

## **RSCDS COMMITTEE MEMBER**

### **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.

In addition to the Board, there are three committees: Education and Training, Membership Services and Youth Services. The three committees are accountable to the Board for implementing policy and strategy within their designated areas of responsibility and comprise the operational arms of the Society, along with Headquarters (staff), several permanent Panels and task-focussed Working Groups which vary annually.

In recent 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. The work plan for each committee is defined within the overall Strategic Plan, and progress is reviewed and communicated annually at the AGM. Recently, the overall Strategic Plan has targeted professionalising Scottish country dance and music, utilising new media to reach and engage with a wider audience, whilst safeguarding traditional values and standards.

Any member of the RSCDS 18 years of age or over can stand for election to a committee. Committee remits are complementary. Any member interested in standing for election, therefore, should consult the most recent Annual Report & Accounts and/or the Annual Review for detailed information on their individual roles and responsibilities. Generally, however, committees would particularly welcome motivated individuals, passionate about SCD, who can bring vision and enthusiasm to the committee and work effectively and collaboratively on the on-going development of the Society under the leadership of the committee Convener. Committee members are required to make a commitment of approximately 2 days per month to:

- Participate in a minimum of 4 committee 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;
- Contribute positively and directly to the work of the committee, including participation in Panels and Working Groups as required;
- Engage effectively with other committee and Board members (each Convenor has a seat on the Board) as well as with 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