



PPTA TE WEHENGARUA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021

A MĀORI VICE-PRESIDENT: A SEAT AT THE TOP TABLE


This paper follows a Te Huarahi and Te Reo ā Rohe strategy hui held on 13 July 2021 where planning was undertaken to progress the role of Māori Vice-President. The paper contains proposed constitutional amendments to create the position of Māori Vice-President from 2022.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That the report be received.
- 2 That a new Rule 65 (ii) is inserted before the current rule 65 (ii) [with the consequent renumbering of the following clauses under rule 65]:
“The Secretary shall during term 3 of each year circulate to all members on the Māori electoral roll a notice calling for nominations for the office of Māori Vice-President”.
- 3 That Rule 3(a) interpretation be amended
From:
“Vice-President” shall mean “the Junior Vice-President, the Immediate Past-President of the Association”.
To:
“Vice-President” shall mean “the Junior Vice-President, the Immediate Past-President, the Māori Vice-President of the Association”.
- 4 That Rule 38 (ii) be amended
From:
The Executive shall consist of a President a Senior Vice-President who shall be the immediate past President, a Junior Vice-President, twenty-five (25) other members or twenty-four (24) other members where one of those other members is also Junior Vice-President and a Secretary.
To:
The Executive shall consist of a President a Senior Vice-President who shall be the immediate past President a Junior Vice-President a Māori Vice-President twenty-five (25) other members or twenty-four (24) other members where one of those other members is also Junior Vice-President and a Secretary.
- 5 That a new Rule 49 (ii) be inserted:
The Māori Vice-President shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of the full members on the Māori Electoral Roll to be conducted according to Rules 62-76, provided that no member may serve a total of more than four years as President.
- 6 That Rule 50 (i) be amended:
From:
When a vacancy occurs during the course of the Association year in respect of the position of President or Junior Vice-President then the vacancy will be filled by a secret ballot conducted according to these rules, provided that where the vacancy occurs within six months of the end of the Association year the Executive shall have power and may summarily appoint any member other than the Secretary to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the Association year.
To:
When a vacancy occurs during the course of the Association year in respect of the position

of President or Junior Vice-President or Māori Vice-President then the vacancy will be filled by a secret ballot conducted according to these rules, provided that where the vacancy occurs within six months of the end of the Association year the Executive shall have power and may summarily appoint any member other than the Māori Vice-President who would be appointed by Te Huarahi and Te Reo ā Rohe and other than the Secretary to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the Association year.

7 That Rule 51 (i) (g) be inserted:

If the Māori Vice-President elected under 65 (ii) ceases to be on the Māori electoral roll.

8 That Rule 65 (ii) be inserted:

(ii) The Secretary shall during term 3 of each year circulate to all members on the Māori electoral roll a notice calling for nominations for the office of Māori Vice President.

9 That Rule 66 be amended

From:

66. Any full member of the union shall be eligible for nomination, election, and re-election to any position.

To:

66. Any full member of the union shall be eligible for nomination, election, and re-election to any position, except for the office of Māori Vice President which is limited to nomination, election, and re-election from members of the Māori electoral roll.

10 That Rule 67 (i) be amended

From:

All nominations must be in writing and signed by at least two full members and signed by the nominee in token of her/his acceptance and shall otherwise be void,

To:

All nominations must be in writing and signed by at least two full members, or in the case of the office of Māori Vice-President signed by at least two full members on the Māori electoral roll, and signed by the nominee in token of her/his acceptance and shall otherwise be void,

11 That Rule 73 be amended

From:

73. Where nominations have been received from candidates for any one or more of the offices of President, Junior Vice-President, and Executive member the following rule shall apply.

To:

73. Where nominations have been received from candidates for any one or more of the offices of President, Junior Vice-President, Māori Vice-President, and Executive member the following rule shall apply.

