

President's Report

August 21, 2016 Board of Director's Meeting
Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

SASMM 2016 Goals: August Updates (in bold)

- 2016 Calendar of Events: **All dates for remainder of 2016 confirmed; coordination pending.**
- 2016 Budget for SASMM: Presented at January 2016 BOD meeting and accepted; 2017 budget will be drafted for November BOD and AGM meetings
- Resolve remaining IRS issue (fines): **Still pending**
- Finalize Audit 2015: **Audit complete. Summary provided.**
- Update SASMM Bylaws: **Audit will likely provide some feedback and recommendations. Overall process is underway.**
- Outreach and partnership with other organizations: Outreach to Maryland Irish Festival, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Garrett County Celtic Festival, etc. **Sent proposal to MD Irish; contacted VSGA etc.**

Bylaws Revision: In progress; draft will be updated after meeting with CPA for recommendations then distribute to the sub-committee (Marty Munroe, Ralph Wallace, John Avery, and Marianne). Targeting the October Board meeting for review and then distribution to the membership with notice of AGM.

Audit: Jeff Bryan of Bryan Financials notified me on August 14th that the audit is complete and he emailed a summary and the completed audit checklist. Supporting documentation delivered 21 August.

FY2015-2016 Federal Tax Submission: Based on past issues, audit results, and the general concerns with the Society's overall financial and NFP status, I strongly recommend that the Society hire a CPA to complete the federal and state tax reports for this year.

Election of Officers: Nomination committee is being contacted. Request for nominations will be distributed early September and nominations due late September. The Board will have the ballot for review by the October meeting after which the ballots will be distributed and returned to the nomination committee for tally and announcement at the AGM.

Note: While this process is not exactly as prescribed in the outdated and being revised Bylaws, this process has been the Society's practice for at least the past five years.

SASMM Distinguished Service Award(s) (DSA): The process for requesting nominations for the DSA will begin shortly and follow the Board-approved policy. The DSA(s) will be awarded at the AGM.

SASMM Events Coordinator: With SASMM sponsoring and participating in numerous events year-round, I have asked Dawn Spruill to be our Events Coordinator and work with members who wish to help with events. We have met once already to discuss the concept and will be meeting again soon.

Note: While Bylaws prescribe an Events Committee chaired by the Vice President, this model has not been used in over at least five years. It seems more reasonable to have members who are interested in the role and have the skill set be appointed rather than tie the role to an elected officer who many not have the interested or skill set for the job. This also adds a degree of flexibility for the Society.

SASMM Events:

- Virginia Scottish Games, September 3, The Plains, VA Coordinator: Contacted VSGA to confirm space for SASMM tent with reciprocity.
- In the Street. Sept 10, Frederick Coordinator: Dawn Spruill
- Fall Kirkin: September 18, Brunswick Episcopal Church Coordinator: Cindy Wolfe
- Ligonier Highland Festival, September 24th Ligonier, PA Coordinator: TBD This would be a new 2016 event for SASMM.
- Maryland Irish Festival, November 11 – 13, Maryland State Fair Grounds, Timonium, MD
Coordinator: TBD SASMM has reciprocity with the Maryland Irish Festival for booth space. This will be our third year.
- AGM-St. Andrew's Dinner: November 19, Masonic Lodge Coordinator: Marianne Plans include a keynote speaker and a different local band.
Note: This is the same date as the SAS Washington, DC Tartan Ball.
- Scottish Christmas Walk, December 3, Alexandria, VA Coordinator: TBD Only a few SASMM members have participated over the past few years, but this is a great opportunity for marketing the festival.
- Lads and Lassies Libation Event: December 16 Coordinator: MaryAnn Ferguson
- Hogmanay: December 31, UFVD Coordinators: Dawn and Chris Spruill. Dawn will be presenting a plan and budget for Hogmanay which has outgrown the prior year's site and it being moved to UVFD with a catered dinner.

Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival:

- a. Leadership: The 2016 festival was led by two co-chairs (Marianne and Ralph Wallace) and a project manager/treasurer (Denise Sayer). One of the co-chairs (Ralph) has stepped down. Denise indicates willingness to continue as does Marianne. There are some changes in other areas.
- b. Sponsorships: Plan to hire someone to work on a commission basis to acquire sponsors.
Draft plan forthcoming.
- c. Initial draft budget to be presented at September BOD meeting.
- d. Festival Launch meeting: September 18.
- e. See the attached festival financial report; the summary of the festival overall was presented at the June meeting and at the June After-the-Festival celebration.

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