



2023 Board Elections


CANDIDATE PROFILES

Listed below are the candidates standing for election to the Board of Physical Education New Zealand.


The candidates are listed in alphabetical order by first name.


Please refer to the email instructions provided in order to participate in this year's elections.

NOTE: If you belong to a Member School or Organisation, your School or Organisation will vote as 1 vote. (i.e. only one vote per school not for each staff member)


	Candidate:
	Adam Wilson
	Current job title and organisation / school:
	Head of Department Health and Physical Education @ Mount Roskill Grammar School
	Candidate Statement:
	<p>I am a passionate secondary school HPE teacher with over 20 years experience teaching across 5 different schools. I have held various positions, including Dean; Head of House; Head of Faculty; Senior Leader; Specialist Classroom Teacher and also as a Staff Representative on the Board.</p> <p>From 2012 I was on the Auckland PENZ Committee and was heavily involved with initiatives, including running the Scholarship Workshops. This work was recognised with an Auckland PENZ Branch Award in 2015. In 2019 I was also honoured by PENZ to be awarded the Outstanding Physical Education Teacher Award.</p> <p>As an innovative and forward thinking person, I am committed to sharing my love of physical education with all. I am seeking the opportunity to be on the PENZ Board as I feel that my experiences and passion for teaching positions me to be a strong voice for kaiako as we navigate our changing educational landscape.</p>
	Biography:
<p>Kia ora koutou e te whānau, I am a passionate secondary school HPE teacher with over 20 years experience teaching across 5 different schools. Throughout my teaching career I have held various positions, including Dean; Head of House; Head of Faculty; Acting Senior Leader; Specialist Classroom Teacher and also as a Staff Representative on the Board.</p> <p>As an innovative and forward thinking person, I am committed to sharing my love of physical education with all and encouraging others to try new things, get out of their comfort zones and look to maximise their own potential.</p> <p>By nature, I rise to a challenge, work well under pressure and always see commitments through to their conclusion. Being able to contribute to our community and make a difference on a broader scale would be a huge honour and something I would love to be able to do.</p>	
Election Blurp:	
<p>I am currently Head of Department at a large secondary school in Tāmaki makaurau. With 20 years plus teaching experience in Aotearoa, I have had the pleasure of leading 3 faculties across the motu. I would like to think colleagues would describe me as a reliable, hard working and passionate teacher, who is not afraid to challenge norms and always put ākonga at the heart of everything. My passion is to make lifelong learners of both kaiako and ākonga. I am keen to be a voice for those on the ground, putting in the mahi on a daily basis.</p>	

	Candidate:
	Amy Kaukau
	Current job title and organisation / school:


	NZQA PE/OED National Assessment Advisor (part time), PhD student at UC
	Candidate Statement:
	<p>Kia ora, Ko Amy Kaukau toku ingoa, a passionate educator with over 18 years of experience in Health and Physical Education (HPE) at both Primary and Secondary year levels. As the former Poutiaki (Lead) of HPE at Rototuna Senior High School in Kirikiriroa, I've had the privilege of making a meaningful impact on the lives of ākonga and developing kaiako capabilities. Juggling motherhood (3 boys yeah-yah!) and my responsibilities, I have recently ventured onto a new path to support fellow educators in their HPE journeys.</p> <p>Currently, I am immersed in a full-time PhD program at the University of Canterbury, driven by a passion for delving into Mātauranga Māori and its integration with Health and Physical Education in English Medium schools across Aotearoa NZ. Additionally, I contribute part-time as the National Assessment Advisor for Physical Education and OED at NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority). My recent role as a contract lecturer at AUT has also allowed me to share my HPE expertise with Secondary and Primary teacher trainees.</p> <p>My voluntary role as a Board member for Physical Education New Zealand Te ao Kori Aotearoa underscores my commitment. Over the past 3 years, I've consistently advocated for ākonga and educators, relentlessly expressing my viewpoints and guiding strategic decisions. My hands-on involvement in running social media, conferences, awards, and mentoring showcases my dedication. Continuing my involvement on the PENZ board would contribute to the ongoing advancement of HPE in New Zealand.</p>
	Election Blurb:
	<p>Current Board Member, a passionate educator with over 18 years of experience in Health and Physical Education at both Primary and Secondary year levels. As the former Poutiaki (Lead) of HPE at Rototuna Senior High School in Kirikiriroa, Amid being a mum of 3 boys, I'm supporting fellow kaiako in their HPE journey. Pursuing a full-time PhD at the University of Canterbury, I'm devoted to Mātauranga Māori and HPE in Aotearoa's schools. I contribute part-time as National Advisor at NZQA and do some contract lecturing at Universities. My recent role as a contract lecturer at AUT has also allowed me to share my HPE expertise with Secondary and Primary teacher trainees. By volunteering for Physical Education New Zealand Te ao Kori Aotearoa, I'm committed to HPE's progress.</p>

