

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

BY-ELECTION OF MĀORI VICE PRESIDENT: INAUGURAL ELECTION
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1. Members on the Māori electoral roll are hereby notified that, in accordance with Rules 49 (ii) and 50 (i) of the Constitution, nominations are invited for the 2022-2023 year as follows:
 - (a) Māori vice president (inaugural election).
2. Any full member on the Māori roll is eligible for nomination.
3. Please note that the proposers and seconders of all nominations must be full members of the Association on the Māori roll.
4. Each year all candidates are asked to provide information about themselves (on the form supplied) with their nominations. This has a twofold purpose: it enables preparation of the election material without undue pressure and gives the Association information about all its office holders, even those for whom an election is not required. Nominees should also supply a photo of themselves.
5. For the position of Māori vice president, please complete the nomination information in te reo Māori and English.
6. Candidates for the position of Māori vice president should submit a video up to 60 seconds in length [MX15/008]. The video must adhere to the **attached** 'Conduct of Association Elections – Note to All Candidates'. Specifically:
 - Avoid making 'personal policies' or 'policy platform' statements.
 - Do not canvass for support.
 - Demonstrate knowledge of te reo Māori.
 - Please give full personal and biographical information of a factual and relevant nature to assist member voters.
7. Nominations close with the General Secretary, NZPPTA Te Wehengarua, returningofficer@ppta.org.nz, at 5.00 pm on Monday 28 February 2022. Nominations must be made on the **attached** form, with the written consent of the person nominated in the space provided. **All Nomination forms must be accompanied by the completed candidate's information sheet.**
8. The rolls for the purpose of any elections to be held following nominations will close at 5 pm on **28 February 2022**.
9. The forms of nomination to be used, together with material for candidates, are **attached**.

- Encl.
- Notice to candidates
 - Candidates' information form
 - Conduct of Elections
 - Nomination form – Māori vice president

<p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE TO CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR OFFICE AS MĀORI VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION</p>
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Enclosed is a form requesting information from you as a candidate in the Executive election.

All candidates are asked to provide this information (on the form supplied) **with their nominations**. This will have a twofold purpose: it will enable preparation of the election material without undue pressure on you and will give the Association information about all its office holders, even those for whom an election is not required. Please supply this material even if you have done so on a previous occasion.

Please return your contribution to this office in the enclosed envelope with your nomination form.

Because of the limited time available to conduct the elections, there can be no extension of the deadline and if material is not received in time, publication of candidates' information will proceed without it.

1. Personal Information

Apart from name, age, etc., candidates may, if they wish, supply other personal information. Inclusion of pepeha and iwi affiliation is encouraged.

2. Professional Information

Give full and factual information with relevant dates, on:

- qualifications;
- Ngā Manu Korero, kapa haka and Māori teacher groupings;
- training;
- professional history (include other occupations before you began teaching if you wish);
- current position and responsibilities.

3. Association Information

Give full and factual information, with relevant dates, on all aspects of involvement with PPTA or other teacher or employee association:

- membership;
- involvement at branch level;
- involvement at regional level and Te Reo o Rohe;
- involvement at executive level and Te Huarahi;
- other activities, i.e. association committees, curriculum panels, association representation, etc.

4. Personal Statement – please use Te Reo Māori and English

Candidates are invited to make a statement on the lines along which they see the Association moving in the future. While current policy is as determined by the Annual Conference, candidates may, if they wish, comment on the way in which they would like to see that policy change.

Candidates' statements may be up to 350 words (plus translation if required). This statement will also be used in the PPTA News or on the PPTA Website.

Emailed statements are requested and these MUST be received by 5 pm on Monday 28 February 2022.

5. Photographs and Video

Candidates for the position of Māori vice president must provide an electronic copy of a photo of themselves to be used with the candidate profile sheets. Candidates for Māori vice president must also provide a video no longer than 60 seconds in length. **These also MUST be received by 5 pm on Monday 28 February 2022.**

Important Note

Your attention is drawn to the **attached** statement on the conduct of Association elections. This is based on legal opinion on the effects and implications of the Association's Constitution. The Returning Officer reserves the right to amend any candidate's statement which breaches the requirements set out in the note to candidates.

