

Minutes Clan MacLeod USA AGM and council Meeting  
Dunvegan Community Hall  
July 23, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am in Dunvegan Community Hall, Dunvegan, Isle of Skye IV55 8WA, Scotland, United Kingdom, July 23, 2018.

Weeden Nichols gave the opening prayer.

There were 17 Council members present and 4 proxies constituting a council quorum.

There were 21 members present and 97 proxies constituting an AGM Quorum.

The Council meeting was opened.

The agenda was adopted.

The Minutes of the council meeting at Alexandria, Virginia, Dec. 1, 2017 were approved.

All members of council have a vote except the honorary chiefs.

A motion was made that the Piping coordinator position to be filled by Tim MacLeod of Chester, VA. also be made a council position. The motion was approved.

The council meeting was closed.

The AGM meeting was opened.

The minutes of the AGM meeting, Wilmington, North Carolina, August 10, 2017 were approved.

The slate of council positions and Dunvegan Trustees was projected on a screen and approved (attached as last page of minutes).

**REPORTS:** Written reports from each council member are available on our website = <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org/members.html>

**President** - Weeden Nichols opened with quotes from two sources:

John MacLeod Tutterow (Clan MacLeod Legal counsel) stated that we are maintaining the legality of Clan MacLeod. However, everything that is legal is not necessarily right.

From G K Chesterton. Conservatism is giving the vote to the least represented of all constituencies--those who have gone before.

In Clan MacLeod, traditions which have been passed down to us from those who have gone before should be honored to the highest degree possible. Any changes necessary should be carefully considered and approached incrementally.

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Operation of key personnel in Clan MacLeod is high quality and does not need improvement. However, some regions are relying on working people who have limited time and don't have interested, older people who have more time to cover the larger areas. These regions need to focus on recruiting helpers like commissioners to build interest.

Currently Clan MacLeod has a traditional lock on the President and Vice President positions which can span 8 years or more. The President chooses his Vice President who is the candidate for the next term as President. That Vice President can choose his Vice President before his Presidential term begins. This traditional lock removes the membership's ability to impact the direction of the organization and limits democracy. Best would be to encourage multiple candidates for these positions allowing the membership to make the choice based on organizational needs closer to when the person takes office. Optimal character traits for the two jobs are different. Someone who is a good Vice President may not be a good President. These positions should be elected separately and served separately, without succession from one to the other. The way we are doing this is legal based on our bylaws. However, as John Tutterow stated, what is legal is not necessarily right.

**Vice President** – John W. McLeod

Our job is to keep enthusiasm by maintaining contact with members using all resources available like Facebook, Twitter, etc.

**Old Business**

1. Open positions – John Norman MacLeod
  - a. Thanks to Weeden and Rosalie Nichols for going around the country to benefit Clan MacLeod.
  - b. Jack Lewis gets our thanks for all he did for many years in the Gulf Central Region and Piping/dancing awards. Tim MacLeod will now be Piping chairman.
  - c. The interim RVP for Gulf Central is Jeff McLeod. Also, in that region we have helpers Rich Dupree and Dean Frederick.
  - d. Interim RVP for New England is Christopher Barker.
  - e. Need a Newsletter Editor. We are grateful to Dorna Caskie for all she has done.

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The people remaining in interim status is by their choice. These interim RVPs are invited to participate in everything except, until they agree to be on council, they do not have a vote.

Acknowledge contributions of Harry and Coralane Boyes, Art and Audrey Nichol and Dorna Caskie by round of applause.

2. New RVPs New England and Gulf Central – Robert McLeod
  - a. Gulf Central has people interested. Basically, we need someone to assume responsibility for finances.
  - b. New England has a person, Chris Barker, new to participating in highland games.
  - c. There is a games guide for people interested in running a game. These have been sent out to the interim RVPs and helpers and are available on request
  - d. Anything else needed, let Bob know.

Should determine if state lines really are the best boundaries for regions.

**New Business**

1. AGM 2019 – Weeden Nichols
  - a. Had been given to the Missouri Valley region and, because of limited time and resources, have declined.
  - b. Timm Herrod of Southwest region has agreed to host the AGM 2019 in the Denver area. \* Note: Timm declined hosting the AGM 2019 for personal reasons subsequent to Parliament. New venues are being considered.

Request for Skype or some other communication for those unable to attend meetings in person. Timm Herrod and Stephen MacLeod should contact Tex MacLeod on technical details.

2. Article in Highlander magazine – Judy MacLeod  
July/August issue has “The Athlete in Clan MacLeod Tartan” detailing Damon Barth of Clan MacLeod who competes in the Masters Division. A subscription to the Highlander also comes with card access to Scottish parks etc. which are part of the Hertitage Trust.
3. 2020 NAG- committee formed with John Norman MacLeod, Franklin Wyatt III, Robert McLeod to determine location for meeting.

AGM Meeting closed.

