

## PNGAAA 2022 ELECTIONS

### NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

### CANDIDATE PROFILES

#### Candidates for President position

##### BEATRICE G. MAHURU



Beatrice G. Mahuru studied at Somerset House in Brisbane in 1990-1991.

She has led a successful development organisation, operating in a fast-paced corporate world; and has over 20 years of experience in some of Papua New Guinea's highly regarded corporations.

She believes her experience to the PNGAAA executive team will bring corporate honed, community sensitized, inclusive leadership that offers multinational experience, multicultural consulting and a net worth of network to improve PNGAAA's engagements and grow the Association's footprint.

##### IOLA TAMTU



Iola Tamtu is an alumna of the Overseas Secondary School Scholarship Program having studied at Clayfield College in Brisbane.

She is currently the Deputy Country Director for the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) based in Port Moresby.

Iola believes in the power of the PNGAAA network and says she knows the Association's level of contribution to the development of PNG can be so much more than it is today. Therefore, her goal for her three (3) year term is for PNGAAA to build its legacy in each Provincial Chapter and PNG, through partnerships and coalitions. She plans to do so by strengthening the Provincial Chapters by reconnecting and rebuilding the relationship between the National Executive and the Provincial Chapters. Then continue PNGAAA's growth in the

Provinces with West New Britain and New Ireland next on the drawing board and finally to establish partnerships and form coalitions with like minded people and organisations who will be able to collaborate with PNGAAA to collectively achieve its mission.

She is confident she can contribute to this, because of her extensive experience in strategic alumni engagement work with Australia Awards PNG as a former member of the PNGAAA Secretariat and former Divine Word University Alumni President for the Port Moresby Chapter from 2014 to 2017.

## **KIA-HENRY NEMA**



Kia-Henry Nema is a public health, public policy, and international development specialist who has a Master of Public Health and International Development from University of Queensland.

He has extensive technical and advisory roles with the Government of PNG, particularly with the Department of National Planning and Monitoring where he wrote the Millennium Development Goals final summary report in 2015 which was presented to the UN General Assembly. He recently wrote the 2020 Sustainable Development Goals Voluntary National Review report which was presented to the UN by Prime Minister Honourable James Marape MP. He also helped developed the National Censorship Policy 2021-2025 and is currently finalising the corporate plan.

Nema has worked with various renowned international development organisations supporting public health and governance programs.

He has been an active member of PNGAAA since 2015. He served under the PNGAAA Ambassador program, facilitated many public events for the Association, and co-founded and led the Alumni Cafe where PNGAAA members contribute to important development and public policy discourse of PNG. He played a key role in the participation of Prime Minister Honourable James Marape MP on the panel of the Alumni Cafe in June 2019, first time a Prime Minister has participated in a PNGAAA event.

Nema believes in the enormous potential and capacity of PNGAAA and wishes to contribute meaningfully to strategic and high-level public policy and development discourse in PNG. He trusts he has the right exposure and necessary capacity to make PNGAAA a force to be reckoned with. He also believes PNGAAA is a great model for national unity and can contribute through creative ways in building greater partnerships and people-to-people connections with the people of Australia, their government and organisations.

## PAMELA KAMYA



Dr Pamela Kamya holds a PhD in Environmental Science and Management from Southern Cross University and is the Team Lead for the Papua New Guinea Australia Transition to Health Program with Abt Associates and was the Vice President for PNGAAA from 2019 to 2022.

Dr Kamya is a driven, young female Papua New Guinean who aspires to complete a law degree to complement her current line of duty.

She believes she will contribute different strategies, ideas, and concepts that will bring a younger vibrancy and energy to the PNGAAA.

## ROBYN ROBINSON



Robyn Robinson holds a Bachelor in Environmental Practice majoring in Land and Water Management from James Cook University graduating in 2019.

She is the Chief Operating Officer of LEAN Consulting PNG Limited, a local business that focuses on providing technical assistance services, consulting and research. Prior to that she was the Regional Manager for Total Waste Management based out at the Exxon Mobil LNGP Site. And before that, she was the Projects and Donor Relations Director with Marie Stopes Papua New Guinea.

