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REGION	RVP	STATES WITHIN REGION
Carolinas	Franklin Wyatt III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Carolina • South Carolina
Great Lakes	Judy MacLeod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illinois • Indiana • Michigan • Ohio
Gulf Central	Jack Lewis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alabama • Kentucky • Mississippi • Tennessee
Mid Atlantic	Stephen MacLeod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delaware • Maryland • Pennsylvania • Virginia • West Virginia
Missouri Valley Region	Ian Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri • Kansas • Iowa • Nebraska
New England	Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecticut • Maine • Massachusetts • New Hampshire

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhode Island
Northeast	Jean MacLeod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vermont • New Jersey • New York
Northwest	Scott Lewis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alaska • Idaho • Montana • Oregon • Washington • Wyoming
Pacific	Tammie Vawter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California • Hawaii • Nevada
South Central	James "Tex" McCloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arkansas • Louisiana • Oklahoma • Texas
Southeast	Ann MacLeod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida • Georgia
Southwest	Vacant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arizona • Colorado • New Mexico • Utah
Upper Midwest	Eugene McLeod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minnesota • Wisconsin • North Dakota • South Dakota

UPPER MIDWEST REGION SUMMARY FOR JULY 2016 CLAN COUNCIL MEETING

Upper Midwest Region RVP Eugene McLeod and his wife, Jackie, hosted the Clan MacLeod tent at the Milwaukee Highland Games in June. There are 3 more games and festivals within the region at which we or Minnesota Commissioner, Pam Captain, will be present. We also planning on visiting the Scottish Tapestry Diaspora exhibit in Montello, Wisconsin, which is open from July 16 to July 30. This is the first exhibit of the Tapestry in the United States and the only scheduled exhibit for the US in 2016.

We are planning to hold a competition for the MacCrimmon Quaich this fall.

According to the latest membership rolls we currently have 29 members in the region, which is the same number as reported last December. New members and dropped members have been about equal the past 2 years.

UPPER MIDWEST REGIONAL REPORT – JULY 2016

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ATTENDANCE AT 2016 GAMES

Games Attended

Milwaukee Highland Games, June 4, 2016 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

These are the same games that were part of the 2016 AGM. Eugene and Jackie McLeod hosted the Clan MacLeod tent, with help from several Upper Midwest members. The weather was beautiful for the first few hours in the morning, but quickly turned to rain and attendance suffered greatly. The inclement weather gave us a chance to visit with members of other Scottish societies and organizations, enhancing our relationships with the local Scottish community.

Future Games and Events

Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games, July 9, 2016 in Eagan, Minnesota Commissioner Pam Captain will host the Clan MacLeod tent.

Montello Scottish Festival and Opening of the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry exhibit, July 16, 2016 in Montello, Wisconsin

Eugene and Jackie McLeod will host the Clan MacLeod tent at this new Scottish festival and will also visit the Tapestry exhibit.

Wisconsin Highland Games, September 4 – 6, 2015 in Waukesha, Wisconsin

Eugene and Jackie McLeod, along with other Upper Midwest members, will host the Clan MacLeod tent.

MACCRIMMON QUAICH

We are planning to hold a competition for the MacCrimmon Quaich as part of the piping competitions at the 2016 Wisconsin Highland games in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

No awards were given or received.

NEW ITEMS

According to the latest membership rolls, we currently have 29 members in the region – 13 from Wisconsin, 12 from Minnesota, and 4 from North Dakota. This total includes 1 new member and 1 dropped member (and family) since our last report, so total membership numbers have been holding steady. We are planning on making our regional presence on social media in the near future.



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



**Merritt, Canada - AGM
June, 2016**

To: Clan Council, and CMSUSA

Subject: Regional Report – Missouri Valley Region

From: Ian Good, MO Valley Region RVP

Date: June 21, 2016

Regional Festivals & Games

Since the last meeting of Clan Council at the AGM Meeting in Alexandria, VA, the Missouri Valley Region has continued to attend the various scheduled Highland games and festivals within the region. The overall attendances at these events has increased a little this past year. As of this report, the games season in the MO Valley Region are about to gear up for the year, with a majority of events being in September. As a region we continue to support even some of the smaller games because we want to make sure Clan MacLeod is present.

