



## LATIN AMERICA NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS COUNCIL BOARD APPLICATIONS 2019-2022

<p><b>Board vacancy</b></p>	<p>The Latin America New Zealand Business Council is taking applications for Board members for a three-year* tenure 2019-2022.</p> <p>Applicants must be members of the LANZBC, and should have broad business skills, sound business experience in/with Latin America, and the desire and time to promote the LANZBC and encourage trade between New Zealand and Latin America.</p>
<p><b>Organisation and details</b></p>	<p>The Latin America New Zealand Business Council is the leading business organisation focused solely on the development of trade and commerce between New Zealand and Latin America. The Board has an important role in influencing and helping foment opportunities to further enhance trade between New Zealand and Latin America, in a period where New Zealand is investing heavily in its trade and relationships with the region.</p> <p>The LANZBC has a board of seven elected directors and three ex-officio directors representing MFAT, NZTE and Education New Zealand. An Executive (President, Vice-President and Treasurer) is elected by the Board.</p> <p>The Board receives support via its Executive Officer, who coordinates and manages the day-to-day operations and communications.</p>
<p><b>Directorships</b></p>	<p><b>The role:</b></p> <p>Directors are elected for a three-year term with one-third of directors retiring each year and being eligible for re-appointment if desired.</p> <p>Directorships are voluntary (unpaid) positions that offer an attractive opportunity for members that would like to get more involved in the decision-making and direction of the Council.</p> <p>As a Director you will be strategically placed and recognised as an active stakeholder in the development of relationships and directly involved with enhancing the vibrancy and awareness of the business between New Zealand and Latin America, by adding tangible value to the business sector.</p> <p>As a Board Director you are expected to be proactive in using your own established connections to promote the Council's objectives and to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Raise the profile of the LANZBC with key stakeholders</li> <li>- Actively contribute to the development and implementation of strategies that will further enhance New Zealand and Latin American business connections</li> <li>- Promote and encourage membership of the LANZBC</li> <li>- Create value for members</li> <li>- Be an effective advocate of trade between the regions</li> </ul> <p><b>The benefits:</b></p> <p>As a Board Director you will share your own expertise in the region but also expand your networks and deepen your understanding of cross-border business and policies between the two regions. There is great opportunity to make a difference and to achieve great satisfaction from enhancing the LANZBC's profile, increasing its membership and making great business connections.</p>



<p><b>Particular skills/competencies sought</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ability to think strategically, i.e. able to see the 'big picture' and to drive the organisation towards the achievement of its strategic goals</li> <li>• An understanding of good governance and leadership</li> <li>• Personal integrity</li> <li>• A willingness to use your personal influence to help grow our member base</li> <li>• A commercial perspective, i.e. strong general business skills;</li> <li>• The ability to host or represent the Council at events in or near your location</li> <li>• Personal affiliations and connections with Latin America</li> <li>• Social media awareness</li> </ul>
<p><b>Time commitments</b></p>	<p>The LANZBC Board hold meetings every 4-5 weeks, with meetings held by videoconference for those not able to attend in person.</p> <p>LANZBC Directors are expected to represent the LANZBC at our networking events (held approximately every 8 weeks) and be an active member of the Board's events sub-committees. It is anticipated that they have a capacity of approximately 1-2 hours per week (in addition to the regular Board meetings) allocated for Board communications, strategic growth and events planning.</p>
<p><b>Geographic considerations</b></p>	<p>Location is not critical, however, LANZBC membership (and therefore LANZBC events) is heavily weighted in Auckland, with events also regularly held in Wellington, Hamilton, and Christchurch.</p>
<p><b>Application closing date</b></p>	<p>To be confirmed.</p>
<p><b>Application requirements</b></p>	<p>Applications must be proposed and seconded by current LANZBC members.</p>
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