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### **About NZ Bridge Governance Structure & Function**

1. The new Constitution provides for a much more streamlined and responsive governance structure (see attached chart) than is current.
2. The Board accepts that it is unlikely it will have a CEO in place in the immediate future therefore it will proceed with an Executive Chairman.
3. It is anticipated that the Board will meet formally at regular intervals of 7-8 weeks (including the Regional Conference) throughout the Bridge Calendar year. These dates will be widely promulgated.
4. To ensure the day to day business of NZ Bridge is transacted promptly, decision making will be delegated to a series of small empowered Board Committees which will be supported by an Officer and where required people with the appropriate skills (not necessarily Board members).
5. Regional Committees are committees of the Board.
6. For avoidance of doubt, the Board is required to sign-off and provide a written delegation of authority for each committee. These details to be recorded in a written register.
7. The Trust Deed establishing the New Zealand Bridge Foundation is currently being prepared by the Board's legal Advisor and should be in place by the time the elected Board takes office on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2008.
8. The new Conduct, Discipline & Disputes Committee is an independent Committee appointed by the Board and has jurisdiction over all Players.

These changes will enable the skills of the NZ Bridge Board to be complemented by a wide range of skills available to it from people outside the Board. While these people may not have sufficient time to serve on the Board, they would be happy to provide their services for a specific task.

The NZ Bridge Board is asking Clubs and their members to consider who among them have the suitable skills to serve on the Board and also its various committees, and to advise the NZ Bridge Secretary accordingly.

Nomination Forms for the Position of Board Chairman and or Board Member are posted on the Website ([www.nzbridge.co.nz](http://www.nzbridge.co.nz)). Nominations for these positions close with the NZ Bridge Secretary on or before 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008.

Trish Scott Secretary  
On Behalf of the Board