Regional Membership

Membership numbers for the Missouri Valley Region has decreased by 2 since the last report. Our regional high is around 60, and as of March 31, 2015 we are at 44 – down from 46 in Oct.2015. We are currently holding somewhat steady and are looking for future growth in the coming year. Tom and Sasha continue to do a great job representing a majority of the games within the region as many of them are in Kansas currently.

Regional Updates

Missouri

- The MO Tartan Day Festival this year was in a new location (Washington, MO) after taking 2015 off.

The event was very cold, and extremely windy. This had a somewhat negative impact on the attendance. Despite the weather many dedicated event patrons. Due to severe threat of hail storms and impending dangerous weather on Sunday, the board members along with the City Fire Marshall decided to close the festival on Sunday morning for safety. We were fortunate enough to have National President, Weeden Nichols, and his wife Rosalie attend this festival with us. The Festival will continue and has secured the same new location in Washington, MO again for 2017. The site is favorable and the new location proved to have a good layout and grounds to support the event. The board members have decided that since every year weather has negatively impacted the event, they will move the event to June.

- The St. Louis Scottish Games seems to be maintaining and Clan MacLeod will attend the 2016 event in September. Last year's event hosted the 2015 Masters World Championships. The venue for the festival moved to Chesterfield, MO in 2015, near the Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield (Small regional airport), and out of its usual location of Forest Park (City of St. Louis). The event is usually very well attended, but it continues to have a negative impact to the McPherson Festival in McPherson, KS which is scheduled within the Region during the same weekend. Current National President, Weeden Nichols has continued to impart the negative impact the competing event has by communicating with the SLSG Chairman and copied the Event Coordinators for McPherson in a hopes to have the SLSG re-schedule their games so to not compete with McPherson. Unfortunately they continue to be unwilling. This competition has diminished the attendance of each games since Vendors, Clans, and Participants have to choose which one to attend. There was a lower attendance of vendors and food providers this year considering the size of the attendance.
- Members Bob and Linda McLeod from Columbia, MO continue provide fantastic support to the Society through the Clan MacLeod Merchandising site. Their generosity of their time, support, and money has been an added value to our entire Society, not just the MO Valley Region. We should continue to promote the Merchandise site and at this winter meeting should remind people attending that Christmas is around the corner and they should consider purchasing MacLeod Apparel for themselves or for their family.
- Members from nearby Southwestern Illinois town, Chester, IL – Life Member Mike McClure and his family continue to be very active within the territory.

Iowa

- Peter Dunbar has attended local games representing Clan MacLeod but had some conflicts this year as he hosted and participated in the Dunbar AGM which was in Iowa this year.

Nebraska

- The usual festival in this state has not resurfaced. The Commissioners from Nebraska continue to provide support to the commissioners in Kansas at regional events.

Kansas

- Thomas McAuley continues to attend a festival in the western half of the state in Wichita along with Tom and Sasha Macleod. This festival continues to show promise and is still trying to build.
- Tom Macleod, Deputy Regional Vice President for the MO Valley Region and his daughter – (Regional Center Commissioner Sasha Macleod) continue to be a rock for the MO Valley Region. They support and attend a majority of the events for the region and area always willing to spare no personal expense to make sure the experience at the clan tent is nothing less than welcoming and interesting to any who they meet. We are very fortunate to have their support and dedication. The majority of new membership comes from our Kansas regional center. Recently Sasha was added to CMSUSA Council in the capacity of Youth Coordinator. With the recent passing of Chairman John S. MacLeod, Sasha has graciously accepted the elevation to Chairman. This is a critical role and one that Sasha has taken very seriously. Sasha has established and maintains a Regional Facebook page (Clan MacLeod Society USA – Missouri Valley Region), and a Twitter page (@MacLeod_MVR). She has done a great job and has received some good traffic and followers on both. Each continue to grow in participation and communication which is vital.

