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Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi
Constitution and Rules

Preamble

We the members. Of the “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” praying for the divine guidance of Almighty God to enlighten and strengthen our endeavors and desire, to secure Maori gifted by nature as Tangata Whenua caretaker kaitiaki fore ever. First Part of. Kotahitanga, Second-Part of, Te Manamotu Hake, Third Part of, Tiriti O Waitangi, a Partnership of understanding with Her Majesty Queen Victoria and Crown agents 6th February 1840.

The rights and benefits to which we are entitled under law.

The rights, and guaranties promised under “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi.”

The rights to exercise control over our lives, interests and heritage.

Do hereby establish “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” – (Taitokerau-Aotearoa) and accept and faithfully uphold the following Constitution and Rules.

ARTICLE 1. (P1)

Name: The name of the organization shall be “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” (Taitokerau- Aotearoa)

ARTICLE 2. (P1)

Section 1 Purpose and Objectives Of

“Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” shall be;

- a) To foster, promote, assist and sustain the social, economical, cultural, spiritual and political interests, self-reliance and advancement of the Maori.
- b) To foster and promote the election of able and competent men and women to parliament, Local government, public and Maori authorities and organizations.
- c) To foster and promote the lawful recognition and honoring of agreements and guarantees entered into in the “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” and to obtain reparations for the past injustices.
- d) To enlighten the public toward the better understanding of the Maori and “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi”.

ARTICLE 3 (P1)

Section 1 Membership.

The membership of Kotahitanga “Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” may include junior family associate branch and life members,

- a) A branch member means any person of (16) sixteen years of age and older, who subscribes to the Constitution and Rules and continues as a member.

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- b) A junior means any person of (16) sixteen years of age and under who subscribes to the Constitution and Rules, or has had their name proposed for membership by their parents or guardians, and continues as a member.
- c) Family member means any family, kin group or Hapu, who has their names proposed for membership by the head of their family, and whom all subscribes to the Constitution and Rules and Continues as members.
- d) Associate member means any person, association or organization that has been deemed such by appointment by the secretariat on the recommendation of any branch or council or on its own motion.
- e) A life member means any person who has been a member of “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” and has been deemed such by appointment by the Secretariat on the recommendation of any branch elder’s council or on its own motion.

Section 2 Transfers.

Any member may transfer, to another branch for reasons as be agreed upon by the branches concerned, and be granted full privileges of membership.

Section 3 Resignations

Any member may in writing resign from membership and shall be granted such, provided that all arrears and dues area met.

ARTICLE 4. (P2)

Section 1. Organization.

The organization of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi may consist of :

- a)Roopu (Branches)
- b)Takiwa (Area Councils) which shall be subject to the Constitution and Rules be the governing body of “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” within the area or district of their jurisdiction.
- c) Rohe Pooti (Four (4) Electorate Councils) which shall, subject to the Constitution and Rules be the, Governing body of “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi” with their respective electorates
- d) Komiti Whaiti (Secretariat) which shall, subject to the Constitution and Rules, be the executive body for “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi”
- e) Hui Whakaakatau (Annual Conference) which shall be the supreme governing body for- “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi”.

Section 2 Advisory Organisation.

Their may be established from time to time, as the Secretariat may direct and prescribe, advisory organisations.

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Elders Council

- a) Taumata Kaumatu O Nga Hapu Whanau O Muriwhenua (INCORPORATED) which shall be the advisory body on any matters related to the customs traditions and practices of Maori.
- b) Women's Council which shall be the advisory body on any matters related to the interests and needs of women in the Constitution and Rules.
- c) Youth Council which shall be the advisory body on any matters related to the interests and needs of youth in the Constitution and Rules.
- d) Any other Councils and Committees, as the Secretariat.

Section 3 Policy Council.

There shall be established for the purpose of determining advising and considering any matter - related to the public policies of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O- Waitangi a Policy Council.

- a) The membership of the shall consist the President of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O- Waitangi who shall be Chairperson of the Council; one (1) person on the advice of the Elders Council one (1) person on the advice of the women's Council one (1) person on the advice of the Youth Council one (1) person on the advice of the Industrial Relations and six (6) other persons elected by- Hui Whaakatau
- b) The Council shall be established no later 12 months prior to any Parliamentary elections shall be Constituted up to the end of the Parliamentary election.
- c) The General Secretary shall, five months prior to the Hui Whaakatau determined for the election of Council members circulate all organizations seeking nomination for the Council.

