

NEW ZEALAND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE (INC)

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GENERAL RESOLUTION

Resolution proposal.

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Adopted by Meeting on: 25th June 2026

RESOLUTION:

- i. That the formal Annual General Meeting (AGM) be held online every second year, with a face-to-face AGM and conference held in alternate years when National Executive elections take place, commencing with the first online AGM in 2027.*
- ii. That Te Reo Areare be asked to determine a name reflecting the purpose of the biennial face-to-face hui.*

PART 2 ARGUMENTS:

Holding a biennial conference would enable the equivalent resources to be redirected within Area Councils for the purpose of member-focused priorities and activism, improve financial sustainability, support NZEI Te Riu Roa climate change commitments, and reduce the time and logistical demands of holding a national in-person conference every year, while still ensuring we uphold regular democratic processes in our union.

Following the financial report presentation at the 2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM), and in recognition of the increasingly high cost of holding Hui ā Tau every year, a number of Area Councils, branches, and ATs representatives have expressed support for moving Hui ā Tau to a biennial cycle.

The Christchurch Branch therefore proposes that the formal AGM continue to be held annually, as required by law. In alternate years, the AGM would be held online to reduce costs while still meeting all legal obligations. Under this approach, the in-person conference would occur in the years when National Executive elections take place.

No constitutional change is required, to enable this meeting to occur as the current Constitution already allows flexibility in how the AGM is held, including the option to hold meetings online.

To avoid confusion between the online AGM and the face-to-face biennial conference, it is proposed that Te Reo Areare be asked to determine a new name for the face-to-face biennial conference and update the Constitution accordingly.

If approved by member representatives at Hui ā Tau 2026, the 2027 AGM would be held online as the first off year, with the next face-to-face conference held in 2028 to coincide with the National Executive elections. This cycle would then continue on an ongoing basis.

Date endorsed: 25/06/2026

Date: 25/6/2026 President's signature



Notes:

1. All resolutions must have the sanction of Te Kahu Kiwi or a meeting of an Area Council or Branch.
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 General Meeting at which they shall be considered.