Robyn aims to continue to support PNGAAA's contributions at the policy level in various thematic areas. She sees PNGAAA as a platform where members can use to connect, converse and collaborate for change. Robyn believes the high caliber of PNGAAA alumni are capable of challenging the status quo and are resilient.

## **Candidates for Vice President position**

### DOROTHY KUKUM



Dorothy Kukum has a Master's in Agribusiness from University of Queensland and is the Acting Director - Community Development with the Enga Provincial Administration's Social Services.

An agribusiness practitioner for over 20 years working in all six districts of Enga Province, Dorothy is active in discussions and

pragmatic solutions to build climate resilient communities in the highlands of Papua New Guinea, as well as the high-altitude areas of the coastal provinces. In the high-altitude areas of the coastal provinces, Dorothy partnered with fellow alumna and mentee Martha Raka in the Australia Awards PNG's Women Alumni Mentoring Initiative to trial that project. Using the opportunities provided by PNGAAA, Dorothy believes that more can be done in expanding professional networking links throughout Papua New Guinea in sharing skills, knowledge and experiences to empower communities socio-economically, socio-ecologically and socio-politically.

By contesting the Vice President position, Dorothy looks forward to fulfilling the aspirations of PNGAAA together with other executive.

## **JOHN JAMBERT**



John Jambert is a Specialist in Learning and Development focusing on leadership, supervisory, personal and organisational programs and initiatives. He has experience in sports administration and coaching at both national and regional levels.

John has a Master of Commerce in International Business from Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia and is the Principal Consultant & Master Trainer of Integrated Training & Development Consultancy Ltd.

He is an active member of the PNG Australia Alumni Association and was an Executive Committee Member with the Association from 2019-2022. He has contributed meaningfully various forums and events and is now being nominated for the position of Vice President. He is a motivational speaker, a strategic thinker and brings with him a lot of experience and believes he will add value to the organisation.

## **SHANE KONIEL**



Shane Koniel has a Bachelor Degree in Business from Griffith University.

He started his own business in 2000 after completing studies in Australia. Shane has over 20 years of work experience in different fields such as Accounting & Finance, Gold Export, Training, and Customs Clearance & Cartage.

He was the Treasurer with the PNGAAA national executive from 2019-2022.

## **Candidates for Secretary position**

### **BERTHA NGAHAN**



Bertha Ngahan has a Master of Education (Digital Technologies) from University of Melbourne.

She is a teacher at Hargy International School in Kimbe, West New Britain.

### **IOLA TAMTU**



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## **NOELYNN MINIMULU**



Noelynn Minimulu graduated in 2013 from University of Western Australia with a Master's in Science Communication.

She is a Math and Physics Teacher in Upper Secondary at OLSH International School in Kavieng, New Ireland Province.

Noelynn was an executive committee member with the PNGAAA from 2019 to 2022. She believes that she has developed her leadership skills by being part of the PNGAAA executive which she hopes to harness. Additionally, Noelynn is confident she can create effective strategies to encourage networking methods and assist all PNGAAA chapters to work in collaboration to build the Association through sharing of ideas and information, and to enhance capacity building both at provincial and national levels.

## **Candidates for Treasurer position**

### **MARTINA YAUIEB**



Martina Yauieb has a Certificate IV Entrepreneurship & Innovation from University of Sunshine Coast, and she owns and manages GREF PNG Limited.

Martina was the Secretary with the PNGAAA from 2019 to 2022. Her role with PNGAAA then was focused on special projects with the aim of developing a business arm for the Association. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Association has been limited to fundraising resources and avenues. She believes, as a treasurer, she will be able to maintain the focus on developing strategies to increase the Association's cashflow by developing a business model for the Association. This will enable PNGAAA to deliver services that generates an income consistently for the Association as opposed to being dependent on a single fundraising event or sponsorships.

As a business owner herself, spanning over 10 years, she believes she has enough exposure and the mindset to deliver PNGAAA as a self-sufficient and independent Association in the country.



