

2020 International Vice Chair Report

Greetings all! It is with a heavy heart that I compose this report for reading rather than my being able to give it in person. Unfortunately, the travel restrictions still in place for anyone outside of the UK traveling into Scotland are still extremely strict. I hope that everyone is well and has managed to escape COVID-19 thus far. Thankfully, I have had no reports of death or serious illness of any Society Members due to COVID-19.

I greatly appreciate the dedication of those able to attend the AGM/EGM this year. In addition, I want to express my sincere and extreme appreciation to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Council members and the Volunteer Administration Team who have worked tirelessly in efforts to keep things going after the sudden and unexpected resignation of our Clan Secretary.

There is sadly, little to report for this year as nearly all the Highland Games and Festivals have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Due to this, no Branch reports were solicited. We are all aware of the extreme shutdowns for most of the world. With that said, I do believe that our membership numbers have held reasonably steady and hope we will grow even stronger next year.

I had hopes of introducing the Guardian of the Museum Program at this year's AGM but given the current and unrepresented circumstances, I feel it best to postpone the introduction until 2021. We will continue to work on this project and will move forward after the beginning of the year.

Until we meet again, I wish you all safe travels and good health.

Kindest regards,

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