

By-Laws

The following By-Laws are and shall be as approved and/or from time to time added to, amended, deleted, or rescinded at an Annual Convention or by the National Council and shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution and may not conflict with it. In the event of a conflict then the Constitution shall take precedence.

Nomination of Officers and Voting Procedures

1. **a) Nominations:** shall require a short Curriculum Vitae and photograph of the candidate as well as a short statement of intent from the candidate. A call for such nominations may be made through the magazine “Theosophy in NZ” and nominations shall reach the election officer by 30th June of that year.

b) Voting: where there are more than two candidates, then the vote shall be cast on a preferential basis.

Procedure: Office Manager’s Mailout

This mail-out shall include voting papers, short curriculum vitae and photo of each candidate, a candidate statement (no longer than one page) and a stamped return envelope. An explanation of the preferential voting process (if applicable) will also be enclosed.

Summary of the process:

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- 1) Call for Nominations in March edition of Theosophy in NZ.
 - 2) Nominations to be in by 30th June
 - 3) Voting papers to be sent out to members in the first week in July
 - 4) Voting papers are to be returned by members no later than 31st July.
 - 5) Vote results announced in September edition of Theosophy in NZ.

Administration Officers

2. The National President is charged with the overall administration and delegation of the Society’s activities. All other officers would report to the NP.
3. The NP ensures that the NZ Section is kept in tune with the International Section and also undertakes to represent the NZ Section at General Council meetings.

Inter-branch Transfer of Membership

4. The Secretary of the Lodge to which a member transfers is responsible for sending the upper portion of the transfer form to the Lodge from which the member is transferring, and on receipt of confirmation that the member is financial advise the Lodge committee, then subject to the Committee accepting the transfer, sending the lower portion to National Headquarters for the maintenance of HQ records.

Working Groups

5. There shall be at least 6 permanent working groups which shall include the following:
 - Editorial advisory working group
 - Funding Opportunities Group
 - Publicity Group
 - Education and Training Group
 - Network and Outreach Group
 - Convention Planning Group