



**BOARD ELECTIONS 2007 - NOMINATION FORM**

Posit on for which you are standing \*: **BOARD MEMBER (12 or 24 month)**

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

Nominee Details	
Name of Nominee	ROSS BLANCH
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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	RENEE HEAL
Constituent of Endorser	OTAGO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
Position of Endorser	PRESIDENT
Contact Phone Number	03 479-5333
Contact Email Address	president@ousa.org.nz

### **Relevant Administration / Governance Experience**

MANAGER – OUSA CLUBS & SOCIETIES CENTRE and other OUSA recreation facilities, Nov 2000 – present

BOARD MEMBER – ST JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL  
2000 – 2003

BOARD MEMBER – DUNEDIN TOURIST FACILITIES ASSOCIATION  
1996 – 1999

VISITOR SERVICES CO-ORDINATOR – OTAGO MUSEUM  
1995 -2000

PRESIDENT – OTAGO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
1986 - 1987

### **Academic Background**

B.A (History) – University of Otago

### **Sporting Experience / Involvement**

NZU DEBATING REP – 1984

OU DEBATING BLUE – 1985

PRESIDENT – OU DEBATING SOCIETY 1985

Completed Dunedin Marathon 2001

Manager/Assistant Coach North East Valley Junior Cricket teams 2003 / 2004

### Brief Statement on Potential Contribution to the Board

I believe that I can bring a broad range of experience and perspective to the Board as a result of my background in OUSA as both a student President and as a tertiary recreation facilities manager. That background includes an 18 month term as OUSA President, experience as a competitive debater and club administrator, participation in NZUSA and NZUSU (as it was then called) meetings, involvement in development of Otago Museum strategic plan, and since 2000 management of all aspects of OUSA recreation – including staffing, building management, operational and strategic plans, and capital development.

### Additional Information (use additional space as required)

See letter attached

### Referees

<b>Name of Referee #1</b>	BILL TURNBULL
<b>Position of Referee</b>	Director – University of Otago Recreation Services
<b>Contact Phone Number</b>	03 479-5886
<b>Name of Referee #2</b>	STEPHEN ALEXANDER
<b>Position of Referee</b>	General Manager - OUSA
<b>Contact Phone Number</b>	03 479-5341

# **Application letter for election to the Board of University Sport New Zealand**

## **Ross Blanch**

### **To Whom It May Concern**

I am putting my name forward for consideration as a potential member of the Board of University Sport New Zealand for several reasons.

I believe that I can bring a broad range of experience and perspective to the Board as a result of my background in both the Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) and as a tertiary institution recreation facilities manager. That background, dating back over twenty years to my initial election as an OUSA Executive member, includes an 18 month term as OUSA President, the Presidency of the OUSA Debating Society, an NZU Debating tour to Australia, an Otago University Debating Blue, participation in NZUSA and NZUSU (as it was then) general meetings and discussions, Visitor Services Management role at the Otago Museum and involvement in the development and implementation of it's strategic plan, and for the last seven years Management of all aspects of the OUSA recreation facilities (over \$10 million worth of buildings, an operational budget of over \$500,000 per annum, 20 staff, preparation of budgets, operational and strategic plans ).

The OUSA Club Development Officer position was formally included in my team in 2003, and the inclusion of the management of Team Otago in their duties in 2004, served to reintroduce me to USNZ and its activities. I have followed developments with USNZ more closely in recent years and, notwithstanding the advances that have been made, I believe that the organization is yet to fully realise its potential.

Primary issues of interest to me with regards USNZ are a) the sporting quality of its events; b) the level of communication and discussion with (and within) constituent members; c) the potential for USNZ to provide a forum for information sharing, networking and best practice advice; and d) USNZ's role as a research and lobbying body on behalf of tertiary sport and recreation. I concur strongly with most of the principles and goals outlined in the 2006-2008 Strategic Plan, albeit with some reservations relating to the balance between quantity and quality in event delivery.

I would be delighted to discuss my application with you, and with any other interested parties, at your convenience.

**Ross Blanch**

OUSA Clubs and Societies Centre Manager