

Urban Design Forum New Zealand – Possible Structures – Feedback Sought

UDF NZ needs to put in place a formal structure in 2009 (i.e. a national committee of some form with at least a president, treasurer and secretary).

Your views on possible options for the structure of UDF NZ are welcomed.

The adopted structure will replace the current informal organising committee that has been operating over the last year.

The intention is that once a structure has been adopted, then the positions required by that structure will need to be elected by the UDF membership.

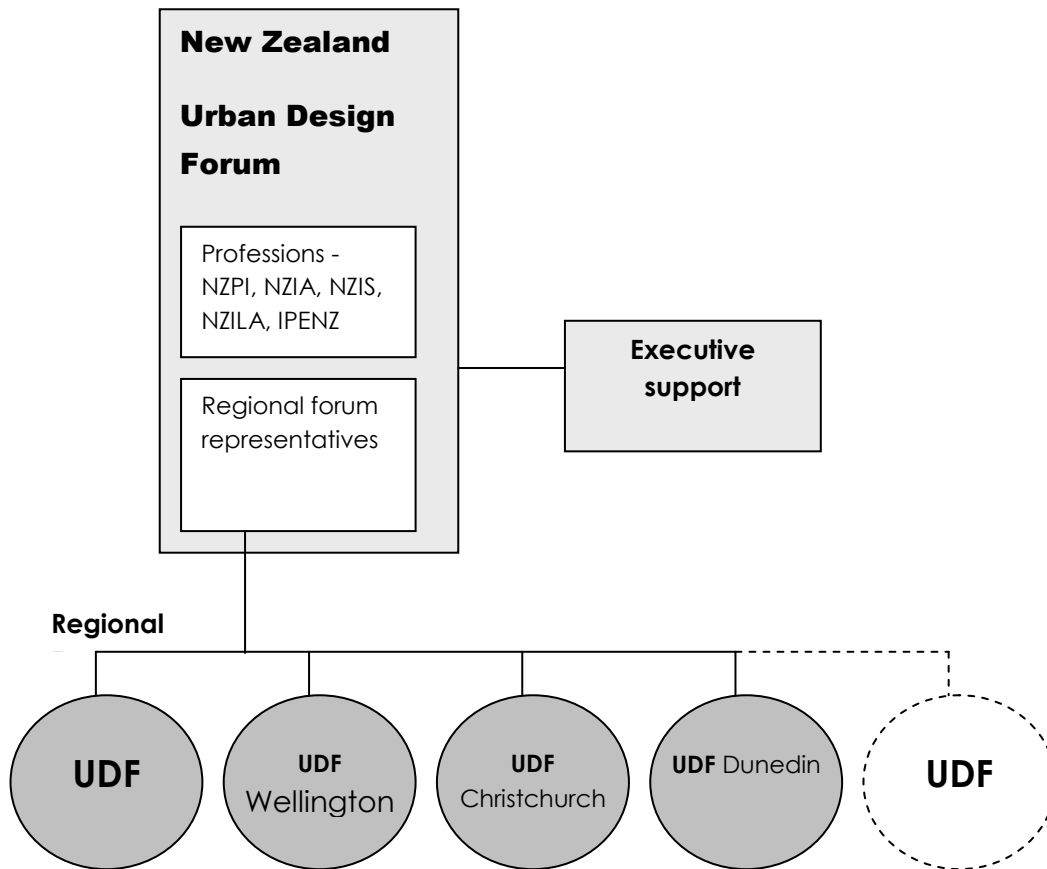
This needs to occur in the first quarter of 2009. These positions will not be paid, nor will expenses be remunerated. Administrative assistance will still be provided by NZPI under our current agreement. At some point UDF may be able to support its own co-ordinator.

Set out below are two possible structures: one with a strong regional and Professional Institute emphasis at the national level, the other with a more tightly focused national committee and a greater emphasis on regional groups being the main activity area.

We need your views on which way to go.

Please send your thoughts to David Mead @ d.mead@hyc.co.nz and I will collate feedback.

