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PRESIDENT REPORT

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Tararua Tramping Club Hall, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt. Victoria, Wellington*

We live in interesting times! What has become clear over the past year is that we need to focus on getting New Zealand dancing and building our recreational base. This will require new ways of approaching dance and dancesport.

This year will see the return of the New Zealand DanceSport Championships which will be held on 25 July 2015 and will feature a recreational and fun element. It will also see the long awaited New Zealand Dance Games in September across a number of styles. This is an important initiative that will bring the Ballroom, Salsa and Hip Hop worlds together in a single event. These three styles are of supreme importance to the WDSF and IOC.

We need to make practical moves towards those entities and people who support dancesport and what it represents. This will include sorting out a serious relationship with the NZFATD which may require a radical reconfiguration of old boundaries and ideas. We also need to accommodate Salsa and Hip Hop as part of DanceSport New Zealand.

Now is certainly the time to rebuild and to value and validate those people who support us and our vision. We need to focus and work hard using the resources and people we have to grow dancing from the grassroots up.

Those people who are on our national and regional committees are to be congratulated for their courage and determination. Their hard work is greatly appreciated and essential to our future. In particular, the Vice-President and Sports Officer/Treasurer have been working hard turning the administrative wheels through a difficult and frustrating year. We should also acknowledge Sandra and Jenny for attending the 2014 WDSF AGM at their own personal expense.

Finally it remains to acknowledge the support of dancers, coaches and supporters the length of the country that share our values and vision. Together we can rebuild something new and future focused.

William Joyce
President