ARTICLE 5. (P3)

Section 1 Branches.

The Branches of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi may consist of Youth, Women, Industrial Educational Cultural and Ordinary branches.

- a) Where nine (9) or more persons have indicated their desire to form a new branch, application for registration shall be made to the Secretariat.
- b) The Secretariat may have regard to any views made to it by Branch or Council upon the application for registration of any new branch before deciding to approve the registration of the application.
- c) No new Branch will be deemed to have been constituted until application for registration has been approved by the secretariat

Section 2 Head Office Branch

There shall be established by the secretariat a head office Branch for the express purpose of receiving application for membership of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi - and such members shall be granted full privileges of membership.

a) The Secretariat may refer any application of the membership of any Head Office member to any branch with close proximity to the residential address of the applicant or member concerned

ARTICLE 6. (P4)

Section 1 Membership Fee.

There shall be paid to the branch an annual membership fee of:

- a) 1 Members over (16) years of age - \$ per annum
2 Members, under sixteen (16) years of age such annual fees may be prescribed by the branch concerned,
- b) Any member who, as from the 1st of April each year, is more than three (3) months in arrears shall be deleted from the register of Branch membership, until the arrears and current dues are met

Section 2 Affiliation Fee.

There shall be paid to the secretariat by all Branch and Councils an annual affiliation fee based on total membership

a) Membership, nine (9) to fifty (50) \$ per annum.-fifty one (51) to one hundred (100) \$ per annum. One hundred and one (101) to two hundred (200) \$ per annum- Two hundred and one (201) and over \$ per annum.

- b) For the purpose of determining the total membership of any branch for the payment of their annual affiliation fee or Branch representations, regard shall be had for the inclusion of junior members and that family membership shall be regarded as one (1) in number.
- c) Any Branch or Council as from the 1st April of each year, more than (3) months in arrears, shall be deemed unfinancial and shall be deleted from the register of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi.
- d) Any Branch or Council deleted from the register, may be reinstated by the secretariat on the payment of arrears and current dues.

Section 3 Membership Cards.

There shall be issued to all members on the payment of their- membership fee and official card, certifying that the bearers a member of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi.

- a) The membership card shall certify the name and tribal affiliation of the bearer and other such details as the Secretariat may prescribe
- b) A membership card shall be for the exclusive use of the member to whom it was issued and shall not be transferable, and shall only be valid when it has been signed by an authorized officer of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi.
- c) The Secretariat may from time to time

ARTICLE 7. (P5)

Section 1 Finance.

The financial year for all organizations of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi shall be from the 1st April of each year to the 31st March of the following year.

a) The funds of all organisations of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi shall be deposited in any Trading Bank Trustee Bank Post Office Savings Bank or Permanent Building Society Saving Account.

b) No Branch or Council may canvass for funds outside its area or district of jurisdiction, without the prior approval of the Electorate Council concerned or the secretariat

c) All financial appeals for any national purpose or any Parliamentary elections or the canvassing of funds through out Aotearoa shall be determined by the secretariat or as it may direct.

Section 2 Annual Finance.

There shall be prepared and presented to the Hui Whaakatau by the General Secretary an- Annual Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi duly certified and audited by a qualified Public Accountant.

a) Following the adoption by the Hui Whaakatau as soon as it is practicable thereafter a copy of the annual finance report shall be circulated to all organizations of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi may, with prior approval of the secretariat. Purchase. take in lease or exchange; on otherwise, acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which shall be deemed necessary or expedient for the purpose of attaining the objects of, authorizing use which members may use their membership cards

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Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi or any of them or promoting the interests of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi or its members and to sell exchange let on bail or lease with or without option to purchase mortgage or raise money on or in such property rights or privileges as aforesaid.

b) May, in addition to other powers vested in it have power to borrow or raise money from time to time by issue of debentures or mortgages bonds or any other security on the security of all or any of the property and or rights of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi or without any such security and upon such terms as to priority and otherwise as the secretariat shall think fit but the powers of so borrowing or raising money shall not be exercised except pursuant to a resolution of the secretariat passed at a meeting thereof

c) May invest its money in any investment authorized by law for investment by trustees.