	Candidate:
	Brendan Craig Austin
	Current job title and organisation / school:
	Curriculum leader (Health, Physical & Outdoor Education) Ormiston Senior College
	Candidate Statement:
<p>Since beginning teaching in 2011 at Papatoetoe High school I have taught and been an active member of the Health and Physical education community. I have been working at Ormiston Senior college for the past six years, most of which have been as the curriculum leader for Health, Physical and Outdoor education.</p> <p>I have a fierce passion for our learning space and continue to advocate and contribute towards our community each year. This has been in the form of presenting learning, ideas</p>	


	<p>and different approaches that we have developed within our space in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023 PENZ conferences. Becoming a member of the PENZ board is the next step for me in being able to contribute further back to our amazing learning area and its people. Having completed my masters in educational leadership through the university of Auckland to improve my own leadership I now aspire to support and lead others around me.</p>
	<p>Biography:</p>
	<p>I completed my Bachelor of Sport (Physical education) at Unitec before moving on to complete my post graduate diploma in teaching (Secondary) at the University of Auckland. I began teaching at Papatoetoe high school in 2011 before moving onto Ormiston Senior college, taking over the curriculum leader role. I have since been working as the curriculum leader for Health, Physical education and since the beginning of this year Outdoor Education.</p> <p>Recently, I have completed my masters of educational leadership through the university of Auckland. I have actively participated and contributed to the Physical Education community through local workshop attendances and presenting at national PENZ conferences since 2017. My current journey is based on the inclusion of Mātauranga Māori within Health, Physical and Outdoor education whilst building on the innovative pedagogies shared in past conferences.</p>
	<p>Election Blurb:</p>
	<p>Ko te waka rererangi o te ao te waka Ko te maunga teepu he waahi tata ki toku ngakau Ko Bronkhorstspruit te roto No Awherika ki te tonga ahau Ko Toni te tau o taku ate Ko Emily taku kotiro iti Ko Shaun taku tamaiti pēpi Ko Brendan Austin tōku ingoa</p> <p>When I am not in the classroom teaching ākonga about our learning area or upskilling then I spend most of my time in the outdoors fishing, competing in the national four wheel drive trials, tramping, and camping with my family or getting stick into a little DIY renovation work.</p>

	<p>Candidate:</p>
	<p>Emma Don</p>
	<p>Current job title and organisation / school:</p>
	<p>Leader of Learning Health, PE, Outdoor Education and Food/Nutrition - Rangiora High School</p>
	<p>Candidate Statement:</p>
	<p>Kia ora e te whanau. Ko Emma Don toku ingoa.</p> <p>I am the current Leader of Learning for Health, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Food/Nutrition at Te Kura Tuarua O Rangiora - Rangiora High School. I studied Physical Education, majoring in Professional Studies at the University of Otago.</p>

	<p>My teaching career has been across 5 kura so far, in a variety of roles. I actively contribute to our local community as a parent BOT representative at my son’s primary school and to our local rugby club and touch module. I am a lifelong learner who loves a challenge and stepping outside of my comfort zone, trying new things in order to develop myself both personally and professionally. I am applying because PENZ is an asset to our educational community and I would like to give back to an organisation and a career that has provided me with so much.</p>
	<p>Biography:</p>
	<p>Kia ora, Emma Don is my name. I am the curriculum leader for Health, Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Food/Nutrition at Te Kura Tuarua O Rangiora - Rangiora High School in North Canterbury. I have previously worked at Christchurch Girls’ High School, Upper Hutt College and Riccarton High School in a variety of teaching and learning positions and more recently at Oxford Area School as a Head of Department. I have a range of connections nationally across different kura and the Area School’s network. I have marked NCEA Health and contributed actively facilitating PLD with EONZ, NZ HEA and PENZ. I am a Mum to Henry and Toby, wife to Aidan and we have a business based at our home in West Eyreton. We have a puppy called Jock who loves to come along with us to rugby, league and to the beach/surf in the summer!</p>
	<p>Election Blurb:</p>
	<p>Kia ora, my name is Emma Don. I am the Leader of Learning for Health and Physical Education at Rangiora High School. This is a position that I absolutely love. My family are involved in my career and support both myself and our kura on the sidelines or at community activities. Learning in, through and about movement is a vital part of our education curriculum and it is a privilege to do what I do. PENZ are an invaluable resource and one that I would like to utilise my skills and attributes towards as a future board member.</p>

