

## **A: Amendment to Rules recommended by PNBC Committee**

### ***Preamble:***

Rule 13.5 states: “The President shall hold office for a maximum of two consecutive years, but may be re-elected for a similar term after an interval of one year.”

The “spirit” of what is intended here is excellent as it encourages new blood, new ways of doing things and innovation. However: a) the position can be somewhat onerous, and practicality suggests excluding someone from such a position because of tenure is problematic given the difficulty of attracting suitable and willing people to the role; b) two years maybe too restrictive. The reason for this is that the first year is largely ‘set in stone’ by the previous Committee and maybe a “learn the ropes” period for an inexperienced President. Three years would be a more suitable time frame for a new business or strategic plan to be implemented. This is commonplace in the commercial sector and is recognized by NZ Bridge which has a 3 yearly reappointment programme for directors.

The intent of the amendment below is to allow tenure to be upto a maximum of five consecutive years, but if other nominations for President are received in years four or five the incumbent can’t stand.

### ***Proposed Amendment to 13.5:***

“The President may hold office for a maximum of three consecutive years, which shall be extended upto a further two consecutive years, but only if no other nominations for President are received.”