

History of Clan Cunningham, International (CCI) January to December 2011

1. Governing Council members at the end of the year.

Elected Officers: C Stevens Cunningham, President; Sheryl Cunningham, Vice-President; Kelly Cunningham, Secretary; Margie Cheatham, Treasurer; Patricia Paisley, Membership Coordinator; Carole Bishop, Historian; Beverly Lueke, Webmaster; Jon Czarowitz, Genealogist; Bonnie Cunningham, Newsletter Editor, Alexander Cunningham, Regional Secretary.

Appointed Officers: Northeast USA: Dr Bill Cunningham; Southern USA: Dave Cunningham; Mid-West USA: Robert Cunningham; Plains USA: Bruce Cunningham; West USA: Kelly Cunningham; Scotland: Alex Cunningham; England: Sherell Cunningham Swales; Canada: Nancy Cunningham; New Zealand: Phil Cunningham; South Africa: Sherell Cunningham Swales; Cunninghams in Uniform: Bartley Payne.

2. Council Meetings: The Council conducted its meetings using Skype. Meetings were held on: January 30th, March 6th, April 10th, May 15th, June 26th, September 11th, October 23rd, November 20th and December 18th. Many meetings did not have a quorum.

3. Council Actions and Decisions:

- a) The Council has been following the pursuit for Clan Chief by two candidates, Sir John Cunningham and Robin Cunningham Graham. Both have applied to the Lord Lyon's Office. Robin Cunningham also filed an objection to Sir John's application.
- b) The Council has been pursuing 501c3 status, and needed \$1400 US for the application. As of January 2011, \$500 was raised. By February 2011 \$850 was raised. By May 2011, \$950 was raised. As of September 2011, the package was mailed to the accountant
- c) A survey was emailed to 207 members in February. Results posted as of March 6, 2011 were as follows: 114 opened the email, 49 surveys were completed.
- d) CCI has been creating a Travel Book of Cunningham sites in Scotland and Ireland. Dr Bill Cunningham headed up the committee.
- e) President Steve Cunningham instituted an emailed newsletter that is going to over 300 people.
- f) The next triennial meeting was established for Labor Day Weekend in 2013, in Pleasanton, CA. Kelly Cunningham has the lead.

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

- a) Winter 2011. Featured articles: Alexander Cunningham – friend of Robert Burns, by David Pickens; Highland Dance by Kendra Cunningham; Early Celtic Druidism by Carole Bishop; and a list of games for 2011.
- b) Spring 2011. Featured articles: Battle of Sauchieburn, by Carole Bishop; the Earthquake in New Zealand, by Phil Cunningham; War Cries and Mottoes, by Carole Bishop; Report of Loch Norman Games.
- c) Summer 2011. Featured articles: Dumbarton Castle, by Carole Bishop; Highland Dance by Kendra Cunningham; The Starret Family by Carole Bishop; photos from various games in California, Indiana and Ontario.

5. **Membership Coordinator:** Patricia Paisley reported that by the end of the year, there were 129 members in CCI, from 30 US states and 6 other countries. 19 of these were new members. There were 63 renewals.

6. **Treasurer:** Margie Cheatham served as Interim Treasurer. As of October 2011 there was a balance of \$611.70. There was \$1375 saved for the Glencairn Aisle project and \$420 saved for the 501C3 account.

7. **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.