

9. President's Role

A. Background

The governing Board of NZSTA accepts the principle of collective responsibility.

The President is "first among equals" on the Board and holds no ex-officio powers or authority other than those:

- *conferred by the Board in its duly minuted meetings, or*
- *specified in the Board's policy framework.*

The NZSTA President is the spokesperson for the Board and for the Association as a whole. The President's role as spokesperson for the Board in no way reduces or replaces the authority and accountability of the Board as a whole.

This policy should be read alongside Policy 1a Definitions, 05 Code of Ethics and Proper Practice, 06 NZSTA Board Induction and 07 Meeting Process.



B. Strategic direction

The President is the elected leader of NZSTA and the Board chair, and assures the integrity of the NZSTA Board processes.

The President may delegate another person to undertake specified duties on her/his behalf for a limited period when she/he is unavailable. (See also: Policy Definitions.)

C. Operational requirements

President's Role

The role involves the following responsibilities:

1. Spokesperson for the organisation.
2. Meeting Management:
 - a. Lead Board meetings in order to achieve productive outcomes.
 - b. Ensure fairness and even-handedness in all meeting process matters.
 - c. Ensure that the Board stays within its governance role at Board meetings.
 - d. Provide counsel for Board members who do not comply with Board protocols or policies or who, in the President's opinion, perform poorly.
 - e. Coordinate the agenda setting and minute writing process.
 - f. The President will chair the meetings of any national representative NZSTA group or committee.

President's Authority

3. The President must abide by the Board's policies. The President is authorised to make any reasonable interpretation of the provisions of the policies.
4. The President has no authority to supervise or direct the General Manager except at the direction of the Board. However, there may be times when, with the consent of the Board

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and with the support of the General Manager, the President might fulfil a sounding-board role for the General Manager.

5. The President may delegate aspects of his/her role but remains accountable for this.
6. It is envisaged that the role of the President will be located in Wellington and may travel home each weekend. It also acknowledges that the partner of the President may also travel to Wellington in place of the President traveling home, at no additional cost to NZSTA.
7. The President shall determine representation of NZSTA on external groups.

Reviewed and approved by the Board

On this date:

27 May 2016

Signed on behalf of the Board

Lorraine Kerr

President

