



Steve Mills

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For those who don't know me, my name is Steve Mills and I currently live near Nashville, Tennessee, with my wife, Lupe. My MacKinnon roots go back to the 1700s (and perhaps even earlier) on the Sleat peninsula, where I still have cousins and other kin. Since 2020 I've served as the Vice Chair of the Clan MacKinnon Society Board of Directors, previously served as the Society Commissioner for Arizona, and currently sit on the Grants/Philanthropy, Communications, and Commissioner committees and run the Society web store, The MacKinnon Shop. My great-grandfather, James Getty, was born in Paisley, Scotland,

and James's mother, Catherine Getty (nee MacKinnon), was born in Camuscross, Skye in the 1860's. During my tenure on the Board of Directors we have implemented a philanthropy program, launched our highly successful web store, revamped our regulatory footing, navigated the Covid era while increasing membership and strengthening participation, and held our Clan MacKinnon gathering in Edinburgh - which was a smashing success!

If reelected to the board of directors, my vision is to further strengthen the membership and future of the Clan MacKinnon Society by engaging with, and encouraging the involvement of, the next generation of Society leadership. This would be accomplished through:

- Further aligning the many different "arms" of the Society so that each initiative is fully integrated: namely, Communications, Philanthropy, Membership, and Fundraising.
- Continue strengthening our already close ties to several community organizations in Scotland (and establish new relationships) through additional (and creative) philanthropic initiatives.
- Explore the possibility of increasing support for our Commissioners through either raising stipends, offering merchandise to Commissioners to be sold at Highland Games (where allowed and subject to local laws), or some combination of the two.

I look forward to continuing serving your Clan MacKinnon Society on the Board of Directors!