

## **History of Clan Cunningham, International (CCI)**

### **Our eighth year: May 11, 2009 – May 11, 2010**

1. **Board of Directors** at the end of the year: **National Directors:** David Pickens, President; Steve Cunningham, Vice-President; Margie Cheatham, Secretary-Treasurer; Patricia Paisley, Membership Coordinator; Carole Bishop, Historian; Beverly Lueke, Webmaster; Jon Czarowitz, Genealogist; Bonnie Cunningham, Newsletter Editor. **Regional Directors:** Northeast: Steve Cunningham; Southern: Dave Cunningham; Mid-West: Robert Cunningham; Plains: Bartley; West: Kelly Cunningham; Scotland: Alex Cunningham. Additionally, as non-voting members, Dr William Cunningham is Special Advisor to the President, and Jerry Lester is the Parliamentarian.

2. **Board Meetings:** The Board conducted its meetings using first the CommunityZero Website chat room, and then using Skype beginning in November 2009. Meetings were held on: May 17, 2009; June 28, 2009; Aug 23, 2009; Sep 27, 2009; Oct 25, 2009; Nov 22, 2009; Jan 24, 2010; Feb 28, 2010; Mar 21, 2010 and Apr 25, 2010.

### **3. Board Actions and Decisions:**

- a) In June 2009, the Board moved, seconded and unanimously approved to make WRB Cunninghame-Graham an honorary member and Advisor. The board moved, seconded and unanimously approved to commend Leslie Kenyon for her work on the search for a Clan Chief.
- b) In June 2009, the Travel Guide CD was finalized and President David Pickens praised Doc Bill Cunningham for heading up the project.
- c) In August 2009, the Board moved, seconded and unanimously approved the Resolution submitted by Steve Cunningham to transition the organization from Clan Cunningham USA to Clan Cunningham International.
- d) In August 2009 the Board voted to establish a By-Laws Committee to bring all relevant changes to the current By-Laws necessary to make the change from a regional clan organization to a global clan organization at the Triennial meeting at Loon Mountain, NH Highland Games on September, 2010. Steve Cunningham was appointed to head up this committee.
- e) In September 2009, the Board agreed to begin using Skype instead of CommunityZero.
- f) In September 2009, it was reported that two gentlemen intend to compete for the position of Clan Chief: Sir John Montgomery Cuninghame of Corsehill, and WRB Cunninghame-Graham. The Board discussed not favoring either candidate over the other.
- g) In October 2009, Bartley Payne announced he was moving and offered to resign his position. The motion to accept Bartley Payne's resignation, effective Dec 1, 2009, was carried. The Board accepted his resignation with sadness and appreciated all his contributions as Plains Regional Director and tent host, etc. (Later, Bartley Payne's move was delayed and he was reinstated.)
- h) In October 2009, the Board unanimously approved the use of Skype for all future Board meetings.
- i) In October 2009, the Board voted to remain neutral in the 2 petitions for a clan chief. The motion to instruct David Pickens and Steve Cunningham to write to the Lord Lyon that CCI will remain neutral in the clan chief petitions, was carried.
- j) In November 2009, Doc Bill Cunningham reported that version 2 of the Travel Guide was underway, with Carole Bishop submitting five more site write-ups.

- k) In November 2009, Steve Cunningham reported that the Loon Mountain games are a 3-day event, 17-19 September 2010. The CCI Triennial Meeting will be on Saturday afternoon. The clan dinner will be at 6pm in Lincoln, NH, \$35 per person.
- l) In January 2010, the Nominating Committee was established to prepare for the election of officers in September. David Pickens was designated to chair the committee, and Beverly Lueke and Doc Bill Cunningham agreed to serve.
- m) In January 2010, David Pickens reported that the Glencairn Aisle project will include the Shakefork in each of the four windows being renovated.
- n) In January 2010, Webmaster Beverly Lueke reported that she was transitioning the website to account for the new title of CCI.
- o) In March 2010, the By-Laws Committee sent out a draft to each Board member for review and discussion before the vote.
- p) In April 2010 the Board unanimously approved the revised By-Laws, which will be sent out to the membership for voting at the Triennial meeting in September 2010.

