

Rule change

A rule change proposal will be included in the AGM papers that are due for distribution in early August.

At the National Council meeting in July 2020 a resolution was passed proposing a change to LGNZ rules for consideration by the members at the upcoming AGM on 21 August 2020. Rule K1 confers on the National Council the right to propose a rule change. Pursuant to Rule K4(b), a two-thirds majority of members voting at the AGM is required to pass a rule change proposal.

The Proposal

The proposed rule change would reduce the term limit on the office of the President from three terms to two terms (nine years to six years).

The term limit was last altered at the Special General Meeting in early 2014 when the term was increased to three terms from two terms.

The proposed rule change and reads as follows:

Proposal – Change the maximum number of consecutive terms of office of the President from 3 to 2:

1. Rule F15: Delete the word ‘three’ from the first sentence and replace with the word ‘two’ so that the Rule F15 then reads:

‘F15 No person may hold office as President for more than two consecutive terms, provided that any person who holds office as President by virtue of an appointment in accordance with Rules F27 to F32 is eligible for re-election at the end of the expired term of office of that person’s predecessor. For the avoidance of doubt, a term under this Rule does not include any period of office held by a President by virtue of an appointment in accordance with Rules F27 to F32.’

Related Motion

That the Council supports/ does not support the change to the wording of Rule F15:

No person may hold office as President for more than two consecutive terms, provided that any person who holds office as President by virtue of an appointment in accordance with Rules F27 to F32 is eligible for re-election at the end of the expired term of office of that person’s predecessor. For the avoidance of doubt, a term under this Rule does not include any period of office held by a President by virtue of an appointment in accordance with Rules F27 to F32.

Election of LGNZ President and Vice President

Nominations for the positions of LGNZ President and Vice-President for the 2020-2023 term were called for on 14 April 2020. An election for each position will be conducted at the LGNZ Annual General Meeting on Friday 21 August 2020.

Two valid nominations were received for the position of LGNZ President. The nominated candidates are:

1. Councillor Stuart Crosby, Bay of Plenty Regional Council; and
2. Mayor Alex Walker, Central Hawke's Bay District Council.

Two valid nominations were received for the position of LGNZ Vice-President. The nominated candidates are:

1. Mayor Gary Kircher, Waitaki District Council; and
2. Mayor Hamish McDouall, Whanganui District Council.

Related Motions

That the Council supports the election of as LGNZ President for the 2020-2023 term.

That the Council supports the election of as Vice-President for the 2020-2023 term.