

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETNG (SGM)

DATE 15 September 2023

Time - noon

Zoom link -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81407896214?pwd=M1hFNWxtN2dwWm91RWJXdEpuVGVSUT09>



TITLE	Amendments to the NZBA Rules 2023
RECOMMENDATION	It is recommended Members of NZBA adopt amendments to the NZBA Rules as per the document; NZBA Rules August 2023 (sent with this cover paper).

Invitation

Members of NZBA are invited to attend a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETNG **on 15 September 2023 at noon by zoom link above.**

This meeting is held under section 9.2 of the NZBA Rules 2022 and seeks endorsement of the NZBA Rules August 2023 sent in this email.

Introduction

The NZBA Board is actively striving towards bicultural governance. The November 2022 adopted new Rules which revised NZBA's objectives, established a Co-Chair arrangement, elevated the role of Kaumatua to Board membership and set up a new election process for 6 Board members.

Further deliberations by the Board on the election process for Board members has resulted in amendments.

Tracked changes in the document **NZBA Rules August 2023** in sections 2, 5, and 8 outline these amendments which are recommended for adoption by the NZBA Board to NZBA members.

Details

The NZBA Board are committed to supporting the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by ensuring and maintaining Māori participation at all levels of decision-making and implementation within NZBA. We want a fair and transparent process that ensures the Board has substantial membership of those who bring a Tangata Te Whenua perspective. The 2022 Rules did not align with this intent.

As a membership organisation NZBA can not mandate at least 50 % Tangata Te Whenua Board or “no less than 50% Tangata Whenua” membership as it is up to the members to nominate and vote. NZBA can request that membership organisations put forward nominees who identify as Tangata Te Whenua but NZBA can not enforce this.

The election of Co-Chairs, one each from Tangata Tiriti and Tangata Whenua aligns with a bicultural governance model. There is also the ability to co-op a person who is Tangata Whenua to reinforce bicultural governance if the elected Board needs more Tangata Whenua perspectives.

In the situation a casting voted is needed Kaumatua play a role (section 8) reinforcing a Te Whenua perspective.

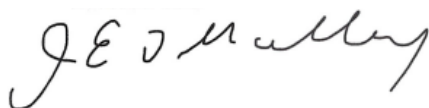
The attached section of the Rules includes tracked changes to sections 2.1, 5.4, 5.6 and 8.3. The clauses are coloured yellow and include crossed out words for the deletions and the new words are underlined.

Agreement by the members of NZBA to these amendments will facilitate a nomination and voting process for 2 Board roles to be held in time for the AGM in Auckland on 23 November 2023. The 2 new Board members would be announced at the AGM.

If you have any questions prior to the SGM please email jane@nzba.co.nz.

Yours sincerely

Co-Chairs



Jane O'Malley &



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15 August 2023