

Dear Members of Colaisde na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic College Foundation,

On behalf of the newly elected Board of Governors, I am pleased to write to you and share several important actions that the Board is undertaking as we begin our work together.

The Board recognizes the importance of strong governance, meaningful member engagement, sound financial oversight, and a clear strategic direction for Colaisde na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic College Foundation. With that in mind, we are pleased to announce the following five initiatives:

1. A NEW EXECUTIVE

The Board of Governors has established a new Executive to provide leadership and support for the ongoing work of the Foundation and to ensure that the Board's priorities are advanced effectively between meetings.

EXECUTIVE

- Chair: Keith Bain
- Vice Chair: Bruce Morrison
- Executive Governor: Father David Rankin
- Treasurer: Sean Tobin

COMMITTEES

- Education: Chair Carol Ann MacDougall, Father David Rankin, Joey Ryan
- Governance & Audit: Chair Bruce Morrison, Keith Bain, Sean Tobin
- Honourary: Chair Father David Rankin, Fraser Patterson, Carol Ann MacDougall, Joey Ryan
- Nominating: Chair Keith Bain, Past Chair Fraser Patterson, President Rodney MacDonald

2. A NEW GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Board is establishing a Governance and Audit Committee with a mandate that includes:

- Responsibilities for general Governance matters of the Foundation/Board.
- An annual review of the Gaelic College Act and the Foundation's By-Laws.
- Ensuring an annual meeting with the Foundation's Auditor prior to the Board of Governors receiving the Auditor's report and the Auditor's presentation to the membership at the Foundation's Annual General Meeting.

We believe this committee will strengthen accountability, transparency, and good governance throughout the Foundation.





3. A NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Governors is pleased to announce that a **new Strategic Plan for Colaisde na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic College** will be released in **February 2027**. The development of this plan will be an important opportunity to establish a shared vision and priorities for the future of Colaisde na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic College.

4. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – OCTOBER 29, 2026

As part of the planning process for the new Strategic Plan, the Board will hold a **Strategic Planning Session on Thursday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Clans**. This session will be open to all Foundation Members.

We strongly encourage members to participate and share their ideas, priorities, and aspirations for the future of the Foundation. Additional opportunities for input from Foundation members will also be made available throughout the strategic planning process.

We want the new Strategic Plan to reflect not simply the priorities of the Board and staff, but the collective aspirations of the Foundation membership and the broader Gaelic College community.

5. A NEW OFFICIAL EMAIL FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

To ensure members a meaningful means of communicating with the Board, a new official email address is being established: **board@gaeliccollege.edu**. This email will be monitored by the Secretary of the Board and the Chair.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Board understands that the Foundation has experienced a period of significant discussion and that members have expressed a desire for greater communication, engagement, accountability, and clarity regarding the direction of the organization.

We believe the actions outlined above represent an important first step toward addressing these concerns. It is our hope that the Foundation's upcoming Strategic Planning Session on October 29, together with the recent election of a new Board of Governors and the action items identified above, will provide a meaningful and substantive response to the concerns raised by members of the Foundation in their request for a special meeting.

The Board is committed to listening to the membership and to ensuring that there are meaningful opportunities for members to participate in shaping the future of The Foundation. We believe that open communication and constructive dialogue will be essential as we move forward.

We are grateful for the commitment that so many members have demonstrated to Colaisde na Gàidhlig | The Gaelic College Foundation. The Gaelic College is an institution with a proud history and an important future, and the Board of Governors looks forward to working collaboratively with the membership to build upon that legacy.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Sincerely,

Keith Bain

Chair, Board of Governors

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