

RSCDS BOARD MEMBER/TRUSTEE

Voluntary Role*

The RSCDS is governed by the elected Management Board, the purpose of which is to set the strategic direction of the Society, control its 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 explains what this means within the RSCDS, and further advice and assistance is available from the Office.

The RSCDS Strategic Plan for the period 2020-24 (<https://www.rscds.org/about/governance/legal-administrative>) will take the Society through its Centenary in 2023. It has four strategic aims:

- * **To promote Scottish dancing globally as a fun, friendly and healthy activity.**
- * **To help branches promote Scottish dancing in their area.**
- * **To provide appropriate support for Scottish dance teachers and musicians.**
- * **To strengthen RSCDS governance and finance.**

Any member of the RSCDS aged over 18 years can stand for election to the Board, with the exception of those that hold a Management Board appointed role (currently Schools Director, Music Director, Archivist, Magazine Editor, Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer). The Board would particularly welcome nominations from members who are passionate about SCD, can bring vision, enthusiasm and professional skills to the Board and work effectively and collaboratively on the development of the Society.

Please note:

- All Board members should behave with respect, integrity, openness and accountability.
- Board members should remain in touch with Society developments between meetings, read Board papers and contribute to discussions and decisions during meetings.
- Each Board member is allocated a list of branches to contact on an occasional basis as a channel of communication between the Board and branches, and to identify any issues of concern.
- The Board may form Working Groups and Panels to deal with some matters, comprising members of the Board and others.

Board meetings are typically held about five times a year on a Saturday. Members are able to attend the meetings virtually, as required. In person meetings are hosted at the RSCDS Office in Edinburgh and it is likely that at least two of the annual meetings will be hosted entirely remotely to support the Society's sustainability agenda.

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