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PRESIDENT REPORT

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The regions and their members continue to work on increasing the dancesport presence around the country. In most regions there is a growing move towards members all societies working together for dancesport events, a very necessary step for the success and growth of the future of the sport. Our national and regional committees are working hard running competitions, social dances and even fundraising, trying to continue the rebuild of the sport. Teamwork is a vital part of this movement and it is good to see regions working together to run events.

Sincere thanks go to the Executive and Sports Officer for their continued work in the administration of the Association. As most are also involved in regional associations we acknowledge and value their hard work for Dancesport New Zealand. We all need the support of others to help 'share the load' A special thanks to the WDSF delegates who represented DanceSport New Zealand at the 2017 WDSF AGM at their own expense.

The latest news from the WDSF is the introduction of a new online process for submitting Adjudicator panels for WDSF Open, WDSF International and WDSF World Open competitions to improve transparency and efficiency.

In addition the licensing of all WDSF scrutineers is to be introduced shortly with similar levels and criteria to that of WDSF Adjudicators. A much needed system to ensure all competitions are fairly scrutineered. The first WDSF Scrutineering course is to be held at Stuttgart during the German Open in August.

Dancing with the Stars is returning to our screens later this year. This should hopefully generate increased interest from people who want to learn to dance and provide an opportunity to grow our membership. It is an ideal time to promote social classes, recreational events and competitions. These are clearly the way to introduce dancers and their supporters to the fun and entertaining world of dancesport.

We must continue to keep a positive approach for continuing the rebuild of relationships and the sport.

Sandra Maxfield
President