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Dear Sister Hibernians,

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
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President Carol Sheyer has honored me with the Immigration and Education Appointment on the National Board. This will actually be the fourth time I have held this position for I have served in this position under Presidents Ryan, Hennessey and Hogan.

NATIONAL SECRETARY
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If I were to tell you a little bit about myself it would have to include my strong Irish roots that date back to my grandparents who emigrated from County Cork and I come from a large family with strong Irish heritage. I held the office of President of Division 8 in Lawrence, MA for ten years and the office of Massachusetts State President for two. All the members of my immediate family are members of our local division.

NATIONAL TREASURER
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My predecessor Mary Dolan had remarked how difficult this appointment was and I must agree. However, now that the position is referred to as *Immigration and Education*, I feel that there are many more opportunities to pass on information to the various States.

NATIONAL IRISH HISTORIAN
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During my last three terms I was able to make valuable contacts, one of who is Siobhan Dennehy, Executive Director of the Emerald Isle Immigration Center in New York. She will be an asset to this position in her knowledge and experience in Immigration issues. She already knows that I will be counting on her.

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My first task is to encourage every state where there is an LAOH membership to appoint a State Immigration person and to strongly encourage Divisions within the state to do the same.

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Secondly, I intend to compile a list, with Siobhan's help, of Immigration services available in each state so that this information could also be provided to our membership to pass on. I will also investigate the use of

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social media as a tool to inform our members of events, workshops, etc. in their local communities.

I will attempt to do my best and pass on any information that I come across regarding the wonderful work that is being done by our Immigration centers which is just as vital as fighting for Immigration reform. Even Pope Benedict recognizes the importance of the work being done by our own Catholic population. While addressing a group of US Bishops, he was quoted as saying, "The Catholic community in the United States continues, with great generosity, to welcome waves of new immigrants, to provide them with pastoral care and charitable assistance, and to support ways of regularizing their situation, especially with regard to the unification of families."

I strongly urge our membership to become familiar with Immigration policies among your local senators and representatives. Even though the name of this appointment has changed, an individual LAOH member can always contact their local Congressmen and Senators to call upon them to address the issue of Immigration at every level. We must constantly be mindful that Immigration is not just an Irish issue.

Our LAOH membership needs to make a difference and to join the AOH in their efforts to support Immigration reform and support the wonderful works of our Immigration centers across the country. I am confident that this could be accomplished under the leadership of the National LAOH President-Elect.

If you have any questions or wish to contact me, please do at dancingds@comcast.net or by telephone at 978-390-3400. I would also ask that you send me the contact information of your State and your respective Divisions' Immigration & Legislation Chair. This information would be most helpful and allow me to pass along important information.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support. It is an honor and a privilege to represent you all.

God Bless.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,



Anne-Marie Nyhan-Doherty
LAOH National Immigration and Education Appointee