Rules for the New Zealand Region

1 The New Zealand Fellows (FCSANZ), Ordinary Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, Honorary and Life Members of the Cardiac Society of Australia & New Zealand shall comprise the New Zealand Region of the Society.

2 The Articles and Memorandum of Association of the full Society shall govern the procedures for the New Zealand Region.

3 There shall be a Regional Committee elected from and by the Members of the New Zealand Region.

4 The Committee shall consist of
   • A Chairman
   • One Member from each of the following centres:
     Auckland
     Wellington
     Christchurch
     Dunedin
     Hamilton
     A centre other than previous centres
   • A surgical member shall be co-opted by the Committee unless one of its elected Members is a Cardiac Surgeon.
   • An Honorary Secretary/Treasurer shall be co-opted by the Committee and need not necessarily live in the same city as the Chairman.
   • The immediate Past Chairman shall be an additional Member of the Committee for one year after vacating office.
   • The Medical Director of the National Heart Foundation of New Zealand or his/her nominee is ex officio a member of the New Zealand Regional Committee.
   • Members of Council are ex officio Members of the New Zealand Regional Committee.
   • An Affiliate Representative - Nurse
   • An Affiliate Representative – Non Nurse
The Chairman will normally come from a different city from the retiring Chairman and shall be elected for two years.

Each Member shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Region for a period of two years.

Members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum period of six years' continuous service except that a Member may continue to serve if elected Chairman or co-opted as Secretary.

Co-opted Members will serve for two years but be eligible for re-co-option for a maximum of six years.

The Honorary Secretary/Treasurer shall be co-opted by the Committee and shall hold office for two years and be eligible for re-co-option for a maximum of four years.

Nominations for the Chairman and the Committee must be signed by the proposer, seconder, and the person nominated and submitted to the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer one month before the Annual General Meeting.

Committee Members should be nominated from Members in the relevant centre or area.

The election of the Committee will be carried out at the Annual General Meeting by all Members.

In the event of insufficient nominations being received, nominations will be accepted at the Annual General Meeting.

All Committee Members, including co-opted Members, shall have equal voting rights, except that the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

The Chairman, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer and appropriate provincial representative shall comprise an Executive of the Regional Committee.

The Chairman need not necessarily reside in the same city as the Executive.

The Chairman shall be ex officio a member of Council.

The Executive shall be responsible for arranging the Annual Scientific Meeting of the New Zealand Region, including the selection of scientific papers.

The financial year for the New Zealand Region shall coincide with that of the full Society, i.e. from 1 May to 30 April.

The Regional Committee shall have the power to form and run a Charitable Trust the principle of which is to run the New Zealand Scientific Meetings.