

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (INC)

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES OF THE NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE TE RIU ROA

National Executive/Te Reo Areare Rule change proposal.

Moved by: Mark Potter – Te Kahu Kiwi
Seconded by: Ripeka Lessels Te Kahu Kiwi

Adopted by online vote on: 26 July 2024

RESOLUTION:

"That the Honours section of the constitution be updated to remove 'Professional, and Union Activism' categories from Associate and Fellow Awards."

13 Honours Awarded by the Institute

13.2 Associate

13.2.1 The Institute awards the honour of Associate to acknowledge the work of individuals at a workplace, local or area level. ~~There are two categories for the award: professional contribution and union activism.~~

13.2.2 To be eligible, the nominee must have demonstrated:

~~Associate (Professional):~~

- support for the Institute's ethics, objects and goals and activities
- a high level of effectiveness, activism and credibility as a union member and practitioner
- that he or she is held in high regard by, and has excellent relationships with, learners, colleagues, caregivers, NZEI members and other members of the education community.

~~Associate (Union Activism)~~

- ~~support for the Institute's ethics, objects, goals and activities~~
- ~~a high level of effectiveness, activism and credibility as a union member~~
- ~~that he or she is held in high regard by, and has excellent relationships with, colleagues, NZEI members and other members of the education community.~~

13.3 Fellow

13.3.1 The Institute awards the honour of Fellow to acknowledge the work of individuals at a regional and national level. ~~There are two categories for the award: professional expertise and contribution, and union activism.~~

13.3.2 To be eligible, the nominee must have demonstrated:

○ ~~Fellow (Professional):~~

- all of the requirements for Associate ~~(Professional)~~ to a higher level
- outstanding leadership, and active promotion of excellence in education in his or her field
- ongoing quality contributions to a range of Institute activities
- a special contribution to the wider educational community
- service to the wider community.

○ ~~Fellow (Union Activism):~~

- ~~all of the requirements for Associate (Union Activism) to a higher level~~
- ~~outstanding leadership and active promotion of excellence in his or her field~~
- ~~ongoing quality contributions to a range of Institute activities~~
- ~~a special contribution to the wider educational community~~
- ~~service to the wider community.~~

15 Nominations and Decision-making for Honours

15.1 Nominations for Associates and Fellows ~~(Professional or Union Activism)~~ can be made by any Branch, Area Council or National Leadership Group. The nominations will be referred to the Honours Committee, which will consider them and make recommendations to the National Executive. The National Executive decides who the honours will be awarded to.

PART 2 ARGUMENTS:

The Honours Committee has recommended to Te Kahu Kiwi to remove the 'Professional' and 'Union Activism' categories from the Associate and Fellow Awards in the constitution.

This recommendation is made because requirements for both categories are very similar and in almost all cases, nominees have qualities that fit both categories. This has caused unnecessary confusion among members, award recipients, and people involved in the nomination process.

As a result, the Honours Committee has decided to propose this rule change to Te Kahu Kiwi for presentation and consideration at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

Date endorsed: 26 July 2024

Date: _____ President's signature _____

Notes:

1. All resolutions to amend the Rules of the New Zealand Educational Institute (Inc) must have the sanction of the National Executive or a meeting of an Area Council or Branch.
2. Resolutions must be in the form of an amendment to the Rules of the New Zealand Educational Institute (Inc). Rules may be added to, rescinded or amended and any new section inserted.
3. All resolutions must be supported by relevant argument.
4. Resolutions may be forwarded at any time throughout the year but shall reach the National Secretary no later than **3** months prior to the Annual Meeting at which they shall be considered.