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PRESIDENT REPORT

*Annual General Meeting, 9 February 2014
AMI Auckland Netball Centre Conference Room*

We welcome and acknowledge the contribution this weekend by IDO Vice President Michael Wendt, Executive Director of SDNZ and organiser of the NZ Hip Hop Championships Bev Adair-Beets, Education Director and Auckland Regional Manager of SDNZ Jacqui Cesan, and Organiser of the New Zealand Pacific Salsa Congress and New Zealand Salsa Open Siaone Greer. These are people with vision, integrity and dedication that we are very fortunate to have contribute and participate over the weekend. We look forward to developing a strong relationship with these key people over time.

The past year has been difficult. I believe we have seen an end to the contraction of the ballroom sector which is now faced with the need to revitalize and grow. Competitors are very low with many competitions canceled. Last year as the NZ DanceSport Trust consolidated its financial position the New Zealand DanceSport Championships were incorporated as part of the NZFATD National DanceSport Championships. We are very thankful for their assistance. We were also faced with DanceSport Australia again infringing our rights as the New Zealand National Federation for dancesport which led to us submitting a further complaint to the WDSF.

A positive development last year was the inaugural World DanceSport Games in Koashuing, Chinese Tapei. New Zealand was represented well by Giancarlo and Marsha Johansson placing fourth in the Salsa. We also had Irina Kapeli attend as part of the adjudication panel.

Nevertheless, our future is bright as our Trust is revitalized with the addition of people from the Street Latin and Street Dance communities. The Trust is on track to inaugurate the New Zealand Dance Games across a range of styles realising the vision of "Dance as Sport for all". These games have an exciting future which will provide the basis for hosting future International Open, Asia Pacific and World Championships in various dance styles under the jurisdiction of the WDSF and IDO.

Retiring from the Trust as chairperson is Becky Blackshaw. She has made an outstanding contribution and steered the Trust through its darkest days as it renewed for the future ahead. Becky is now busy project managing a group which is very demanding of her time. I understand she is enjoying challenge. We wish her the very best and thank her for her dedication to DNZ.

Our Vice President, Sandra Maxfield is working through difficult personal circumstances. Despite this, she has continued to show professionalism and dedication to DanceSport New Zealand. Our thoughts are with you Sandra!

The year ahead is exciting as we undertake to reconstitute DanceSport New Zealand as a body representing all forms of dance as sport. We are delighted to have key figures from the Street Latin and Street Dance sectors begin this process with us this weekend. We are each in our part too small to reach critical mass, but together our future as a well funded vibrant dance as sport body is assured.

It remains to acknowledge the hard work of Sandra Maxfield, Jenny Lamb and Keryn Russ. They have worked tirelessly in their various roles on DNZ and NZDT. And the support of the DNZ delegates and officers.

William Joyce