

I.V.C. REPORT TO 2018 AGM

Another year has passed quickly and John and I are happy to be here for this special celebration Gathering. 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: 50. We welcome all.

We currently have 21 Affiliated Clan Donnachaidh Branches worldwide, plus five areas with an Official Representative. In 2017 we added a Representative in the country of Spain, Emilio Guevara. Several of the branches have a new president for 2018: Florida Branch, Rob Gibsons; in Northern California, Don Roberts, John Reid at the Upper MidWest Branch, and at the Rocky Mountain Branch, there are new Co-Presidents, James & Lisa Robertson.

Total overseas Branch membership reported at the end of July is 771 members, with 339 Society subscriptions paid through the branch treasurers.

This year in April, we updated the Branch Charter Certificate at each branch to reflect the change from the Guarantee Company to a Scottish Charity. Now all are updated.

Within the last year, John and I visited the Gulf Coast Branch on November 11 and attended the highland games in Biloxi, Mississippi and their AGM, and on May 19 – 20, we visited the South Branch to attend the Smokey Mountains Highland Games in Tennessee.

The Clan Society's Facebook page has grown to nearly 2000 users. This media continues to be a resource for interacting with current and prospective members. There are 12 of the Clan Branches which now have their own Facebook page; Texas, South, MidWest, Gulf Coast, Pacific Northwest, Victoria, Australia, Upper Mid-West, Florida, Southern California, the Carolinas, Mid-Atlantic, and Rocky Mountains.

At the end of this year, John and I will retire. Next year, 2019, is my ninth and final year as International Vice Chairperson. The Council has granted permission to use the ninth year to share the position with Suzi McNutt, and we will serve as Co-IVCs. I will continue to work with the overseas branches and Suzi will interact with the Clan Council. I will copy Suzi on all communications with the branches, so that if she chooses to accept the position in the following year, she will be prepared, but I would like to continue to work with the overseas branches as long as I am physically able. Suzi, please stand.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Duncan Lange
International Vice Chairperson
August 18, 2018

At the AGM, the following Branches presented a report:

Arizona Branch: Jane Elles
Carolinas Branch: Robert F. Duncan
Florida Branch: Bobby Bethel, Vice President
Gulf Coast Branch: Mark Robertson, Vice President
London & Southern Counties Branch: Donald Reid, Branch Chairman
Mid-Atlantic Branch: Ricki Robertson, Vice President of Carolinas Branch
Mid-West Branch: Dennis Robertson, President
New South Wales: Richard Harvey
New Zealand Branch: -
Northeast Branch: Doug Newton, President
Northern California Branch: Rev. John Duncan, Treasurer
Pacific Northwest Branch: Tim Duncan, DNA Administrator
Rannoch & Highlands Branch: Rev. Matthew Robertson
Rocky Mountain: Jim & Lisa Robertson, Co-Presidents
Southern California Branch: Suzi McNutt, Communications Liaison
Spain: Emilio Guevara, Area Representative
Texas Branch: -
Upper Mid-West Branch: Sally Olsen
Western Canada: Linda Maitland, Area Representative