Michael Stevenson
RETURNING OFFICER

REMEMBER:

- Material must be received at National Office as soon as possible, no later than **5 pm on Monday 28 February 2022 (by email to returningofficer@ppta.org.nz).**
- **If the material requested above is not received with your nomination, publication of candidates' information will proceed without it.**

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION – In English and Te Reo Māori

Name:..... **Date:**.....

Personal information

Professional information

Association information

Personal statement (up to 350 words; please continue on separate sheet if necessary)

Please complete and return by email to returningofficer@ppta.org.nz by Monday 28 February 2022.

Signed

Date

CONDUCT OF ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS – NOTE TO CANDIDATES

General

1. Pursuant to Rule 64 of the Constitution, the Executive has directed that the Returning Officer forward to each candidate a "code of conduct" in respect of Association elections.
2. The attention of candidates is drawn to the following Rules contained in the Association's Constitution:

Rule 52:

The Annual Conference as hereby constituted shall have supreme authority in the Association.

Rule 42(i):

The Executive shall act for and on behalf of the Association between Conferences and in particular shall implement the decisions of and pursue the policies established by the Conference.

Rule 47(i) and 47(ii):

- i) *All resolutions of the Executive and all acts and things duly done or executed in good faith shall be binding upon all members of the Executive whether present at any such meeting or not and upon all the property and assets of the Association PROVIDED that such resolution shall not be shown to be ultra vires the Executive AND PROVIDED FURTHER that all members of the Executive have been duly notified of such meeting.*
 - ii) *The fact that any such resolution is made in pursuance of any decision or recommendation of the Conference shall be conclusive evidence of good faith and of the absence of any improper motive.*
3. It is clear from these extracts that the policy of the Association is determined by the Annual Conference, and, provided it is within the general policy guidelines established by the Conference, policy is also determined by the Executive.

There is, therefore, a clearly stated and democratic procedure by which the Association formulates and establishes its policies, and within this there can be no place for 'personal policies' or 'policy platforms' on the part of candidates for election to the Executive. You are reminded of this when making your personal statement.
4. These rules apply also to Executive members once elected and in office.

Campaigning

5. The canvassing of other branches or members, whether by visiting for the purpose of addressing members or by the circulation of material, which may be related to the election, is excluded. This exclusion has been introduced in order to prevent any candidate obtaining an advantage due to his/her proximity to other Branches, other advantages of location, or the possession of a better financial status.
6. Canvassing for support and campaigning through the use of social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) is also excluded. Candidates may encourage members to vote in an election and draw members' attention to where the profiles of all candidates, including the official video biographies, can be found. Candidates must not use social media to draw members' attention to the individual candidates. If any candidate is unsure of what is safe use of social media in Association elections, they are advised to err on the side of caution and contact the Returning Officer for advice or a ruling before posting.

7. However, candidates may address regional meetings (1990 conference decision). Any candidates wishing to take up this facility should contact the appropriate regional chairpersons and advise the Returning Officer of their intent. The Association will reimburse the actual costs reasonably incurred in attending such meetings.
8. Where elections are necessary the information supplied by candidates will be circulated to members to assist them in the process of voting.

Summary:

Please adhere strictly to the following requirements in relation to the election:

- Avoid making 'personal policies' or 'policy platform' statements.
- Do not canvass for support.
- Please give full personal and biographical information of a factual and relevant nature to assist member voters.
- Return your 'Candidates Information' sheet by **Monday 28 February 2022**.

NEW ZEALAND POST PRIMARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF MĀORI VICE PRESIDENT

Form of Nomination

The Returning Officer
NZ Post Primary Teachers' Association
P O Box 2119
WELLINGTON 6140

We the undersigned,
hereby nominate

.....
Name

of

.....
Branch

for the position of **Māori vice president** of the New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association (Incorporated).

Date

Proposer

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Name (please print)

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Signature

.....
Branch

Seconder

.....
Name (please print)

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Signature

.....
Branch

I hereby consent to the above nomination

Candidate

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Signature

**Please complete and return by email to returningofficer@ppta.org.nz by
Monday 28 February 2022**