Section 4 Gifts and Bequests.

Any organizations of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi may accept any gifts bequest and contributions.

a) All such gifts bequests and contributions shall be receipted

ARTICLE 8.(P6)

Section 1. Common Seal.

There shall be a common Seal of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi to be held by the General Secretariat or as the Secretariat may direct.

a) The Seal shall not be affixed to any document other than that by a resolution of the Secretariat. and in

Cases of urgency the General Secretary may with consent of the President affix but in all such cases the action taken shall be reported to the Secretariat

Section 2 Symbol

For the purpose of promoting the interests of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi the Secretariat may determine and prescribe a symbol.

a) The symbol shall not be used for any purpose other than that prescribed directed or approved by the Secretariat Hui Whaakatau.

b) No item document material goods or services shall depict the symbol and name of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi without the prior approval of the secretariat Hui Whaakatau

Section 3 Records.

There shall be kept by all organizations of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi Minute Books Cash and Receipt Correspondence Files Documents Reports and any other records as may be deemed necessary,

a) That all such Books Files Documents Reports Correspondence and other such records shall remain the property of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi.

b) That all Official Stationery Receipt Books Membership Cards Certificates and any other material for the use of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi shall be determined by the secretariat or as it may direct.

ARTICLE 9.(P6)

Section 1 Method of Voting.

At all meetings of organizations of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi regard shall be had for the Maori custom of practice attaining and achieving consensus of opinion and in the event of any such consensus not being reached.

a) The Chairperson , on putting the question shall call for an expression of opinion on the voices, or take a show of hands, the result of either of which, *as announced by him shall be conclusive*

b) In the event of announcement made by the chairperson being question immediately, he may division

c) The Chairperson may call for a division instead of, or after, a call for and receiving opinion on the voices or taking a show of hands.

d) Any members call for a division *immediately?* The Chairperson has declared the result of a vote on the voices or by show of hands, and the chairman may call for a division.

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e) When a division has been called by the chairperson, the Secretary shall take down the names of The members as voting "Yes" or "No" respectively and shall hand the list to the chairperson, who shall Declare the result from such list

Section 2 Ballots,

At a meeting of all ororganisation where an election of any office is under considerration a ballot shall be held.

a) Prior to a ballot being held at any such meeting, the meeting shall elect or appoint one person to act as Returning Officer for the purpose of conducting the ballot for that election.

b) There may also be elected or appointed, scrutineers as may be deemed necessary to assist the Returning Officer in conducting any ballots.

c) Where the number of nominees exceeds the total number of vacancies being contested the Returning Officer shall require a preferential voting to be undertaken.

d) Following the pronouncement by the Returning Officer of any elections undertaken at the,- Hui Whaakatau, and Secretariat. A full list of the successful and unsuccessful candidates shall be kept by the General Secretary for 12 months and thereafter may be destroyed on a resolution passed by the Secretariat.

ARTICLE 10. (P7)

Section 1 By-Laws,

Any organisation of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi shall have Power to make Laws which do not conflict with this Constitution and Rules.

Section 2 Winding Up,

a) Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi may be wound up voluntarily if Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi at a General meeting of its members passes a - resolution requiring it so to be wound up and the resolution confirmed at a subsequent General Meeting called Together for that purpose and held not earlier than 30 days after the date on which the resolution so to be confirmed was passed

b) On the winding up of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi all surplus assets after the payments of all costs debts and liabilities shall, subject to any trust affecting the *came* be transferred to the Maori Education Foundation on trust, to use for such purposes as are incidental or conductive to the attainment of the objective and purpose of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi as prescribed in this Constitution

ARTICLE 11. (P7)

Section 1 Hui Whaakatau.

There shall be held an Annual Conference of the organization at such a place and time recommended by the Secretariat.

a) The Secretariat may have regard to any views made to it by any Branch or Council on the venue and times and other such arrangements to the Hui Whaakatau prior to its formal recommendation to the Hui Whaakatau.

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b) The Secretariat shall act as governing body for Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O-Waitangi, when conferences not in session.

