

History of Clan Cunningham, USA

Our third year: 11 May 2004 – 11 May 2005

1. **The Board of Directors** at the end of our third year: David Pickens, President; William D. Cunningham, Vice-President; Margie Cheatham, Secretary-Treasurer; Dr Bill Cunningham, Membership Coordinator; Carole Bishop, Historian; Beverly Lueke, Webmaster; Jon Czarowitz, Genealogist; Bonnie Cunningham, Newsletter Editor; Jerry Lester, Delegate-at-Large.
2. **Board Meetings:** The Board conducted its meetings using the CommunityZero Website chat room. Meetings were held on: 16 May 2004; 23 May 2004; 20 June 2004; 18 July 2004; 22 August 2004; 19 September 2004; 10 October 2004; 24 October 2004; 12 December 2004, 9 January 2005, 6 March 2005; and 10 April 2005.
3. CCUSA's first **Triennial Membership Meeting** was held at the Stone Mountain Games, 16 October 2004. The membership voted: to accept the August 24, 2003 version of the By-Laws, and the slate of officers presented. There were no nominations from the floor. The membership also voted to establish a committee to investigate the possibility of 501C3 status for the organization.
4. **President's Goals (as of 10 October 2004):** 1) Ensure the western members do not feel left out. We need a California commissioner. 2) Finish the book we started on clan history. David needs someone to put the finishing touches on it. 3) Transition the newsletter to Kelly. 4) Get regional representatives involved. 5) Develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for action items that do not have to be voted on by the Board; items such as ad renewals. 6) Set up the password system to the Members Only page of the website, so members can access stuff, like the newsletter. 7) Figure out the best way to sell clothing with our organization's logo. – one source would be to use a link on the Society of Scottish Armigers website. 8) Create a position for Quartermaster to sell all this stuff.
5. **Board Actions and Decisions:**
 - a) The board voted in Jon Czarowitz as Genealogist, on 23 May 2004, when Julie Cunningham stepped down.
 - b) Bob Cunningham from Indiana has accepted the position of Indiana/Ohio/Illinois area and hosted the Ft Wayne games this past weekend. Steve Cunningham from NH accepted the position of New England area representative, and will host the Loon Mountain games.
 - c) The Board voted in June 2004 to look into obtaining items (with our clan logo) for sale from Thistles 'N Tyme. In September, the Board voted to spend \$125 for the clan logo to be created for clothing items.
 - d) David Pickens ordered the clansman prints form Celtic Papers.
 - e) In August 2004, the Board voted unanimously to place an ad in the Scottish Life magazine. The Board also voted unanimously to send out special letters to all members who have not renewed.

- f) In September 2004, Kelly Boatright agreed to be the newsletter editor and became an official Board Member. The Board had previously voted him in when he expressed an interest in July.
- g) The Board voted unanimously to offer a \$5 discount for new members only, who pay at the games.
- h) In February 2005, Kelly Boatright resigned his position as Newsletter Editor.
- i) In March 2005, The Board nominated Bonnie Cunningham to serve as Newsletter Editor. The Board voted on drafting correspondence to send to CCSA.
- j) In April 2005, The Board voted (7 to 1) to send the letter David wrote to the CCSA Board, and to post the article about “Why join CCUSA” to our website. The Board also voted unanimously to link the Clan Store to our public website, and if possible, to also post it to our Members Only page and give a 10% discount to members.

6. The **Unicorn newsletter** was published four times. The **Summer 2004** edition (Vol 3, Issue #1) featured an article on Cunningham tokens; one on Celtic Weapons by Carole Bishop; a report from the Glasgow Games; and official notification of our first Triennial Membership Meeting. The **Fall 2004** edition featured an article on the Cunningham-Porterfield Feud by Dr William A. Cunningham; reports from the genealogist, Jon P Czarowitz; as well as reports from the Tennessee and New Hampshire games. The **Winter 2005** edition featured an article by David Pickens on James Cunningham, the patron of Robert Burns; a report of the Stone Mountain Games and national meeting; the Membership Coordinator’s report; a notice for the International Clan Gathering in Scotland; and information on 2 regional representatives: Steve Cunningham in New England and Robert Cunningham in the Mid-West. The **Spring 2005** edition featured an article on Scottish attire, by Robert Cunningham; an article on planning a Burns Dinner; and important information about the International Clan Cunningham Gathering in Scotland in November 2005.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Doc Bill Cunningham reported that by the end of the second year, there were 84 members in CCUSA, from 35 states. Twenty-five former members have not yet renewed.

8. **Treasurer:** Margie Cheatham reported that the balance in our Treasury at the beginning of the year was \$ 1565.05. Income during the year was \$1761.14. Expenditures during the year were \$1695.03. Balance at the end of the year was \$ 1631.16.

9. **Webmaster:** Beverly Lueke updated both websites, added a Members Only page to the public website, and is in the process of restricting the Community Zero site to Board Meetings only. She switched our web host provider from PureHost (formerly Dell Host) to ViaNetworks. This switch resulted in a \$10/month savings on web fees.

10. **Genealogist:** Jon Czarowitz.

11. **Games:** CCUSA sponsored a Clan Tent at the following Festivals, Highland Games and other venues during our third year. CCUSA offered to reimburse tent sponsors up to \$100, upon request.

Glasgow, KY	June 2004	David Pickens, Jackie & Louis Garner, Beverly & Larry Lueke, Chris & Robert Cunningham
Fort Wayne, IN	June 2004	Bob & Chris Cunningham, and Pat & Shawn Paisley
Salt Lake City UT	June 2004	Kathy Nye
Michiana, IN	July 2004	Bill & Venita Cunningham
Payson (Provo) UT	July 2004	Kathy Nye
Ogden, UT	Aug 2004	Kathy Nye
Kalamazoo, MI	Aug 2004	Bill & Venita Cunningham
Pleasanton, CA	Aug 2004	Jerry & Kathy Lester, Don & Holly Cunningham, John Cunnyngham and Grace Hardy.
Ligonier, PA	Sept 2004	Carole Bishop
Columbus, OH	Sept 2004	Robert & Chris Cunningham
New Hampshire	Sept 2004	Steve Cunningham
Clanjamfry (Memphis)	Sept 2004	Jackie & Lou Garner
Murphreesboro, TN	Oct 2004	David Pickens, Jackie & Lou Garner
Scotland, CT	Oct 2004	Steve Cunningham
Stone Mountain, GA	Oct 2004	David Pickens, Carole Bishop, etc.
Salado, TX	Nov 2004	Jon & Ruth Czarowitz
Loch Norman, NC	Apr 2005	Pickens, Luekes, Cheathams
Henderson, NV	Apr 2005	Jerry & Kathy Lester
Savannah, GA	May 2005	Ray & Jerry Stocks