

CLAN MACLEOD
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CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The name shall be the “CLAN MACLEOD SOCIETIES OF CANADA” (hereinafter referred to as “CMSC”).

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To enlist and encourage membership in Clan MacLeod Societies within Canada, with a concerted focus towards youth
- 2.2 To strengthen the bond of fellowship among Clan MacLeod Societies in Canada and among members of such societies and among Clansfolk generally.
- 2.3 To encourage the establishment of additional Clan Macleod Societies in Canada and the membership of all Societies in CMSC.
- 2.4 To encourage the study and advance the knowledge in Canada of the history of the Clan MacLeod and its Septs.
- 2.5 To assist in the establishment and maintenance of archives for the preservation of genealogical documents and other items relative to the Clan MacLeod and its Septs in Canada.

- 2.6 To Support the regular publication of the Canadian Clan MacLeod Newsletter and encourage the publication of any literature dealing with the MacLeods and their Septs.
- 2.7 To encourage the appreciation and performance of the Celtic Arts including music, piping and dancing.
- 2.8 To assist in the repair, restoration and preservation of places and objects of Clan interests and to identify Clan related persons and events worthy of recognition.
- 2.9 To honour any obligations set forth in the Constitution of the Associated Clan MacLeod Societies (“ACMS”) based in Dunvegan, Isle of Skye; and to participate, when possible, in projects and activities of ACMS.

3. Chief

- 3.1 MacLeod of MacLeod as Chief of the Clan MacLeod shall be the honorary head of CMSC and shall have the power to appoint from time to time a Deputy as such for any specific purpose or occasion.
- 3.2 The Chiefs of the MacLeods, of the Lewes, and of Rassay, each shall be an honorary deputy head of the CMSC and shall have the power to appoint a Deputy for any specific purpose of occasion.

4. Membership

- 4.1 CMSC shall be composed of each of the existing Clan MacLeod Societies names in Appendix 1 hereto (hereinafter referred to as a “Member Society” or “Member Societies”).
- 4.2 Membership of CMSC shall be open to other Clan MacLeod Societies in Canada having objects similar to those of CMSC upon application to and approval of National Council.

5. Regions & Member Societies

- 5.1 The National Council shall divide Canada into appropriate geographic Regions composed of a province or groups of adjacent provinces and territories which Regions may be altered by the Council from time to time. (Ref. Appendix 1)
- 5.2 Each Region shall be composed of Member Societies (or Society) as reflected in Appendix 1

6. Officers

- 6.1 The officers of CMSC shall be the President, the Vice President, Immediate Past President, the Secretary and the Treasurer who may be one and the same person.
- 6.2 (a) The President shall direct the affairs of the CMSC and shall preside at all general meetings and National Council meetings.

- (b) In the absence of the President, the Vice President, failing any other National Council Member appointed at a general or National Council meeting, shall preside at such meetings.
- (c) The Vice President shall assist the President in directing the affairs of CMSC and shall fulfill the duties of the President in the absence or at the request thereof.
- (d) The Secretary shall record the minutes of the annual meetings and of meetings of the National Council and serve as corresponding secretary as required.
- (e) The Treasurer shall keep and record the financial records of the CMSC and present an annual fiscal statement for audit and presentation at the annual meeting.

6.3 Officers are to be elected for a term of four years. Such officers shall be elected at the general meeting closest to two years after the most recent Clan Parliament (or, if there has been a lapse in Clan Parliaments, closest to the four year anniversary of the elections of the then expiring terms) from nominations submitted by either the Nomination Committee (as described in 6.4) or by any Member Society prior to such meeting.

6.4 The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Immediate Past President and any two National Council Members.

- 6.5 The President shall in consultation with the National Council appoint a Newsletter Editor, a Coordinating Genealogist, Legal Counsel, Membership Registrar, Advertising Coordinator, Webmaster, Youth Co-ordinator and such other support personnel as he/she and National Council deems appropriate. Such appointees may attend National Council meetings as non-voting participants.

7. National Council

- 7.1 The National Council shall be composed of the Officers listed in 6.1 together with the Member Society Presidents (or their designates), with the term of the Officers on National Council to be as set out in 6.3 and the term of such Member Society Presidents to run concurrently with his or her term as such Member Society President.
- 7.2 The National Council shall have power to manage and direct the affairs of CMSC and to take all measures necessary for promoting its interests including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to consider and approve applications for membership by new Clan MacLeod Societies, to appoint standing or other committees, and to recommend for election at the annual meeting persons to hold each of the offices listed in 6.1.
- 7.3 The National Council may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and alter same as it deems necessary or

advisable. Four members of the National Council present in person or at a telephone conference shall constitute a quorum.

- 7.4 The first meeting of the newly elected National Council shall be held immediately following the annual meeting. Any other meeting may be called by the President or two other members of the National Council and may be held in person or by telephone conference call. Resolutions in writing signed by all members of the National council are valid as if passed by a regular meeting thereof.

8. Finance

- 8.1 Each Member Society shall contribute to the financial support of CMSC an annual amount to be determined at each annual general meeting, or by the National Council in the absence of such determination, payable on or before the last day of February in each year.
- 8.2 The fiscal year shall be the calendar year unless otherwise directed by the National Council.
- 8.3 The funds of CMSC shall be deposited in a chartered bank or trust company appointed by the National Council.
- 8.4 The signatures of any two of the President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasure or a named member of the National Council shall be required for withdrawing sums from the

account. The signature of any one of such officers shall be sufficient for the endorsement of cheques, money orders, etc.

9. Meetings

- 9.1 General meetings of CMSC shall be held at such places and times as the National Council shall determine but, in any case, no less frequently than every two years. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two members of the National Council. Written notice of such meetings shall be given by the Secretary to each Member Society and to the officers at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.
- 9.2 In addition to the Presidential (or designate) membership on National Council, each Member Society shall be entitled to two voting members at each meeting of CMSC. The executive of any Member Society may appoint one of its member or another person to attend any such meeting and vote by proxy.
- 9.3 Ten voting members, including proxy votes received prior to the meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- 9.4 Motions shall be determined by a majority vote of those Council Members present in person, by teleconference or by proxy. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

10. **Amendment of the Constitution**

This Constitution may be amended at a general meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendments is given in writing to each Member Society at least 20 days prior to the date of the meeting. No amendment shall be made unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the meeting, or by teleconference, including any proxy votes.

APPENDIX 1

CONSTITUTION OF THE

CLAN MACLEOD

SOCIETIES OF CANADA

MEMBER SOCIETIES

***Note:** Status as of July 22, 2014*

Atlantic Region	Central Region	Prairie Region	Pacific Region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halifax (suspended) • Cape Breton (suspended) • Prince Edward Island (suspended) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Ontario • Glengarry • Ottawa • Montreal (suspended) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manitoba • Southern Alberta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vancouver Island • Vancouver • BC Interior
Internet Society Clan MacLeod Canada – National Society			