New Regional Vice President – MO Valley Region

- At this year's AGM in Merritt, Canada, I will step down as MO Valley Region and turn over the reins to current Deputy RVP, Tom MacLeod. Tom has been a faithful MacLeod and has been a staple for the MO Valley Region for Decades. He has helped grow the region and is well respected within the Scottish Community in the Region. I could not be happier to support Tom in his elevation to Regional Vice President for MO Valley Region. I have enjoyed my years as RVP and feel Tom is ready to take on the role as RVP and help continue to grow the region. I will continue to support Tom in any capacity in MO that he feels appropriate, and will maintain my role as CMSUSA Internet Editor, and Dunvegan Foundation Trustee. I love our Clan, and I know Tom loves it as much if not more, and he will continue to grow the membership and participation of our members.

Southeast Region RVP Report – Ann McLeod

2015-2016 Games attended with dates:

September 19, 2015 Charleston Scottish Highland Games, Charleston, SC where Chief John MacLeod of Raasay was Honored guest and MacLeod was the Honored Clan. Along with the Vice President helped ensure Chief John had a great visit to Charleston.

October 16/18, 2015 Stone Mountain Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Always a great game with many in attendance.

January 16/17, 2016 Central Florida Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Central Winds, Florida. Matt McCloud does a great job of handling this game for us. He, with a small bit of help from Clan MacLeod, has a wonderful tent that is welcoming to all who stroll through the clan areas of the Central Florida Games.

February 27, 2016 Northeast Florida Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Green Cove Springs, Florida – Special guests – Weeden and Rosalie Nichols

March 5, 2016 Panama City Beach Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Panama City Beach, Florida.

March 19, 2016 Dothan Alabama Highland Games and Celtic Festival, Dothan, Alabama – Inaugural games but were successful. Will make this the Southeast's panhandle game. Coordinated with Jack Lewis and have agreement that this will be a Southeast Region games due to traveling distance.

April 16/17, 2016 Ormond Beach Celtic Festival. The productivity of this venue was extremely low for the past two years. Will either support for only one day or drop this game.

May 7, 2016 Savannah Highland Games and Celtic Festival

June 18/19, 2016 Blairsville Highland Games and Celtic Festival. Only attended on Saturday due to other commitments.

Upcoming games:

October 8, 2016 Ocala, Florida. The organizers of the Ocala Scottish Games have decided to try to make an October date for the games. These Games have been on hold for several years due to funding and venue challenges.

October 14/16, 2016 Stone Mountain Highland Games and Celtic Festival. MacCrimmon Quaich winner at Stone Mountain Highland Games and Celtic Festival – Jacob Lindler. Note: The metal bands on the MacCrimmon Quaich were re-engraved due to date error on the Stone Mountain Games winner for 2015. Had both bands re-done so the font and the format would be uniform on the trophy. Cost for this came to \$294. The lower band was cut to 24 inches originally. I had the band cut to fit the circumference of the trophy. Engraving is limited to 24 inches, however, the appearance of the trophy is enhanced by not having a gap in the lower band.

Pacific Region RVP Report – Tammie Vawter

2016 Games to Date

Queen Mary February-this event has been spiraling in terms of Clan support and the back up given the Clans by the Staff of the boat...may very well be the last one attended. We were last in a hold without elevator access and had to be escorted at break down through the bowels of the ship in order to get to a working elevator. Accordingly, attendees didn't come down to where we were located as they had to go through a dart competition and archery in order to get to the single staircase that led down to the clans that attended.

April Sacramento Games: Jon and Carol Swindle staffed the tent there; Chip and Lydia from Reno came down and joined them for a day.

April Las Vegas games...high winds destroyed the tent necessitating purchase of a new frame.

