**77th National Conference Proxy Form**

**Appointment of Proxy**

Dear Member,

Please read carefully the below and complete steps one to four. Please return the completed Proxy form to [conference@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:conference@deerstalkers.org.nz) no later than the 18th of July 2025. Please note as per 10.19, Proxy forms received after 18th of July will not be accepted. Only proxies received using this form can be accepted.

Please only send proxy forms via email to [conference@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:conference@deerstalkers.org.nz) for date and time stamp.

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| *10.18 If a person is unable to attend, they may have a proxy vote entrusted to a financial Branch or financial member attending the meeting. The prescribed proxy form available from the National Secretary must be used and in possession of the proxy, which allows the proxy to vote on the subject matter and recite a signed statement from the person who is unable to attend in respect to a specific Remit, Notice of Motion and Election of Officers.* |

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| *10.19 The name of the Branch and its proxy must be advised in writing to the National Secretary and verified prior to the commencement of the meeting.* |

Regards,

**John Taylor**  
National Secretary

*If you do not plan to attend the Annual General meeting in person, you may appoint a proxy that is a financial member attending the meeting. The Chair and any other member of the Board are willing to act as a proxy for any member (entitled to vote) that appoints them for this purpose. If, in appointing your proxy, you do not name a person as your proxy, or your named proxy does not attend the Annual General Meeting, the Chair of the meeting will be your proxy and may vote only in accordance with your express direction.*

**Step 1: Appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf.**

I/We being a National Executive/ Branch President/ National Life Member/ Past National President/ Hon Solicitor or Hon Auditor,

Hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch

Or failing him/her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch

As my/our proxy to vote for me/us on my/our behalf (at the Conference or Annual General or Extraordinary/Special General Meeting, as the case may be) General Meeting of the Association to be held on the 18– 20th of July 2025.

I/We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Branch

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

**Step 2: Mark (or tick) your proxy instruction for each of the below.**

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| **2025 Notice of Motion/s** | | **For** | **Against** | **Abstain** |
| 01 | Moves that all capitated members of NZDA, excluding juniors and student members, be levied $5.00 (five dollars) each during the 2026/2027 financial year to help finance rent for the premises and ongoing day to day running expenses for the operations of the NZDA National Heritage Trust, specifically for the running costs of the National Archives. |  |  |  |
| 02 | Moves that the Association continue its membership of the Council of Licensed Firearm Owners (COLFO). |  |  |  |
| 03 | Moves that all capitated members of NZDA, excluding juniors and student members, be levied $1.00 (one dollar) each during the 2025/2026 financial year to help finance the ongoing campaign by the Council of Licensed Firearm Owners (COLFO) to protect the opportunities for the ownership and recreational use of firearms in New Zealand. |  |  |  |
| 04 | Moves that all capitated members of NZDA, excluding juniors and student members, be levied $1.00 (one dollar) each during the 2025/2026 financial year to maintain a fund to be used for game animal research projects undertaken or supported by NZDA, branches and members. |  |  |  |
| 05 | Moves that the wapiti herd in Fiordland is a ‘herd of special interest’ and the Association supports such a designation under the Game Animal Council Act. |  |  |  |
| 06 | Moves that the sika herd in Central North Island is a ‘herd of special interest’ and the Association supports such a designation under the Game Animal Council Act. |  |  |  |
| **2025 Remits** | | **For** | **Against** | **Abstain** |
| 01 | Establishment of a Sika Hybrid Trophy within the National AHT Competition. |  |  |  |
| 02 | Enhanced Information and Resources about NZDA Hunter Liability Insurance. |  |  |  |
| 03 | Name change for the NZDA (note that this is only for discussion, and would require a NoM at the next general meeting to proceed). |  |  |  |

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| **2025 Officer Elections** |  |
| 14.4 (c) Officer election ballots are conducted on the preferential system of voting and the delegates of each Branch are entitled to the number of votes conferred by Rule 10.23.  10.23 A delegate holds one vote for every 20 financial Senior, Endowment Life, Superannuant, Student and Branch Life Members (or part thereof), calculated as at the most recent financial year end of the Association. A delegate representing 2 or more Branches shall have the aggregate number of votes based on the above formula for each Branch represented. | |

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| **Voting Ballot Form** | Choose Option (X): | | | |
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th |
| **President (Uncontested) – C. Sheridan** | X |  |  |  |
| **Vice President (Uncontested) - H. Orr** | X |  |  |  |
| **North Island Rep (Uncontested) - T. Gratton** | X |  |  |  |
| **North Island Rep (Uncontested) - L. Langslow** | X |  |  |  |
| **South Island Rep (Uncontested) – M. Elliotte** | X |  |  |  |
| **South Island Rep (Uncontested) – T. Dibben** | X |  |  |  |

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| **Positions and Nominees 2025/2026** | | | |
| **National President** | **National Vice President** | **2x North Island Executive members** | **2x South Island Executive members** |
| C. Sheridan | H. Orr | T. Gratton  L. Langslow | M. Elliotte  T. Dibben |
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**Please note:**

Per rule 10.18, a proxy vote may ‘only’ be used in respect to ‘subject matter’ of a ‘Remit’, ‘Notice of Motion’ and ‘Election of Officers’. Proxy votes are unable to be used with regards to any Amendments.

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| **Definitions: *Proxy*** *is a transfer of voting rights from one eligible person to another and the person that holds a proxy vote. A proxy transfer is restricted to voting only and limited to the matter detailed on the proxy form.* |

**Step 3:** If you cannot attend the Annual General Meeting but would like to ask a question or have read a signed statement then please complete the section below. The Board will address and answer questions at the Annual General Meeting.

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| **Question/Statement:** |

**Step 4:** Please cc the completed Proxy form and send via email to [conference@deerstalkers.org.nz](mailto:conference@deerstalkers.org.nz) and your nominated appointee (if not the Chair). Eligibility of the proxy and appointee will require verification.