



New Zealand Bridge

Important Notice To Centre Secretaries

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Nominations for Regional Committees

Under the new Constitution, Regional Committees will be given *delegated authority* by the Board of NZ Bridge to transact many of the tasks previously carried out by the Centre, as well as engage and participate with the Board of NZ Bridge in consensus decision making on a national basis at the biannual Regional Conferences (see section 17 of the Constitution).

1. As promulgated in the 2nd Information Bulletin before Christmas, all Centres are required to take steps to call for nominations for membership of on the Regional committee during March /April.
2. If more than six nominations are received, the Centre can either conduct a postal ballot or (at this late stage) call a meeting of delegates from all Clubs **before the 30th April** to elect the committee (see clause 16.6 of the Constitution).
3. Each Club will have a weighted vote based on the number of registered Home Club members declared in the Annual return (see clause 10.9 of the Constitution).
4. The successful nominations must be formally advised by Centres to the Secretary of NZ Bridge by 30 April, or as soon as possible thereafter, so that the Board can act to constitute each of the Committees.
5. Once membership of all the Regional Committee has been confirmed, the Board of NZ Bridge will move quickly to establish bank accounts under the control of those committees, along with any outstanding funds accrued under the Master-points scheme.
6. Regional Committees will come into Office on 1 July, 2008.
7. Once established, Regional Committees will need to meet to elect a Chairperson and must keep proper records of any meeting and furnish a formal report to be included in the papers of every Board meeting of New Zealand Bridge. For further functions see NZ Bridge Manual page A4
8. Disposition of Centre funds and assets can be managed in any of the following ways:-
 - Transfer of residual funds as at 1 July, 2008 to the control of their new Regional Committees.
 - Transfer of any assets to NZ Bridge for use by the New Regional Committees
 - Transfer of any assets to a Club in the region to be held in Trust for the Regional Committee to use.
9. The decision of when the Centre is wound up is not a matter for NZ Bridge to determine but is entirely a matter for member Clubs to decide as provided for under that Centre's own Constitution