



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF DIVERSIONAL AND RECREATIONAL THERAPISTS INC.

Kāhui Kaihaumanu Kanorau o Aotearoa

To improve the Quality of Life of the People in our care through Diversional Therapy

President: Orquidea Tamayo Mortera

Vice-president: Kimm Prasad

Dear Members,

Re: Introducing your new NZSDRT Inc. National Executive Board and National Registration Board

The goal of the NZSDRT Inc. is to provide quality service and education in all aspects of Diversional and Recreational Therapy, through the organisation, design, coordination and implementation of client centered leisure based activity programs. The aim of which is to improve the quality of life through ongoing support and development of clients psychological, emotional, spiritual, social and physical needs and wellbeing. In order to achieve such important goals, our society needed diverse representation from most corners of our country. On Sunday 5th August at 9:45AM, four elected members resigned from the executive board and it was accepted. After seeking legal advice and following our rules and constitution, on Monday 6th August 2018 members approached us wanting to support our new executive board. On Tuesday, 7th August 2018 invitations were sent out to those who wanted to support the society as an executive member and on Wednesday, 8th August 2018 at 10:00PM we received positive confirmation of acceptance from all the Diversional and Recreational Therapists who were invited for both boards.

On behalf of the new boards, we would like to fully acknowledge and appreciate all the contribution of the four former members who decided to resign. Although, this is a great loss we do respect their choices and we wish them the very best in their future endeavors. The new boards will carry on working to ensure a brighter future for our society.

It is now with great pleasure that we would like to introduce you all the new board members, people willing to advocate for all of us, individuals with passion, drive, positive attitude, and willingness to learn and share their knowledge with you all across Aotearoa.

Registration Booklet

a. The Board shall consist of five (5) Registered Members of NZSDT Inc.

*(i) **Two (2)** person from the NZSDT Inc. Executive, **being the President and the Registrar of NZSDT Inc.** or proxy selected by the President.*

*(ii) **Three (3)** Registered Diversional Therapists elected at the AGM, who shall not be a member of the NZSDT Inc. Executive or any of its committees.*

Nominations will be called for through the NZSDT Inc. publication. People may self-nominate or be proposed by any member.

b. The Board shall have power to co-opt for specific purposes and for a stated term.

NZSDRT Inc. National Registration Board

Registrar:

Melissa Foulkes (Whakatane) Co-Opted

Board Members:

Kathleen Edwards (Auckland) Co-Opted

Sharon Blackburn (Nelson) Co-Opted

Christine Tweedie (Christchurch) Elected at AGM

Orquidea Tamayo Mortera (Auckland) President

New Zealand Society Of Diversional And Recreational Therapists Incorporated Constitution And Rules

7.2 The Executive shall comprise of not less than eight and not more than twelve Members including the Officers.

7.8 If a vacancy occurs between one Annual General Meeting and the next, the Executive shall have the power to co-opt a replacement.

NZSDRT Inc. National Executive Board

President:

Orquidea Tamayo Mortera (Auckland) Elected at AGM

Vice-president:

Kimm Prasad (Christchurch) Elected at AGM

Secretary:

Subha Ray (Hamilton) Co-Opted

Registrar:

Melissa Foulkes (Whakatane) Co-Opted

Treasurer:

Yuan Suki Xu (Auckland) Co-Opted

Board Members:

Kristine Estillore (Auckland)

Elected at AGM

Larissa Dunnett (Wellington)

Co-Opted

Aleisha Dobson (Whangarei)

Elected at AGM

Immediate Past President:

Gael Ansell (Auckland)

We would like to reassure you that the society is in good hands and that we are here for you. At the same time, we would like to remind you that due to the current changes, some processes such as; registration renewals, new registration applications or new memberships would take longer than expected.

Any new mail at this stage can be posted to the following address until further notice:

NZSDRT Inc.**Vice-president Kim Prasad****17 Chert Street, Rolleston, Selwyn, 7614**

We look forward to hear from you and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time.

Best Regards,

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