



**Jason Cooper**

**Nominators:**

Steve McVey (NZAF employee) and Lee Eklund (NZAF employee)

*Please provide details on how you believe you have the experience/skills to meet the position description, the duties in the Trust Deed 2007 and the Strategic Plan goals.*

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**Criteria for balanced skills/experience on the Board**

<b>Knowledge and experience of the communities most affected by HIV and AIDS in New Zealand</b>	Aside from the basic messages regarding HIV prevention, I was somewhat sheltered from the presence of HIV in the gay community until I entered a serodiscordant relationship. When I entered that relationship, I received significant support and education from NZAF and the wider community living with or affected by HIV. My personal experience has led me to become passionate about affected communities and I would like to apply my skills and experience to the challenges posed by HIV and AIDS.
<b>Skills in, and experience of, governance processes</b>	I am a current board member of the Orpheus Choir of Wellington, a position I was elected to in 2013. In this role, I have been involved in annual and strategic planning, overseeing a management restructure, and setting the artistic direction of the Choir.
<b>Knowledge and skill in Tikanga Māori</b>	As a lawyer, I have assisted with a contemporary claim against the Crown in the Waitangi Tribunal. This gave me the privilege of interviewing and representing kaumatua, kiako and Māori language experts. I have also completed 18 months of Te Ataarangi, a full immersion Māori language course which equipped me with a deeper understanding of te reo me nga tikanga Māori.
<b>Understanding of the application of the principles and articles of the Treaty of Waitangi</b>	See my experience listed in 'c' above, I have a competent understanding of the principles of the Treaty.
<b>Skills in, and experience of, government processes</b>	I am an in-house government lawyer. This experience has given me an extensive knowledge of government processes and decision making.
<b>Accounting skills and experience</b>	I review monthly and annual accounts as a board member of the Orpheus Choir and have some basic financial literacy.
<b>Legal skills and experience</b>	I am a lawyer who has worked in private practice and government. I have 4 years post qualification experience.
<b>Existing financial relationship(s) or other conflicts of interest with the NZAF</b>	I am a board member of the Orpheus Choir of Wellington and an in-house lawyer for the Inland Revenue Department.



**James Hudson**

**Nominators:**

Tim Melville and Jeremy Lambert

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<p><b><i>Knowledge and experience of the communities most affected by HIV and AIDS in New Zealand</i></b></p>	<p>The largest population demographic infected with HIV in New Zealand is gay and bisexual men. I am active in the gay community. I am a leader in the Tamaki Makaurau takataapui kapa haka group, <i>Ahako Te Aha</i>, I regularly participate in the <i>Hui Takataapui</i> (the national hui of takataapui in New Zealand), I am a Team Auckland Masters Swimmers member and I support the Gay Auckland professional's network. I have extensive national and international networks with Māori/indigenous LGBTQI and Two Spirit communities.</p>
<p><b><i>Skills in, and experience of, governance processes</i></b></p>	<p>Good governance is the right balance of mind and heart. I am a previous executive member of <i>Te Hunga Roia Māori</i>, the New Zealand Māori Law Society, having served two terms. I established the Centre of Indigenous Governance &amp; Development, at Massey University, during which period I provided research and consulting services to central government and tribal governance entities. I am currently a Principal Adviser to the Independent Māori Statutory Board, providing advice on Auckland governance, strategy and policy.</p>
<p><b><i>Knowledge and skill in Tikanga Māori</i></b></p>	<p>Tikanga Māori is interconnectedness; both can have universal application. I am fluent in te reo Māori me ona tikanga. Raised amongst my iwi in the Bay of Plenty, I have held leadership roles in marae, Māori community and iwi contexts. I am active in all levels of my own iwi development. And I have close, personal and professional relationships with iwi in Tamaki Makaurau. I'm rubbish at putting down a hangi.</p>
<p><b><i>Understanding of the application of the principles and articles of the Treaty of Waitangi</i></b></p>	<p>The Treaty of Waitangi provides a futures-focused developmental platform for New Zealand. I have advised the Chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal, Chief Judge of the Māori Land Court, iwi, central government agencies and corporates on legal and Treaty matters. I am a former postgraduate lecturer in Treaty of Waitangi jurisprudence. And in my current professional role, I manage the three year audit of Auckland Council's legal and Treaty obligations towards Māori in Auckland.</p>
<p><b><i>Skills in, and experience of, government processes</i></b></p>	<p>Government policy needs to be supported by robust evidence to ground it in 'reality'. My PhD constructed an integrated indicators framework to produce data which measures progress against social, environmental, cultural and economic outcomes. I have extensive central government networks and Auckland local government experience.</p>

<b><i>Accounting skills and experience</i></b>	I have limited, formal accounting skills and experience. But I dated an accountant once.
<b><i>Legal skills and experience</i></b>	I have a LLB from Auckland University and LLM (Hons) from Victoria University of Wellington. In a previous life, I practiced primarily in commercial and environmental law.
<b><i>Existing financial relationship(s) or other conflicts of interest with the NZAF</i></b>	I have no existing financial relationship or other conflicts of interest with the NZAF.



