



## **Nominees for SPELD NZ Inc Board and professional Standards Committee for 2020 AGM**

### **Nominees for SPELD NZ Inc Board Members**

#### **Peter Scanlan**

**Position Nominated for: Board Member**



Peter Scanlan has worked as a senior manager in tertiary education since 1992 and he has over 24 years' experience in educational change management in New Zealand and overseas. Before joining the SPELD NZ Board He completed a 6-year stint as Board Member and Treasurer for the Korokoro School in Lower Hutt.

Peter is currently National Director of Workers' Education Trust. Peter's previous roles were as Senior Advisor Policy and Advocacy for ServicelQ the Industry Training Organisation for the service sectors, such as tourism, hospitality and retail. Peter was Head of School, School of Foundation Studies, Wellington Institute of Technology (WelTec). Prior to this he was General Manager Business Development for a private education organisation in Wellington New Zealand.

Peter became interested in the work of Speld NZ when his dyslexic son received assistance from a Speld teacher with excellent results. This led to an opportunity to seek nomination for the SPELD NZ Central Region Representative Board Member role.

Peter is married with two teenage boys. Peter has a passion for high quality education and training. He has the energy, drive, capability and willingness to add real value to SPELD NZ.

#### **Shona Hutchinson**

**Position Nominated for: Board Member**



When I became a Board member, I had very little knowledge about SPELD NZ and specific learning disabilities. However, I now have a much greater understanding and awareness of the challenges faced by those with learning difficulties and their families. I have every confidence that our professionals are really making a difference in their lives.

As a Justice of the Peace, Toastmaster, funeral celebrant and active member of the United Nations Association of New Zealand, former National Secondary Speech Awards convenor, I work with a wide variety of communities and cultures, and I'm committed to supporting and encouraging people to be the best they can be.

For many years I worked across the public sector and now I'm with a small organisation working in the area of mental health and addiction.

I have two adult children and six grandchildren, and consider myself very lucky as they all happy, healthy and living close by.

I have a strong belief in giving back to community and supporting volunteer/ charitable entities. I offer SPELD NZ Professional experience with a sound understanding of Governance v Management; strategic thinking; personal integrity and commitment.

## **Lynne Ashman**

### **Position Nominated for: Board Member**



Lynne Ashman: BSc, PGCE, NCALNE vocational, M Ed, SPELD NZ CCSLD.

Lynne has wide experience in the education sector having written and taught courses for Auckland College of Education/University of Auckland for the Grad Cert in Education, Level 7; B.Ed. (Primary) Levels 5/6. Lynne has also had experience as moderator for some Level 2 or 3 courses at Manukau Institute of Technology and being one of the original moderators for Auckland for Biology level 2 unit standards when NCEA first began all those years ago. Lynne taught numeracy and Literacy classes to ECE student teachers in the Certificate and Degree programmes at Manukau Institute of Technology. Lynne trained as a SPELD NZ teacher in 2007 and was seconded to the Board mid-2017. Lynne currently has a busy schedule with her SPELD NZ teaching, the SPELD NZ Board role, and as a member of Manukau Institute of Technology's Advisory Committee of the Tertiary Teaching Unit of the Faculty of Education and Social Services. Lynne has also been a key person on the Programme Review Subcommittee of the PSC. In this position Lynne has been deeply involved in gaining NZQA approval for the Level 5 Certificate Course, and subsequent programme writing.

**There being only 3 candidates for the Board Member positions vacant, Peter Scanlan, Lynne Ashman and Shona Hutchinson are automatically elected.**

**No other nominations were received by the nominations' due date.**

**However, pursuant to Rule 11.6 b) of the Constitution, nominations may be made from the floor of the AGM.**

**Jacqueline Taylor and Belinda Wilson now offer themselves for election at the AGM.**

**Jacqueline Taylor**  
**Position nominated for: Board Member**



I would like to thank SPELD NZ for inviting me to join the Board.

I am 'Mum' to my 12-year-old son, Zach and 10-year-old daughter, Heidi. We moved from Auckland five years ago to sunny Hawke's Bay for a lifestyle switch. With weather like this, we try to spend as much time outdoors as possible. We live on a six-acre property and much of my free time is spent maintaining it, which I absolutely love doing!

Throughout my career, education has been at the forefront of everything I've pursued. It's with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to continue my commitment to education through serving on the SPELD NZ Board. I have a particular interest in the area of dyslexia and other learning differences through my own experiences as a primary school teacher, and mother to my dyslexic son. I too have a keen love of language and a loyalty to the use of plain English to better a reader's understanding of complex concepts.

I began my career as a primary school teacher in 2002 and worked predominantly with children who spoke English as a second oral language, both in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Throughout my teaching career, I spent time working with children expressing behavioural and learning difficulties, supporting them through the use of resources like Rainbow Reading, as well as one-to-one learning. My experiences with this also helped me identify my own son's dyslexic traits when he was seven years old and seek support from SPELD NZ when he was ten.

In 2014 I went on to pursue my interests in financial education, investments and publishing and founded investment magazine, JUNO. I engaged in all roles of this publication for five years. The purpose of the magazine was to educate and support New Zealanders in making better financial decisions. In JUNO's first year, I spent 12 months working closely with Write Limited, perfecting my plain English skills in writing and editing, and applying these to complex investment articles throughout. To my great pleasure, JUNO successfully broke down barriers to investing for many and continues to support Kiwis in taking a greater interest in investing and improving their financial capability.

My work on JUNO magazine later led to a partnership being formed with investment manager, Pie Funds and the launch of the JUNO KiwiSaver Scheme in 2018, of which I co-founded. I was largely responsible for the marketing, branding and investor education in this start-up.

More recently I've acted as an Adviser to the Board for Pie Funds Management and I currently serve on the National Board for Life Education Trust, and its investment sub-committee. Since joining Life Education, I have significantly supported the executive team in developing the financial education programme that launched this year.

As a board member, I bring high energy, insight and vision to the table and am committed to growing New Zealand businesses through effective governance. I have an interest in and enthusiasm for governance roles that bring direct benefits to communities. Given my son has dyslexia, it would be an honour to indirectly support him and others with a learning difference by serving on the SPELD NZ Board. I look forward to making a contribution wherever possible.

**Belinda Wilson**

**Position nominated for: Board Member**



Belinda is a chartered accountant, holding a Bachelor of Business Majoring in Accounting, a Diploma of Business and Diploma in Accounting. Belinda is a Family member of SPELD NZ. Belinda's bio is to be circulated before the AGM.

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**To date, there are no nominations for the Professional Standards Committee vacant positions.**