

Nick Lourantos

Bid for re-election to the Board of International Taekwon-Do Foundation of New Zealand

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What I've already done for International Taekwon-Do

- Chairman and Lead Team Member ITF Taekwon-Do World Championships 2011 Ltd 2009 – 2011
- Wellington Regional Director 1996 – 2013
- Lead Team Member OTF Oceania Championships 2010 2010
- Member of the ITFNZ Board since (Board Chair since 2019) 2018 - Present

Key awards I've attained

- 2009 ITFNZ Presidents' Award for Outstanding Contribution
- 2011 ITFNZ Presidents' Award for Outstanding Contribution
- 2011 Wellington Sports Awards - Co-volunteer of the Year



What I'd like to do for International Taekwon-Do

- Help ITFNZ grow its membership base by empowering instructors;
 - View the implementation of the Strategic Plan during 2024
- Complete the migration of the ITFNZ Board to a strong Governance based role.
- Continue to attract great Governance focused Directors and establish a strong Portfolio relationship with the Operational Team.

Key skills I bring to the ITFNZ Board

Strategic thinking

I have a deep understanding of strategic analysis, developing and implementing strategy.

Business thinking

Using my professional experience, I bring General Management level leadership skills to the Board that can be mixed with strong Taekwon-Do leadership already present on the Board.

Team Leadership

As a past Regional Director I bring strong leadership, and grass roots representation to the Board.

Needs Analysis

In my professional roles, I have helped develop new products and services through clear understanding of customer and staff needs. These skills are transferable to the ITFNZ Board.

Stakeholder Management

I understand and have experience at maintaining excellent business and volunteer relationships both internally and externally.

<i>Facilitation and teaching</i>	I'm deeply involved in the running of the ITKD Miramar Taekwon-Do Club. My focus on teaching juniors enables me to understand the needs of young students, as they develop into adults and future leaders.
<i>Communication</i>	I love talking. I write okay and I present with confidence.
<i>Financial Management</i>	I have been a Board Member of an NZX-listed TeamTalk Ltd subsidiary and understand the importance of strong financial management. That experience enabled the 2011 World Championships company to host a successful competition; and pay circa \$100,000 tax-free dividend to ITFNZ.

Key things I've done in my professional career

I have both Business and Taekwon-Do sport management experience. I was a senior staff member of listed NZX Company Vital (ex TeamTalk) Limited where I have undertaken 4 key roles over the 25 years in the TeamTalk Group of companies;

1. Customer Engineering
2. Sales and National Account Management Roles
3. General Manager of Wireless Broadband Division
4. Strategic Business Development Role

Over the last 4 years I have focused my attention to Property Management and Co-Instructor at ITKD Miramar Club while managing 4 Grandchildren (actually my wife does that!).

My Qualifications

- Diploma in Computer Engineering CIT
- 1 Degree ITF Taekwon-Do
- ITF International Instructor

My Key Interests

- ITFNZ since 1991 - Membership Number 1832
- Fishing
- Football