

Nomination Form – Elected Board Member Positions 2021

Nominations are open for one elected NZOIA Board position. Check out the [AGM and Board of Director Election information](#) for nomination forms and more info. Nominations are now open and are **due by Friday 17 September 2021**. Late nominations will be taken up to the date of the AGM, however they will only be announced at the AGM. Nominations received before 17 September will be emailed out to the Membership with the agenda so those who cannot attend have the opportunity to cast a proxy vote. Voting and announcement will take place at the NZOIA AGM on Sunday 17 October 2021 or online via Zoom if the AGM is postponed due to Covid-19 Alert Levels.

Nominations can be emailed:


Email: board@nzoia.org.nz

Nominees for the Board Member positions must:

- be a current financial member of NZOIA;
- be 18 years of age or older as at the date of the nomination;

Please complete all parts of this form and ensure it is signed.

| PART A: NOMINATOR DETAILS | | | |
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| Name of Nominator: | Gemma Parkin | Membership Number: | 2126 |

| PART B: NOMINEE DETAILS | | | |
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| Name of Nominee: | Benjamin White | Membership Number: | 2248 |
| <p>I confirm that I am eligible to be nominated for a Board Member position in accordance with the NZOIA Constitution and Regulations. I also consent to this nomination.</p> <p>Signature of Nominee:  Date: <u>24-9-21</u></p> | | | |

Please complete the following pages regarding your experience and what you can bring to the Board.

PART B Continued... (nominee to complete)

Please fill in the following (**attach separate pages if necessary**) OR attach a Curriculum Vitae

Qualifications

- Main relevant qualifications include:
- NZOIA level 2 Bush, Alpine and Rock qualifications
- Diploma in Outdoor Education and Leadership
- National Diploma in Adult Education and Training

Please see C.V for further detail

Experience as a director, trustee and/or other governance role

This would be a new role as I have no experience in these roles. I do however enjoy taking on new challenging roles where I can grow and develop new skills and knowledge.

Knowledge and experience of the outdoor sector

Outdoor instructor/guide for 17 years. I believe I have a good practical knowledge of the outdoor industry including challenges, safety protocols and procedures and how NZOIA qualifications enable instructors and organisations to operate safely. I also have a basic knowledge of legislation affecting the industry.

See C.V for further details of work experience.

Personal strengths and abilities / key skills

- Effective communicator that will bring an honest and analytical perspective to the board. These attributes are balanced with diplomatic facilitation skills and openness to others ideas.
- Extensive experience in being part of and building high performing teams and working effectively in collaborative environments.
- Experienced in leadership and personal development facilitation.
- Competent in course/programme design and development.
- Administration and logistics experience, including coordinating and planning training.
- The ability to effectively and quickly build rapport with a range of people.
- Positive attitude and a willingness to learn and grow.
- Dedicated and hard worker, who enjoys problem solving and thrives on getting tasks done.

Reasons for nomination

In terms of adding value to the board I think my personal outdoor and facilitation skills will bring a different perspective based on a range of experiences throughout my career. I believe I am well connected to members of the organisation and have a good grasp on the challenges presently facing the industry.

For personal reasons I think being on the board will serve as a valuable learning experience for me as this would be a new role where I would learn a lot. I have also taken a step back from full time work to focus more on family commitments, This role would allow me to continue to develop and contribute to the industry in a different way

General – any other comments you wish to have considered

No

PART C: PRIVACY ACT 1993 (Nominee to complete)

I agree that NZOIA may collect and retain the information supplied with this nominations and NZOIA may authorise the release of this information to NZOIA Members and any other persons or organisations that NZOIA considers appropriate.

Signature of Nominee:



Date:

24-9-21

Benjamin Thomas White

(Preferred name; Ben)

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

My career has been in outdoor education and I believe this is an excellent place for people of all ages to learn and develop. This includes teaching personal technical skills and enhancing psychological skills, including resilience and leadership development. I am passionate about passing on my own skills and knowledge so others can independently be in charge of their own experiences. These experiences can be enhanced through education and facilitated personal growth and development sessions.

