

2021 NATIONAL PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

At the Annual General Meeting of UN Youth, we will be electing the National President for 2021.

THE ROLE

The National President is the operational head and primary leader of the management of UN Youth New Zealand and all of its many programmes. The National President is responsible for overseeing not only UN Youth's operational leaders, but also the wider organisation and its programmes. The National President also sits as a Director on UN Youth's Board of Directors, and bears these additional responsibilities and duties. Details of Director duties can be found in the 2021 Board of Director Nomination Pack, [available here](#). The role of the National President includes the following responsibilities, at minimum:

- Providing leadership, strategy and vision to UN Youth;
- Coordinating, supporting and overseeing all UN Youth's national and international programmes;
- Leading and chairing meetings of UN Youth's operational leaders;
- Supporting and overseeing UN Youth's regional councils;
- Liaising with and acting as UN Youth's primary representative to key external stakeholders;
- Reporting to and maintaining UN Youth's relationship with UNANZ;
- Delegating and overseeing the implementation of national equity initiatives, including UN Youth's commitment to tikanga Māori;
- Driving the operational implementation of UN Youth's 5 Year Strategic Plan.

The overarching goal of the National President is to provide empowering operational leadership for UN Youth and its programmes.

NOMINATIONS

At the 2020 UN Youth National AGM - hosted at 3:00pm at Victoria University of Wellington on Sunday 29 November - the National President for 2021 will be elected, a role they will hold from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

National President nominees must be a member of UN Youth, as defined by Part Three of UN Youth's [National Constitution](#). Nominees who are aged 26 years or older must seek approval for their nomination from both UN Youth's Board of Directors and National Executive. Please contact the Board Chairperson, Jonathan Gee, at chairperson@unyouth.org.nz to seek such approval. Nominees aged 25 years or younger do not require prior approval.

All nominations must be made by a nominator and supported by a seconder. According to the National Constitution, nominees may not nominate or second themselves and all nominators and seconders must be Voting Members of UN Youth, as defined at cl 38 of the Constitution.

There are no restrictions preventing current officeholders, regardless of their position, from being nominated for National President.

Nominations for National President must contain:

- Nominees name;
- Nominator and seconders' names; and
- A nomination blurb describing your nomination of no more than 600 words, to be completed by the nominee.

Please return your nominations confidentially to the Returning Officers at boardsecretary@unyouth.org.nz by **11.59 pm, Monday 9 November 2020**.

No late nominations will be considered.

ELECTION PROCESS

Once the deadline for nominations closes, the Nomination Blurbs will be made public to members. They will be accompanied by a proxy voting form allowing any 'voting member' who is unable to be present during the AGM to vote on the nominations and all other motions arising. Voting member is defined in cl 38 of the National Constitution. In accordance with cl 38.2, in the event of ambiguity the National Executive may make a determination on a member's eligibility to vote.

Each nominee will be invited to speak during the AGM for five minutes, and there will be five minutes allocated for nominees to answer any questions from the floor. Nominees are not required to take questions. If a nominee is unable to be present at the meeting for whatever reason then they may request that another member read a brief statement on their behalf. The AGM will be chaired by the current National President.

Voting will be overseen by the Returning Officers. Only UN Youth members who are in the room at the time may vote in the paper ballots. The votes from each ballot will be tallied and added to the totals of all valid proxy votes received. The exact voting mechanism to be utilised will be confirmed once nominations close, and the number of candidates is confirmed.

We recognise that elections can be very stressful. UN Youth is committed to ensuring the AGM is an open and safe environment for all those present, but particularly for all nominees. As with all UN Youth events, the AGM will be carried out in accordance with the UN Youth Welfare Protocols.

MORE INFORMATION

For general questions about the AGM, please contact the current National President, Mark Howard at president@unyouth.org.nz.

For questions relating to the 2020 National President nomination and election process, please contact the Returning Officers at boardsecretary@unyouth.org.nz.