GUILD OF AGRICULTURAL JOURNALISTS MEMBERSHIP FORM

Applicants for membership of the Guild of Agricultural Journalists of Ireland are advised to read the Constitution of the Guild available at www.agriguild.ie. In particular, prior to submitting a membership application, please note key extracts from the Guild Constitution summarised with this membership application form.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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TEL (landline) _____ TEL (Mobile) _____

EMAIL: _____

Category applied for: Full member _____ Associate_____ Corporate _____

Qualification for Guild membership:

EMPLOYER: _____

ROLE: _____

DESCRIPTION/OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

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I confirm I have read the Extracts of the Guild Constitution included with this membership application form and wish to apply for membership of the Guild of Agricultural Journalists of Ireland (please tick): Yes __
I understand my personal data will be stored by the Guild of Agricultural Journalists for the duration of my membership in a Membership Contact Database. It can be processed by the Guild of Agricultural Journalists or by third party mailing software for the legitimate interests of the Guild, in accordance with Clauses 15 and 16 of the Guild Constitution; and I understand that I can
opt out of Guild membership at any time by contacting the Guild Secretary (please tick): Yes ___

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ Date: _____

PROPOSED BY: _____ Date: _____

SECONDED BY: _____ Date: _____

The proposer and seconder should be full members of the Guild of Agricultural Journalists in good standing. Applicants to the Southern region of the Guild for those primarily working and living in the Republic of Ireland should return the completed application form to:

Bernie Commins, Secretary, Guild of Agricultural Journalists - SOUTHERN SECTION,
c/o Deputy editor, Irish Farmers Monthly, IFP Media Castlecourt, Monkstown Farm, Co. Dublin.
EMAIL: SouthernSecretary@AgriGuild.ie

Applicants to the NORTHERN REGION OF THE GUILD for those primarily working and living in Northern Ireland should return the completed application form to: Richard Halleron, Secretary, Northern Section, Guild of Agricultural Journalists of Ireland, c/o Agriland Media, First Floor, Block 10, Unit 3, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, Dublin 15, D15 KD2W.
EMAIL: **mailto:richard@farm-link.com**

Guild of Agricultural Journalists of Ireland:
The Constitution of the Guild of Agricultural Journalists is available at www.agriguild.ie. In particular, please note:

a The term agricultural journalist, wherever it is used in connection with the Guild, means a person who is engaged in editing, writing, broadcasting by radio, television or online, filming, photographing, economics or marketing in the industries of farming, horticulture, forestry, fisheries, food production, or in journalism concerned with the affairs of the countryside and rural living.

b) The aims of the Guild shall be to promote and maintain the highest standards of agricultural journalism, to encourage a free exchange of ideas within the profession and to stimulate expansion and development within the field of agricultural journalism. Along with this, it will be the aim of the Guild to maintain and expand contacts on the international scene, to improve the knowledge and scope of its members and associates.

c) A Candidate for election to membership of the Guild must be proposed in writing, and seconded by existing members. The proposers shall satisfy themselves that the candidate possesses the necessary qualifications for the class of membership for which he/she is proposed. The candidate must complete, and sign the application form supplied to him/her and comply with any other requirements of the regional committees, for the time being in office, and agree with any other requirements of the regional committees, for the time being in office, and agree to accept the decision of the committee upon his/ her application, and to abide, if admitted, by the rules of the Guild. Each application will be referred to the Committee of the region in which the member lives. Each regional committee will have full autonomy in the election of members within its region.

d) Full membership is open to those who are over 18 years of age and currently agricultural journalists, as defined in paragraph (a) above (Clauses 2 & 8 of the Constitution). Any members ceasing to hold these qualifications can be re-classified or have their membership terminated by the Committee (following a review by the Committee) at any time provided ten days' notice in writing is given to the member.

e) Apart from full membership, the Guild may elect associates, under the same conditions of application as apply to membership. Associates may attend meetings but are not entitled to vote, or hold office within the Guild. Associates will be those whose primary income is not derived from agricultural journalism. . Associates may consist of individuals involved in the agricultural field, and whom the regional committees deem desirable to be associated with the Guild, or corporate entities (defined to include any form of company, public or private, limited or unlimited, group, association or partnership) with whom the Guild regional committees deem association to be desirable and such corporate entity must nominate a person to represent the said corporate entity.

f) Elected candidates shall be admitted on payment of the current annual subscription. An elected candidate shall not be entitled to any of the rights or privileges of membership or associateship, until such fees have been paid.

g) The amount of the annual subscription shall be determined by a general meeting of the members in each region. If any member or associate fails to pay his/her subscription within three months after it is due, the Treasurer shall by letter draw his/her attention to the fact; and if the subscription in arrears is not paid within 28 days from the date of such letter or within such further time as the regional committee may grant, such member or associate may, by a resolution of the Committee, be excluded from the Guild, and shall thereupon cease to be a member or associate.

h) In accordance with Clause 15 of the Guild Constitution, The Guild will retain a Membership Contact Database of every member and associate – one for the Southern Section and one for the Northern Section. This will include information completed by each individual on the Membership Application form.

i) In accordance with Clause 15 of the Guild Constitution, applicants for membership of the Guild accept that this personal data, including name, employer, role, email and contact details will be stored by the Guild for the duration that the membership is valid. The Membership Contact Database contains key information which demonstrates eligibility to be a member of the Guild; and is necessary for the purposes of communicating with members with information of legitimate interest, in relation to the Guild of Agricultural Journalists, the International Federation of Agricultural Journalists (IFAJ), the European Network of Agricultural Journalists (ENAJ) or associated interests.

j) Such information may be sent to members by the regional Guild Secretary or Committee members either directly or using third party mailing software. The Membership Contact Database will not be shared with external third parties for non Guild related activities. Individual members who wish to opt out of their Guild membership and have their details removed from the Guild Membership Contact Database can do so at any time by contacting the Secretary of the relevant region (Southern or Northern Section).

k) In accordance with Clause 16 of the Guild Constitution, every letter or notice relating to any matter concerning the Guild, which shall be sent by the Secretary, or by the Committee to a member using the contact details furnished by such member, shall be deemed to have been properly sent, and he/ she shall be deemed to have sufficient notice of the contents of such letter or notice.

l) Any member who shall change his/her contact details, and/or his/her place of employment shall immediately give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the relevant region (Southern or Northern Section).

m) A member or associate may retire from the Guild by sending in his/her resignation in writing to the Committee.