Section 2 Emergencies Conference,

Should an emergency arise of sufficient importance related to the interest of, Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi, and which may warrant their immediate attention, the Secretariat may call such a conference provided.

a) That 75% (seventy five percent) of the numbers present at that meeting supports a resolution for that purpose.

b) When such a conference has been agreed to, it may held at such a time and place as the Secretariat may determine and shall deal primarily with the emergency that has arisen

Section 3 Representation

Representation to the Annual Conference shall be on the following basis:-

<i>a) Branches with membership of:</i>	<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Votes</i>
<i>9-50 may be represented</i>	<i>3.</i>	<i>3.</i>
<i>51-100. may be represented</i>	<i>5.</i>	<i>6.</i>
<i>101-200 may be represented</i>	<i>7.</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>201- and over may be represented</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Area Council</i>	<i>3.</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Electorate</i>	<i>3.</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Secretariat</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>

b) Any Organization may appropriate any expenditure necessary to defray the cost and charges of any delegates or delegates in the attendance of a Hui Whaakatau.

d) The Secretariat may prescribe any conditions and details for the credentials of all delegates.

e) There may be admitted by leave of the Hui Whaakatau Observers and visitors as the secretariat may recommend.

Section 4 Remits.

The General Secretary shall five (5) months prior to any annual conference circularize all organizations inviting remits for the consideration of the conference,

a) All remits shall be forwarded to reach the General Secretary no later than two (2) months prior to the date of the conference.

b) Any rimit, considered at the last preceding conference shall not be eligible for inclusion on the agenda for the conference.

c) The Secretariat shall have power to group remits into sections and to amend and vary the wording of any remit. Provided always that it does not lose nor alter the principle context or purpose of the remit

d) The General Secretary shall circulate to all organization no less than one (1) month from the date of the Annual Conference a copy of this remits and order of business for the consideration of the conference.

ARTICLE 12. (P9)

Section 1 Parliamentary Elections

Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi may contest any Parliamentary election for Maori or general seats provided.

- a) That in the case of Maori seats, the Electorate Council shall determine whether the seat for their respective electorate be contested or not and:-
- b) That any General seat may be contested on the recommendation of the Secretariat having regard to any views made known to it by the electorate council where any such seat is situated or on its own motion
- c) Any decision to contest any seat shall be made three (3) months prior to any known date of any election
- d) Any area Council may authorize the contesting of any such seats, and may determine the means of selection, policy and any other matter related to local government.

Section 6 matter not Provided For.

Where any matter in this Article is not provided for, or in dispute, The matter shall be referred to and determined by the Secretariat.

ARTICLE 13 (P9)

Section 1 Suspension.

a) A Branch shall have power to suspend any member who:-

1. Has been guilty of misconduct or,
2. Has been guilty of conduct calculated to bring Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi into disrepute.

b) Notification of any such suspension, including the term and **[reason]** thereof, shall be forwarded promptly to the secretariat.

[c] Any members suspended shall have the right to appeal against their suspension to the Elders Council or the Secretariat

Section 2. Expulsion.

Upon the application of any Branch or Council or on its own motion, the Secretariat may for reasons determine sufficient by it, expel any member From Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi provided:

- a) That prior to the consideration and hearing any application for the expulsion of a member the Secretariat shall advise the member concerned in writing of the application and reasons thereof and shall afford the member concerned, an opportunity to state their case before the Secretariat.

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- b) Where a member has been expelled, that the member has the right to appeal against their expulsion to the Hui Whaakatau, or should circumstances be unsuitable, to the Elders Council
- c) No Branch shall, without the prior consent of the secretariat, accept application for membership from any person who has or is under suspension or has been expelled from Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Tiriti O Waitangi.
- d) Where any member is under consideration for suspension or expulsion as provided for in this Article, they shall not be denied or deprived of their rights as a member until their case has been fully considered and dealt with.

ARTICLE 14. (P10)

Section 1. Secretariat

There shall be established an executive body which shall be known as- Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi, (Taitokerau) Aotearoa). Secretariat, with the Headquarters at such place as the Secretariat may determine.

Section 2. Membership

. The membership of the Secretariat shall consist of:

a) A President elected by delegates at Hui Whaakatau.

b) In the case of a member who was appointed by any Council having had their seat declared vacant, the Secretariat shall require the concerned, to recommend the appointment of a member to fill the vacancy

Section 5. Nominations.

