pleased to report that there had been very good support for the Celebration Dinner which had been arranged for Wednesday evening, 16th August, and including guests who had been invited, there should be at least 100 people present.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Mr. G. K. Smyth, representative of Messrs. May & Baker, who had done so much to assist the Chairman in making the arrangements.

Proposed Trip to Boston, U.S.A. to the American Greenkeepers' Convention

The Hon. Secretary reported there had been good response to the proposed trip to Boston in January, 1973, and he felt quite sure that the required number of applications would be received to ensure the trip taking place.

Aer Lingus have prepared an itinerary which will be published in the September issue of the Journal and in addition there will be a brochure issued with the October Journal which will give full details of the proposed trip.

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