

Requirements for nomination of Chairperson for Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa

The Chairperson is to be elected triennially by Te Rūnanga o Te Rarawa Iwi affiliated Hapū Marae vote at an AGM or a Special General Meeting. The Chairperson shall be the nominee who receives the majority of the Marae Votes using a preferential voting system if there are more than two candidates.

1. Each Hapū Marae shall be entitled to one Marae Vote. Each Marae Vote must be cast in favour of the nominee who gained the most number of votes from Adult Te Rarawa Members for who that Hapū Marae is their Hapū Marae for Voting Purposes.

2. Requirements for Nominations

Nominations can only be submitted by Affiliated Adult Te Rarawa Members, provided that the nomination has been endorsed by one of the Hapū Marae.

A nomination must:

- a) include the nominee's full name, address, contact number, and the name of the Hapū Marae For Voting Purposes to which he or she is affiliated;
- b) include the signature of both the nominee and the nominator;
- c) a declaration signed by the nominee that declares that the nominee is not a person who is precluded from holding office as a Chairperson on the basis of one or other of the matters specified in paragraph 1.1 (Marae Delegate and Chairperson eligibility) of Schedule 2 (Marae Delegates and Alternate Delegates).
- d) be accompanied by a brief statement containing details of experience relevant to the position; and
- e) be sent to the Registered Office of the Rūnanga before the closing date specified in the notice calling for nominations.

3. Voting

Adult Rarawa Members are entitled to participate in determining the Marae Vote for their Hapū Marae For Voting Purposes.

4. Eligibility

All Adult Te Rarawa Members shall be eligible to cast a vote for any of the nominees for the position of Chairperson and any votes cast shall be:

- a) used to determine the Marae Vote for the Hapū Marae For Voting Purposes for which that Adult Te Rarawa Member is affiliated to; and
- b) on a Voting Paper; and
- c) received:
 - i. by personal vote (not proxy) at the AGM or Special Meeting held by Trustees;

- ii. by postal ballot (if requested) and received by the secretary of his or her Hapū Marae or the Secretary of the Rūnanga before 5pm on the Working Day before the day on which the personal votes will be cast; or
- iii. by requesting an electronic ballot, if requested and made available, provided that any system of electronic voting shall comply with requirements for voting in the Māori Fisheries Act.

5. Determining Chairperson: Nominee with majority Hapū Marae votes to be Chair.

The nominee with the majority of the Marae Votes shall be the Chairperson. All valid votes cast will be counted using a Preferential Voting System. The Rūnanga must ensure that the casting of votes is facilitated and led by a returning officer who shall be provided with detailed information on the manner in which the Preferential Voting System is to operate. Where there are an equal number of Marae Votes for two or more nominees, the nominee with the overall majority of votes from Adult Te Rarawa Members shall be the Chairperson.

6. One nominee

Where only one valid nomination for the Chairperson has been received, there shall be no requirement to hold elections and that nominee shall automatically be the Chairperson.

7. Unable to elect Chairperson

Where a Chairperson has been unable to be elected in accordance with this Schedule:

- a. the Trustees may continue to act; and
- b. elections for a new Chairperson shall be held as soon as is appropriate and convenient and the election provisions under this Schedule shall apply, with the necessary modifications.

8. Election of Deputy Chair

The Trustees shall choose from amongst themselves one person to be appointed as Deputy Chairperson.