## STOTICK KAPRANGI



Stotick Kaprangi has a master's in business administration & master's in professional accounting (MBAC) from University of Southern Queensland.

He is an Internal Audit, Risk & Compliance Specialist and has more than 10 years of experience working in several industries such as food & beverage, manufacturing, and finance & banking. He is currently the Acting Manager Risk & Compliance for Nambawan Super Ltd, prior to that he was an Assistant Manager

with PwC providing accounting, internal audit, and risk consultation to non-profit, manufacturing and mining organisations to name a few.

Stotick's wealth of my experience comes from private sector organisations, and he has also volunteered his time to professional associations such as the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) PNG Chapter and contributes to community engagements with the Divine Word University Alumni Port Moresby Chapter. He is passionate about sharing knowledge both professionally and personally with unemployed youths and young professionals to steer and provide guidance in developing their careers/professions.

He says becoming the PNGAAA National Treasurer would enable him to contribute his skills and knowledge in developing strategic financial reporting policies and frameworks for both the National and Provincial Chapters (if non-existent) to meet best practice requirements for PNGAAA. Moreover, he would like to implement projects at both national and provincial levels with appropriate budget allocation that is fair and non-biased to all our members during his tenure.

## **Candidates for Executive Committee Member positions**

### BERTHA NGAHAN



Bertha Ngahan has a Master of Education (Digital Technologies) from University of Melbourne.

She is a teacher at Hargy International School in Kimbe, West New Britain.

## CATHERINE GALGAL



Catherine Galgal has a Diploma in Graphic Design from Chisholm Institute, Melbourne, Australia.

Catherine is an entrepreneur and runs her small family business called Pteris Natural Products which retails quality virgin coconut oils, handmade soaps and other health and beauty products. With her background in graphic designs, she has more than nine years of experience working for

various companies doing advertising, marketing, and sales. In her own time, she serves in communities doing voluntary work. She is an active member of the Rotary Club and PNG Australia Alumni Association.

She was a former executive committee member with the PNGAAA Morobe Chapter, and she believes she has the experience to take up that role. She hopes to support the core executive of the Association and likewise the PNGAAA Chapters if she is elected.

## FIDELIS GOLU



Fidelis Golu hails from Bougainville and works with UN Women under the 'Women Make Change' Programme supporting women political participation and decision-making in all levels of government.

Fidelis graduated with a master's degree in Public Policy, specialising in Economic Policy and a Diploma in Public Administration from the Australian National University.

He hopes to be a member of the PNGAAA executive committee so that he can contribute ideas and support the Association's executive to implement its objectives for the best interest of provincial chapters and members.

## JOHN VULE

John Vule has a bachelor's degree in Property and Sustainable Development from Bond University.

He is based in East New Britain and is the Team Leader - Property, fix assets and Facility at PNGCCIL.



## LAVINIA TOVUE



Lavinia ToVue holds a Master of Agribusiness from The University of Queensland and is an agribusiness specialist with 11 years of experience working in the agriculture sector.

She has worked in the private sector as a Smallholder Coordinator and Factory Manager before pursuing her masters under the Australia Awards Scholarship. Lavinia is currently working on the Pacific Horticultural & Agricultural Market Access Program

(PHAMA Plus).

During her studies in Australia in 2016, Lavinia was the Vice President of the Gatton International Student Association (GISA) at The University of Queensland. GISA was the voice for international students on The UQ Union and brought international students and their families together at The University of Queensland through fun activities on and off campus. Lavinia led her the planning, organising and delivery of activities and events that brought members together to be involved in the community. She worked closely with the Gatton Multicultural Association, so members were included in community events.

She has volunteered for alumni activities in the past especially the PNGAAA organised Australia Bush Fire Appeal in February 2020 and is aware that the role is voluntary. She is willing to commit her time to be part of the national executive and work with a team of elite Papua New Guineans to lead the alumni.

## LINDA NARAKOU

Linda Narakou has a Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Ventures from University of Sunshine Coast.

She is the Managing Director of LEED Management Limited and is based in New Ireland.