- 12 That Rule 74 (ii) be amended
- From:**
At the conclusion of the poll the Returning Office shall count the votes cast in the respective elections in the order of President, Junior Vice-President, and Executive members.
- To:**
At the conclusion of the poll the Returning Office shall count the votes cast in the respective elections in the order of President, Junior Vice-President, **Māori Vice-President** and Executive members.
- 13 That Rule 75 (ii) be amended
- From:**
Members on this roll shall be entitled to exercise one vote each on an iwi geographical bases for a member of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake and one vote each for Te Reo ā Rohe.....
- To:**
Members on this roll shall be entitled to exercise **one vote each for Māori Vice-President** and one vote each on an iwi geographical bases for a member of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake and one vote each for Te Reo ā Rohe.....
- 14 That Rule 75 (iii) be amended
- From:**
Elections for Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake shall be entrusted to the Returning Officer appointed by the Executive.
- To:**
Elections for Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake **and Māori Vice-President** shall be entrusted to the Returning Officer appointed by the Executive.
- 15 That these constitutional amendments be tabled at Annual Conference 2021 to add the role of Māori Vice-President (to be titled “Ko Te Hāpai-Ō” contingent on permission being granted by Ngāti Kahungunu) to the Constitution.
- 16 That the General Secretary / Association Returning Officer consult with Te Huarahi and Te Reo ā Rohe around Election Rules in respect of the Māori Vice-President position.

1 INCORPORATING THE TREATY INTO DECISION MAKING

- 1.1. The role of Māori Vice-President to incorporate a Māori voice into the top table of PPTA Te Wehengarua:
- 1.1.1. The appointment of a Māori Vice-President is essential to integrate a Tiriti perspective into the organisation in a visible and meaningful manner. The Māori Vice-President would also be the public voice for our Māori members on issues that affect them and kaupapa that enhance partnership relationships and ensure Māori have a seat at the top table (Annual Conference, Executive, etc).

- 1.1.2. The constitutional amendments required to create the position of Māori Vice-President are set out in depth in the **Appendix**.
- 1.1.3. The trigger clause is a new Rule 65 (ii) whereby a Māori Vice-President would be elected annually from the Māori electoral roll: the same timeframe used for the positions of President and Junior Vice-President. The term of office is 1 February to 31 January of the following year unless a vacancy arises.

Proposed Rule changes in yellow highlight to enact the position of Māori Vice-President

Note 1: *The trigger clause is a new Rule 65 (ii) with the current 65 (ii) and (iii) re-numbered to (iii) and (iv) – “The Secretary shall during term 3 of each year circulate to all members on the Māori electoral roll a notice calling for nominations for the office of Māori Vice-President”.*

Note 2: *Amendments to the table of contents and section headings will also be made. These are considered editorial changes and not Rule changes.*

Māori Vice-President to be included as a Vice-President in Rule 3 (a) Interpretation as follows:

- 3 (a) “Vice-President” shall mean “the Junior Vice-President, the Immediate Past-President, the Māori Vice-President of the Association”.

Māori Vice-President to be included as an additional Executive member in Rule 38 (ii) as follows:

38. (i) Subject to the Conference the conduct and control of the business and affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Executive except as to such matters as are specifically reserved by these Rules to the Conference.
- (ii) The Executive shall consist of a President a Senior Vice-President who shall be the immediate past President a Junior Vice-President a Māori Vice-President twenty-five (25) other members or twenty-four (24) other members where one of those other members is also Junior Vice-President and a Secretary.

The Māori Vice-President is elected annually by secret ballot as follows:

49. (i) The President and Junior Vice-President and members of the Executive of the Association shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of the full members to be conducted according to Rules 62-76, provided that no member may serve a total of more than four years as President.
- (ii) The Māori Vice-President shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of the full members on the Māori Electoral Roll to be conducted according to Rules 62-76, provided that no member may serve a total of more than four years as President.
- (iii) The Immediate Past-President shall be the member who last held the office of President of the Association (and for the purposes of this Constitution this office shall be deemed to be the office of a Vice-President of the Association).
- (iv) Twenty-one (21) members of the Executive other than the Secretary shall be elected annually by means of a secret ballot of full members in branches within the electoral districts listed in rule 62(i) and conducted according to rules 62-76.

Rule 50(i):

50. (i) When a vacancy occurs during the course of the Association year in respect of the position of President or Junior Vice-President or Māori Vice-President then the vacancy will be filled by a secret ballot conducted according to these rules, provided that where the vacancy occurs within six months of the end of the Association year the Executive shall have power

and may summarily appoint any member other than the Māori Vice-President who would be appointed by Te Huarahi and Te Reo ā Rohe and other than the Secretary and other than to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the Association year.

