



# AMERICAN IRISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Friend,

As the interim board of directors of the American Irish Historical Society (AIHS), we are writing to let you know of our progress since being entrusted with the interim leadership in December 2022. The Society's auditors have completed the 2020 audit and are undertaking audits for 2021 and 2022. Utility services have been restored to the mansion at 991 Fifth Avenue, various repairs have been made to the building and a detailed assessment of the building's physical condition has been done. We have also engaged professional archivists to review and categorize the contents of the building and the collections of AIHS.

Having laid this foundation, we are now beginning the process of selecting and electing a permanent governing board for the Society. If you are interested in being considered for a position on the board, please complete this [questionnaire](#) by April 14 and encourage others to consider applying. We will review interested candidates during the last two weeks of April with input from BoardStrong, an organization specializing in assisting nonprofits in board governance and recruitment. During May we expect to meet with potential board members in person before making final invitations in June. The permanent governing board will have nine members of which at least five will be selected during this initial phase of the recruitment process.

Under the law, it is our fiduciary duty to elect the permanent board that we believe will best take the organization forward. In fact, this is our most important task as the interim board. We understand the foundational and historical significance of the Society, and the importance of maintaining and preserving its charitable assets. We are mindful of the trust which has been placed in us and deeply value the ongoing support of stakeholders across the community. We ask for your continued support as we complete our work, and know that the engagement of the community will be essential for the new board once it is in place.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

John MacIntosh, Interim Board Chair  
Gregory Pressman, Interim Board Secretary  
Elizabeth Stack, PhD, Officer

