



## NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023

Rule 7.4.3 provides that one third of the Directors or, if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one third, shall retire from office at the Annual General Meeting each year.

The Directors who shall retire at the 2023 Annual General Meeting will be Sarah Hewitt, Trisha Dunn and Greta Gordon; all of whom are eligible for re-election. In addition, there is a vacancy that has been filled by co-option.

**Nominations were therefore called in late 2022 for 3 vacancies on the Board of Directors, the positions having been created by the retiring Directors, and the 1 vacancy from 2022 currently filled by co-option.**

The Board appointed the National Manager to be Acting Returning Officer for the purpose of receiving, administering and announcing such nominations.

By the deadline for receiving nominations of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023 four valid nominations were received, all with the correct documentation and deemed to be valid. There were no other nominations received.

Therefore, the following nominations for the Board of Directors after the 2023 AGM are:

**Sarah Hewitt** #25499 (joined 2012); proposer Rodney King #23644; seconder Susan Dinsdale #23527.

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Sarah writes: *"I first became interested in genealogy when I was 11 and have been actively researching my family's history in New Zealand, Australia, USA and the British Isles since before the internet. I am currently Convenor of the Kilbirnie Branch of the NZSG.*

*"My professional background as an accountant included corporate planning and stakeholder relationship roles. I teach genealogy at varying levels at the Wellington High School Community Education Centre and have led the project to develop and produce the Getting It Right resources for the NZSG.*

*"I joined the Board in 2019, holding the Education Portfolio for my first year. Since then I have been Chairperson of the Board. I have led the Board towards taking more of a governance role at our meetings, while our Directors review all our products and services to ensure that our members get value for money. The results of these areas of focus are steadily coming to fruition. My personal favourite area is education but I also enjoy producing resources to promote our Society."*

**Trisha Dunn** #23747 (joined 2009); proposer Vivienne Parker #4019; seconder Anne Brady #8403.

Email: [trishad80@gmail.com](mailto:trishad80@gmail.com)

**Dr. Greta Gordon** #27545 (joined 2019); proposer Patricia Dunn #23747; seconder Sarah Hewitt #25499.

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Greta writes: *"I bring expertise in research and a passion for New Zealand history. My family history research has focused mainly on New Zealand, with settlements of Nelson, Murchison, Kāwhia, the West Coast and other key places of interest. I was a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogist for a period in the early 2000's and re-joined in 2019. I am committed to supporting the Society to secure its future so it can continue to be a hub for excellence in genealogical research."*

**Natasha Wells** #27441 (joined 2019); proposer Fiona Lees #8157; seconder Vivienne Parker #4019.

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Natasha writes: *"I've lived and/or travelled throughout the country. I'm grateful for the appreciation this has given me of our country, its history and the nuances of each region, their perspectives and priorities. I*



*consider myself pragmatic and only too happy to ask 'stupid' or seemingly obvious questions such as 'why do we do things a certain way'?*

*"I've been researching my family history for over 30 years and it is very much an obsession. Even during work meetings, I can get an idea for a new line of enquiry for my research. My more recent research focus has been 18<sup>th</sup> century England and Scotland, breaking through the challenges of Irish research, as well as adding further context to my family history narrative and how to record it for family members.*

*"I've worked in different industries: tourism, administration, records management, historical research, and primarily in central and local government. I'm currently project managing a large public sector infrastructure project. While my time commitment to the Board may be limited due to a full-time job, I'm humbled by the opportunity to represent the membership in this way and help the team towards building the Society."*

Julian Pinfold

National Manager

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