



BOARD ELECTIONS 2007 - NOMINATION FORM

Posit on for which you are standing *: Board Member

- * Select one position only from: *President*
Vice President
Board Member (two positions available)
Constituent Representative

Nominee Details	
Name of Nominee	Christopher Bishop
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Endorsement	
<i>As per the USNZ Constitution, a Constituent Member is required to endorse nominees for elected positions on the USNZ Board</i>	
Name of Endorser	Geoff Hayward
Constituent of Endorser	Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association
Position of Endorser	President
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Relevant Administration / Governance Experience

Member of the Victoria University of Wellington Council (September 2007 – present)

President of the Victoria University of Wellington Debating Society (2007, re-elected for 2008); member of the executive committee for five years (secretary in 2004, Vice-President in 2006). In this role I chair of an executive committee of eleven people, which organises debating competitions and events for around 100 student members, including the Society's attendance at domestic and international tournaments throughout the year.

Convenor, Australasian Interschool Debating Championships, 2006. In this role I chaired a committee of ten people which organised the 2nd largest debating tournament in the world, in Wellington. I oversaw a tournament that involved 350 people over 8 days (the largest ever held), a budget of with turnover of \$500,000, arranged close to \$100,000 in sponsorship and funding, a Championship Dinner, and events at Parliament, Te Papa, The Loaded Hog, and the Michael Fowler Centre.

President, Australasian Interschool Debating Association (July 2006 - July 2007).

Member of the New Zealand Universities' Debating Council (January 2007 – present).

Vice-President, New Zealand Schools' Debating Council (August 2006 – present)
In my role as Vice-President I provide support to the President in organising the Council's varied activities, which include twelve regional debating championships, the national championships, and the selection of the New Zealand Schools' Debating team

President and Interschool Convenor, Wellington Speaking Union (2007). In this role I organise debating for over 150 school teams in the Wellington region and oversee the organisation of adult debating competitions.

Member of the Victoria University of Wellington Students Association Publications Committee in 2007. (Oversees *Salient* the Vic student newspaper).

Member of the Victoria University of Wellington Law Students' Society (Sponsorship Officer in 2007)

Academic Background

Currently completing a Bachelor of Laws (Hons) at Victoria University of Wellington. Have completed a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Political Science and History.

Holder of a Russell McVeagh Law Scholarship (2003-2007), a Sir Robert Jones Humanities Scholarship (2003-2006), and the winner of the Quentin Baxter Prize in International Law in 2006.

Sporting Experience / Involvement

I played cricket every year during my time at school. I was a member of the school 1st XI for four years (1998 to 2001) and was twice nominated for cricketer of the year. I was a Hutt Valley Representative player in the mid 1990s.

I also played waterpolo during my time at secondary school.

Lately my involvement has been primarily in debating, both as a participant and as a competitor.

Brief Statement on Potential Contribution to the Board

I am passionate about sport in New Zealand, and believe university sport in particular is very important. I want to make sure USNZ continues to be a vital, relevant, and strong organisation for its constituent members. I believe my extensive and successful background in governance and administration of university and student-led organisations will serve me in good stead on the board.

My background is in debating administration, and so in that sense I probably offer something a little bit different to other and previous board members. However, the challenges facing debating administration are no different to the governance issues that USNZ faces. I am confident I would be able to help the Board develop sound policies going forward, and assist in setting the strategic focus of USNZ.

I'm very familiar with USNZ and its activities, having attended five University Games tournaments, two NZU Blues' ceremonies, and liaised with USNZ over the Australasian Interschool Debating Champs, which I helped to organise last year.

I bring professionalism, commitment, enthusiasm, and experience to this role.

Additional Information (use additional space as required)

Victoria University Sports Administrator of the Year in 2006

Winner of three Victoria University Blues for debating (2004, 2005, 2007), and one Victoria University Blue for sports administration (2006)

Winner of two New Zealand Universities' Blues for debating (2004 and 2005)

Referees	
Name of Referee #1	Kate Wevers
Position of Referee	Judges' clerk to the Honourable Justice Tipping, Supreme Court of New Zealand Former Clubs and Societies Officer, Otago University Students Association (2003) and President of the Otago University Debating Society (2004).
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Name of Referee #2	Steven Sutton
Position of Referee	Deputy National Chairperson, Student Job Search Director, University Book Shop (Otago) Ltd Former President, OUSA, 2005 Vice-President, OUSA, 2003-04
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