

Agenda Item 5

Nominations for SSPA National Executive

There are 2 vacancies for positions on the SSPA National Executive: 1 tangata whenua and 1 tauwi.

Tangata whenua nomination

We have received 1 nomination for the 1 tangata whenua position and an election is not required. The AGM will be asked to confirm this nomination

- **Dee-Ann WOLFERSTAN**, Te Whare Ruruhau O Meri, Auckland; and Te Iwi o Ngati Kahu Trust
Nominated by Strive Community Trust

Tauwi nominations

We have received 2 nominations for the 1 tauwi position and therefore an election is required. This will be held by postal ballot and a vote at the AGM.

- **Neil DENNEY**, Friendship House Trust, Auckland
Nominated by Friendship House Trust
- **Fiona GUY**, Youth Horizons Trust | Kia Puawai, Auckland
Nominated by Youth Horizons Trust | Kia Puawai

The following nominee details were provided by the nominees and are listed in alphabetical order by surname; tauwi nominees, then tangata whenua nominees.

A ballot paper is separately included for those making a postal vote. Electronic voting will be used at the AGM which is being conducted online.

Current National Executive members:

Fiona Guy, Youth Horizons Trust | Kia Puawai, Auckland. Treasurer. Tauwi member.
Marihi Langford, Ngati Kahu Social and Health Services, Kaitaia. Tangata whenua member.
Judy Mataia, Anglican Trust for Women and Children, Auckland. Deputy Chair. Tauwi member.
Victoria Newcombe, Presbyterian Support Upper South Island, Christchurch. Tauwi member.
George Ngatai, Safer Auckland Family Violence Prevention Network, Auckland. Tangata whenua member.
Dee-Ann Wolferstan, Te Whare Ruruhau O Meri, Auckland. Chair. Tangata whenua member.

Tauiwi Nominees – for election for 1 place

Neil Denney Chief Executive Officer, Friendship House Trust



Neil Denney has a wide skill base, knowledge, networks and experience in a range of government, not for profit, DHB, mental health, disability, welfare, youth and community service sectors. This has spread over 30 years. He is a strategic thinker and is passionate about human and animal rights.

His employment history describes leadership and management experience that are transferable. This includes experience in the voluntary sector and a wide and robust experience in the community sector over many years.

He is currently the Chief Executive of Friendship House (He Whare Tangata); a provider of domestic violence and social services including social work and counselling services to the Ministry of Justice, Department of Corrections and MSD.

From 2011 to 2015 Neil managed the Crisis Care service for Auckland City Mission working with families in crisis and desperate need. This gave him a wide range of skills and understanding of issues relating to families, care and protection and poverty. He was part of the acclaimed Family 100 research project and a yearlong research project through Sky City Community Foundation that led to a paper on Barriers to Collaboration. .

Neil has a strong command of Te Reo Maori and a working understanding of Tikanga (Cultural practice) and Te Ao Maori (Maori world view). This has been reinforced through his time in Rotorua and study at Te Wananga O Aotearoa and in South Auckland.

He is a competent public speaker and communicator and enjoys presenting to groups and motivating people.

Fiona Guy Director of Support Services, Youth Horizons Kia Puawai, CA, MBA (Dist)



Fiona is a Chartered Accountant who has held both executive and governance roles in the professional services, finance and social service sectors. During her career, she has successfully led a wide range of strategic initiatives and Support Services teams including Finance, IT, People & Capability and Knowledge & Information Services. In addition to her Director of Support Services/CFO role at Youth Horizons Trust | Kia Puawai, Fiona has responsibility for Youth Horizon's funding and contracting.

Fiona enjoys working collaboratively with others and using her strategic and finance skills to contribute to positive change in organisations.

Fiona has served on the SSPA National Executive for the last four years and holds the office of Treasurer.

Fiona is a member of the Institute of Directors and is a full member of Chartered Accountants Australia and NZ (CAANZ). Fiona is an accredited CA mentor and has previously held governance and member advisory positions with organisations including CAANZ and Softsource, a technology solutions organisation that offers professional ICT and data centre services to private, Government and enterprise clients. Fiona lives in Auckland with her husband Bill and their three children.

Tangata Whenua Nominee – for confirmation at AGM

Dee-Ann Wolferstan Chief Executive, Te Whare Ruruhau O Meri Trust and Te Iwi o Ngati Kahi Trust.



Tēna koutou katoa
Kō Dee-Ann Wolferston tōku ingoa. Kō Te Aupouri, Ngāti Kahu, Ngāpuhi,
Ngāti Porou, Rongomaiwahine me Rakaipaka ōku iwi.

I am privileged to have been chosen to perform the duties of the Kaihautu - CEO to Te Whare Ruruhau o Meri, Te Iwi o Ngati Kahu Trust and Te Kahui Mana Ririki kaupapa Maori services in the communities of Tāmaki Makaurau and Te Tai Tokerau.

I have spent the past six years on the board of SSPA, and have had the privilege of being the Chairperson for the past 3 years.

It is my intention to continue to develop and search for new solutions to past, present and future challenges. I live in the hope that the knowledge and experiences bestowed upon me by the greater and higher power will somehow add value to the lives of our whānau who so desperately need help in times of hardship. A key focus is to ensure that our community voices against social injustices are equally represented and heard. If I am able to use my influence to be an advocate and champion the voice of minority groups directly to decision makers, then this is what I aspire to do.

My greatest accomplishments in life are being a wife, mother and now nanny for the past 27 years. However, understanding and determining what the future looks like for my mokopuna and mokomoko is essential. Tamariki are our future, we must ensure that they have access to opportunities of choice. As said by Dame Whina Cooper "Look after our children for they are our future"....

The future is different and I would like to acknowledge that, I want to also greatly acknowledge what contribution I can provide to our whānau in the communities that SSPA serves.

In unity we have strength.
Mā te kotahitanga e whai kaha ai tātou.