I am driven by new adventures and endeavour to inspire others to pursue their goals and dreams. I want to continue to enable outdoor experiences and education to promote confident, competent people and leaders in the outdoors.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA) level two qualifications in White Water Kayaking (Grade III River Management), Rock Climbing, Alpine and Bush.
- Ability to work in the field including excellent communication, risk management and group management skills.
- Experienced in leadership and personal development facilitation.
- Competent in course/programme design and development.
- Administration and logistics experience, including coordinating and planning training.

PERSONAL SKILLS

- The ability to effectively and quickly build rapport with a range of people.
 - Collaborative leadership style and clear communicator.
 - Enthusiastic and engaging interpersonal style.
 - Positive attitude and a willingness to learn and grow.
 - Dedicated and hard worker, who enjoys problem solving and thrives on getting tasks done.
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WORK HISTORY

New Zealand Army Leadership Centre

Christchurch
2013 - 2021

Role; Instructor & leadership facilitator

- Deliver Experiential Leadership Development Activities (ELDA) courses developing intra/interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Responsible for the safe and effective delivery of adventure training.
- Course management planning/preparing courses and training.
- Programme principle for ELDA Command courses (course design and development).
- Act as a role model and subject matter expert in leadership training and development.
- Facilitator of leadership development (strategic self-awareness).
- Development of safety management systems.

Outward Bound New Zealand

Anakiwa, Picton
2010 - 2013

Role; Instructor

- Delivery of courses that are 8 - 21 days to a wide range of ages.
- Working independently or with a co-instructor collaborating on course direction and teaching of skills.
- Teaching technical skills including; sailing, kayaking and bush.
- Facilitation of self-awareness, social skills and teamwork.
- Mentoring new staff into the role.
- Environmental and sustainability education.
- Duty manager ensuring smooth day to day running of the Outward Bound School.

Aoraki Polytechnic (Ara)

Timaru
2010

Role; Contract tutor for Outdoor Recreation.

- Contract instructor, teaching rock climbing, kayaking and bushcraft skills to year one and two students.

Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Center. (OPC)

Tongariro
2008 - 2010

Role; Field Instructor

- Working a 10:1 instructor ratio with school groups. Conduct of outdoor adventure based learning activities including; rock climbing, water (kayaking & canoeing), and mountain trips.
- Facilitating the outdoor experience to enhance personal development and group dynamics.
- Instructing technical skills on the certificate course including; rock climbing, kayaking, sea kayaking, canoeing and alpine.

Spirit of the West –

Quadra Island, Canada 2007

Role; Sea kayak guide

- Sea kayak lead guide, conducting 4-6 day wilderness based trips around Vancouver Island.
- Food preparation, cooking and presenting food for the clients while on the wilderness trip.

Fiordland Wilderness Experience

Te Anau.
2004 - 2006

Role; Sea kayak guide

- Sea kayak guide. Guiding at Milford Sound doing return day trips from Te Anau, and Doubtful Sound guiding two day and three day trips.
- Local environment, animal and cultural interpretation and interesting facts.

QUALIFICATIONS

Aoraki Polytechnic

Timaru

2002- 2004

- Diploma in Outdoor Education and Leadership
- National Diploma in Adult Education and Training
- Certificate in Business and Communication.
- Pre Hospital Wilderness Care first aid – Last refresh 2020

New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA)

- Class III Kayak River Management, year 2016
- Bush Two, year 2012
- Rock Two, year 2015
- Alpine Two, year 2010
- All have qualifications are current

New Zealand Qualifications Authority

- New Zealand Certificate in Avalanche Risk Management Level 5
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INTERESTS

- Currently my most active forms of recreation is mountain biking, running, ski mountaineering, kayaking and hunting.
 - Learning about brain function and the affect on psychological/physiological performance.
 - Avalanche and snow safety education.
 - Leadership development including enhancing self-awareness through personality tools and feedback.
 - Maintaining a healthy work life balance and spending time on family adventures.
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REFEREES

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