May: Costa Mesa-a lovely tribute to the branches of the services is held due to Memorial Day Wknd. Pacific Region awards a dance trophy annually at this event

June: San Diego; two day games quite well attended. Additionally began supporting the dance awards for this Game as well.

Future:

August: Monterey Games

September: Pleasanton

September Fresno

September Dixon (hosted by Jon and Carol Swindle)

October: Ventura Games; Dance trophy awarded here by our Region.

October: Reno Games (hosted by Chip and Lydia MacLeod)

Additionally, a new Game has opened in the Region up in the foothills...Jon and Carol went up to check it out and currently are planning on doing a tent there next year.

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List of 2015 games attended and their dates

May 16, 17 Smoky Mountain Highland Games, Knoxville, TN
May 30, 31 Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, KY
September 19 Charleston, SC Scottish Highland Games
October 4 ~~North Alabama Scottish Festival, Scottsboro, AL (cancelled)~~
October 24 ~~Murray Highland Festival, Murray, KY (cancelled)~~

Other:Piping in MacLeod regalia:

January 30 special ceremony
May 8 Community College Graduation Ceremonies
July 10 Community College Anniversary Ceremony
September 4 special ceremony
October 15 Community College International Festival
December 3 private party
12 Days of Tartan Ties (a little something I do at work)

List of 2016 games attended and their dates

May 21, 22 Smoky Mountain Highland Games, Knoxville, TN (with special VIP guests!)
June 4, 5 Glasgow Highland Games, Glasgow, KY
Scheduled:
October 22 Murray Highland Festival, Murray, KY

MacCrimmon Quaich Winner: Keith Murphy, Smoky Mountain Highland Games

Other:Piping in MacLeod regalia:

Feb 2 funeral
March 11 funeral
March 25 Elementary School Presentation
April 29 special ceremony
May 6 Community College Graduation Ceremonies
May 13 military funeral
June 18 funeral

Scheduled Appearances:

August 18 Vietnam Wall Travelling Memorial Ceremony
October 13 Community College International Festival

GREAT LAKES REGION REPORT –AGM 2016

Merritt, BC, Canada

JUDY MACLEOD.....judy Naperville@aol.com

Michigan Commissioner: Patrick & Erica McLeod, Ann Arbor

1. Alma, May 28 & 29.....Trophy Winners: Dame Flora -Koyla Sier

McLeod O'Neill Memorial... dancing –Reese Wood

2. Detroit, August 6

Ohio Commissioner: vacant

3. Lorain County, June 27thMcCrimmon Award -Brendan Gormley

Indiana Commissioner: Robert Lewis Jr., Connersville

4. Indianapolis, October 8th

Illinois Commissioner: Michael McClure, Chester

5. Springfield, July 23

6. Chicago, June 19 & 20.....Founders trophy -Austin Diepenhorst

For a change we have had good weather so far this season for the games! For those who love heat it's been ideal!

We are not getting the past amount of member sign in's at the highland games, we are getting a lot of interest from other clans and folks walking by...

The new date for the Springfield games was a surprise and did NOT allow for Michael McClure to get time off work to attend and set up a MacLeod tent. Hopefully next year they will give us a similar date so we can plan.

Our members have been very generous with extra money for the region. They have each gotten hand-written thank you!

Submitted: Judith MacLeod.....[630-420-8733](tel:630-420-8733)

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South Central Region Report

Personnel:

Acting RVP - James "Tex" McCloud (texasmacleods@gmail.com)
Webmaster - Jennie McLeod Kennedy
Texas Commissioner- Vacant
 North Texas Coordinator- Vacant
 West Texas Coordinator- Vacant
 Central Texas Coordinator- Vacant
Oklahoma Commissioner- Vacant
Louisiana Commissioner- Vacant
Arkansas Commissioner- Vacant

Region Funds Status: Efforts to gain access to region bank account underway- No Society funds expended this year.

Operations Summary:

Region Webpage

- Maintained by Jennie Kennedy, daughter of the famous Gloria McLeod
- Renewed lease of scmacleod.com domain and GoDaddy hosting,
- GoDaddy 's \$160 cost is much higher than WordPress option.

