

CMS BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT
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CHARLOTTE MONCRIEF, CHAIR
OCTOBER, 2024

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The Bylaws Committee was charged to review: voting rights, family memberships, membership for minors, and cost of memberships. Other clan bylaws were researched concerning membership; and the following clans: MacTavish, MacNachtan, MacFarlane, and MacPherson, were used. Then the Bylaws Committee met virtually via Zoom in August, 2024 and conversed several times via email.

A summary of changes:

- ~ Article VIII Membership (revised)
- ~ Article VIII .B. wording revised.  
new category added - "Junior membership;" also added under SUMMARY TABLE
- ~ Article VIII. C. 5. Pro-rating dues (eliminated)
- ~ Article VIII. F (typo - changed to "E")
- ~ Article IX. new section added – "Trip Visitor"
- ~ Article X.D. "Roll call" changed to "Call to Order"
- ~ Article XV.H. Publicity Chair - eliminated. Duties revised and moved to J. Social Media Manager.
- ~ Article XVI add "D. Committees are to report to the Council."

The first paragraph under Membership was more of a summary of the mission statement, purpose, and objectives. Therefore wording was revised, along with the various categories.

Charging partial payment may be confusing to members because they may think that cost is the annual amount every year. Also, partial payment is difficult to determine and manage. If an individual joins in October, grant three months membership and begin the count in January of the next year.

How to count members: In the past, all attendees at meetings have had a vote. This practice is not according to the Bylaws. In order to establish how many members CMS has, the number is skewed, because spouses are not always counted. CMS eliminated "family" membership long ago. Therefore, each person should apply individually, receive a membership number, and pay dues.

It has become relevant over the last few Scotland trips that "friends" of Moncriefs need to be handled differently as attendees instead of members. These individuals usually do not plan to stay a member - just wish to tag along having fun. These individuals would still have to pay a year's dues in order to accompany the Clan Moncreiffe group. But instead of going through the application process, assigning a membership number, sending a certificate and membership card, staying on the roll for years, and having to be voted off – all timely procedures, then this temporary category would expire in one year. Therefore, a category named TRIP VISITORS has been created.

[Back in 2021, it was stated in the minutes that the Bylaws needed to address online attendance and online voting should count for members. A roll call must be conducted at the beginning on the meeting so if a member connects late online and misses roll call, their participation will not count. Roll call was key to this process.] Since then, roll calls have not been conducted and only a Call to Order by the President has occurred. Therefore, the wording shall be changed to "Call to Order."

The Bylaws Committee hopes this revised document should make managing the Society run smoother and more efficient.

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On September 11 the Bylaws draft was sent to the CMS Council and the Website Manager to be posted on CMS' website www.moncreiffe.org to meet the time limit requirement of 20 days prior before discussion and approval.

The Bylaws are on the October, 2024 agenda for discussion and approval.

Since "Annual dues are ...approved by the Society," and not included in the Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee 2024 makes the following motions:

MOTION: Beginning October 1, 2024, each adult individual shall be considered a separate member and be assigned a unique membership number.

MOTION: Beginning January 1, 2025, membership dues shall be \$15 per year per adult; \$5 per year per junior.