Rule 51 (i) (f) results in the position of Māori Vice-President being vacated if they cease to be a member on the Māori Electoral Roll:

51. (i) The position held by any member on the Executive shall be vacated:
- (a) Upon death.
 - (b) If such a member ceases to be a full member of the Association.
 - (c) If such member gives the Secretary notice tendering her/his resignation.
 - (d) If such member is elected or appointed to any other position on the Executive other than Junior Vice-President during her/his term of office in the former capacity.
 - (e) If such member ceases to be employed at a school within the boundaries of the region or regions by whose members she/he was elected to her/his position on the Executive PROVIDED that if a period of less than three (3) months remains such member shall remain in office until the normal end of her/his term AND PROVIDED FURTHER that this subsection shall not apply to the positions of President or Vice-President.
 - (f) If a member appointed under Rule 49(iv) ceases to be a member of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake
 - (g) If the Māori Vice-President elected under 65 (ii) ceases to be on the Māori electoral roll.
 - (h) If a member appointed under rule 49(v) ceases to be a member of the Komiti Pasifika.

NOMINATIONS – Rules 65, 66, 67 amended as follows:

65. (i) The Secretary shall during term 3 of each year circulate to all members a notice calling for nominations for the offices of President, Junior Vice-President, and positions on the Executive.
- (ii) The Secretary shall during term 3 of each year circulate to all members on the Māori electoral roll a notice calling for nominations for the office of Māori Vice President.
66. Any full member of the union shall be eligible for nomination, election, and re-election to any position, except for the office of Māori Vice President which is limited to nomination, election, and re-election from members of the Māori electoral roll.
67. (i) All nominations must be in writing made and signed by at least two full members or in the case of the office of Māori Vice President signed by at least two full members on the Māori electoral roll and signed by the nominee in token of her/his acceptance and shall otherwise be void.

VOTING Rule 70 amended to make it clear that the Māori Vice-President role and any other role

stated in the Rules as elected by members of the Māori Electoral Roll is elected by members of the Māori Electoral Roll.

70. Full members who have paid or contracted to pay the Annual Subscription provided for in Rule 8 by the Monday of the last week of term 3 in each year or such subscription payment date which immediately precedes that date and members who are on leave without pay from their teaching positions for periods of up to two (2) years who were full members prior to the commencement of such leave shall be entitled to vote in any election conducted in accordance with these rules, **except for the election for any role stated in these Rules to require the member to also be on the Māori Electoral Roll.**

CANDIDATES FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION Rules 73 and 74 are amended to include Māori Vice-President in the preferential voting system (votes not counted if elected as President) (extra note: commas added to 74 (ii) to tidy-up):

73. Where nominations have been received from candidates for any one or more of the offices of President, Junior Vice-President, **Māori Vice-President**, and Executive member the following rule shall apply.
74. (i) Where the candidate in any election is a candidate also for the office of President the Returning Officer shall issue ballot papers and instructions for preferential voting for the candidates.
- (ii) At the conclusion of the poll the Returning Officer shall count the votes cast in the respective elections in the order of President, Junior Vice-President, **Māori Vice-President**, and Executive members.
- (iii) Where any candidate in an election has been declared elected to the office of President the Returning Officer shall not count the votes recorded against the name of that candidate in respect of the election of any other office.
- (iv) Where in an election for any office the nominee or nominees have been declared elected to the office of President the resulting vacancy shall be deemed to be an extraordinary vacancy and the Returning Officer shall forthwith call nominations for the office and conduct a further election in accordance with the foregoing rules.
75. (i) An electoral roll of Māori members shall be maintained and shall contain the names of those members who are full members in terms of rule 5 and who elect to be placed on that roll.
- (ii) Members on this roll shall be entitled to exercise one vote for **Māori Vice-President** and one vote each on an Iwi geographical basis for a member of Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake and one vote each for Te Reo-a-Rohe and the Iwi geographical basis for the Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake elections shall be constituted as follows:
- (a) Tai Tokerau – 1 member
 - (b) Tāmaki Makaurau – 3 members
 - (c) Waikato – 1 member
 - (d) Mataatua – 1 member
 - (e) Te Arawa – 1 member

- (f) Tai Rāwhiti – 1 member
 - (g) Taranaki– 1 member
 - (h) Whanganui – 1 member
 - (i) Horowhenua/Manawatū – 1 member
 - (j) Ngāti Kahungunu – 1 member
 - (k) Whanganui-a-Tara ki Ōtaki – 1 member
 - (l) Awakāirangi/Wairarapa – 1 member
 - (m) Ōtepoti/Murihiku – 2 members
 - (n) Waitaha – 1 member
 - (o) Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui – 1 member
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- (iii) Elections for Te Huarahi Māori Motuhake and **Māori Vice-President** shall be entrusted to the Returning Officer appointed by the Executive.
 - (iv) Elections for Te Reo-a-Rohe shall be entrusted to the Returning Officer appointed by the Region.