

## President's Report

December 11, 2016 Board of Director's Meeting  
Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

### SASMM 2016 Goals:

- 2016 Calendar of Events: A full calendar of Society-sponsored and society attended events.
- 2016 Budget for SASMM: Presented at January 2016 BOD meeting and accepted; 2017 budget presented at November Board and AGM meetings. Update at December meeting.
- Resolve remaining IRS issue (fines): **Still pending.**
- Finalize Audit 2015: Audit completed August 2016.
- Update SASMM Bylaws: Complete. See below
- Outreach and partnership with other organizations: Outreach to Maryland Irish Festival, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Garrett County Celtic Festival, and effort to further formalize partnerships with Frederick Scottish Pipes and Drums and Frederick Scottish Country Dancers, and others.

Thank you! Those two words do not seem enough to convey my appreciation for all the support and over the past two years as President. Despite the challenges we enjoyed many successes; all thanks to you. Thank you!

Bylaws Revision: Revised Bylaws drafted by Bylaws committee, approved by Board at the October meeting, and approved, with one clarification, by the membership at November AGM.

Audit: The Board needs to review the audit results to note errors of fact, supply any missing documents, and then create a plan to address the relevant issues (most are being addressed with Bylaws, GAP, and new treasurer). Pending: Marianne will work with Denise on this once all the records are available and can be reviewed; some progress already made.

2017 SASMM Officers: The 2017 Officers were elected and announced at the AGM. Newly elected officers are: President, Chris Spruill; Vice President, Craig Sparks; Recording Secretary, Margaret Hallaren; Treasurer, Denise Sayer; and Membership Director, Jackie Parker.

Officer Job Descriptions: These should follow the revision of the Bylaws where details were removed to allow flexibility. Topics for the 2017 Board to consider.

Society Connections with Sister Organizations: Verified with Valerie Hill that she sends Christmas Cards to SASMM members, and condolence cards to members whose family has lost a loved one, and not other organizations. Marianne is creating list of sister organizations for cards.

Letters to the Frederick Scottish Pipes and Drums and Frederick Scottish Country Dancers. A letter has been sent to the Pipe Major requesting confirmation of the pipers at Hogmanay and Burns Supper. Attempts to contact the Pipe Major and pipers are difficult; therefore a traceable letter was sent. The letter also outlined a proposed partnership and expectations for donations for future events. The letter was tracked as delivered (see copy of tracking document); there has been no response to the letter except a phone call to note that the pipers would not be participating in Hogmanay. Based on that, the second

letter that was proposed during the November Board meeting was not sent to the Pipers and the Board was notified via email on November 15<sup>th</sup>. A similar letter will be sent to the dancers.

SASMM Events:

- Maryland Irish Festival, November 11 – 13, Maryland State Fair Grounds, Timonium, MD. SASMM has reciprocity with the Maryland Irish Festival for booth space. This will be our third year. Great participation by 11 SASMM members.

- AGM-St. Andrew's Dinner: November 19, Woodsboro Fire Department Hall. Attendance was good with 40 individuals; 29 members. Bylaws passed with clarification. SASMM's inaugural Distinguished Service Award – Cindy Wolfe, and more. Presentation slides sent to all members.

- Scottish Christmas Walk, December 3, Alexandria, VA. Only a few SASMM members have participated over the past few years, but this is a great opportunity for marketing the Society and the festival; historically the focus was the festival. Registered on October 10; cost of \$75. Six members participated (twice the number of last year); largest group ever and largest crowd watching the parade.

Outstanding Items from Prior Treasurer

1. Federal Tax for 2013 and Response to IRS; Penalty issues  
*Need further thought on how to handle.*

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