

## NOMINATIONS FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE MEMBERS



**Deborah Leary**

*New Jersey*

**Proposer: Theresa Forbes** (*New Jersey*)

**Seconder: Ellen Sears** (*New York*)

I started Scottish Country Dancing in 2006 at a very difficult time in my life. It was a life-saver for me. The teachers I found were welcoming and helpful, and opened up a whole new world for me. I began my own teacher training to “pay it forward” – to pass on my joy in the dance. I have earned my Part 1 certificate and am working towards my Part 2. I believe that our teachers are the heart and soul of our Society. I’d like to do my part to help ensure that people who wish to give back are given the opportunity and the best possible tools to support our dancers and grow our Society.

I am a Library Assistant, managing the circulation at a small municipal library in New Jersey. I am a widow with a grown son. Living in the New York area, I am able to dance with and teach at several groups here and around the Northeast corridor of the United States. I’m happy that the international nature of the society makes this possible. While I will hope to be able to attend a meeting in Edinburgh, I will more likely join the members of committees outside of Scotland who attend meetings electronically.



**Anne Taylor**

*Banffshire*

**Proposer: Anne McArthur** (*Banffshire*)

**Seconder: Mervyn Short** (*BHS Border*)

Having previously served on this committee it is the one which lies closest to my heart. I am interested in the training of potential teachers, the promotion of Scottish country dancing in school, the potential and development of Scottish country dancing in Scotland and throughout the world.

My working life has mainly been in administration and as an examinations office in a College of Education. Latterly, I trained as a Kilt maker and ran my own business. I have an SQA Diploma in Management, and was as SQA Assessor and Verifier of Kilt making. I also solely managed the Kilt School for several years.

As a student, teacher and tutor at Summer School for over 25 years I have considerable experience. I have been Co-ordinator of Winter School and Depute Director of Summer School. Organised and ran a course for potential Adjudicators. Ran my own Dancing School teaching a variety of styles of dance as well as Highland and Scottish country. Prepared children and adult teams for Festivals. Secretary of the RSCDS Banffshire Branch. RSCDS Assessor and Adjudicator.

Due to my experience in dance I feel I have the background to help with this committee. I have experience in committee work and have assisted with a variety of tasks and have a proven ability to take part in discussions and assist in decision making. I have the time to commit to fulfil the duties. I have the ability to travel to all required meetings.