



## Role of the President / Vice President

The President and Vice President are full members of the ESNZ Board and share the responsibilities described in the ESNZ Governance Policies (1.4 and elsewhere).

As the only Directors elected directly by the membership, they have particular responsibility for section 1.5 of the ESNZ Governance Policy: 'Linkage to Stakeholders'.

In general, therefore, the President and Vice-President are the Board's *external* representatives (in contrast to the Chairman, whose focus is *internal*, as described in 1.14 of the ESNZ Governance Policy).

In particular, the President and Vice President provide a direct connection between the entire membership of the organisation and the Board: they help the Board 'stay in touch' with members' views and concerns and they assist the General Manager in communicating the organisation's policies and direction. They are expected to fulfill this responsibility by attending, and being accessible at, ESNZ events.

The President chairs the ESNZ Annual General Assembly.

Other stakeholders the President and Vice President may be expected to engage with include:

- FEI
- Sport New Zealand, and other funding agencies
- New Zealand Olympic Committee
- Sponsors
- Central and Local Government

The President and Vice President will agree—between themselves—how best to share and fulfill these duties.

Unless specifically agreed, the President and Vice-President have no executive powers. They act as representatives of the Board and as conduits between stakeholders and the Board.

In respect of the FEI, the Board or the General Manager may ask the President or Vice President to act as New Zealand's representative at various conferences, forums and meetings and/or serve on FEI committees or boards.