

Special Olympics Ireland – 2016 Annual General Meeting Notes

The Special Olympics Ireland 2016 AGM took place on Saturday 21st May 2016 in The Louis Fitzgerald Hotel and was well attended. Claire Adams, Athlete representative on the Board welcomed everyone on the day and Terry Buckley, who chaired his first AGM, addressed the Delegates.



Claire Adams opening the AGM



Terry Buckley, Chairperson, Matt English, CEO and Brendan Whelan, Acting Treasurer, gave updates to the Delegates, during the AGM

Sarah Byrne, Basketball Athlete, who won gold at the 2015 LA Games, was interviewed by Frances Kavanagh. We were delighted to have Joe Schmidt as guest speaker who addressed the Delegates and was then presented with a framed photo by Chairperson, Terry Buckley.



Frances Kavanagh, Senior Director, Sport interviewing Sarah Byrne



Guest Speaker Joe Schmidt



Chairperson Terry Buckley presenting a framed photo to guest speaker Joe Schmidt.



Chairperson Terry Buckley presenting a Distinguished Service Award to Maura Grace in recognition of her outstanding support to the programme over numerous years



Three Board members retired from the Board and were presented with framed photos in recognition of their dedication and commitment to Special Olympics Ireland; Liam Collins, John Spillane & Fiona Donaghy.

<p>Matt English, CEO, Liam Collins, Former Secretary to the Board & Terry Buckley, Chairperson</p>	<p>Matt English, CEO, Claire Adams, Athlete Representative on the Board, John Spillane, Former Munster Regional Chair & Terry Buckley, Chairperson</p>

There were also four new Board members announced at the AGM. Helena Walsh was elected as Secretary to the Board, Frank Fitzgerald as Chairperson for the Munster Region, Geraldine Ryan Meagher was elected by the Delegates and Maura Donovan was co-opted by the Board.

<p>Helena Walsh, Secretary on the Board</p>	<p>Geraldine Ryan Meagher elected from the floor at the AGM</p>
<p>Maura Donovan co-opted onto the Board</p>	<p>Frank Fitzgerald, Munster Regional Chairperson</p>