



Report of the Town Clerk to be considered in conjunction with Item 8 (B)

To be presented on Thursday, 6th March 2014

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Candidates were invited to provide information in support of their application to join the body set out below and the following were received:-

To appoint FOUR Common Councilmen on The Honourable The Irish Society for terms of three years to expire in 2017.

John Absalom

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I have been a member of the HIS since I was first nominated by my Ward in 1997 and have remained on the court until now. I was elected Deputy Governor for the year 2011-12 and acted as IPDG for the following year 2012-13. I have enjoyed my time on the court and find it ever more interesting and have found the work we do in N.I. extremely worthwhile especially the help we give to local schools and good causes. I think it is essential that the HIS has a degree of continuity with members as it takes some time to grasp exactly what the charity is all about. Therefore I feel that my experience and knowledge of the HIS is a valuable asset.

Peter Dunphy

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I was a member of the Society for the year prior to the reduction in the size of the Court and I attended the autumn visitation. I am of Northern Irish descent and felt that my involvement added to the Society's credibility as a cross-community organisation contributing to the greatly improved relations between groups and communities within the Province. I was invited to become involved directly in some of the cross-community initiatives and was also invited to talk to students at North West Regional College. I am keen to resume involvement as an active member contributing to the Society's diversity.

Christopher M Hayward

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I have a lifelong interest in Ireland with strong family connections and a close involvement with their various Junior Chambers of Commerce. This follows my time as National President of the British Junior Chambers of Commerce. I also have extensive knowledge of property matters, sitting as I do as a non-executive director of two commercial property companies. I would greatly value being able to participate in this ancient Society and to the City's continued contribution to the life of Ireland.

Wendy Hyde

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I first became interested in Northern Ireland when I visited banks in Belfast on business which I did from time to time, starting during the troubles and finishing after the peace settlement. I have therefore had a small personal insight into the changes that have taken place. I would now like to have the opportunity to learn more about the country by becoming a member of The Honourable the Irish Society. I would hope to bring to the Society an interest in Northern Ireland and its history as well as some knowledge of financial matters.

Gregory Jones QC

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I would like to stand for the Hon Irish Society. I know Northern Ireland pretty well my mother's family are from Northern Ireland. I'm Called to the Bar there and practice in Northern Ireland and so for my work I'm there quite a bit. I'm also involved with London Irish rugby club currently in the premiership where I am actively seeking closer links with the City. London Irish's crest includes the City badge halved with a Shamrock.

Vivienne Littlechild

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I believe my experience as Deputy Chairman of Culture Heritage & Libraries, being a member of Barbican Centre Committee and serving on City arts based groups would stand me in good stead with the Society's arts connections. The history of our connection with Londonderry is one I trust we can maintain. My long experience as a school governor at CLFS where I am the trained Child Protection Governor and my experience as a Magistrate in the Community, visiting schools introducing pupils to the legal system would also be good experience with schools visited. My many years in law must be useful background. If elected I can promise to bring genuine involvement, as I trust I do with all the committees upon which I serve.

Oliver Lodge

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

Having completed a year on the Court of the Society, I hope to have the opportunity to continue for as full term in order to complete the work that is only just beginning. Major projects affecting the assets and charitable scope of the Society take several years to come to fruition and require a degree of continuity as well as new blood periodically. I take the view that The Honourable The Irish Society remains an aspect of the City Corporation through which we are able to demonstrate to the wider world that the City is not exclusively about banking and provides an illustration of the many ways in which it provides benefits for the nation.

Hugh Morris

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I am proud to submit my application to serve on The Honourable The Irish Society. The Society makes a unique contribution to the communities it serves in the County of Londonderry. Its presence in cross-community initiatives reinforces the City of London's tradition of political neutrality. It is valued both locally and across Northern Ireland. I have served in a variety of not-for-profit roles in the City, and outside, for the last 20 years. This has involved several community-focused roles in chairing charities focused on drugs/alcohol rehabilitation, community redevelopment, animal rescue and community arts. I would be honoured to apply my experiences and skills to support the mission and objectives of The Honourable The Irish Society.

Elizabeth Rogula

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

I have been a Trustee of The Honourable The Irish Society (HIS) since February 2011 and have been on three visitations to Northern Ireland since that time. In my opinion, these visits are indispensable to understanding the role and objectives of the HIS and have played an important part in the knowledge I have acquired to date. I have been extremely pro-active in the work of the HIS and, in particular, I am most interested in progressing the educational work of the HIS and the relationship it has with various schools in County Londonderry. I have no political or religious bias.

Jeremy Simons

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

The Honourable the Irish Society has evolved to being a charity supporting education and community activities across Derry-Londonderry and Coleraine. Having now served as Common Councilman for several years, I believe that I can put my experience to good use on the Court of the Irish Society. Through my role at Hampstead Heath I have a good knowledge of environmental issues and have much experience of building consensus and achieving balanced positions. I am a trustee of four charities, including three that support individuals in need in the community. I will aim to make a thoughtful and useful contribution.

Patrick Streeter

Curriculum Vitae in support of nomination:-

For a long time I have been interested in Irish History and I have both of Professor Stevens Curl's impressive histories of the Londonderry Plantations on my bookshelves. One I have read from cover to cover and the other I have studied closely. I consider that The Irish Society has adapted well to changing times and that it does much useful work. I hope therefore to be able to play a positive role in its activities.