Texas webpage and blog

- Renewed lease of texasmacleods.com, and premium WordPress hosting --TCO is \$99 annually, planning to convert region page to the Automatic WordPress next year; Wordpress is free if accept ads
- 43 Blog Posts made
- 2015 - 1437 views, 937 visitors
- 2016 (Jan-July) - 822 views, 433 visitors

Highland Games attended 2016:

Mar- Midland TX - May not continue attendance, only 2 visitors
Apr- San Antonio TX - Local games to RVP, schedule conflict w/3 other games
May- Texas Scottish/Arlington TX - Largest games in Region

Plan for remainder of year:

Oct- Kerr Co TX - Newest Games in Region
Nov- Salado, TX - Oldest Games in TX

Games without a MacLeod presence due to resource constraints:

Mar- North Texas Irish Festival: General Public event, poor results prior yrs
Apr- Minden, LA - Desire a LA State Commissioner to convene
Apr- Batesville, AR- (MacGrimmon Quaich Games) Desire a AR State Commissioner to convene

Apr- Iron Thistle/Yukon OK - Desire a OK State Commissioner to convene
Sep- Tulsa, OK - Desire a OK State Commissioner to convene

Initiatives Status:

Run the business

- 1) Success--Constructed 4 standard information panels on retractable vinyl banners for Highland games (Society Information and Join links, Origin of the Clan, Tartans associated with Clan MacLeod, Castles associated with Clan MacLeod)

Grow the business

- 1) Failed--Unsuccessfully attempted to recruit volunteers to fill State Commissioner and Area Coordinator positions. AR, OK, LA remain underserved.
- 2) Unknown Result--Conducted mail follow up to all HLG tent visitors
- 3) Success--Constructed Card-Stock visors and hand-fans with Society webpage QR codes for handing out—Very popular in the heat

Transform the business

- 1) Not attempted yet—Contemplating shift to online for primary recruiting venue and content delivery; Highland games attendance variable and often many tent visitors don't perceive any value to membership

Northwest Regional Report – July 2016

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Oregon -	Vacant	Alaska - Vacant

Attendance at 2016 Games

Bellingham Games, July 2 and 3, 2016, Bellingham, Washington.

Julie Thompson set up the tent and with Penny and Dale Degraff represented the clan at the games. Saturday's turnout was good, but Sunday's was low. The NAG was the topic of the day with several new members planning to attend.

Future Games and Events

Prosser Games, July 18	Spokane Games, August 6
Seattle Games, July 30 – 31	Bitterroot Games. August 20 - 21
Flathead Games, September 17	Mountain Home Games, October 7 - 9

Awards

No awards have been given or received

Other items to report

Since the last report, the region has added several new members from Washington, Montana and Idaho. Efforts to recruit new States Commissioners, to date, have not paid off. Due to the departure of several key members and the size of the region, there is a rather large gap in the staffing of MacLeod tents, but we are trying. Communications with members has been an issue. I am hoping that when the Region adopts the Clan's social media plans, some of these issues will be addressed.

Northwest Regional Report - SUMMARY – July 2016

Since the last report, the region has added several new members from Washington, Montana and Idaho.

Julie Thompson set up the tent and with Penny and Dale Degraff represented the clan at the Bellingham, Washington games. Between this draft and the NAG, we are hoping to have another event staffed, the Prosser Games. The vast majority of the events in the region take place in late July thru early October.

Efforts to recruit new States Commissioners, to date, have not paid off. Due to the departure of several key members and the size of the region, there is a rather large gap in the staffing of MacLeod tents, but we are trying. Communications with members has been an issue which I will continue to address. I am hoping that with the Clan's future social media sites, some of these issues will be addressed. I am also going to try a direct mail approach, hopefully with better results.

