

## I.V.C. REPORT TO 2017 AGM

Another year has passed quickly and John and I are happy to be here with you again. At each AGM, we take a count of those attending from the overseas branches. Please raise your hand if you are a member of a Clan Donnachaidh Branch outside the U.K. Count: 34. We welcome all.

We currently have 21 officially Affiliated Clan Donnachaidh Branches worldwide, plus four areas with an Official Representative. This year we added an Official Representative in the US state of New Mexico and one in South Africa. The Texas Branch has a new President, David Robertson, and the Ontario Branch's new President is Terry Dobbie.

New leadership is now in place at the Carolinas Branch with Scott Robertson as President and a dedicated group of officers. I attended their AGM in April in North Carolina and am thrilled with their organization, as this branch has struggled for many years. Their mid-year roster of members is impressive for a newly reorganized Branch.

Total overseas Branch membership reported at the end of July is 622 members, with 312 Society subscriptions paid through the branch treasurers.

From a suggestion by the Carolinas Branch, Webmaster Brian Robertson has agreed to add a page under the website's "News" section to report the honor received by a Clan Branch of being named "Honored Clan" or "Distinguished Clan" at a Scottish festival or highland games in their area. We believe that by publishing this information on the website, it will bring a bit of special attention for the honored branch. Link: <http://www.donnachaidh.com/honoured.html>

The Clan Society's Facebook page has grown to 1763 users. This media continues to be a resource for interacting with current and prospective members. This is how I found our new Representative in South Africa, Magnus Robertson, and a potential new branch in Spain. There are 11 of the Clan Branches which now have their own Facebook page; Texas, Gulf Coast, Pacific Northwest, Arizona, Victoria, Australia, Upper Mid-West, Florida, South U.S., Southern California, and the Carolinas.

We are excited about the upcoming 2018 Gathering as we honor Struan on his 35 years as Chief of Clan Donnachaidh. A working committee was appointed and plans are in place for activities to be held August 10 – 19, 2018. Please secure your accommodations early as August seems to be Pitlochry's busiest month. We hope you and many of our members worldwide will attend.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christy Duncan Lange  
International Vice Chairperson  
10 August 2017

At the AGM, the following Branches presented a report:

Florida Branch: Rebecca Renfro-Borneman  
Gulf Coast Branch: John Lange  
London & Southern Counties Branch: Donald Reid, Branch Chairman  
Mid-Atlantic Branch: Ken Robertson Stiles  
Mid-West Branch; Linda Myers, Secretary  
New Zealand Branch: Alistair Duncan  
Northeast Branch: Guy R. Sheldon (birthday on day of the Tattoo march)  
Northern California Branch: John Duncan, Treasurer  
Pacific Northwest Branch: William Wallace "Clyde" Reid, Branch President  
New South Wales: Gillespie Robertson (report from visit to the branch last year)  
Rannoch & Highlands Branch; Rev. Matthew Robertson  
Southern California Branch; Suzi McNutt, Communications Liaison  
Texas Branch, Jack Robertson  
Upper Mid-West Branch: Sally Robertson Olsen

Following the AGM, the Council approved on an interim basis, a new Representative to Spain, Emilio Ferrero Guevara. Link: <http://www.donnachaidh.com/spain.html>