Meeting minutes and additional reports from AGM/Council Meeting will be posted on the members only site, <http://www.clanmacleodusa.org/members.html>. Sign in sheets, proxies, and proof of Irish Echo published advertising of Parliament meeting available on request.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy McLeod

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**CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETY USA, INC.**

Slate of Council members to be elected and Dunvegan Foundation Trustees to be ratified at the Annual General Meeting, Monday, July 23, 2018, in Dunvegan, Scotland

**1. ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

*Please note that the three chiefs are "ex officio" members of Council: Chief Hugh MacLeod of MacLeod, Chief Torquil Donald of the Lewes, Chief John of the Macleods of Raasay.*

*\* Note an individual has one council vote even if filling multiple positions.*

<b>PRESIDENT</b> Weeden Nichols Las Cruces, NM	<b>NATIONAL VP</b> John W. MacLeod Madison, FL	<b>SECRETARY</b> Sandy McLeod Wilmington, NC	<b>TREASURER</b> Kris McFadden Orem, UT	<b>RVP NEW ENGLAND</b> Interim Christopher Barker Portsmouth, RI
<b>VP REGIONAL COORDINATION</b> Bob McLeod Wilmington, NC	<b>VP MEMBERSHIP</b> Anne L. MacLeod West Valley City, UT	<b>RVP SOUTHWEST</b> Timm Herrod Parker, CO	<b>RVP NORTHEAST</b> Bonnie MacLeod Denka Clay, NY	<b>CHAPLAIN</b> Robert Lewis Damascus, MD
<b>COUNSEL</b> John MacLeod Tutterow Fayetteville, NC	<b>RVP GULF CENTRAL</b> Interim Jeff McLeod Gadsden, AL	<b>INTERNET MANAGER</b> Ian Good O'Fallon, MO	<b>RVP GREAT LAKES/ PUBLICIST*</b> Judy MacLeod Naperville, IL	<b>YOUTH COORDINATOR</b> Sasha Macleod Kansas City, KS
<b>MIGRATION DIRECTOR/ RVP SOUTHEAST *</b> Ann McLeod Madison, FL	<b>RVP CAROLINAS/ AWARDS CHAIRMAN*</b> W. Franklin Wyatt III Sanford, NC	<b>RVP MID-ATLANTIC</b> Stephen D. MacLeod Alexandria, VA	<b>DUNVEGAN FOUNDATION</b> John B. MacLeod Silver Springs, MD	<b>NOMINATION CHAIR/ PAST PRESIDENT*</b> John Norman MacLeod Naperville, IL
<b>RVP NORTHWEST</b> Scott Lewis Havre, MT	<b>RVP UPPER MIDWEST</b> Eugene MacLeod Chilton, WI	<b>RVP PACIFIC REGION</b> Tammie Vawter Fresno, CA	<b>RVP SOUTH CENTRAL</b> James McCloud Schertz, Texas	<b>RVP MISSOURI VALLEY</b> Tom Macleod Kansas City, KS
<b>PIPING</b> Tim MacLeod Chester, VA				

Yellow highlight indicates people nominated for these positions. All other council are incumbents.

**2. RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL'S APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE DUNVEGAN FOUNDATION**

<b>CLASS OF 2019</b>	Larry Sears, San Antonio, TX; Charlene Boyes, Columbia, MO; John Norman MacLeod, Naperville, IL
<b>CLASS OF 2020</b>	Judy MacLeod, Naperville, IL; Robert Lewis, Jr., Damascus MD; Sarah Pieprgrass, Canton, MA.
<b>CLASS OF 2021</b>	Bonnie Thompson, Cumberland, RI; Weeden Nichols, Las Cruces, NM; John MacLeod Tutterow, Fayetteville, NC
<b>CLASS OF 2022</b>	Richard A. MacLeod, Dowagiac, MI; John B. MacLeod, Silver Spring, MD; Don McLeod, Southern Pines, NC.
<b>CLASS OF 2023</b>	Ian Good, O'Fallon, MO; James Blount MacLeod, Raleigh, NC; Bob McLeod, Wilmington, NC.

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Clan MacLeod Society, U.S.A., Inc.

*The Society Founded in 1954*



August 1, 2018

Subject: Meeting Minutes – AGM Search Committee

Date: July 23, 2018

Location: Dunvegan Community Hall, Dunvegan, Isle of Skye

Attendees: Robert McLeod – Chairman

John Norman MacLeod – Committee member

Franklin Wyatt III – Committee member

John W. McLeod – National Vice-President

Sandy McLeod – National Secretary (observer)

Ann McLeod – RVP Southeast (observer)

Concern: Lack of AGM / NAG plans for the immediate future,  
specifically the 2020 NAG.

Discussion started by Robert McLeod detailing pros and cons associated with each Region. After discussion the committee requested of John Norman MacLeod if Great Lakes Region would graciously consider hosting the 2020 NAG. After further discussion, John Norman MacLeod assured the committee that Judy MacLeod, RVP Great Lakes Region, would host the 2020 NAG. There were many thanks but we would await his reply (reply the next day was affirmative).

Also discussed the 2021 AGM: John W. McLeod stated that Bonnie MacLeod Denka RVP Northeast had agreed to host the 2021 AGM. Franklin Wyatt III reaffirmed this statement.

The establishment of 2020 NAG commitment by Great Lakes Region and the 2021 AGM by the Northeast Region reduces the concerns. The 2023 AGM would be the next event to be considered. 2022 will be the next Parliament event.