

# SLSNZ Board Appointments Panel

## Report from the 2021 selection process

### Background

At the SLSNZ AGM on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021, due to the expiry of their current terms of office:

- One (1) '**Elected**' Board Member position is to be filled for a three (3) year term. This position is currently held by Mark Robberds.
- One (1) '**Appointed**' Board Member position is to be filled for a three year term. This position is currently held by Vanessa Winning.
- One (1) '**Independent Appointed**' Board Member position is to be filled. This position is to complete two (2) years of the three (3) year term of Richard Briggs, who resigned in October 2020.

The current Board Members are all eligible for re-appointment or re-election. Both Mark Robberds and Vanessa Winning submitted applications.

The call for applications went out on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The 2021 Board Appointments Panel was comprised of six people, made up of one representative appointed by each of the four Regions Club Chairs Committees, an independent governance consultant and a Board member of SLSNZ as prescribed in Rule 18.2 of the SLSNZ Constitution. These people were:

- Paul Carlyon – SLSNZ Board Chair (Convenor).
- Denise Bovaird – from Northern Region.
- Paul Treanor – from Eastern Region.
- Michael Bassett-Foss – from Central Region.
- Mike Litten – from Southern Region.
- Terry Kilmister – independent expert from Boardworks International.

The Panel was provided with guidance from the current Board to assist them with their selection process.

### Process

Eleven (11) individuals applied for roles and all were submitted for consideration by the Panel. The breakdown of the applications is as follows:

Category	Number of Applicants#
Elected	3
Appointed	4
Independent Appointed	6

# Note: Both applicants applied in more than one category.

The Panel considered the applications and the following decisions were made:

- Appointed Board Member: **Vanessa Winning** to be appointed for a three (3) year term, starting at the conclusion of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 AGM and ending at the conclusion of the 2024 AGM.



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- Independent Appointed Board Member. **Judy Campbell** be appointed for two (2) years to complete the term of Richard Briggs, starting at the conclusion of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 AGM and ending at the conclusion of the 2023 AGM.
- Elected Board Members (2): the Panel recommends **Mark Robberds** is considered by Delegates for election for the one (1) Elected Board Member position, for a three (3) year term starting at the conclusion of the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 AGM and ending at the conclusion of the 2024 AGM.

The two other Elected candidates have advised that in light of not being recommended they have withdrawn their applications. In terms of the process from this point, as this leaves only one (1) candidate for the one (1) vacant Elected position, rule 23.11 of the SLSNZ Constitution comes into play. This states:

*“...Where the number of applicants for Elected Board Members at an AGM or SGM (where a vacancy is being filled under Rule 15.10(b)) are equal or less than the number of vacancies available, then no secret ballot will be required (as provided under rule 23.11) and those applicants, provided that all other criteria regarding the applicants eligibility as an Elected Board Member have been satisfied, will be declared elected.”*

As such there will be no need for a vote at the AGM to fill this vacancy, and at the appropriate time in the meeting Mr Robberds will be declared elected unopposed.

The Panel believes that the appointments and recommendations will achieve the required skill set for the SLSNZ Board as a whole.

SLSNZ is grateful to all who put forward applications for consideration.

Signed: Paul Carlyon  
**Convenor, SLSNZ Board Appointments Panel**

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