S. Lewis

Interim RVP



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

The Society Founded in 1954



July 17, 2016

To: Council Members and AGM Participants

From: Franklin Wyatt III, Regional Vice-President, Carolina's Region

Subject: Carolina's Region Activity Report

The Carolina's Region added two (2) new events to the region for the 2016 Games year. One was at Myrtle Beach, SC the other will be in Bladen County, NC. Members Bob and Sandy McLeod have sponsored the Clan MacLeod Society at these events. Their sponsorship is appreciated since the events add cost to the activities in the Carolina's Region. Understand that all these events request a sponsorship cost. Some are quite expensive.

The Carolina's Region will be officially represented at eight (8) area events for the 2016 Games season. They are:

1st Annual Myrtle Beach Games – March 19th 2016

Capefear Highland Games – April 2nd 2016

Loch Norman Highland Games – April 15th, 16th & 17st 2016.

Bethabara Highland Games – May 14th 2016.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games – July 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th 2016.

Charleston Scottish Games – September 17th 2016.

Scotland County Highland Games – October 1st 2016.

Carolina Caledonian Festival – 28th, 29th & 30th 2016.

For a complete listing of all events in the Carolina's Region please visit the Clan MacLeod Society website. Representation at the above events has been facilitated with the help of Bob and Sandy McLeod. Unfortunately there are other events that go unattended due to the lack of volunteer manpower, time and money.

The Carolina's Region awards the MacCrimmon Quaich at the Loch Norman Highland Games. The 2016 winner was Michael McLeod.

The 2016 winner of the Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod Trophy for the Open Piobaireachd was Nick Hudson and the 2016 winner of the Raymond J. McCabe Trophy was Christopher Heizer. These trophies were awarded at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The Commissioner for North Carolina is Lonnie F. McCaskill III.

The Commissioner for South Carolina is Karen McLeod.

Respectfully Submitted,

Franklin Wyatt III, RVP Carolina's Region

Doug Beaton resignation



An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

Clan MacLeod Society USA, Inc. - South Central Region



An Cìrean Ceann Cinnidh

February 7th, 2016

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Good morning, Weeden.

As procrastination has led us to this moment, I will not exacerbate the issue, but get right to the point. You are correct in asserting that I have not kept up with my responsibilities, and, unfortunately, Jim (Tex) was spot on in his concern regarding my resignation.

For the past 3 years, my activity level on behalf of the CMS has become more and more of a burden due to my work requirements and also because I have just had enough of the festivals and the additional personal expense of promoting the CMS in lieu of taking vacations with my wife and extended family. Especially after purchasing a weekend retreat that allows stress relief on my free weekends as opposed to maintaining the added stress of manning and managing a CMS booth after a 3-9 hour drive. Frankly, I have been there and done that for so long that if I never visit another festival, I will have more than enough memories to last the rest of my lifetime.

That being said, I am officially tendering my resignation to you, effective 2-15-16, with PDF copies of this letter being sent by email to Robert, Richard, Don Mack, Kathrine, Gloria and Tex. Feel free to copy anyone else you see fit for official purposes. I will discuss this with Tex personally and will transfer the bank account details and signatory authorization to him as soon as possible in order for him to get the records up to speed. Additionally, I have been in contact with a potential State Commissioner for Arkansas since my visit there last year, which should take some of the burden off the next RVP. Arkansas and Louisiana are still without Commissioners.

Over the years, I have been extremely fortunate to make the acquaintance of many like-minded MacLeod adherents and proponents, and have developed a lasting friendship with many of the members I have come to know. But at this stage of my life I simply do not have the time or inclination to continue with the festival circuit any longer. Nothing personal meant to anyone in the CMS, especially you.....it is just time for me to move on. I will continue to maintain a MacLeod presence in the Houston area, and will continue to assist Jennie McLeod Kennedy with the SC Facebook page and the Website details as I can, but beyond that I will only be available for input in an unofficial role.

I would like to, as always, express my deepest and warmest regard for the advisement and mentoring that Don Mack, Kathrine and Gloria offered me during my time as an official representative of the CMS. And I am very pleased to have made the acquaintance of Tex over the past few years.