4. The **Unicorn newsletter**, with Bonnie Cunningham as Editor, was published three times.

- a) The **Summer 2009** edition led off with Leslie Kenyon's article on the Pursuit of a Clan Chief. It included the Annual Report to the Membership, as well as various games reports.
- b) The **Fall 2009** edition introduced Clan Cunningham International in an article by David Pickens. It included information on the next Triennial Meeting in NH, and had a report on the 2009 Tour of Scotland.
- c) The **Winter 2010** edition featured Robert Burns's Letter to the Earl of Glencairn. It included David Pickens' article called "A Royal Time in Edinburgh," Jon Czarowitz' article on Tracing Your Ancestors, and an Update on the Glencairn Aisle Project.

5. **Membership Coordinator:** Patricia Paisley reported that by the end of the year, there were 149 members in CCI, from 32 US states and 7 other countries. 39 of these were new members. 28 previous members did not renew this year.

6. **Treasurer:** Margie Cheatham reported that the balance on hand at the beginning of the year (as of May 11, 2009) was \$1449.34. Income received during the year was \$2910.00. Expenditures were \$2732.83. The balance on hand as of May 11, 2010 was \$1626.51, of which \$1375 is earmarked for the Glencairn Aisle Project, leaving an available balance of \$251.51. The accounts have not yet been audited this year.

7. **Webmaster:** Beverly Lueke

8. **Genealogist:** With the selection of RootsMagic as program of choice for gathering family data for our archives, I did not do this lightly. Over the years I've used many programs. Each had its good and not so good side. RootsMagic has the capability of allowing me to view 2 databases on screen at once. It has been certified by New Family Search as one of their preferred programs. Within the program is the online search of multiple sites done in a very short time. It too has gone International which will give our members worldwide a common ground for interchange of information. Additionally I have run into many Cunninghams already using it. As to the year gone by, I have been pleased to get a number of major databases from Scottish members and others overseas. Mine has been a life-long task, but the meeting of people along the way has been worth it. I have both download links and the install program if you need them. Please use your own genealogy program or get this free one but send me a Gedcom right away. Jon P Czarowitz

9. **Games:** CCI sponsored a Clan Tent at the usual Festivals, Highland Games and other venues during the year. CCI continues to offer reimbursement to tent sponsors up to \$100, upon request with the ability to apply for additional funds on a case-by-case basis.

May 30-31, 2009	Modesto, CA	Kelly Cunningham
May 30-31, 2009	Glasgow, KY	Robert & Chris Cunningham, David Pickens
June 13, 2009	Fort Wayne, IN	Pat Paisley, Robert & Chris Cunningham
June 13, 2009	Rhode Island	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
June 18, 2009	Look Park, MA	Donald & Sandra Morissette
Jul 25-26, 2009	The Gathering in Scotland !!	
Aug 1-2, 2009	Monterey, CA	Kelly Cunningham
Aug 8, 2009	Cape Cod, MA	Steve Cunningham & Dylia Cunningham
Aug 15, 2009	Brunswick, ME	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham and Dr Bill Cunningham
Aug 22, 2009	Quechee, VT	Donald & Sandra Morissette
Sept 5-6, 2009	Pleasanton, CA	Kelly Cunningham
Sept 5-6, 2009	Altamont, NY	Donald & Sandra Morissette
Sept 12-13, 2009	Green Lane Park, PA	Carole Bishop
Sept 12-13, 2009	Columbus, IN	Robert & Chris Cunningham
Sept 18-20, 2009	Loon Mtn, NH	Steve Cunningham
Sept 26-27, 2009	Bethlehem, PA	Carole Bishop
Oct 6, 2009	Goshen, CT	Donald & Sandra Morissette
Oct 11, 2009	Scotland, CT	Steve & Bonnie Cunningham
Oct 17-18, 2009	Stone Mtn, GA	David Pickens
Nov 13-15, 2009	Salado, TX	Jon & Ruth Czarowitz
Feb 13-14, 2010	Long Beach, CA	Leslie Kenyon
Mar 5-7, 2010	Dallas, TX	Bartley Payne
Mar 13-14, 2010	Sonora, CA	Kelly Wright
Mar 27-28, 2010	San Antonio, TX	Bartley Payne
Apr 16-18, 2010	Loch Norman, NC	Beverly Lueke, David Pickens, Margie Cheatham
Apr 17-18, 2010	Las Vegas, NV	Jerry Lester
Apr 24-25, 2010	Sacramento, CA	Kelly Cunningham