The General Secretary shall five (5) months prior to each Hui Whaakatau, circulate all organizations inviting nominations for;

a) President

b) Seven (7) members for the Secretariat.

c) For the year of election of the policy Council six (6) members

d) All nomination shall reach the General Secretary no later than two (2) months prior to the Hui Whaakatau

e) The General Secretary shall in not less than one (1) month prior to the Hui Whaakatau, circulate all organizations with the names of all nominations received

f) No person shall be eligible for any nomination provided for in this section unless they are a bona fide financial member of Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi for not less than twelve- (12) months

Section 6 Annual Reports.

The President shall prepare and present to Hui Whaakatau, annual Report and following the adoption by Hui Whaakatau, the report shall be circulated to all organisations.

ARTICLE 15.(P11)

Section 1. Electorate Council.

There shall be established four (4) Electorate Councils which shall be known as Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Tiriti O Waitangi or Taitokerau, Aotearoa, Electorate Council Northern, Western, Eastern, Southern respectively.

Section 2. District.

The area or district of jurisdiction of each council shall have regard to the electorate boundaries of the four(4) Maori electorate as provided for in the Electoral Act 1956 or as the Secretariat may determine. its annual meeting.

- a) Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer.
- b) The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer shall be Trustees for the Council.
- c) Two (2) persons to represent the Council on the secretariat.

Section 5. Meetings.

The general meetings of the Council shall be held at intervals of not more than three (3) months.

- a) A special meeting of the Council may be called by the Chairperson, or pursuant to a resolution passed at a general meeting or, on the written requisition of five (5) members of the Council or as directed by the Secretariat.
- b) The quorum of all meetings of the Council shall be nine (9) except where the total membership of the Council exceeds fifty (50) the quorum shall be [twenty- six] (26).
- c) The Secretary shall, in writing in not less than ten (10) clear days, notify all members of all meetings and that any such notice shall contain the Agenda and proposed business for the proposed meeting.
- d) The seat of any member absent without leave for three (3) consecutive meetings, shall be declared vacant, and the secretary shall advise the Branch or Area Council concerned and require that a new member be appointed

Section 6 Annual Reports and Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Council held no later than the end of April each year. The Secretary/- Treasurer shall prepare and present to the annual meeting the Annual Balance Sheet and statement of Accounts duly certified and audited by a Public Accountant.

- a) The Secretary/Treasurer shall forward to the Secretariat a copy of the Annual Balance sheet and Statement of Accounts and as soon as it is practicable, copies shall be circulated to all branches and area councils under its jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 16. (P11)

Section 1 Area Councils

There may be established in any area or district upon the application of any organization or as the Secretariat may determine, Area Councils which shall be known as “ Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi (Taitokerau Aotearoa)”. Area Council.

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Section 2. Membership

, The membership of the council may consist of :-

- a) Three (3) delegates from each Branch within the area or district of the Council .
- b) Delegates as advised by any other council.

Section 3. Officers

The following officers shall be elected or appointed by and from the members of the Council at its annual meeting. a) Chairperson, Vice- Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer.

b) Three (3) Presidents, appointed on the recommendation of one (1) person by the Elders Council

One (1) person by the Women's Council, One (1) Person by the Youth Council, and endorsed by the Hui Whaakatau

c) Two (2) Persons from each of the four Electorate Councils.

d) Seven (7) Persons elected by delegates at the Hui Whaakatau.

e) The President shall be ex officio: Chairperson of the Secretariat and in his absence any one (1) of the vice presidents, members present shall elect one of their number to be chairperson of that meeting.

f) The Secretariat shall have power to appoint any person or persons for any administrative purpose or any matter related to the secretariat's functions or area of responsibility.

g) The Secretariat may prescribe any term or condition as it deems necessary in all, or any such appointments.

h) The Trustees for the Secretariat and " Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi" shall be the President, General Secretary and one (1) Other person elected by the Secretariat

Section 3. Secretariat Meetings,

The general meetings of the secretariat shall be held at the intervals of not more than one (1) month at such time and venue as the Secretariat may determine.

- a) A special meeting of the secretariat may be called by the President or any two (2) of the vice – president's co jointly or pursuant to a resolution passed by the secretariat at a general meeting.
- b) The General Secretary Shall, within ten (10) clear days, notify all members in writing of all meetings and that such notice shall contain the Agenda and order of business for the propose meeting.
- c) The quorum of all general meetings of the secretariat shall consist of eleven (11) members
- d) Every member of the secretariat shall attend every meeting except by leave and, where-necessary, shall have their traveling accommodation, and any other reasonable allowances met by the secretariat or as it may determine.