	<p>Candidate:</p>
	<p>Shea McEvoy</p>
	<p>Current job title and organisation / school:</p>
	<p>Tumuaki Tuarua / Deputy Principal - Pāpāmoa College</p>
	<p>Candidate Statement:</p>
	<p>I hold a BPhed Kinesiology (1st Class) and am nearing completion of my MEd Leadership from the University of Waikato. With close to two decades of experience in education, including six years in Senior Leadership (Pāpāmoa/Rototuna) and five years as a HOD of HPE (Te Puke), I possess a deep understanding of the educational landscape.</p> <p>I have been involved in re-establishing the PENZ Waikato Roopu, presented at numerous conferences and led / been on multiple teams recognised for ‘Outstanding Physical Education’ from PENZ (2017, 2019).</p> <p>It is paramount that we continually challenge our thinking and explore how we can collaborate to make meaningful connections and create authentic experiences for our young people to engage with. I am passionate and enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve on the PENZ Board and am committed to contributing to the ongoing growth and excellence of physical education in New Zealand.</p>
	<p>Biography:</p>

	<p>Shea McEvoy is currently the Tumuaki Tuarua / Deputy Principal at Pāpāmoa College. With close to two decades of experience in education, including six years in Senior Leadership (Pāpāmoa/Rototuna) and five years as a Leader of Learning of HPE (Te Puke), he is passionate about creating future focused, culturally sustaining learning experiences designed to meet the needs of our modern learners. Shea has developed a strong track record of leadership, collaboration and innovation. He has worked to create a culture of learning that celebrates diversity, encourages curiosity, and empowers learners to realise their full potential.</p> <p>Shea deeply believes as physical educators it is paramount that we continually challenge our thinking and explore how we can connect across taura, whānau and wider industry partners to allow us to craft powerful experiences that foster lasting and meaningful relationships with physical activity throughout one's life.</p>
	<p>Election Blurb:</p>
	<p>Kia ora! Ko Shea McEvoy tōku ingoa. With nearly 20 years in education, including senior leadership roles and a strong background in health and physical education, I'm dedicated to creating authentic, culturally sustaining learning experiences. My track record demonstrates leadership, innovation, and collaboration, fostering a culture of diversity and curiosity. As physical educators, we must challenge ourselves to connect across taura, whānau, and industry partners to craft powerful, lifelong relationships with physical activity. If elected, I'll bring my passion for education and a commitment to the ongoing growth and excellence of physical education in New Zealand.</p>

	<p>Candidate:</p>
	<p>Susannah Stevens</p>
	<p>Current job title and organisation / school:</p>
	<p>Senior Lecturer Physical Education University of Canterbury</p>
	<p>Candidate Statement:</p>
	<p>I have served on the Physical Education New Zealand Board since 2019, in the Chair role since 2020. During this time, I have been a staunch advocate for growth. This progressive leadership, alongside that of fellow Board members, has led to new funding opportunities, increased partner support, and a high level of trust in our ability to function and deliver. I am hopeful that members will have seen these changes, and feel trust in the current leadership to continue this mahi. If successful in my re-appointment to the Board, the Board have expressed their support for me to retain the Chair seat.</p> <p>Three key milestones I would like to see through, are the rebrand of PENZ, the launch of a new online platform for our community, and the Strengthen and Adapt programme of work dedicated to organisational change in structure. It would be great to continue progress, whilst maintaining stability.</p>
	<p>Biography:</p>
	<p>I hold a B.Ed in P.E. (Majors in HPE & OE), a M.Ed with First Class Honours in Physical Education and Olympic Studies, and a PhD in Physical Education Health Sciences, Teacher registration, and Ministry of Education Accredited Provider status for professional learning development. I have 20 years' experience in the education and health sectors, comprising governance, teaching and learning, research and leadership.</p> <p>My experiences in Physical Education have involved classroom teaching, research management, national subject advising, Ministerial advising, international curriculum</p>

reviewing, and global policy. My current research with the Child Well-being Research Institute at the University of Canterbury predominantly centres on equity and social justice, vision Mātauranga and joy in movement/health contexts. These experiences have allowed me to grow as a leader, make mistakes, explore creative solutions to problem solving, and develop empathy. I value the opportunity to progress the work of predecessors.

Election Blurb:

I have served on the Physical Education New Zealand Board since 2019, as Chair since 2020, and I would love to continue. My Physical Education experiences have involved classroom teaching, research, national subject advising, Ministerial advising, international curriculum reviewing, and global policy. I have management, leadership and governance experience. I am hopeful that members re-elect current leadership, so the Board can continue the rebrand of PENZ, the launch of a new online platform for our community, and the Strengthen and Adapt programme of work dedicated to organisational structural change, to better support physical educators.

