

49th AGM CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS



INDUSTRY POSITIONS 2024/25

NZ DEER FARMERS ASSOCIATION (NZDFA) POSITIONS

Members of the NZDFA Executive Committee, and Selection and Appointments Panel are elected for a two-year term and retire by rotation.

Vacancies are open to wider nomination from all NZDFA members and to be valid, movers, seconders and nominees must be current financial members of the NZDFA, and **nomination forms must be delivered to the Association's office by 4.00pm on Friday, 22 March 2024.**

All nominees are entitled to submit a statement of about 150 words in support of their nomination.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from: deernz.org/industry-positions

NZDFA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now called for the following positions:

- Executive Committee member, two vacancies.

Current members **Karen Middelberg** (Hawke's Bay) and **Jamie Ward** (Otago) retire by rotation.

NZDFA SELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS PANEL (SAP) NOMINATIONS

The role of the SAP is to make producer representative appointments to the Deer Industry New Zealand Board.

The 8-member SAP is made up from four Executive Committee members and four elected non-Executive Committee members. Nominations are now called for:

- SAP member, two vacancies.

Current members **Graham Peck** (South Canterbury) and **William Oliver** (Waipa) retire by rotation.

VOTING PROCEDURE

If each position receives a singular nomination, the nominees will be declared elected unopposed.

Should an election be necessary, the following timeline will be followed:

- Nominations close Friday, 22 March 2024
- Voting opens (papers will be mailed out) no later than Tuesday 16 April 2024
- Voting closes Tuesday, 30 April 2024

Rule 12.4

The Ballot: *The postal ballot must be commenced at least 21 clear days prior to the day of the Annual General Meeting and shall close 7 clear days prior to the day of the Annual General Meeting. The ballot shall be deemed to have commenced the day the ballot papers are issued.*

Voting papers will be sent out via post and will be encouraged to be sent back via email. Results will be announced via the May DFA Stagline and will be confirmed at the NZDFA AGM on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 in Napier.

NZDFA APPOINTMENT TO DEER INDUSTRY NEW ZEALAND (DINZ) BOARD

The Deer Industry New Zealand Board comprises four producer representatives appointed by the NZDFA, and four representatives appointed by the processing/exporting sector. The producer representatives are appointed through an Electoral College process by the Selection and Appointments Panel and appointed for a **three-year term**.

Nominations are now called for the following NZDFA-appointed position on the DINZ Board:

One vacancy – Board member, **Mandy Bell** (Otago) who was appointed in 2021.

37.9 Nominations for DINZ: The Returning Officer shall publicly announce, in writing, the names of the retiring Association representatives of DINZ and call for nominations for a replacement, prior to the end of March each year.

Nominations shall be:

- a) made by any two Full Members, Elected Members or Life members of the NZDFA
- b) in writing; and
- c) in the hands of the Returning Officer at a date to be specified which will be before the Annual General Meeting of the Association each year (22 March 2024).

37.10 Eligibility for Selection as DINZ Representative: All persons interested or engaged in the deer farming industry shall be eligible for nomination, with the exception of employees of DINZ or of the NZ Deer Farmers' Association. Each nominee for selection shall be required to make a written declaration of any office held or managerial position or financial interest that either the nominee or any of the nominee's immediate family or any partner or fellow shareholder in any deer farming project has in any organisation which deals directly in the products of or materials for the deer farming industry.

37.11 Right to Address AGM: Each nominee for selection as a DINZ representative may address the Annual General Meeting of the Association at a time and date to be specified by the Executive Committee (49th AGM of the NZDFA on Tuesday, 7 May 2024 in Napier).

37.12 Selection Process: As soon as possible after the closing date for nominations the Returning Officer shall publish to all Branches and in Deer Industry News a full list of the persons nominated, together with any declarations of interests received from them.

On the date determined for the selection (but not later than the **end of June** each year), the Selection and Appointments Panel shall convene, interview, and select from the nominees as many Association representatives as are required to fill available vacancies on DINZ.

The nominees must be able to attend an interview in Wellington on one day on either 13 or 14 June 2024. This document will be updated ASAP for the confirmed interview date.

Nominations for the positions will be considered by the Selection and Appointments Panel following the 2024 AGM with recommendations and appointment to the Board being advised to the Minister for Primary Industries at that time subject to the Operating Code of Practice procedures.

NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination forms and more details for the Executive Committee, SAP and DINZ board vacancies can be found at deernz.org/industry-positions

Alternatively, they can be requested from Producer Manager and Returning Officer Lindsay Fung on lindsay.fung@deernz.org or 027 668 0141 or the Association's office 04 473 4500.

If you would like to indicate your interest, or talk to someone in confidence about these positions, please get in touch with NZDFA Returning Officer Lindsay Fung on lindsay.fung@deernz.org or 027 668 0141.

If you would like to discuss the positions with a current Executive Committee or SAP member to get an understanding of first-hand experience, please visit deernz.org/nzdfa/contact-us for contact details.