

National Executive Candidates 2027 – 2028

Curriculum Vitae



Name: Seletute Mila

Nominated for:

- National President
- National Vice-President
- School Principals'
- General Membership

Relevant skills, attributes and qualifications:

Ko Seletute Mila tōku ingoa
Nō te *Pule 'anga Fakatu'i 'o Tonga* ahau
I whānau au i Nuku'alofa engari i tupu ake au i te Uru o Tāmaki Makaurau
Ko Sione Mila rātou ko Lesina Tupou ōku mātua
Ko te whānau ō Bruce Stewart rāua ko Orapai Hamiora te whānau i whāngai i a au
Ko Lesina-Leigh rātou, ko Taylor ko Daniel ko Hinetai āku tamariki
Kei Wainuiomata ki Te Awa Kairangi ahau e noho ana
Ko te tumuaki ahau o te kura o Arakura
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa

My qualifications, skills and experience include:

- MSpTchg (With Distinction); BA/BEd (Tchg) Conjoint;
- 26 years teaching experience including three years as RTLB and 17 years in leadership
- Currently doing Level 5 Te Reo Māori course with Mumu Reo together with teachers and support staff at my school.

NZEI experience:

Have been an active member for the last 19 years and held several roles:

- Worksite Rep
- Wainuiomata Branch President
- Wellington Area Council Chair
- National Pasifika Leaders Caucus
- National Executive Representative for Primary Teachers (2019-2020)
- National Executive General Membership (2025-2026)
- Principals' Council since 2022

I regularly front media speaking on behalf of members about issues including learning support and school lunches.

Some of the campaigns I had significant roles in include

- Joint Initiative between NZEI Te Riu Roa and MOE following the introduction of Communities of Learning
- Better Funding Campaign
- Kua Tae te Wā Campaign – including being a representative on the Primary Teachers' Negotiation Team

Other background and personal information:

My mother brought our family to Aotearoa from Tonga for a better life and even though she left this world too young when I was 13, her values and sacrifices have always been a driving force in my life. My greatest joy is being a mum; my four children (young adults now), whakapapa to Tainui (Ngāti Haua), Te Arawa and Ngā Puhi. Being whāngai to my Māori whānau through Nanny Orapai Hamiora-Stewart and Koro Bruce Stewart is a blessing I never take for granted. Advocating for Mōku te Ao as a NZEI Te Riu roa leader and serving through the Pasifika Leaders Caucus is my way of honouring those that came before me.

I am a proud unionist who has served NZEI Te Riu Roa in a number of roles. My education career has always been close to learning support kaupapa and advocating for a truly inclusive system is something I care deeply about. Being an educator in Aotearoa continues to become more and more challenging as consecutive governments fail to address the issues in learning support and the funding for support staff. Achieving equity for all learners is important to me and advocate hard for this as a principal and unionist.

It will be a huge privilege to serve again on National Executive to govern and lead as tangata Tiriti and tangata moana, in Te Kahu Kiwi. I am also standing for a role on Te Manuhuia – I am ready and up for the challenge!

Nominated by: Komiti Pasifika Wellington

Supported by: Wainuiomata Branch