

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND
EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR 2020-2021**

1. Members are hereby notified that, in accordance with Rule 65(i) of the Constitution, nominations are invited for the 2020-2021 year as follows:

- (a) President
- (b) Junior Vice President
- (c) National Executive members in the following electoral areas:

Northland (Upper, Central and Lower) Regions	1
The four Wards of the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Region*	4
Counties-Manukau Region	1
Waikato Region	1
Hauraki Coromandel, Western Bay of Plenty Regions	1
Bay of Plenty, Central Plateau Regions	1
Manawatu/Whanganui Region	1
Taranaki Region	1
Hawkes Bay, East Coast Regions	1
Hutt Valley, Wairarapa Regions	1
Wellington, Marlborough Regions	2
Nelson, West Coast Regions	1
Canterbury Region	2
Aoraki Region	1
Otago Region	1
Southland Region	1
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- * The composition of these Wards, as ratified by the Executive, are attached as Appendix A and distributed to Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Region branches only.

2. Any full member is eligible for nomination provided that (with the exception of the four Wards of the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Region) nominees for the Executive must be employed within the electoral area for which they are nominated. In the case of the four Wards of the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Region, the nominee may be a member of any branch in the Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Region, but the nomination must be in respect of a specific Ward.
3. Where a member is nominated for the office of President and any other office, ballot papers and instructions will be issued so as to permit preferential voting for the candidates in that particular election.

At the conclusion of the voting, the votes cast will be counted in the order of President, Vice President, Executive members, and the votes recorded against a candidate in an election for a lower office will not be counted if that person has been elected to the office of President.

4. Please note that the proposers and seconders of all nominations must be full members of the Association. Proposers and seconders of Executive member candidates (with the exception of President and Junior Vice President positions) must be members from within the electoral area concerned.
5. 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. Presidential nominees should also supply a photo of themselves.
6. Candidates for the positions of President and Junior 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.
 - 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, P O Box 2119, Wellington 6140, at 5.00pm on Friday 6 September 2019. 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 5pm on Wednesday 4 September 2019.
9. The forms of nomination to be used, together with material for candidates, are **attached**. The special freepost envelope, addressed to the PPTA Returning Officer, is provided for the purpose of returning nomination forms. **In no circumstances should it be used for ordinary correspondence.**

Michael Stevenson
RETURNING OFFICER

- Encl.
- Notice to candidates
 - Candidates' information form
 - Conduct of Elections
 - List of branches in Auckland Wards (to Auckland region only)
 - Nomination form – President
 - Nomination form – Junior Vice President
 - Nomination form – Executive members
 - Freepost envelope addressed to Returning Officer

<p>NOTICE TO CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR OFFICE AS PRESIDENT, JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT OR EXECUTIVE MEMBER 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.

2. Professional Information

Give full and factual information with relevant dates, on:

- qualifications;
- 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;
- involvement at executive level;
- other activities, i.e. association committees, curriculum panels, association representation, etc.

[NOTE: The Executive has resolved that all Executive members should endeavour to complete Stage 3 of PPTA's Employment Related Education Training and, if not already completed at the time of election, to complete Stage 2 – refs: MX04/01/19, MX04/01/20.]

4. **Personal Statement**

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. This statement will also be used in the PPTA News in respect of the President and Junior Vice President positions.

Emailed statements are preferred and these MUST be received by 5pm on Friday 6 September 2019.

5. **Photographs and Video**

Candidates for the positions of President or Junior Vice President must provide an electronic copy of a photo of themselves to be used with the candidate profile sheets. Candidates for President and Junior Vice President must also provide a video no longer than 60 seconds in length. **These also MUST be received by 5pm on Friday 6 September 2019.**

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 Friday 6 September 2019 (by post or 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.**
- Use the Freepost envelope provided.

CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

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 or by
post to the General Secretary, PO Box 2119, Wellington, by Friday 6
September 2019

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 **Friday 6 September 2019**.

NEW ZEALAND POST PRIMARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT 2020-2021

Form of Nomination

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

We the
undersigned,
hereby nominate

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Name

of

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Branch

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

Date

Proposer

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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Branch

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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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 or by post to the General Secretary, PO Box 2119, Wellington, by Friday 6 September 2019

NEW ZEALAND POST PRIMARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT 2020-2021

Form of Nomination

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

We the
undersigned,
hereby nominate

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Name

of

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Branch

for the position of **Junior 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

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Branch

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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Branch

I hereby consent to the above nomination

Candidate

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Signature

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NEW ZEALAND POST PRIMARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE 2020-2021

Form of Nomination

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

We the
undersigned,
hereby nominate

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Name

of

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Branch

for the position of
member from the

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Electoral Area

on the **Executive** of the New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association
(Incorporated)

Date

Proposer

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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Branch

Secunder

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Name (please print)

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Signature

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Branch

I hereby consent to the above nomination

Candidate

.....
Signature

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post to the General Secretary, PO Box 2119, Wellington, by Friday 6
September 2019**