

**The 2013 Nomination Committee's
Report of the Results of 2013 Triennial Voting of the CCI General Membership
on the Bylaw Amendments
and the Candidates for Elected Office**

1. Introduction:

- A. At an emergency meeting on August 25, 2013, the Governing Council declared the 10 ballots returned out of 123 ballots sent out attached to the Summer 2013 edition of the newsletter to be null and void and approved the holding of a new election with new corrected ballots. This happened because the ballot form used had been mistakenly based on an older type of ballot used under the old Bylaws that did not allow each of the three proposed amendments and each of the nine candidates for office to be voted on individually as required by our current Bylaws.
- B. On September 1, 2013, 123 new corrected ballots were sent out via email and the US Postal Service to the 123 Memberships on the current list of CCI Memberships supplied by the Membership Director.
- C. Please note that according to the Bylaws, only one ballot is allowed to be filled out and cast by each membership. For example, a Membership for a family of 2 adults and 4 children would be allowed to cast only one ballot, not 6 ballots.

2. Ballots:

- A. Out of the 123 ballots sent out, 20 completed ballot forms and two emails (each from a Membership stating their voting wishes) were received by the Nomination Committee Chair. All were received by the due date of September 30, 2013 set by the Council. The Memberships were checked and all found to be in good standing with any dues owed paid up. Of the 22 Memberships represented, 2 were Honorary Memberships and 20 were Regular Memberships. No associate Memberships were found. Note: Associate members cannot vote.
- B. One of the two emails received stating voting wishes was received from an Honorary Membership and declared invalid because, according to the Bylaws, Honorary members do not have voting privileges, may not hold an elected office, and pay no dues.

- C. One ballot was received from another Honorary Membership and declared valid because the Council had allowed this particular Honorary member to vote and hold an elected office for the last 3 years until a permanent change could be made to the Bylaws in 2013. The Bylaws allows the Council to temporary make changes to the Bylaws to as needed to better conduct business and then present these changes to the general membership for a vote of approval at the time of the general meeting every three years.
- D. Please note that one ballot was received from a Regular member who wished to remain anonymous and was declared valid because the Membership name was made known to the Nomination Committee Chair. This allowed the membership to be checked to make sure it was current Regular Membership and any dues owed had been paid. No problems were found.
- E. One Membership was allowed to change one vote its ballot. The voting change was received by the September 30 deadline.
- F. Therefore, of the 22 ballots (ballots and voting wishes) received out of the 123 ballots sent out, one had to be declared invalid resulting in 21 valid ballots that could be counted. Votes on these ballots were counted on October 1, 2013 by Chair of the Nomination Committee and have been checked by the other 3 members of the Committee.

3. Results for Item 1 – The Three Amendments to the CCI Bylaws:

- A. According to the Bylaws, a two thirds (2/3rds) majority vote based on the number of returned valid ballots is required to approve an amendment. This means with 21 returned valid ballots, 14 “yes” votes were needed to approve an amendment. The voting on each amendment satisfied this requirement resulting in all three amendments being approved.
- B. These three amendments have been added to the current CCI Bylaws by the Nomination Committee. The amended Bylaws can be identified by its title page which says it was “Amended October 1, 2013”.

4. Results for Item 2 – Election of officers To Serve For 2013 to 2016

- A. According to the Bylaws, a simple majority vote is required to elect a candidate to office. This means that a candidate must receive more ‘yes’ votes than ‘no’ votes to be

elected. The votes cast for each candidate satisfied this requirement resulting in each candidate being elected to office and no offices going vacant.

- B. The newly elected Treasurer will automatically assume the duties of Secretary and serve as Secretary-Treasurer since amendment #2 combining these two positions was approved.
- C. The Elected Officers are as follows:

President – Kelly Cunningham
Vice- President – C. Stevens Cunningham
Secretary – Treasurer – David Pickens
Membership Director - Patricia Paisley
Regional Secretary – Alexander Cunningham
Genealogist – Sheryl Cunningham
Historian – Amy Dean
Newsletter Editor- Barbara Ball
Webmaster- Bartley Payne

5. Closing:

- A. All three amendments and all 9 candidates running for elected office were approved by the general membership in a valid election. All returned ballots are available for inspection by any current member by making a request in writing to the Nomination Committee Chair. On December 31, 2013, the returned ballots will be given to the Historian to be placed in the CCI archives.
- B. Once this report and amended copy of the Bylaws is approved by the Governing Council at its next meeting, they both will need to be presented by the Council to the entire general membership as soon as possible.
- C. The Committee requests that the Governing Council at its next meeting after approving this report and the amended Bylaws to vote to dissolve it since its required tasks will have been done and completed successfully.
- D. The Governing Council is advised to review and update as soon as possible the list of appointed Regional Directors, appointed Special Advisors to the President , and Past Presidents that will make up the 2013-2016 Governing Council in addition to the above

9 elected Officers. Note: When the Lord Lyon names our Clan Chief, that individual will become an exofficio member of the Governing Council.

Respectfully submitted on October 9, 2013,

The 2013 Nomination Committee:

Dr. Bill Cunningham, Chair

Patricia Paisley

David Pickens

C. Stevens Cunningham, Advisor

PLEASE NOTE: On 10/27/2013, the Governing Council approved this report, and also replaced Bartley Payne with Jerry Lester as Webmaster.