

RSCDS BOARD MEMBER/TRUSTEE

Voluntary Role*

The RSCDS is governed by the elected Management Board, the purpose of which is to control the management and administration of the Society, ensure it operates effectively and is able to account for its activities and outcomes. All RSCDS Board members are also Trustees of the Society. Trustees must act in the interests of the organisation, seek to ensure it operates in a manner consistent with its objects or purposes, act with care and diligence on its behalf and ensure it complies with relevant legislation. On election, new Board members receive an induction pack which clearly explains what this means within the RSCDS, and further advice and assistance is available from HQ.

Over the last few years, the RSCDS has operated within a Strategic Plan with six main aims: to increase public profile and awareness of the RSCDS and Scottish country dancing (SCD); extend access to SCD across Scotland and worldwide; maintain standards in SCD; increase RSCDS membership and improve membership services; identify opportunities to diversify sources of income; and aim for best practice in governance and risk management. Progress in meeting the aims of the Strategic Plan is reported at each AGM and, in recent years, there has been a particular emphasis on professionalising Scottish country dance and music, utilising new media to reach and engage with a wider audience, whilst continuing to safeguard traditional values and standards.

Any member of the RSCDS 18 years of age or over can stand for election to the Board. At the present time, however, of particular value would be motivated individuals, passionate about SCD, who can bring vision and enthusiasm to the Board and work effectively and collaboratively on the on-going development of the Society. Board members are required to make a commitment of approximately 1 to 2 days per month to:

- Participate in a minimum of 4 Board meetings each year held on a Saturday at Coates Crescent in Edinburgh, along with 1 additional training day. Electronic means of communication are being tested to enable members living at a distance from HQ or with a disability to participate in meetings without the need for extensive travel.
- Contact a designated list of Branches at least once each year, to improve and maintain links between Board and Branches, identify any issues of concern or strategic importance and bring them to the attention of the Board.
- Be involved with one or more of a number of Panels or Working Groups established by the Board or a Committee to oversee a particular event, develop an area of strategic interest or for any other purpose as may be determined by the Board.
- Engage effectively with the Committees (Convenors of which are members of the Board) and the staff team based in HQ, operating under the direction of the Secretary/Executive Officer.

* Voluntary Role with reimbursement of all reasonable out of pocket/travel expenses