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> The Caledonian Society of Hawaii Annual General Meeting June 23, 2018 Chieftain's Report

Our 2017-2018 Society Year has been another successful one. The variety of events clearly served to meet our mission of providing quality education on Scottish history, culture, and traditions. We attempt to tailor our events to meet the needs of our members and provide an opportunity to both learn and socialize with fellow members.

As I stress every year, we are a member-driven organization and encourage our members to engage through attending our events and also contributing ideas for events. The Society's board will be meeting in early August to plan our event year so there is time to submit ideas to any of our board members.

Each year we also welcome new members, who have joined within the past Society Year, at our New Member Party. This event is open to all Caledonian Society members who want to meet and learn something about the new members and each other. This year's New Member Party is scheduled for August 25.

We have a talented board who work hard to make our events successful. It takes many hours of planning and coordination and an important measure of satisfaction is to see our members enjoying themselves at the events. You can support the board's work by attending the events.

Our Scottish Education Research Grant (SERG) has been an important part of our mission and we sadly have not had a recipient in a few years. This is an excellent opportunity for members who know young people between the ages of 18-26, who have an interest in Scotland, to direct them to our website (<u>www.scotsinhawaii.org</u>) to look at the SERG program and get an application. Getting younger people interested in their Scottish heritage is a great service for a family member or friend.

Finally, many thanks to our intrepid newsletter staff, who strive to keep members apprised of our events and topics of interest. Vice Chieftain Susan MacKinnon, Lillian Cunningham, and Jackie and Larry Phillips put in their volunteer time to provide a quality newsletter for our members.

My thanks to all of our members who attend the events and share in the camaraderie that makes The Caledonian Society of Hawaii a welcoming organization.

> Slainte, Bruce McEwan, Chieftain