

Rule Change Proposals

The following rule changes are recommended by the E tū National Executive for the adoption by Conference:

Name of Union

Change registered name from E TU Incorporated to E tū Incorporated.

Explanation: This is the correct name of the union.

Rule 20 Biennial Union Conference

20.3.9 (new) Three members nominated by the National Women's Committee.

Explanation: This brings the Women's Committee representation at Conference in line with the representation by the other Standing Committee – Komiti Pasifika

Rule 22.3 Te Runanga o Nga Kaimahi Maori

Change "three times a year" to "four times a year"

Explanation: Currently Te Runanga meets four times a year, by video conference or face-to-face, even though the rules only stipulate three meetings. This change is to tidy this up.

Rule 22.5 Te Runanga o Nga Kaimahi Maori

Delete second sentence and replace with:

"All regional positions shall be nominated and elected at a regional hui held for this purpose."

Explanation: The regional positions are currently elected nationally. The rule change is to ensure they are elected regionally.

Rule 23.3 Standing Committees

Change “three times a year” to “four times a year”.

Explanation: Currently the Women’s Committee and the Komiti Pasifika meet four times a year, by video conference or face-to-face, even though the rules only stipulate three meetings. This change is to tidy this up.

Rule 23.5 Standing Committees

Rule 23.5 – Delete second sentence and replace with:

“All regional representatives shall be nominated and elected at a regional event held for this purpose.”

Explanation: The regional positions are currently elected nationally. The rule change is to ensure they are elected regionally.

Rule 32.7 Delegates

Change “12 months” to “2 years”.

Explanation: Under the current rules delegates are meant to be re-elected every 12 months. It is not possible to do this. Hence the extension out to 2 years.

Rule 35.1 Elections

Delete the following words:

“The first election for the National Secretary shall occur at the 2016 conference and the first election of the National Presidents shall occur at the 2018 Union Conference. Until that time the persons who are holding these positions at the time of registration of these rules will continue in office (see Rule 56)”.

Explanation: Transition rule whose time has passed.

Rule 35.3 Elections

Amend to the following:

“The following position is decided by election at the National Biennial Te Runanga o Nga Kaimahi Maori Hui for a two-year term:

a National Convenor, who shall also sit on the National Executive.

Rule 35.3.1 (new sub-clause)

The following positions are decided by election at Regional Komiti-a-Rohe hui for a two-year term:

three representatives from each region to sit on Te Runanga o Nga Kaimahi Maori.

Explanation: Changing the election of regional positions nationally to their election regionally.

Rule 35.4 Elections

Amend to the following:

“The following position is decided by election at the National Biennial Komiti Pasifika Fono for a two-year term:

a National Convenor, who shall also sit on the National Executive.

Rule 35.4.1 (New sub-clause)

The following positions are decided by election at Regional Komiti Pasifika fono for a two- year term:

three representatives from each region to sit on Komiti Pasifika.

Explanation: Ensuring regional positions are elected regionally and not nationally.

Rule 35.5 Elections

Amend to the following:

“The following position is decided by election at the National Biennial Women’s Conference for a two-year term:

a National Convenor, who shall also sit on the National Executive.

Rule 35.5.1 (New sub-clause)

The following positions are decided by election at Regional Women’s Conferences for a two-year term:

three representatives from each region to sit on the National Women’s Committee.

Explanation: Ensuring the regional positions are elected regionally, not nationally.

Rule 35.12 Elections

Rule 35.12 Delete sub-clause and replace with:

“Nominations for positions described in rules 35.2, 35.3, 35.4, 35.5 shall be delivered at the respective meeting to the person designated by the National Secretary as the returning officer for any election. The Returning Officer for these meetings shall have full control over how the election to these positions takes place although the nominees must comply with rules 35.14, 35.15 and 35.16.”

This rule change is to tidy up how elections take place for the Youth Convenor; Komiti Pasifika Convenor and 9 Committee members; Te Runanga Convenor and 9 Runanga members; and, Women’s Committee Convenor and 9 Women’s Committee members.

Rule 35.14.1 Elections

Delete sub-clause and re-number sub-clauses below this.

Explanation: Transition rule whose time has passed.

Rule 39.4 Ballots

Delete “Where requested the returning officer shall advise a meeting of the outcome of the vote at that particular meeting.”

Explanation: Not practical and can distort the outcome of votes over a series of meetings.

Rule 50.3 Representation

Add “and any conditions required to be agreed by the member before such action takes place.”

Explanation: This gives the National Secretary more flexibility when being requested by difficult members, who may unreasonably expect the union to pursue their case to the highest courts in the land.

Rule 50.5 Representation

Delete last two sentences.

Explanation: Deleting these two sentences gives union members more flexibility to vary the procedures for ratifying union collective agreements.

Rule 56. Transition

Delete.

Explanation: Transition rule whose time has passed.