



ELECTED BOARD NOMINATION

Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa, (Waka Ama New Zealand) Inc is the non-profit national sporting organisation for the sport of Waka Ama in New Zealand.

We have recently restructured our governance to ensure our organisation can continue to keep up with the growth of our sport and provide our membership and our future membership with opportunities that ensure we achieve our long term vision.

25 Year Vision

***To realise Waka Ama's professional, participation and financial potential.
In the year 2035, future generations will have a sport where:***

“Waka Ama is a heavyweight in the Aotearoa New Zealand sporting psyche and is recognised as a global leader and significant influencer in the sport nationally and internationally... Tikanga is second nature... competitor numbers have grown exponentially at all levels from participation to competitive... Waka Ama is a sport in all schools... we've won gold at multiple significant global events from IVF World Sprint Championships to Molokai Hoe... there are record crowds at races in Aotearoa New Zealand... our sport is in demand by the media... Aotearoa New Zealand is leading the way in developing safe and fair race standards across the world... clubs are thriving... Our National Office is financially self-sufficient, our national officers are salaried staff and our elite paddlers are professionals. Waka Ama is a New Zealand Sport for all New Zealanders... Waka Ama Aotearoa New Zealand is used as a model for other NSOs for our systems, technology, event management and structure, which epitomises integrity, excellence & Mana.”

The Board is be made up of 4 Elected Board members and 3 appointed members. We are currently calling for nominations for 1 Elected Board member.

Nominations can be received from Member Clubs or Member Regions. (Members may nominate any individual, they do not need be a member of their own club)

Nominations forms are attached to this panui and must be received complete with relevant nominee profile and references by 17/02/2012

A shortlisting panel (as per constitution 9.4) will short list up to 6 nominees for the election, that provide the skills that best suit the needs our organisation. Once shortlisted, the list of Nominees will be posted on the website along with their profile sent to Member clubs to vote electronically. Votes must be submitted by 5pm 02/03/12

The successful nominee will be announced after 2nd March 2012

The Board of Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa (Waka Ama New Zealand) Inc

The Board, which is voluntary, will meet a *minimum* of 4 times per calendar year. Because we are a new board this will likely be more often in the first 2 years.

Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa are seeking board members who will take an active involvement in the sports governance and best interests of its membership as a whole.

All Nominees must be honest, reliable, trustworthy and comfortable to walk and talk the values of our sport:

Manaakitanga:

We encourage the practice of reciprocity through sharing of ourselves and our resources, nurturing all people and accepting our differences.

Whanaungatanga:

Is our sense of belonging, identification and collective strength, not only through kinship but being related to all within the Waka Ama community.

Hauora:

We support and promote the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all our participants.

Tu Tangata:

We are accountable for our actions. We have respect for each other, our waka and our environment. We stand proud in our integrity and passion.

We wish to create a board that as a *whole* can deliver the following skills sets. Each individual board member should be able to bring several of these skills to the table as a whole to best meet the needs

Whole of Board Skills 2011- 2013 and beyond

Leadership	Financial literacy and analytical ability	Outcomes focused	A knowledge of Tikanga Maori
Marketing & Communications	Inter-personal communication skills	Ethical, open, honest, trustworthy, high levels of integrity	Strategic Thinking
Ability to understand and relate to stakeholders	Ability to work as a team player	Business acumen	Knowledge of legal issues relating to business or the not for profit sector
The Sport of Waka Ama knowledge	Strong local and national community connection, credibility and networks	Ability to establish quality relationships	Good understanding of the principles of Governance and Management

Board Members should understand from the outset of the nomination process the legal obligations of being a member of a board:

As board members exercising a stewardship responsibility on behalf of others (usually members of an incorporated society or beneficiaries of a charitable trust) the board is responsible for:

- the achievement of appropriate outcomes;
- acting in the best interests of the organisation as a whole
- the financial security of the organisation; and
- the expression of a moral and social responsibility.

Joint liability – all directors are equally liable for actions and decisions taken by the board. Non-attendance at a meeting at which a decision is made doesn't absolve a director from shared responsibility, accountability or liability.

Directors' indemnity – under certain circumstances, directors can be deemed liable for the organisation's financial failure or its failure to meet certain legal requirements.

Should you have any questions please contact admin@wakaama.co.nz