

## **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 (including Committee Convenors) 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 the office.

In the last three years the Board has been seeking to achieve the aims of the Society's Business Plan 2017-20. A summary of progress can be found [here]. A new Business Plan is being developed by the Board for the period 2020-24. It will take the Society through its Centenary in 2023. It has four strategic aims:

- To promote Scottish dancing globally as a fun and friendly 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 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, enthusiasm and professional skills to the Board and work effectively and collaboratively on the development of the Society.

- Board meetings are held about five times a year on a Saturday at Coates Crescent. Members can attend remotely, and it is likely that for some meetings all participants will be remote.
- 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 to deal with some matters, comprising members of the Board and others.
- All Board members should behave with respect, integrity, openness and accountability.

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