

P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A. INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 2009

Auckland Saturday 21 February

This paper outlines the procedure for the elections which is in accordance with clause 15.1.3 of the PACIFICA Constitution.

The organisation holds postal voting for the National Executive positions

- National President
- National Secretary
- Assistant National Secretary
- National Treasurer
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- Vice President - North Island (elected by Northern Region members)*
- Vice President - South Island (elected by South Island members)*
- Vice President – Central North Island (elected by Central North Island Region members)*
- Young PACIFICA – (elected by Young PACIFICA members)*

2009 Election Process

Only current financial members of PACIFICA Inc are eligible to nominate, second and vote for other financial members from all other branches for all positions EXCEPT for two categories of position on the National Executive Committee (see above)*.

Members are reminded to consult the relevant clauses of the Constitution and ensure they are on the official Register of Members held by the National Treasurer.

This Register is used by the Returning Officer to check eligibility for all nominations and for the issuing of the postal voting papers.

Election Timelines for 2008-2009

1. Nomination forms to Branch contacts/on website
(Monday 3 November 2008)

2. Confirmation of Returning Officer, deadline for financial members to ensure the National Treasurer has their correct postal address: Best to sent to treas@pacifica.org.nz **(end November)**

3. Deadline for completed nomination forms with short BIO and declaration form of each nominee included to be sent to:

Returning Officer
C/- P.O. Box 1701
Palmerston North 4440

(Friday 28 November 2008)

4. Issue of postal voting forms to financial members only
(Friday 19 December 2008)

5. Deadline for return of postal voting forms to Returning Officer
(Friday 30 January 2009)

6. **Results** announced by Returning Officer at AGM 21/2/09

In the unlikely event of no nomination having been received by the due date for any of the National Executive positions, then elections can be conducted by the Returning Officer at the AGM.

Nominations can be taken from the floor of the meeting and voting eligibility still applies to financial members and the conditions pertaining to any of the positions e.g. Vice Presidents or Young PACIFICA must be complied with.

NOTES TO NOMINEES

Before accepting nomination please consider carefully the commitment required to serve at Executive level.

A full list of roles and responsibility for all office holders of the National Executive have been posted on the PACIFICA Inc website <http://www.pacifica.org.nz>. In reality National Executive meets four to five times a year requiring some days off work. There are extra duties associated with task groups such as, NSU, regional conferences, Hutt City Council and PACIFICA Scholarships etc.

If you are nominated by any affiliated branch of the organisation for a National Executive position you **must** complete a short BIO and send that BIO to your nominator/s who will attach it to their nomination form to be sent to

the Returning Officer no later than Friday 28 November 2008

Your bio should be **not more than 70 words** and include the following:

- Ethnic background/origin
- Current occupation
- How long you have been a member of PACIFICA
- Position/s held in PACIFICA to date
- Your vision for the position

This bio will be sent out with the voting forms so that members know some key details about who they are voting for particularly where there are a number of nominees for the same position.

NOTES TO BRANCHES & MEMBERS

Registered branches will receive a national list of **branch contacts**. This information can assist you to make contact with members you may wish to nominate in other branches. In addition, all National Executive members have copies of this branch contact list.

All deadlines will be strictly adhered to by the Returning Officer who will be an external independent person appointed by the National Executive Committee.