2026 Annual General Meeting
United States Branch, Clan Macpherson Association
November 15-22, 2026

Membership Report

Greetings, Cousins.
Thank you for attending the online Annual General Meeting. Like you, we miss getting together in person and look forward to the opportunity to see everyone next September in Salt Lake City, Utah for the 2027 AGM.

While weathering challenges to processes and personnel changes during the year, our overall membership as an organization is roughly level with previous years. A huge thank you goes out to all of our new members who have joined in this past year – WELCOME!
And a special thank you to all of our returning members. We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to strive to improve our onboarding and renewal processes.

From the Council*: We extend great appreciation to Kathy McPherson, of California, for her extended tenure as our Membership Secretary. Kathy has retired this year, but during her time as Membership Secretary she has instituted several initiatives on outreach and updates of our membership database. Thank you and well done, Kathy!*
Taking over for Kathy is Devorah McPherson, of Texas. Devorah is a relatively new member of our Branch and brings several family members as well. Her deep devotion to her Scottish heritage has motivated her to step to volunteer in service to our Branch. Read more of Devorah's story in the "Focusing on You" segment of the recent Autumn edition of The Urlar. She has already begun to take on the reins and is making suggestions for upcoming Council action. Thank you, Devorah!
And the glue that has been holding the whole enterprise together these past two years of transition is Joyce Newport, the CMAUS Assistant Membership Secretary. It has not been an easy task with so many moving parts, sorting and protection of member data, coordination with other offices, reporting and communicating with the Council AND the membership on a nearly daily basis. She has often been the first contact with many of you and has tried to improve our precision and thoroughness to her work on your behalf, while maintaining a thoughtfulness and caring for the members as persons in all her dealings. Joyce is retiring from the Assistant Membership Secretary position post-AGM following an important job, well done and greatly appreciated. She has earned a rest, with her husband Jim in Washington, in the Pacific Northwest. We can't adequately say enough thank yous.

Moving forward, Membership is working on more ideas and suggestions to further explore onboarding and renewal processes. We know there's more room for improvement. A look at the numbers in the chart below reveal some trends extending back as far as the pandemic and the long climb out. Also illustrative are the regional trends: we hope to make all the regions stronger and more representative in the near future. You can help us by volunteering in any capacity: convening a tent or helping a convener, volunteering for an open position in Branch governance, outreach to fellow region members, organizing and participating in special events, i.e. Burn's Night celebrations, etc. We know we have so many talents in the Branch and would like to tap your expertise, enthusiasm and energy to the benefit of all. Thank you all and see you soon at a Macpherson event near you!

Devorah McPherson
Membership Secretary

Region	Life	Term	Annual	Young Adult	Junior	2026	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Central	15		4		3	22	28	28	27	30	30	29
Gulf Coast	11		5		1	17	16	17	18	16	17	20
Mid-Atlantic	43	1	13		4	61	60	62	57	58	78	75
Midwest	39		13		3	55	55	73	71	74	80	86
New England	40		12			52	50	54	60	53	56	61
Northeast	21	2	8		2	33	36	38	47	44	53	65
Pacific Central	50	4	21			75	68	71	63	76	83	93
Pacific North	40		28		1	69	70	52	52	53	56	53
Pacific South	34	2	8		6	50	58	64	61	60	69	71
Rocky Mountains	9		5		5	19	27	23	27	26	34	40
Southeast	98	7	64	2	5	176	195	188	167	152	163	172
Southwest	38	1	32	2	3	76	70	52	45	66	74	90
Unassigned	1					1		4	2	2	2	3
Total 2026	**439**	**17**	**213**	**4**	**33**	**706**	733	726	697	710	795	858