

Management Board Highlights

28 November 2020

The Board held a scheduled meeting on 28 November. All participants attended remotely.

- The new Chairman, Lorna Ogilvie, welcomed the Chairman Elect, William Williamson, and 6 new Board members: Trevor Clarke, Neil Copland, Fiona Grant, David Macdonald, Jane Meikle, Joan Nesbitt.
- Board Branch contacts were allocated and new members invited to fill vacancies on Working Groups and Board Panels, including representation on the two new Management Board Panels - the Small Grants Panel (An amalgamation of the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund and the Development Fund into a single grant awarding panel) and the Honorary President / Vice President Nomination Panel.
- The financial results for the half year were reviewed, along with a reasonably reassuring forecast for the year end in what will remain a challenging year ahead for many organisations, RSCDS included.
- Very sadly, due to the ongoing impact of Covid-19, the decision was taken to cancel Spring Fling in Aberdeen from 2-4 April 2021
- Committee Convenors and Board members were asked to bring specific targets, linked to the 2020-24 Draft Business Plan aims, to the January Board meeting. These will focus particularly on support for dancers and Branches in anticipation of a return to dancing during 2021.
- An updated Risk Register was approved, in addition to some additional good governance procedures.
- Using feedback from the recent Communications Survey, plus input from all areas linked to communication with dancers, a comprehensive review paper ensuring a joined-up approach, will go to the Board's next meeting. This will include marketing and related office staff requirements.
- An additional Management Board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday 30 January 2021 in order to take forward the above agenda, and consider planning for Summer School in St Andrews in July / August 2021
- The Board approved a three week closure of the office for staff from 19 December, reopening on 11 January, in recognition of their hard work in coping with the pressures of reduced staffing, the challenges of working from home, and the need to take some accumulated annual leave.