

National Executive Candidates 2027 – 2028

Curriculum Vitae



Name: Zac (Zachary) Markham

Nominated for:

- Vice President
- Primary Sector
- General Membership

Kia Ora Koutou
Ko Zac toku ingoa
Ko Ruahine Ranges te maunga
Ko Manawatu te awa
Ko Markham te iwi
Toko wha aku tamariki
Ko Hannah, Ko Harry, Ko Blayne, Ko Lily
Ko Rachel wahine toa!
Ko Susan toku Mama
Ko Peter toku Papa
Ko te Kura Puukenga o Rotorua
Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou, Tena Koutou
Katoa!

Relevant skills, attributes and qualifications:

Skills and attributes

What the qualifications below will not show is the skills and attributes gained over a duration of many years in the field of teaching young people who identify as neurodiverse. This professional journey has been in the specialist school context but has enabled me to support and lead professionals across what we term traditionally as different sectors. This includes Support Staff, Specialists employed directed from the Ministry of Education, Principals and Kaiako in both early childhood and primary schooling sectors. Experience has taught me that every voice is worth listening to and a leader with kindness and empathy should have the ability to listen, recognize strengths of others when moving forward as a group.

Qualifications Diploma of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) and Bachelor of Education

Ropu Kea Team Leader and Specialist Classroom Teacher Rotorua Specialist School Associate NZEI
Te Riu Roa awarded 2014

NZEI experience:

Over a duration of 28 years, I have benefited from the support of members in many NZEI Te Riu Roa leadership and advocacy roles. Below are some highlights that form key moments of my NZEI Te Riu Roa union career

2025 and 2026 Nga Aukaha National Leadership Group Co-Convenor

2026 Ropu Whakaere Te Rohe o Waiariki

2026 Te Rohe o Waiariki Secretary

2022-2025 Te Rohe o Waiariki Treasurer

2023 -2024 Nga Aukaha Pilot

2018-2023 Rotorua Branch Secretary

2024-2025 Rotorua Branch Treasurer

2017 Counties -Manukau Area Council Vice Chairperson

2016 Counties -Manukau Area Council Formation

2011-2014 Te Rāngai Kaiwhakaako Tāmaki Makaurau Representative

2010 -2015 Involvement at Tāmaki Makaurau Area Council (National Leadership Group and Vice Chairperson

Other background and personal information:

I grew up in the rural community of Feilding with the support of both my mother, grandmother and wider family gave me an insight and importance of wahine in our immediate lives and in society. Therefore, I have a personal belief that pay equity is a right of wahine and our society will be a better

place when this is fully implemented. I have a fundamental belief that NZEI Te Riu Roa should be a Te Titriti based organisation and this should be reflected in all areas of our union. This journey has led me to attend Te Kahui Whetu. Each Hui has given me a greater understanding of each rohe and the korero of Miro Maori. As the NZEI Te Riu Roa experiences as listed indicate I have a strong interest in putea and how this can be best used to benefit members in our organization.

Nominated by: Rotorua Branch Endorsed by Te Rohe o Waiariki