As a way of informing NZNO members ahead of the upcoming ballot on a proposed NZNO constitution, Kai Tiaki Nursing New Zealand is publishing some of the major differences between the current NZNO rules and the proposed NZNO constitution.

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### NZNO RULES VS PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

#### Board of directors

**NZNO RULES**
- 18 members:
  - president, elected by all members
  - vice president elected by board from one of following members:
    - kaiwhakahaere, from Te Runanga o Aotearoa NZNO (in practice elected at annual general hui (AGH))
    - one other representative from Te Runanga (in practice tumu whakarae, elected at AGH)
  - 11 regional council-nominated representatives
  - two college and section representatives
  - chairperson of Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Committee (NMAC)
  - chairperson of National Student Unit (NSU)

**Eligibility:**
Any member of the relevant group (as listed above) may be nominated or stand for the board.

**Term:**
President may have two three-year terms and then take a break for three years before standing again.
Other board members may have two two-year terms and then take a break of two years before standing again.

**Remuneration:**
President and kaiwhakahaere receive honoraria.

**Roles:**
President chairs board meetings and conference.
Vice president assists president and may exercise president’s powers.

#### Te Runanga o Aotearoa NZNO
Established but rules provide little detail.

#### Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Committee
Established under NZNO rules.

Regional councils, colleges and sections and NSU each have nominated/elected representatives on the board.

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**NZNO CONSTITUTION**

**Board of directors**
- 11 directors:
  - president, elected by all members
  - vice president, elected by all members
  - kaiwhakahaere, elected at AGH by Te Runanga members
  - tumu whakarae, elected at AGH by Te Runanga members
  - seven other directors, elected by all members

**Eligibility:**
All directors must be approved by election committee against criteria set out in the constitution, before being allowed to stand.
Election committee made up of two members elected by membership committee, two elected by te poari and external returning officer.

**Term:**
All directors have a three-year term but may stand for an unlimited number of terms.

**Remuneration:**
President and kaiwhakahaere will be paid positions.

**Roles:**
President and kaiwhakahaere jointly head NZNO and co-chair (or alternate) board meetings and conference.
Vice president and tumu whakarae assist president and kaiwhakahaere and may exercise their powers.

#### Te Runanga/Te Poari
Te Runanga established.
Te poari is the 17-member standing committee made up of regional representatives, kaiwhakahaere, tumu whakarae and kaumātua.
Charter to be established.

**Membership Committee:**
17-member standing committee made up of regional representatives, president and vice president.
Charter to be established.

**Other groups:**
Board may appoint sub-committees, taskforces and working groups.
Regional councils, colleges and sections and NSU each have nominated/elected representatives on the membership committee.