

National Executive Candidates 2019 – 2020

Curriculum Vitae



Name: Barb Curran
Nominated for: Primary Teachers
General Membership

Relevant skills, attributes and qualifications:

BA, MA in USA

Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning, Christchurch Teachers College 2002

National Executive members play a vital governance role for NZEI Te Riu Roa, requiring members to have specific knowledge of member needs and a global education perspective. This is a challenge I look forward to undertaking. I am a full-time classroom teacher and Middle Team leader at Pleasant Point Primary School. My teaching experience has been in small and medium sized rural schools throughout my career, and I bring that perspective to my work within NZEI Te Riu Roa. My work on the Primary Teachers Leadership Team (PTLT) and on the negotiation team has provided insight into the needs and concerns of my sector. Serving as Branch President and on Area Council has provided a "Whole of Union" understanding. In addition, I have increasingly strong connections with Miro Maori through my PTLT work and my experiences at Te Kahui Whetu and at Annual Conference.

My application is fully supported by my principal, my colleagues, my Branch and by the Waitaha Canterbury Area Council.

NZEI experience:

2003-2007 Worksite Representative

2005-2007 PCTAG Member Murihiku Southland

2006 Murihiku Branch Vice President

2007 Murihiku Southland District Council Chairperson

2011-2016 PTLT Representative Waitaha Canterbury

2012 – AC Deputy Chair Waitaha Canterbury

2012-2015 South Canterbury Branch President

2015-2016 Primary Teachers Negotiating Team

2016 Ex-officio member National Executive (appointed to fill vacancy)

2107- Career Framework Governance Group

2017-2108 General Member of National Executive

Other background and personal information:

I am a self-described "kiwi with a funny accent". I moved to New Zealand in 1997 after growing up in a small town outside of Boston. I studied History for my BA, and later completed an MA in American Studies. Prior to teaching, I worked in bookstores, specialising in children's books and indulging my inner bookworm. My family is still in the US. I have two sisters as well as a 17-year-old niece and a 15-year-old nephew whom I adore. When I'm not teaching, I'm actively involved in Toastmasters, where I hold the level of Advanced Communicator Silver. I am a voracious reader, and spend as much time in the swimming pool as I can. Having recently bought my first home, I am enjoying nesting there.

Nominated by: South Canterbury Branch