## MICHAEL KISOMBO



Michael Kisombo holds a master's in museum studies from The University of Queensland and has over 20 years of experience as a Senior Museum and Heritage Specialist. He has worked with PNG National Museum and Art Gallery, Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Arts and the National Gallery of Australia. He has also worked as a Consultant with UNICEF and ADB administered

Climate Resilience project as Deputy Team Leader. Currently, Michael is the Manager at the Centre for Arts and Innovation, a not for profit making organization.

Michael is one of the pioneers of the PNGAAA Ambassador Program. He was part of the team that initiated the Alumnae Café which is one of the engagement programs for the PNGAAA.

Michael is contesting for one of the Executive Committee Member positions and believes he will introduce new initiatives towards PNGAAA's engagement programs to strengthen the activities of the Association. He says public discourse on ideas propagated by members are important and have impact on policy matters, government, advisory, capacity building and must be made to good use.

## **PETER MINIMULU**



Peter Minimulu is the Mariculture Manager of National Fisheries Authority's Nago Island Mariculture & Research Facility in New Ireland Province.

He holds a Certificate in Agriculture Research Management from Mt Eliza School of Business, Melbourne, Australia under the John Dillon Fellowship Awards.

Peter admires the work of the PNGAAA especially on the national scale. He says there has been lots of skills sharing and bouncing of great ideas from leaders and like-minded alumni which contribute meaningfully to the development of the country. He sees a need for harnessing and empowering young people to be leaders and game-changers on many fronts in different sectors. Peter says he will commit to working with the PNGAAA executive to contribute ideas to fulfil its mandate.

## **RUTH SELOU**



Ruth Selou is an alumna of the Overseas Secondary School Scholarship Program having studied at Emmanuel College in Queensland, Australia.

She is a Management Accountant operating National Finance Ltd in Manus and operates her own consulting SME. Ruth was the President of Manus Chapter from 2019 to 2022. She specialises in institutional building, setting up businesses, associations, groups and companies by monitoring and mentoring them through challenges of business growth.

If given the opportunity to lead in PNGAAA as an Executive Committee Member, she hopes to improve some of the following areas:

- PNGAAA Financial Guidelines training and awareness workshop on PNGAAA constitution for Chapter leaders
- Work with the National Executive to build a 10 year plan for PNGAAA in alignment with PNG Vision 2050 specifically on pillar 1 (Human Capital) and pillar 3 (Institutional Building)
- Strategically build sector working committees to improve people-to-people networks across the Provinces
- Design and develop standard funding framework for annual revenue programs for each Chapter
- Support PNGAAA outreach programs in remote areas of PNG
- Strengthen reporting processes

## **THERESA LEI**



Dr Theresa Lei is a medical doctor with a background in Anesthesiology and she has a Master of Health and Medical Law from University of Melbourne graduating in 2010. She is currently working with the West New Britain Provincial Health Authority as the Deputy Director Public Health in charge of all the Rural Health Facilities in the Province.

Dr Lei has worked as a Medical Officer for almost 24 years in various capacities and various health institutions including public and private, working mostly in Public Service. Since completing her Masters, she has worked as a volunteer with various organisations including Australian Doctors International (ADI), Nossal Institute for Global Health University of Melbourne and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Country Office in Port Moresby. For the last six (6) years, she has worked with West New Britain Provincial Health Authority (WNBPHA) initially as a Rural Health Specialist doing outreach patrols and recently appointed to the position as the Deputy Director for Public Health Rural Health Facilities.

## **TINA MARK**



Tina Mark holds a Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship from University of Sunshine Coast.

She is a nurse by profession but is currently running her own second hand clothing business in Alotau which she started in 2013. Given her

experience of the struggles of running an SME, Tina decided to run an initiative called the K20 multiplication project, in her local community to assist small business owners and community members to generate an income from K20 and multiply that to support their families.

Tina was the Vice President for Milne Bay Chapter from 2019-2022 and has initiated many community-based projects to support local women and children. She was the winner of the 2019 PNG Australia Alumni Awards under the Australian High Commission Women in Leadership Award in recognition of her community service and leadership in helping vulnerable groups in society.