

## 2021 NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP SERVICES COMMITTEE



**Andrew Smith**

*RSCDS International*

**Proposer:** Muriel Bone (*RSCDS Glasgow*)

**Seconded:** David Smith (*RSCDS Somerset*)

We have a great opportunity with the RSCDS centenary to build upon the many excellent things already accomplished and to forge a strong Society for the next hundred years. Despite its problems, the current pandemic affords us an opportunity to re-examine what we do and how we do it. I hope to help by bringing a fresh set of eyes to the tasks of providing support and encouragement to the current membership and to the recruitment of new dancers.

I have been a dancer, a teacher, and a musician for many years, but previous work commitments prevented me from participating at this level. Changing work circumstances, and the ability to participate virtually, mean I am now able to contribute to a committee of the Society, and I am eager to do so.

I have worked professionally in not-for-profit organizations, liaising with volunteer board and committee members. For the past five years I have served as a trustee of the Emporia (Kansas) Public Library and am now in my second year as board chair.

I dance because it brings me joy and I wish to share this joy with others and would welcome this opportunity.



**Julie Grainger**

*RSCDS Duns & District*

**Proposer:** Ainslie Dunnett (*RSCDS North West Craven*)

**Seconder:** Kate Smith (*RSCDS Duns and District*)

I dance with Duns and District Branch in the Scottish Borders. I achieved my RSCDS Teaching certificate in August 2018 and teach adult classes of all abilities. I teach the Duns and District Children's class. The children, aged 5 to 15, dance for fun as well as taking the RSCDS medal tests. For the last year I have been working with the Membership Services Committee. I have contributed to meetings and begun to understand the scope of its work. I have worked with a sub-committee preparing the Combined Books 39-44 RSCDS publication. This has involved reading draft documents, commenting on them attending Zoom meetings to share my ideas and comments. I have enjoyed this project and have contributed to the final version of the publication.

I am a retired Head Teacher and feel that I can bring personal and professional skills from this career to the work of the Committee. I enjoy working as part of a like-minded team communicating and discussing ideas. I have experience of working on projects, delegating and coordinating tasks and helping to see a project from design to completion.



**Maureen Daniel**

*RSCDS Glasgow*

**Proposer:** Linda Gaul (*RSCDS Perth & Perthshire*)

**Seconder:** Jim Healy (*RSCDS Perth & Perthshire*)

During 2021, I have been co-opted to serve on Membership Services. I have previously spent three years as a member of Membership Services under the leadership of Jim Healy initially and latterly Anselm Lingnau. I was delighted to be invited to return to Membership Services to serve in this very different and difficult year with Peter Knapman and have been involved in some exciting and innovative projects.

I retired as a teacher of Chemistry some years ago now and I would be contributing my free time, my experience in the role, my considerable work ethic, and lengthy commitment to the Society. As we approach the Centenary of the Society, I look forward to the new challenges that the role will present.



**Paul McKnight**

*RSCDS Aberdeen*

**Proposer:** Gary Coull (*RSCDS Banffshire*)

**Seconder:** Luke Brady (*RSCDS Dundee*)

As a member of this Committee, I'd like to contribute to the running of the RSCDS by providing meaningful input from my own experience as a dancer, as a member of branch committee and from my professional life.

My reasoning behind coming forward as a candidate is to help the RSCDS achieve its goals and help in ensuring the society continues for future generation of dancers, including my two young daughters. I work as an accountant and feel that the attention to detail required for my job would be beneficial on the Membership Services Committee.

Having served on the Aberdeen Branch committee as a committee member on two occasions and as Vice-Chair and as Chairman of the Branch, I feel this experience, along with my work as an accountant would be relevant for work on this committee. I'm also an experienced dancer, having started dancing at the age of 5, and attended Doris Young's class in Aberdeen as a child. I have danced in various dance festivals over the years and competed for a number of different teams.



**Peter Avery**

*RSCDS Newcastle-upon-Tyne & District*

**Proposer:** Jim Stott (*RSCDS Aberdeen*)

**Secunder:** Joy Bradshaw (*RSCDS Richmond*)

Member of RSCDS for over 40 years and member of Newcastle and District Branch since 1985. A member of the Branch Committee for over 25 years and Branch Chairman since 2004. Chair of the organising committee of the Newcastle Festival for the last four Festivals. Previously served on Membership Services Committee, 2017-2020.

Was much involved with analysis of the latest Membership services survey so very aware of the diverse opinions of members in relation to publishing and related matters. Thus I am keen to try to meet the desires of all members. Regular attender at Summer School. Dance devisor. Two dances published in RSCDS books. Fully qualified teacher. Have taught various classes in the Newcastle and District area and occasionally outside the area.