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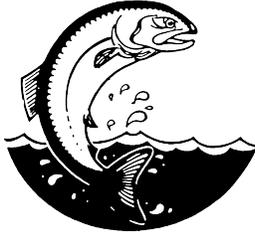*Publishing Irish & International
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Salmon Poetry Board – Biographical Information

- Chairperson **Bill Hamill** was Principal Social Worker for HSE Limerick & Clare from 2000 to 2015, with responsibility for a staff of 30 and a budget of €1.5million. He also has extensive experience as the Chair of various boards, including Chair of the Board of Management for the Steiner National School in Ennistymon 2010-18 and Chair of North West Clare Family Resource Centre 2001-06.

- **Jessie Lendennie** co-founded Salmon in 1981 and has been its managing editor and commissioning editor ever since, overseeing the publication of 541 Salmon collections, anthologies and non-fiction titles and 27 issues of *The Salmon International Literary Journal* (1981-1991). She is also the manager of *The Salmon Bookshop & Literary Centre* (opened in 2012). She organises multiple poetry events for *The Salmon Literary Centre*, and is co-director of the Ennistymon Book Town Festival, held in May each year. She organises book launches and poetry readings, in Ireland and abroad, promoting Salmon poets and their books, including organising Salmon's central presence at the largest annual literary event in North America, The Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference & Bookfair (AWP). Her own publications include two poetry collections and several non-fiction titles & anthologies, including *The Salmon Guide to Poetry Publishing in Ireland*; *Poetry: Reading It, Writing It, Publishing It*, *Salmon: A Journey in Poetry: 25 Years of Salmon Poetry*; *Dogs Singing: A Tribute Anthology* and *Even the Daybreak: 35 Years of Salmon Poetry*.

- **Siobhán Hutson** has worked with Salmon for 28 years. She and Jessie Lendennie are each 50% shareholders in Salmon Poetry Ltd. Siobhán is responsible for all aspects of book production, office administration, the design of promotional material, website maintenance & web sales, liaising with multiple book distributors, collating book sales reports, compiling income and expenditure figures for annual accounts, liaising with Salmon poets on their day to day needs, as well as many other tasks. She has typeset every Salmon Poetry title since the mid 1990s (500+) and has designed 410 Salmon Poetry book covers. She is currently overseeing a revamp of the Salmon Poetry website, ready for launch later in 2018 to mark the 20th anniversary of Salmon's presence on the web. Siobhán is also our Board Secretary.

- **Tim Jeanotte** has worked with Salmon over many years, on a voluntary basis, and understands the organisation thoroughly. He has represented Salmon multiple times at book launches. His day job is as a teacher of French at secondary level in Scoil Mhuire, Ennistymon.

- **Eamonn Wall,** from Enniscorthy, is Smurfit-Stone Professor of Irish Studies and Professor of English at the University of Missouri-St. Louis,USA. He directs the university's Irish Summer School in Galway and curates the Irish and Irish American Lectures/Concerts Series for International Studies & Programs. Salmon has published his seven poetry collections over 25 years. His prose titles include the seminal book of essays *From the Sin-e Café to the Black Hills,* awarded the Michael J. Durkan Prize by the American Conference for Irish Studies for excellence in scholarship. A longtime member of the American Conference for Irish Studies, he served as president of the organization from 2005-2007. He currently serves as a vice-president of Irish American Writers and Artists.

- **Devon McNamara** is Professor of English & Irish Literature and Creative Writing at West Virginia Wesleyan College. A published poet, she directs writing programs for US undergraduates and MFA writers in Ireland, joining other American academics bringing students for lectures, readings, and writing workshops at *The Salmon Poetry Literary Centre.*

- **Eleanor Cummins** is an actress, playwright and language teacher. She has also worked for many years in community arts, with organisations such as Macnas. After teaching abroad for several years, she relocated to Co. Clare. She has worked on a voluntary basis with Salmon for the past two years and has been an invaluable help with the day-to-day work of running a poetry press, physical bookshop and literary centre. She is also currently teaching creative writing (poetry & prose) as part of MLA Summer camp at the University of Limerick. Edward O'Dwyer & Gabriel Fitzmaurice are among the Salmon poets who gave workshops and readings as part of the Irish Culture Nights Eleanor organized to much appreciation by the Italian students and teachers attending.

- **Michael Stoddard** has many years experience in mapping and community planning in the U.S. He has experience in U.S. politics, working on local political campaigns in the State of Washington and on Barack Obama's successful presidential campaign where his role was data analysis and visualization and for which he received a fellowship to participate. He has served on the board of his local business district in Tacoma, WA, USA. He has local government experience with the City of Tacoma, WA, in its Planning and Economic Development Department where his official title was Senior Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst. He worked closely with all the offices of that department: community planning, economic development, housing, and arts administration.