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PRESIDENT REPORT

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Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff St, Mt Victoria, Wellington*

Despite many frustrations and difficulties faced by some regions there seems to be a move towards an increase in dancesport presence around the country albeit more recreational or social than competitive. With continued support across all regions this should in turn lead to greater membership and a stronger Association.

The DanceSport Trust held the NZ Dancesport Championships in Christchurch on 1 August 2015 including events which reflected this interest in recreational dances and provided opportunities for athletes to have more competition.

A great number of our national, regional representatives and committees are volunteers who give so much of their 'spare' time and effort promoting dancesport in any way they can. Whether it be social dances, fundraising or running competitions they are all here for the benefit of the dancers and the sport. We must applaud these people and congratulate them for their courage and tenacity in challenging times.

The Executive and the Sports Officer have spent a great deal of time over the year making sure that the administration and public face of the Association is up to date. We acknowledge their hard work which is much appreciated and also specially acknowledge the financial contribution by the WDSF delegates for attending the WDSF AGM at their own expense.

Our website is now more current but still requires upgrading, a task which we hope to work on this year. However social media is becoming the most effective form of communication and we will look at utilizing this more in the future.

We must acknowledge the support of the NZFATD and its members as we move through interesting times. Our relationship requires validation and we must now take steps to commence a process of regeneration. It is time to rebuild and this has to start from the grassroots level.

An interesting year lies ahead and with the support of dancers, coaches and supporters from around the country that share our vision we will be able to rebuild relationships and the sport.

Sandra Maxfield
President