

## President's Report

October 16, 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 Board and AGM meetings
- Resolve remaining IRS issue (fines): **Still pending**
- Finalize Audit 2015: **Audit complete. Summary provided.**
- Update SASMM Bylaws: **Revised Bylaws drafted by Bylaws committee and draft copied to Board. Official revision targeted for October meeting**
- 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.**

### Appointment of New Treasurer

Denise Sayers was appointed as the SASMM Treasurer at the September 25, 2016 Board Meeting. President and Treasurer met on September 27 to deliver appointment letter and go over high-level and urgent items for the Society and the festival. Also submitted letter to PNC bank to update the treasurer positions and update signatory authorities for all the accounts. Other unresolved financial issues listed in the agenda will be reviewed and actions taken then reported to the Board as updates.

Bylaws Revision: Many thanks to the Committee for developing the revised Bylaws. The Board has been copied on the drafts and will have an official submission for the October meeting. Once final these will be mailed to the membership with the Ballot and invitation to the AGM.

- Discussion and Decision needed on several areas related to officer terms, specific duties, amendments, misconduct, and discontinuance of the Society.

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 and GAP.

- Pending: Marianne will work with Denise on this once the recent records are available and can be reviewed.

FY2015-2016 Federal Tax Submission: The Board agreed that an individual with financial and tax preparation background complete the federal and state tax reports for this year. Due to the timing of the turnover of the new Treasurer and the work involved, Chris Spruill confirmed he will do this, and depending on the state of the financials records, may request an extension.

Election of Officers: The Election Committee has a full slate of officers for the 2017 ballot. The Board will have the ballot for review by the October meeting after which the ballots will be distributed and returned to the Election Committee for tally and announcement at the AGM.

- Board needs to vote on ballot.

2017 DRAFT Budget Still pending transfer of the most recent financial records from former Treasurer. Targeting the November meeting but may need to be adjusted once the records are reviewed.

Society Connections and Correspondence The Society sends Christmas cards and sympathy cards; there may be others of which we are not aware. This wonderful effort has been done for years by Vivian Bolton and Valerie Hall, who make the cards that the Frederick Scottish Country Dancers sell. The Society is only charged for postage and the request for reimbursement is the only report or evidence that this is done. The Society does not have a list of recipients of the Christmas cards and whether it is current; nor do we know who has received sympathy cards. Society members have experienced four deaths recently and I sent personal sympathy cards on behalf of SASMM. This information is also needed for Flowers of the Forest.

- Request that the Society formally ask for the Christmas card list and update as needed; the list of sympathy cards sent. Also perhaps consider a Christmas wishes on FB or an e-card when appropriate.

SASMM Events (This content will transfer to Events Coordinator for Reporting) :

- 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. Confirmed for 10 tickets.

- AGM-St. Andrew's Dinner: November 19, Woodsboro Fire Department Hall. 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 Society and the festival; historically the focus was the festival. Registered on October 10; cost of \$75. Sent information to Dawn and Denise.

- Lads and Lassies Libation Event: December 16 Coordinator: MaryAnn Ferguson

- Hogmanay: December 31, UFVD Coordinators: Dawn and Chris Spruill. Planning is underway.

- Burns Nicht Supper: February 25, 2017 at the UVFD Hall. Coordinator: Marianne

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