

## **NOMINATIONS FOR BRANCH OFFICE 2019**

President	Elaine Laidlaw (n. Ivan Roxburgh, s. Ian Pearson)
Vice-President	Linda Glavin (n. Su Marshall, s. Alison Shankie)
Secretary	Michele Miller (n. Elaine Lethbridge, s. Margaret Cantwell)
Treasurer	no nomination received

## **NOMINATIONS FOR COORDINATORS 2019**

IT Coordinator	Andrew Patterson (n. Wayne McConnel, s. Lee Miller)
Youth Coordinator	Debbie Roxburgh (n. Yvonne Gray, s. Caroline Samuel)
Education and Training Coordinator	Lee Miller (n. Elaine Lethbridge, s. Margaret Cantwell)
Communication, Publicity and Membership coordinator	Sue Lindsay (n. Janet Favel, s. Chris Whittington)

## **PROFILES OF NOMINEES**

### **Elaine Laidlaw - Masterton**

#### **Nominated for position of President**



I started dancing in Nelson in the mid 50's and became a member of the RSCDS in 1967. From the time I started attending summer schools I was often a delegate for the Nelson Club at the NZ SCDS AGM's. Having gained my Full Certificate in 1969 I have had the opportunity to teach at various clubs, day, weekend and summer schools and also Region Classes.

After moving to the Wairarapa in late 1999 my husband and I started a club in Carterton and became members of the Wellington Region Committee. I served on the NZ Branch Management Committee for three years as Education & Training Coordinator from 2008.

I was President of the Wellington Region for the three years prior to joining the NZ Branch Management Committee as Vice-President and have served two years as President of the Branch. I have also had the opportunity to organise three successful summer schools, one in Wellington and two in Masterton.

**Linda Glavin**

**Nominated for position of Vice President**



I have been dancing for a number of years, beginning at Southern Cross and Ceilidh clubs in Dunedin. I have been dancing in Christchurch for the past 16 years, and have danced at Christchurch, Hoon Hay and Caledonian Clubs during this time. I gained my Teacher's certificate at the Auckland Summer School 2009/2010. I have been secretary for both Southern Cross club and the Otago Region and have been a committee member of the Otago and Canterbury Regions.

Over the last four years I have gained experience on the management committee in my roles as Membership Coordinator and Vice-President, and I would like to continue to work for the members of the New Zealand Branch.

**Michele Miller**

**Nominated for Secretary**



I have danced with Manawatu and Island Bay clubs and served as secretary or treasurer at both of them. My first year as NZ Branch secretary has been very interesting and my inbox has never been so full! I am pleased to accept nomination for a second year.

**Treasurer**

No nomination has been received

**Sue Lindsay**

**Nominated for Communication, Publicity and Membership Coordinator**



I began Scottish Country Dancing in Blenheim in the 1970's before stopping to raise a family. I returned to dancing in 1998 at the Lincoln Club, in Canterbury. Since then I have been Secretary for the Lincoln Club, and served on the Canterbury Region Committee as a Committee Member, Secretary and Treasurer. I look forward to further developing the Membership and Communication and Publicity Coordinator role.

**Lee Miller**

**Nominated for Education and Training Coordinator**



I would be happy to continue in the role of Education and Training Coordinator in order to further the development of new and existing teachers for Scottish Country Dancing in New Zealand.

## **Andrew Patterson**

### **Nominated for Information Technology Coordinator**



I offered to undertake the role of IT Coordinator last year in the hope that this would give me the opportunity to implement changes for the benefit of both Management and Members of the NZ Branch. While some progress has been made it always seemed likely that it would take more than one year to make any significant improvements. I therefore see this as an ongoing project where I engage with the membership and, with that thought in mind, I welcome any suggestions (and criticisms) from Regions, Clubs and individual Members.

## **Debbie Roxburgh**

### **Nominated for Youth Coordinator**



I began dancing in Canterbury in the 1970s and went on to complete my Teaching Certificate in 1989. Since then I have been teaching weekly adults' and children's classes, currently teaching 3 classes per week. I have taught widely at region and Branch level and also internationally.

In the 1990s I was instrumental in the establishment of junior associate members (JAMs) within the New Zealand Branch and worked with a small team to develop the JAM Medal Test structure and syllabi. I am currently a medal test examiner.

My aim is to make dancing accessible for people of all ages and in all parts of the country, and to provide support particularly to those people who are teaching juniors or looking to start a junior group. I am interested in the ongoing training of teachers (for all levels) and the development of medal test examiners.

I am keen to be involved in the future development of the NZ Branch and within that the ongoing promotion of dancing for juniors as that is where the future of the Branch and Scottish Country Dancing lies.

I am a strong and effective communicator and work well as part of a team. I have previously served on the Management Committee as the Communications and Publicity Coordinator.