Weeden, in closing, I would like to take a moment for a personal statement regarding your assertion that I am a “one man show”. Where the CMS is concerned, in my opinion, I have been the epitome of a team player since I became involved with the society in the early 1990s. From my early days as State Commissioner working with DM&K / H&G; to assisting with all the St. Thomas Episcopal fundraisers; to acting, (even when un or underemployed), when necessary, as rotating RVP with Larry Sears; to organizing, along with the local Texas CMS management, the Celtic Arts Festival fund raiser for the Clan Centre Project; to working the SC events with Gloria after Harry’s passing, appointing various State Commissioners during the following years; and ultimately to organizing the AGM in 2013, I have worked alongside other regional members of the organization. I am not offended by your statement as you have not been involved in this area so your view of my work ethic is lacking. Hence there is no offense taken. But I might advise that while you are invested as President of the national group, in the future you may want to choose your words more carefully or you may find that some may actually take offense.

All the best and good luck in the future. Sincerely, and with highest regards,

HOLD FAST,

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Michael Barger Resignation

From: **Weeden Nichols** <redolaf1@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 10, 2016 at 9:42 PM

Subject: Re: Southwest Region

To: Michael Barger <mebarger@cableone.net>

Mike,

I know you really meant to do the job when you accepted it. And I know you didn't seek the role, but accepted it because I asked you to. No hard feelings. Resignation accepted. Let's stay in touch.

Weeden

On Sun, Jul 10, 2016 at 8:46 PM, Michael Barger <mebarger@cableone.net> wrote: Weeden:

When I agreed to help out in the Southwest Region I did let you know that I was really busy until after July this year. Unfortunately even though my heart is still wanting to say yes my physical well-being is screaming no! Apparently I have a pinched disc in my back, which depending on the day, affects either my back, my knees, or my legs. If is not one darn thing, it's another!

As we discussed earlier there seems to be a lack of information available for the Southwest Region. I still don't know who the state commissioners are. These are things I think that we can work on but are not available at this point in time. Most recently I was summoned for jury duty with a Grand Jury in New Mexico and my term is from June this year through September 7 this year.

I guess what I'm trying to say is I don't think I can continue an active role in the Clan MacLeod Society. I have fond memories from of the association and fellowship of the society and am troubled that I cannot give it my very best at this point in time. Therefore, I must reluctantly offer my resignation as Regional Vice President for the Southwest Region. I will try to make some headway with information on the region until you name a new Regional Vice President. I think it is best for the society (and for my well-being) to go this route.

I apologize for not doing this sooner, but was hoping that things would change and I could get back into the full swing of things. Unfortunately this does not seem to be happening at this time. You mentioned the gentleman from Farmington who seemed to be very interested, but for some reason I have misplaced his contact information. If you still have that information I will be happy to talk to him and see if we can get New Mexico back under one leadership. I would like to go to the Aztec games in October in Farmington, but unfortunately I cannot make a firm commitment to do so. The Aztec Scottish games are held at the same time as the Balloon Fiesta in

Albuquerque. Last year we were involved during the Fiesta with a fundraising activity for a local nonprofit organization. To the best of my knowledge that will also happen this year again. (And so it goes, one thing after another.)

Please give my best to everyone at the AGM, and hopefully we will be able to attend sometime in the future.

I apologize for taking this long to actually come to this conclusion, but I think it's best if you can find somebody that is physically able to carry on and I will try to support as best I can from where I am.

I do have some Clan MacLeod items that I acquired when we first moved to New Mexico, and will be happy to turn those over to whomever you finally assign. I don't know how it is with the other regions, but I haven't seen a lot of enthusiasm in the state of New Mexico for Scottish activities, as compared to California and the East Coast. I think we/whomever is the new RVP, have our work cut out for us.

Again I apologize for not being able to do more, my expectations were much greater than were produced, however I wish you and the society nothing but the best! Please let me know when and who will be the new RVP.

Regretfully,

Michael