Membership Secretary Report – September 2016 Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

Dues reminders have been sent to all members who have not yet paid nor provided the information that they intend NOT to renew. We are still maintaining the request that all dues payments be received before the end of October. A second reminder will be sent with the results of the work of the nominating committee in mid-October.

The nominating committee continues to work on seeking nominations for the Board of Director positions for 2017. They have received nominations for President, Membership Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. We still need someone to be nominated or express an interest in the Vice President position. The nominating committee will present a slate of officer candidates to the Board prior to our October meeting and we will then ratify the slate and I will send out the ballots (along with the aforementioned reminders if and where necessary) asking that ballots be marked and mailed back to the Nominating Committee chairperson (Mary Anne Ferguson) The nominating committee will be provided with a list of paid members at that time so that they will be aware of who has paid and who has not yet paid so that ballots can be properly tallied. The work of the nominating committee should be finished, including tabulation of votes, before our Annual General Meeting on November 19 where we will present the newly-elected board. They will begin their tenure as members of the Board starting January 1, 2017.

September saw us In The Streets in downtown Frederick along with a lot of other booths and tents, braving the 95+ degree heat and high humidity. We garnered interest from more than a dozen individuals and e-mail communication where available and mail communication where e-mail was not available was instituted, thanking the individuals for their interest, sharing upcoming event information about the Society and directing them to our website for more information.

I have put together a clan listing according to database information we have from among our membership so that we have a list of clans represented. You should be receiving a copy of the report at the September Board meeting.

Our social network and on-line presence both continue to thrive as Bill and Dawn keep members and interested parties up-to-date on our upcoming events and on Scottish heritage tidbits and events as the information becomes available. I continue to express thanks to them for keeping our Internet presence alive and well.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Christopher Spruill Membership Secretary