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Section 4. Vacancies.

Where, for any reason, a vacancy arises, the secretariat may:

- a) In the case of a member who was elected by the Hui Whaakatau, having their seat being declared vacant, invite the next highest unsuccessful candidate in the preceding Hui Whaakatau election to fill the vacancy or.
- b) Where there are no unsuccessful candidate the Secretariat may fill the vacancy by appointment following consultations with the four (4) Electorate Councils.

Section 2 Nominations.

When any decision to contest any Parliamentary seat has been confirmed by the Secretariat.

- a) The General Secretary shall circulate all organizations inviting nominations and specifying the period for the calling of such nomination and the closing date.
- b) Any person may be nominated for any seat. Provided that the nominee is a financial member and their nominations signed by not less than three financial members.
- c) The Secretariat may, for reasons determined sufficient by it re-open any nominations.

Section 3. Selections.

On the receipt of a requirement for the selection of a candidate along with the full list of nomination and the date by which the selection shall be completed, the Electorate Council shall be advised all organizations in their electorate of the requirement and need to establish a Selection committee.

- a) The Electorate Council shall appoint or elect no more than seven (7) persons of whom all be financial members of "Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi" constitute a selection Committee.
- b) The Chairperson of the Selection Committee shall be elected by members of that committee.
- c) The Selection Committee shall, in writing, notify all nominees on all matters related to the selection, including the time, date and venue.
- d) In the consideration of any selection, the selection committee may be guided by or have due regard to:-
 1. The Maori customary practice of collective decision making,
 2. The collective opinion of all financial members of "Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi" in that electorate as expressed at any selection meetings or in any vote undertaken for such purposes and,

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ARTICLE 17. (P15)

Section 1. Branches.

There may be established branches which shall be known as “Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi”(Taitokerau Aotearoa) Branch.”

Section 2 Officers.

There shall be elected and appointed from the membership at the Branch’s Annual meetings, the following officers:-

- a) Chairperson Vice-Chairperson. Secretary/Treasurer.
- b) Three (3) delegates to represent the Branch on the area Council.
- c) Three (3) delegates to represent the Branch on the Electorate Council.
- d) In the election of Branch delegates to both the Electoral Council and Area Council as provided for in this section (a) and (b), shall be had where practicable to the election of not less than one (1) women representative, one (1) youth representative in both cases.
- e) An executive committee which shall not exceed nine in number.
- f) There shall be appointed by the Branch suitable and competent person to act as Honorary Auditor’

Section 3. Meetings.

The general meetings of the Branch shall be held at intervals of not more than one (1) month.

- a) A special meeting may be called by the Chairperson or, pursuant to a resolution passed at any-
general meeting or, by the direction of the Area Council Electorate Council or the Secretariat.
- b) That all meetings the quorum shall be seven (7) members except where the total Branch membership exceeds fifty (50) members, the quorum shall be fourteen (14).
- c) The Branch Secretary shall not less than three (3) clear days, notify all members by any practicable means of all such meetings.

Section 4. Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Branch shall be held no later than April of each year .

- a) The Branch Secretary shall forward to the Secretariat an audited Annual Balance sheet and Statements of Accounts
- b) There shall be furnished to the Secretariat an Annual Return of Membership

Section 5. Winding Up

No Branch may wind up or going into temporary recess all books, records and assets shall be forwarded to the Secretariat may determine

ARTICLE 18. (P16)

Interpretations.

In the event of any dispute as to the interpretation of the Constitution and Rules of any Circumstance arising not provided for, the matter shall be referred and dealt with by the Secretariat whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 19. (P16)

Maori or English Language.

This Constitution shall be valid and have full force

Whether written in Maori and having regard to its idioms and dialects or in the English language

ARTICLE 20. (P16)

a) Amendments.

No amendment to this Constitution and Rules shall be made except by the Hui Whakataua following each General election. and the

b) Kotahitanga Te Manamotu Hake Tiriti O Waitangi

c) Taumata Kaumatua

Hapu Whanau O Muriwhenua

Incorporated Society. Incorporated within the Constitution and Rules.

This Constitution and Rules to be Read: for Confirmation

. 24-April-2008.