

Proposal to amend constitution to allow for an increase in the number of ITSNZ Board Members



Date: 30/11/2023

Background for the proposal

The ITSNZ constitution, last ratified in 2012, allows for a Board up to a maximum of 11 members. This proposal is to seek agreement from the membership to expand the Board to up to 15 members.

The existing Clause 12.1 (Membership of the Board) is:

12.1 The Board shall consist of not more than eleven (11) members, comprising a balance or representation from industry, government and academia to be determined by the membership; each of whom shall hold office for a period of two years. Members of the Board must be Individual Members or Life Members, or nominees of a Corporate Member.

Background: The Current Situation

ITS New Zealand has become significantly larger and more active since the current constitution was confirmed. As outlined in the five-year strategy, we are intent on growing in size, improving delivery of member benefits and operational performance.

Currently, most of our activities require input from the Board members and committees to support the part-time executive officer. At times this creates resource and time constraint challenges as Board members are voluntary and often required to work across several committees concurrently, a situation which risks exhausting the goodwill of directors.

ITSNZ is also growing in terms of the fields of transport technology and tech-enabled solutions that are encapsulated under ITS, part of a global trend. A larger board would allow for diversity of people, organisations, technologies and solutions being represented. This is apparent in the diverse range of organisations represented by nominees for 2023-2025 (see Appendix).

Future goals and activities include:

- Deliver more and larger events covering a broad range of topics
- Continuing to deliver and grow a high successful T-Tech Conference
- Increasing international relationship building
- Bidding for and hosting an ITS Asia-Pacific Forum in 2027
 - Bidding takes place in early 2025
- Supporting better engagement between Education and Research, Government and Industry
- Improving governance and financial sustainability
 - Updating the full constitution in line with Incorporated Societies Act 2022

Proposed Resolution:

That the members approve the amendment to the Constitution by replacing existing Clause 12.1 with the following.:

12.1 The Board shall consist of not more than fifteen (15) members, comprising a balance or representation from industry, government and academia to be determined by the membership; each of whom shall be hold office for a period of two years. Members of the Board must be Individual Members or Life Members, or nominees of a Corporate Member.

Note: The only change is the number of members

Appendix:

The Board wishes to advise of the following, as this is relevant to consideration of the above resolution.

ITSNZ Board nominations received for 2023-2025

1. Antony Dixon, Cubic
2. Armin Guttke,
3. Blair Monk, Aurecon
4. Gareth Robins, Robinsight
5. Karen Fehl, Resolve Group
6. Mark Gregory, Beca
7. Melissa Winters, Bay of Plenty Regional Council
8. Mieszko Iwaskow, AECOM
9. Mike Rudge, Rudge Consulting
10. Paul Musson, Fulton Hogan
11. Shannyn Hiroti, Urban Connections
12. Zachary Lawrence Sansbury, Armitage Group

Government and Academia Representatives for 2023-2025

Central Government Representatives (2)

1. Alec Morrison, Te Manatu Waka, the Ministry of Transport
2. Lee McKenzie, Waka Kotahi, NZ Transport Agency

Academia Representative (1)

1. Doug Wilson, University of Auckland/Transportation Research Centre

