

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF POLIO NZ INC. AT 2017AGM

Executive

Barry Holland, President
Sue Griffin, Vice President
Jeannette Aldridge, Secretary / Treasurer

Board Members

Brent von Sierakowski, Brian Robinson,
Doreen McCoard, Marlayna Zucchiatti
Steve Griffiths, Susan Kerr

Barry Holland, MNZM (Auckland) nominated as President 4th year, 6TH year on Board

Nominated by: Anne Mace. Seconded by: Jeannette Aldridge

Barry was elected President of our Society at the Christchurch Jubilee Conference October 2014. He is experienced in governance roles having served on several community groups. He was recognised in 2016 Queen's Birthday Honours for services to broadcasting as a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. As President, Barry has overseen considerable progress on Polio NZ's Strategic Plan including the annual retreat, pilot LEOp (late effects of polio) clinics, training for NZ orthotists, clinical pathways through the DHBs for the treatment of LEOp, and work with training institutions to include the LEOp in their curriculum for health professionals.

"I am very happy to be able to nominate Barry Holland for the position of President of Polio NZ, a position he has held very effectively for the past three years. Barry is an excellent communicator, who can listen carefully with good understanding of what is being said, thus allowing him to take successful action to achieve good outcomes for our organization. Barry has an excellent understanding of what the needs of polio survivors are currently and what our needs are likely to be in the future meaning that he can forward plan to find innovative ways to meet those needs. I trust you will all join with me in wishing Barry Holland ongoing success as the President of Polio NZ." Kind regards, Anne Mace

Sue Griffin (Waikato) nominated as Vice President 3rd year –4th year on Board

Nominated by: Helen Cook. Seconded by: Marlayna Zucchiatti

Born 1947, in Wellington, I contracted polio at 18 months of age. My right leg and right arm were affected. I was treated in Wellington Public Hospital, and was a regular patient for physio for many years. I stumbled through childhood and made the most of my life, aided and abetted by the usual "polio personality" stubbornness. I graduated from one of the last hospital based programs, as a NZRN & ON and nursed in the USA as a trauma nurse specialising in Orthopaedic surgery earning credentials in Coronary, Surgical, and Medical ICU. The late effects of the polio started in 1989, and unable to continue in clinical nursing I created a business auditing hospital records throughout the USA. Being part of a research survey by Dr Bruno gave me good information and follow up for what was starting to be called PPS. Now enjoying living in Hamilton, I continue the struggle to maintain my own health and functional ability. The progressive steps taken by Polio NZ in recent years has been heartening, and I would like to continue to bring my enthusiasm and life skills to the board to assist where possible.

Jeannette Aldridge (New Plymouth) nominated as Secretary/Treasurer 5th year as Secretary, 6TH year on Board

Nominated by: Barry Holland, MNZM. Seconded by: Sue Griffin

I am happy to serve the Board for another year to help bring some of the many significant projects that are progressing to completion which will result in polio survivors in New Zealand having access to trained health professionals and up-to-date orthotics. I am very focused on ensuring that Polio NZ Inc. is robust in governance and compliance as an Incorporated Society and Registered Charity and that we maintain administrative systems to ensure transparency and accountability. Over the last two years I have undertaken several training opportunities offered by Charities Services in the new legislation for financial and performance reporting. I am Secretary/Treasurer to another Incorporated Society and Registered Charity – Taranaki Multiple Sclerosis Society Incorporated. My strengths are in written communication, attention to detail and record-keeping systems. I ran my own bookkeeping/tax practitioner business in Auckland, and I continue to act as IRD Nominated Agent for several people.

Brent von Sierakowski (Auckland) nominated as Board Member for 2nd year

Nominated by: Barry Holland, MNZM. Seconded by: Jeannette Aldridge

I have had wide ranging business experience at general management level at the National Bank (now ANZ Bank) in New Zealand and overseas. I have also been involved with a range of non-profit and professional organisations. I currently act as adviser/mentor to a number of firms particularly in the area of marketing, leadership, change management and strategic planning. Sadly my wife, Janet, passed away from the late effects of polio in 2014. My interest is to assist where I can with the promotion and development of the organisation. I have two adult children and a 5-year old grandson.

