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**This issue is devoted to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.
For news of other events and classes see the next email Newsletter on 31 August.**

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 September 2013 at St Andrew's Church Hall starting at 7.30 pm.

The AGM provides an opportunity for you to inform yourselves about the state of the Branch's health, generally and financially, and to raise any matters that may be of concern to you.

All positions on the committee, including office bearers, become vacant and all Branch members, including current committee members, are eligible for re-election.

Two members of the present committee have decided not to stand again – they are Glenys Bishop and Madeleine Johnson – and we thank them for their contribution.

Anyone who might like to contribute to the work of the committee, and who may have some time to devote to it, are encouraged to consider being nominated. The committee meets four times a year so the workload is not onerous. New committee members bring with them new ideas and strengthen the organisation they represent. Please speak to a member of the current committee about this if you have an interest and a modest amount of available time.

Inside, you will find the Agenda for the AGM, a nomination form for election of office bearers and committee members, and a form of appointment of a proxy if you are unable to attend the meeting in person.

One of the items on the AGM Agenda is the consideration of a Motion which will be put forward at the meeting. Details are set out in the Notice of Motion inside.

The Treasurer, Mary Gellatly, would be pleased to accept membership fees for the 2013/14 financial year from any members who have not already renewed

The meeting will be followed by social dancing and supper and the committee looks forward to seeing you on 18 September.

**THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY
CANBERRA AND DISTRICT BRANCH INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2013, 7.30 PM
ST ANDREWS CHURCH HALL FORREST**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2012
3. Business Arising
4. Annual Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Election of Office Bearers and Committee
7. Appointment of Auditor
8. Notice of Motion
9. Vote of Thanks – Retiring Webmaster and Editor of Newsletter
10. Australian Winter School, Canberra, 2014 – Progress Report
11. Any Other Business

NOTICE OF MOTION

Annual Membership Fees and Pricing of Scotch Circle

Notice is hereby given that it is intended to move on behalf of the committee

- amendments to the current “Determination of the annual rate of subscription under Clause 3 of the Constitution”, and
- the adoption of a policy by which electronic copies of Scotch Circle are provided free of charge.

Clause 111, sub-clause 3 of the Constitution reads:

The rates of subscription for members shall be such as may be determined from time to time by the local association [Branch] in general meeting.

The current “Determination of the rate of annual subscription under clause 3 of the Constitution reads:

The annual subscription for any financial year shall be the sum of the rate of annual subscription set by the Society in the previous November (at the exchange rate prevailing on 1 May preceding the financial year and rounded to the nearest whole dollar) and **\$A25, this amount to include the annual subscription to Scotch Circle which will be available to other members for a subscription of \$10 a year [emphasis added to the relevant words]**.

Where a person is otherwise a current financial member of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, the annual subscription for membership of this Branch shall be **\$A25**.

For a member who joins the branch for the first time between 1 January and 30 June inclusive the subscription for the year of joining shall be half the subscription otherwise payable.”

The motion to be moved is:

That the current “Determination of the rate of annual subscription under clause 3 of the Constitution” (The determination) be amended as follows:

In the first paragraph of the determination:

- delete the words: “\$A25, this amount to include the annual subscription to Scotch Circle which will be available to other members for a subscription of \$10 a year.”
- Replace the deleted words with “\$A15”.

In the second paragraph of the determination, replace “\$A25” with “\$A15”.

The determination as amended shall take effect from the beginning of the 2014-15 financial year.

That the meeting:

- Approve a policy by which Scotch Circle is provided free of charge in electronic form or for \$10 a year in hard copy form, effective from the beginning of the 2014-15 financial year.

Notice of Motion: Explanatory Memorandum

1. Most members receive Scotch Circle electronically.
2. \$10 of each member's annual subscription is effectively earmarked for Scotch Circle, irrespective of whether the publication is received electronically or in hard copy.
3. In contrast, the Branch email Newsletter and access to the Branch website are free of charge to anyone, member or non-member.
4. The production and distribution costs of both the newsletter and electronic version of Scotch Circle are, effectively, zero. A hard copy costs around \$10 a year to photocopy and post.
5. The committee considers it to be anomalous that electronic copies of Scotch Circle incur a charge while other forms of electronic publicity are free of charge. This anomaly could easily be rectified by making Scotch Circle available electronically free of charge to members and non-members alike. This could be achieved by:
 - Adopting a policy providing Scotch Circle either free of charge electronically or \$10 a year in hard copy;
 - Changing the current determination as set out in the notice of motion:
 - To delete all references to Scotch Circle;
 - To replace the amounts \$A25 with \$A15 wherever they appear.
6. The annual membership fee would be reduced by \$10.
7. Members who continue to receive Scotch Circle electronically would be \$10 a year better off.
8. Members wishing to receive Scotch Circle in hard copy would pay the reduced annual membership fee plus an annual subscription fee for Scotch Circle of \$10. This would be the same total amount for annual membership plus Scotch Circle currently paid by members who receive the publication in hard copy.
9. In future, the annual membership fee and the price of Scotch Circle would be determined separately.
10. The cost to Branch revenues is estimated at about \$300 per annum. This would be more than offset by the recent \$1 increase in class fees, which is estimated to boost revenue by \$1000 a year.

**RSCDS Canberra and District Branch Inc
Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members**

NOMINATION

I, being a person qualified to vote at an election of the above Branch, NOMINATE:

.....
(Name in BLOCK LETTERS)

Who is a member of the above Branch, for election to office as (circle one below):

- CHAIRMAN
- SECRETARY
- TREASURER
- COMMITTEE MEMBER

.....
(Name in BLOCK LETTERS of person MAKING the nomination)

.....
(Signature of person MAKING the nomination and date of nomination)

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I, CONSENT to this nomination
(Name of person NOMINATED - BLOCK LETTERS)

.....
(Signature of person NOMINATED and date)

**RSCDS Canberra and District Branch Inc
Form of Appointment of Proxy**

I,
(Name)

Of
(Address)

Being a member of the above Branch, hereby APPOINT

.....
(Name of proxy)

.....
(Address of proxy)

Being a member of the above Branch, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General meeting of the above Branch to be held on Wednesday 12 September 2012, and at any adjournment of this meeting.

.....
(Signature of member appointing proxy and date.)

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