

**National Executive Candidate Nomination
2025 - 2026
Curriculum Vitae**



Name: Phonderly Siohane
Nominated for: General Membership

Kia hiwa ra Kia hiwa ra
Mahofihofi atu kia Mutolu osi,
Monu Tagaloa!! Monu Tagaloa!!

Name and Background

- **Name:** Phonderly Siohane
- **Heritage:** Niuean, from the village of Hakupu Atua Niue.
- **Languages:** English, Niuean, me Te Reo Māori
- **Professional Roles:** Deputy Principal at New Windsor School, BOT staff representative at 5 /6 Schools.

NZEI Experience

- **Membership Duration:** 35+ years
- **Initial Contributions:** Active member : Inaugural steering committee for NZEI Komiti Pasifika Auckland Branch
 - **Roles Held:** Secretary, Vice President
- **Auckland Branch Leadership:**
 - President (6 years)
 - Vice President (2 years)
 - Immediate Past President (5 years till April 2024)
- **Current Role:** Exec support team member within newly structured Auckland Area Council,

Auckland Area Council Involvement

- **Vice-Chair:** Auckland Area Council (Under old Area Council structure)
- **Recognition:** Received NZEI Associates Award (2015)
- **National Executive:** Elected first time in 2016, receiving highest polling general member vote. Re-elected twice highest polling general member.
- Current National Exec/Kahu Kiwi general member.
- **Pasifika Leadership:** Active in National Pasifika Leadership Caucus Group
- NZEI National Pasifika Fonos/ Pasifika Niuean language/Vagahau Niue networks.
- Pasifika Niutoni Presbyterian Church networks
- **Joint Initiatives:** Worked with Ministry of Education on Pasifika Strand (2016-2019)

Personal and Professional Skills

- **Qualifications:**
 - Diploma in Teaching
 - Post-Graduate Diploma

- TESOL papers
- **Governance and Leadership Experience:**
 - Extensive leadership /governance experience through Deputy Principal /acting Principal roles /School BOT board staff rep roles.
 - Contributed to strategic decisions affecting NZEI's direction

National Curriculum Publications

- **Contributions:**
 - NZ Social Studies Curriculum Document
 - (On writing party for 1990 Social Studies Curriculum document)
 - English as a Second Language Resource publications
 - Current NZ Social Sciences Curriculum Refresh document : writing party representing NZEI
 - Aotearoa Histories Mandated Curriculum Documentation
 - (On writing party for the above document.)
 - Member of Ministry of Education writing party for Tapasa document.
 - Facilitator for Tapasa workshops Ministry of Education PD workshops.

Current Goals

- **Seeking:** Another 2-year term on the National Executive as a general member
- **Vision:** Bring a bicultural /multicultural perspective to NZEI Kahu Kiwi governance, advocating for quality education and active member engagement with all diverse membership groups ,members.
- **Commitment:** Strengthen union growth, member activism, respond to challenges posed by current government actions, addressing inequalities Within our Schools.

Key Beliefs

- **Service and Leadership:** “O le ala i le pule o le tautua” –
- The path to leadership is :Leadership through service.
- la Monuina! Faafetai lava, Faakaue mahaki lahi.
- **Commitment to Education:** Pushing back against erosion of resources, support agencies, what we have fought hard for in all our campaign wins ensuring equitable opportunities for all students,NZEI members within our Education system.
- **Union Growth:** Focus on increasing membership, supporting sector-specific groups, growing member activism.

Call to Action

- **Unity and Action:** Focussing on Emphasizing collective effort to address and overcome challenges, uphold the spirit of guardianship, advocate for equitable public education
- **Quote:** “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”
- A union of 50,000 plus we need to gather the momentum of our membership troops to address all the barriers in front of us in our daily jobs , and Schools TOGETHER!
- **Conclusion**

- **Leadership Through Service:**
- I am committed to Continued dedication in serving /advancing the interests of our Union supporting social justice, maintaining strong partnerships with indigenous and Pasifika communities. Moku Te Ao are the pivotal Pous that guide us within our Union activism.
- **Tihei Maori Ora!**
- **E nga mana e nga reo e nga hau e wha.**
- **Tena koutou Tena koutou Tena koutou katoa!**
- **Maori ora!**
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Nominated by:

NZEI Auckland Branch

Endorsed by Auckland/Taitokerau Area Councils