

National Executive Candidates 2027 – 2028

Curriculum Vitae



Name: Paeone Goonan

Nominated for:

- Vice President

Relevant skills, attributes and qualifications:

My educational background reflects my commitment to lifelong learning and educational excellence.

My qualifications include:

- Bilingual Teaching Degree,
- Educational Leadership Masters,
- Special Education of Learning and Behaviour Post Graduate Degree,
- He Tohu Matauranga Q3.

These qualifications, combined with my professional experience as an educator and Resource Teacher: Learning and Behaviour, have provided me with a deep understanding of the diverse needs of learners, whanau, educators, and school communities.

NZEI experience:

A significant part of my union experience has been in collective bargaining. I was privileged to serve as Co-Led of the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement bargaining team for one round and have participated as a member of the bargaining team across six rounds. These experiences provided me with a deep understanding of member aspirations, industrial strategy, negotiation processes, and the importance of maintaining strong communication with members throughout bargaining campaigns. My Leadership experiences within NZEI Te Riu Roa includes serving as Chairperson for two years and Chair of the Campaign committee to ensuring that members voices were heard and reflected in decision making. I have worked alongside elected leaders, staff and members to build campaigns that engage and empower our membership.

Currently, I serve as Kaihau of the Regional Area Council, supporting and representing 13 Aronui Tomua. This role has enabled me to work closely with members from diverse communities and sectors across the region. It strengthened my understanding of the challenges facing members and reinforced the importance of fostering strong connections between branches, area councils, and National Leadership.

I was also the Chair of the Finance committee for 2 years on the National Executive committee. These roles required serving as Lead on the Finance Pilot for my Area council Nga Tataha a Maui and other branches across the Motu.

Other background and personal information:

I am seeking election as Vice President of NZEI Te Riu Roa and offer more than 30 years of active union membership, leadership, advocacy, and service to our members across Aotearoa.

Throughout my career, I have been committed to strengthening our union through collective action, member engagement, and leadership. I have actively participated in campaigns that have sought to improve working conditions, , professional recognition, and outcomes for education workers. I believe

strongly in the power of collective voice and the importance of maintaining a union that is responsive, inclusive, and member-led.

If I am fortunate to be Elected to Vice President I bring extensive governance experience, collective bargaining knowledge, a strong commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and a proven record of service to members, I am passionate about supporting a strong, united NZEI Te Riu Roa that continue to advocate for quality public education, fair employment conditions and equitable outcomes for all.

Ko Paeone ahau. Ko Whakatohea, Tuhoe me Te Whanau a Apanui oku iwi.

I am a proud Maori educator, unionist, parent of four adult children, and grandparent to six mokopuna. My commitment to education, social justice, and collective action has guided my professional and union journey for more than 30 years as a member of NZEI Te Riu Roa

Nominated by: Te Rohe Potae Aronui Tomua