**Jason Myers**

**Nominators:**

Peter Saxton and Edward Cowley

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<b><i>Knowledge and experience of the communities most affected by HIV and AIDS in New Zealand</i></b>	I have extensive knowledge and experience of the HIV and AIDS landscape in New Zealand. My PhD explored the worlds of men living with HIV in Auckland and I subsequently worked for four years in a number of roles with the NZAF. These eight years working in the HIV space gave me a nuanced appreciation of both the challenges and opportunities facing the most affected communities. I am also an active member of the gay community in Auckland.
<b><i>Skills in, and experience of, governance processes</i></b>	I served on the Board of the Asia-Pacific Coalition for Male Sexual Health for two years. I understand governance processes as a result and appreciate the importance of a high functioning Board in driving organisations. My governance level experience includes strategic planning, fundraising strategy, representation at events, stakeholder relationship management and risk management.
<b><i>Knowledge and skill in Tikanga Māori</i></b>	I am proud of my commitment to Tikanga Māori and feel privileged to have also worked in organisations that uphold this commitment. I have completed an introduction course in Te Reo and Tikanga Māori and continue to learn from and be inspired by the Māori worldview.
<b><i>Understanding of the application of the principles and articles of the Treaty of Waitangi</i></b>	I recognise respect, inclusion and acknowledgement as key principles in biculturalism. Professionally, I seek to foster equal participation at all levels of decision making and understand the importance of Māori having input into decisions that affect them. I protect and promote tikanga in my current workplace and champion the importance of honoring the Treaty to preserve a bicultural New Zealand.
<b><i>Skills in, and experience of, government processes</i></b>	I understand government processes and bring proven skills in advocacy and lobbying. I led the work of the National HIV and AIDS Forum, connecting a cross-sector coalition of organisations to government. I have presented to select committees and lobbied MPs and Ministers. I am currently the Advocacy and Campaigns Director for Oxfam New Zealand, managing a policy team and representing Oxfam in high level government forums.
<b><i>Accounting skills and experience</i></b>	As part of the Senior Leadership team at Oxfam New Zealand I am jointly responsible for the financial health and management of the organisation. This involves actively participating in annual budget setting as well as continuous monitoring and risk management. I have managed several budgets, including those requiring robust external financial reporting.

<b><i>Legal skills and experience</i></b>	NIL
<b><i>Existing financial relationship(s) or other conflicts of interest with the NZAF</i></b>	NIL
<b><i>Additional comments</i></b>	I am deeply passionate about and committed to the communities most affected by HIV and AIDS in New Zealand. I would bring a strong academic background coupled with a set of skills in research, policy and governance to the NZAF Trust Board. It would be a privilege to serve my community should I be fortunate enough to be elected.



## Tawhanga Nopera

### Nominators:

Alison Green and Jordon Harris (*NZAF employee*)

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### Criteria for balanced skills/experience on the Board

<p><b>Knowledge and experience of the communities most affected by HIV and AIDS in New Zealand</b></p>	<p>I am a transgender person who has lived with HIV for eighteen years. I know first-hand, the struggle for a sense of dignity and autonomy experienced by people who live with HIV and AIDS. Through creative practice research I provide strategies that can interrupt negatively mediated diverse sexual and gendered expressions. In my mahi as a Māori sexual and reproductive health promotion researcher, I recently established the Kaupapa Māori transgender advocacy and support network, Te Rākei Whakaehu, and; I help guide collaborative educational efforts for community and clinical health professionals, to lessen the burden of stigma and discrimination experienced by Māori living with HIV and AIDS. The collaboration includes NZAF, Body Positive, INA, Positive Women, Te Rākei Whakaehu, The New Zealand Prostitutes Collective, The Ministry of Health, and is guided by Te Whāriki Takapou.</p>
<p><b>Skills in, and experience of, governance processes</b></p>	<p>As a PhD scholar, I understand the ways academia gives form to, and authenticates contemporary governance. I move between many spaces within the social spectrum and have a unique means to identify problems and solutions that I articulate in governance spaces. I currently consult for the Rotorua Lakes Council and have recently created a model to include an Iwi perspective within the new RLC Creative Arts Policy, which I also helped to write. I have presented research to a Parliamentary select committee on reasons to engage Māori boys and men in sexual and reproductive health and in my work for Te Whāriki Takapou, I mahi in close conversation with the Ministry of Health. Engaged within my hapu, I am also active in tribal processes and the meeting places between Iwi and State governance systems.</p>
<p><b>Knowledge and skill in Tikanga Māori</b></p>	<p>Life in my papakainga has had both advantages and disadvantages, because although I am grounded in my whakapapa and ways to engage my relations, I also have grown up exposed to the raw realities of colonisation. Amongst both my creative and academic peers I am admired for my ability to use the deep knowledge and tikanga of Te Pā Harakeke, through raranga, to articulate and positively transform from traumatic experiences.</p>
<p><b>Understanding of the application of the principles and articles of the Treaty of Waitangi</b></p>	<p>Te Tiriti o Waitangi is perceived as a Māori ‘problem’ because through it we empower ourselves in ways that question the perceived norms of Aotearoa New Zealand culture. However, Te Tiriti is a document that protects the rights and resources of all people who live in Aotearoa New Zealand. Because of my ability to describe this in compelling ways, I am often invited to lecture on the Treaty as a living document.</p>

<b><i>Skills in, and experience of, government processes</i></b>	
<b><i>Accounting skills and experience</i></b>	To be a global non-gallery performance and digital artist necessitates an ability to source and manage limited contestable funding. As well, academic research can only happen through a keen understanding of how to account for skills and experience to funders.
<b><i>Legal skills and experience</i></b>	I worked for three years as a Tenancy Advisor for Tenancy Services, advising both tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities under the Tenancy Services Act, and ways to apply this legislation in everyday contexts.
<b><i>Existing financial relationship(s) or other conflicts of interest with the NZAF</i></b>	Te Rākei Whakaehu Charitable Trust – Chairperson Te Whāriki Takapou – Project lead and researcher