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Brian Robinson (Nelson) nominated as Board Member 3rd year

Nominated by: William Murrow, Seconded by: Pauline Campbell Withington

I live in Tapawera, Nelson with my wife Dallas. We have 3 grown up children who all live in Christchurch and we have 5 grandchildren. I contracted polio in 1949 when I was 17 months old. Sir Alexander Gillies told me (when I used to visit his clinics in the 50's) that I had polio in both of my legs but only my left leg was paralysed. My working life has been as an engineer and for the past 8 years I have been a First Aid Tutor in Nelson. I have been a member of Polio NZ for about 10 years and for the past 2 – 3 years have been co-ordinator for the Nelson Branch. I am seeking my third term on the Board of Management. I have been serving as the Polio News Production Manager and I would like to continue this role if I am re-elected.

My wife and family fully support me in my efforts to raise the awareness of the effects of polio.

Doreen McCoard, (Christchurch) nominated as Board Member for 2nd year

Nominated by: Barry Francis Hollands (Christchurch) Seconded by: Kevin McCoard

I contracted Polio at the age of two months old, leaving me with permanent disability affecting the whole of my right side, and many underlying problems. I am married with two adult children & foster children (some of whom have disabilities), and a grand-daughter who has ADHD. Within my extended family I have had experience with Deaf, physical, Blind, and Mental health. I was a friend of the late Almer Slack who left a significant bequest to Polio NZ for the benefit of people with polio from the Canterbury region and I serve on the Committee that administers this fund. I have served as Vice President for the Christchurch polio group for the past year. I will continue to work with the Board for better outcomes for all and look forward to what we can offer in future to Polio survivors.

Marlayna Zucchiatti (Hamilton) nominated as Board Member

Nominated by: Sue Griffin, Seconded by: John Forbes

Marlayna contracted polio in 1956 as a baby living in an isolated community in Canada. She has been living in NZ since 1996 and is a Mind Body Therapist with a special interest in integrating every aspect of life in the pursuit of mental, emotional, physical and spiritual health. Marlayna is on the team organising the 2017 Retreat at QE Health, and serves the Waikato support group.

Stephen Griffiths (Auckland) nominated as Board Member 3rd year

Nominated by: Sue Griffin. Seconded by: Nancy Blackstock

60 years old. Contracted polio at 18 months in England emigrated to NZ with my parents, a brother and a sister (all to get me out of the cold) at 19 years of age. With my wife of 35 years (Raewyn), we live in Mangere Bridge Auckland, we have two adult sons, one of which still occasionally lives at home. For the last 26 years. I have been a Company Director of a contracting/importing company involved with Ceramic and Stone tiles/tiling (NZC Tileworks Ltd). I served on a swimming club committee for several years. I was a member of Rotary for more than ten years and am a past president. I love being in, on, or near the sea and my hobbies are fishing and diving.

Susan Kerr (Picton) nominated as Board Member 3rd year (previous history of service to Board)

Nominated by: Brian Robinson. Seconded by: Mervyn Dykes.

Born in Surrey, England in 1946, I contracted polio in 1956. Although my mother was told that I was very sick indeed, I made a good recovery, having spent 4 weeks in isolation and about 2 months in an orthopaedic hospital, learning to walk again. My right leg was affected and I could not run. I completed a BA Hons at University, and a Certificate in Education. Post-Polio Syndrome began to kick in about 1986 as my strength began to wane, and fatigue and pain increased. I persevered with teaching until 2005, when I could no longer stand in front of a class. I first served as a member of the Board of Managers from 2008-2011. My work included the setting up of a database which arose from a questionnaire sent to all members. I attended many seminars at an international conference in Warm Springs, Georgia. I served as a Director of IPPSO, an internet international polio support group for several years, before the popularity of Facebook, and managed the Picton Stroke Support Group for three years. Since 2015 I have been back on the board again, and see my work in writing letters, research, media, social networking, database, and working on the editorial team for Polio News: in fact, wherever my help is needed. My pursuits outside of the work for the board include music, writing (short stories and poetry) and genealogy.