

Komiti Pasifika 2023 – 24 Election Candidate Statements



Area 2 Candidates

Area 2 includes the following regions: *Hawkes Bay, Manawatu - Wanganui, Wairarapa, Wellington, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast, Canterbury, Aoraki, Otago, Southland.*

There are two candidates for one two-year position. You may vote for two. They appear in alphabetical order.

Lalina Kumari Dayal Cullinane College, Whanganui

Teaching Background and recent participation in Union Activities and Pacific Islands' Communities

- Cullinane College 2010 till now – Teaching Commerce, Head of Department (Commerce/Technology)
- 1994 till early 2010 teaching in Fiji – Accounting, Economics, Head of Department, Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal
- I have been teaching since early 1994 in various roles in Fiji and New Zealand
- I have attended Mahi Tika 1 and 2. I have been attending the Celebrations in the community like fest of culture and other pacific Island celebration in the local community
- Have been an active member of the union in my school. This year I attended the Pasifika Fono in Wellington
- I engage in supporting the Pasifika students in the school, inspiring them for leadership roles and connecting with the caregivers to improve educational opportunities
- I have been a referee for Pasifika students in my school who are joining universities especially supporting their admission and scholarships
- I have been a part of the Subject Specialist Group for Level 1 Commerce, Level 2 Economics and will continue to contribute towards Level 3 subject. This gives me the opportunity to consider Pacific Values within the new assessments.

Personal Statement

Born, bred, and educated in Fiji, I have always been a Fijian though living in New Zealand. Since joining the union, I have valued the workshops I attended and this has given me knowledge to support my colleagues, especially Pasifika who may at times be quiet. I have always been supporting Pasifika teachers, discussing their entitlements. I also focus on them being on the Pasifika roll as this way we can get connected and share our joys and sorrows and support each other as a way forward. With the experience and skills I have from teaching in Fiji and New Zealand, I am ready to add value to the Komiti Pasifika. I am willing to involve myself with the organisations that support Pasifika achievements for the teachers and students. If elected for this position, I will see myself serving my

colleagues in my area and those who resort to me for help from other areas too. I would be able to reflect the views of my Pasifika members at regional, national level. To sum up, if elected for this role I will be making connections and inspiring the Pasifika teachers and students to achieve the best they can.

Robbie Timo

Te Aratai College, Ōtautahi

Teaching Background and recent participation in Union Activities and Pacific Islands' Communities

PPTA Komiti Pasifika (current)
Canterbury Regional PPTA Committee Pasifika Rep
Founder of Canterbury Pasifika Rugby
Komiti Pasifika Fono 2022
Teacher and Dean Year 7 & 8 Te Aratai College

Personal Statement

Talofa Lava, as a proud Polynesian I am using my status within local community to ensure our voice is heard. Being represented on boards and komiti ensure a Pacific perspective is heard.

Our numbers are growing fast and showing leadership gives our youth aspiration and achievable goals.