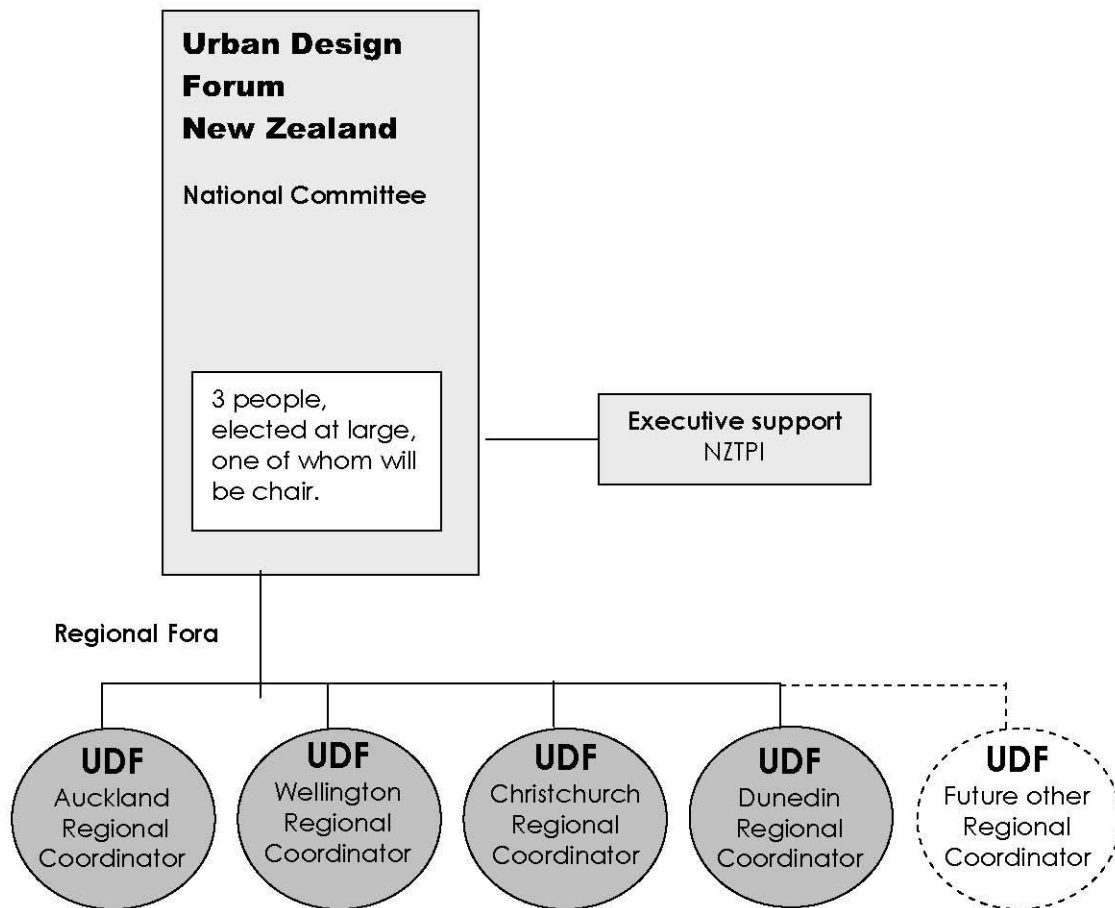
Option One



Notes

- 1 If this is to be a multi-disciplinary initiative, and a national (New Zealand) organisation, then both professional and regional representation will be required. The national committee would have at least 5 people, representing each of the five supporting Institutes.
- 2 Initially, there should also be representation from regional fora in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Dunedin (also representing the surrounding regions). There should be potential to increase this representation should a further forum be established in any other centre.
- 3 This suggests a committee of nine. However, another option to consider would be for a professional representative to also represent a region.
- 4 The National Committee would have an organising role (e.g. co-ordinating a series of nation-wide seminars, network events, submissions and resources like the website), as well as a strong advocacy role.

Option Two



Notes

1. While the organisation has to be national and cross-disciplinary, it also has to operate on a very small budget, and be essentially non-bureaucratic. It will mostly be an email and web-based organisation.
2. The National Committee will handle the website, Institute liaison, and coordinate submissions to central Government. Funding will cover website costs and distribution of some discretionary funds to the regions for specific events.
3. The Regional Coordinators, with local assistance organised to suit, will organise local events, local submissions and local media relations. News of these will be sent to the National Committee for inclusion in the website.

4. There probably needs to be simple protocol about local submissions and media statements being approved by a member of the National Committee.
5. This structure appears to ignore the need to have representation from across the supporting Institutes, but it should be possible to arrange this from among the pool of 3 National Committee members and 4 regional coordinators.

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by **28 February 2009**