INTERIM MANA CONSTITUTION

These rules were adopted by the Interim Mana Executive on May 12, 2011

RULES

1. Name

1.1. The name of the organisation shall be MANA.

1.2. MANA shall be a political movement and shall maintain registration under Part 4 of the Electoral Act 1993.

1.3. The registered office of MANA shall be determined by the Executive.

2. Objectives

2.1. The election of competent persons as parliamentary representatives.

2.2. tbc

3. Membership

3.1 MANA is an inclusive and broad political movement and accepts membership from any persons who:

3.1.1 work to support MANA;

3.1.2 act within the MANA constitution;

3.1.3 abide by lawful decisions made in accordance with the MANA constitution;

3.1.4 pay the appropriate membership fee as set by the Executive

3.1.5 and who is not a member of a competing political party as determined by the Executive.

3.2 Any person of at least 13 years of age may make application to join MANA.

3.3 A person may apply to join directly to the Secretary on an official membership form or through a ROHE Committee.

3.3 The applicant shall be advised in writing of acceptance of their membership. Commencement of membership for the purpose of clause 3.5 and 3.6 shall take effect from the date of the acceptance of the application form by the Secretary.

3.4 On acceptance, financial members shall be entitled to attend and participate in MANA internal meetings and to stand for MANA internal office-holders positions.

3.5 Any person, who is a member of MANA on the date at the opening of nominations, shall be entitled to participate in decision-making in local candidate and local list recommendations.

3.6 The registration fee entitles membership for three years.

3.7 The Executive may decline or cancel any membership that they believe does not meet the criteria outlined in clause 3.1. The applicant shall be advised in writing of the decision. The applicant may appeal to the MANA Executive where any decision on their membership status shall be final.

4. Interim Party Structure

4.1 The MANA Executive provides national organisational leadership. The Executive is the governing body of MANA outside of an Annual General Meeting and meets regularly.

4.2 An interim Executive of the individuals listed in schedule 1 shall govern MANA until the first Annual Hui , which shall be held before 1st November 2011.

4.3 The MANA Executive comprises the following –

4.3.1 President
4.3.2 Leader
4.3.3 Secretary
4.3.4 Director
4.3.5 One representative from each ROHE (with an alternate)

4.4 If there is a vacancy in any of the above positions, then the Executive may appoint a person to hold office for the balance of term.

4.5 ROHE shall replace their representatives as they determine.

4.6 A quorum shall consist of at least 7 of the Executive's members and must include 5 ROHE representatives.

4.7 There shall be a special general meeting immediately following the General Election to select the MANA Leader.

4.8 All decisions of the Executive shall be by consensus. Where there is not agreement those in a minority shall be asked whether they will accept a majority view. Should there still not be consensus then a decision may by made provided there is a 2/3 majority of those present including at least 4 ROHE representatives supporting such a decision.

4.7 The MANA Executive shall delegate to ROHE or other entities such authority and work as appropriate to ensure MANA objectives are achieved.

5. ROHE

5.1 ROHE boundaries shall be determined by the Maori Electorate boundaries.

5.2 ROHE committees shall be responsible for the MANA organisation in their boundaries including general electorates.

5.3 ROHE committees must hold Annual Hui to elect ROHE officers and representatives and receive financial and other reports. At least two weeks written notice of the date, time and place and agenda of the annual hui must be given to all financial members of the MANA organisation within the ROHE.

5.4 All ROHE must hold their first Annual Hui before 1st September 2011. Interim ROHE committees may be appointed by the Executive before this date.

6. Annual National Hui

6.1 MANA shall annually hold a National Hui on a date nominated by the MANA Executive to include;

6.1.1 Election of Officers
6.1.2 Receiving audited financial reports
6.1.3 Amendments to any rules.
6.1.4 The consideration and acceptance of policies
6.1.5 Remits.
6.1.6 Such other matters necessary for the carrying out of MANA activities.

6.2 The Executive shall notify ROHE of the date and place of the Annual Hui and call for remits, nominations for officers and any rule changes at least two months in advance and advise ROHE of remits, nominations and proposed rule changes received at least two weeks before the Annual Hui

7 Candidate Selection

7.1 All nominees for ROHE local candidate selection and/or the party list must first be nominated into the candidate pool by four financial members of the Mana Party.

7.2 Each nominee into the candidate pool wishing to be a Mana Party local candidate shall state the electorate for which they intend to seek nomination for.

7.3 A nominee shall be eligible to stand for selection as a Mana party parliamentary candidate for an electorate and/or the party list once they have received 75% or more votes of members of the Executive.

7.4 All ROHE local candidate selections shall be completed on a date determined by the Executive

7.5 All ROHE local candidate selection processes shall be approved by the MANA Executive and shall include:

7.5.1 At least 7 days written notification of the selection process, nomination closing date and selection meeting details to all current MANA members living within the local electorate boundaries.

7.5.2 At least one selection meeting within the electorate at which all eligible nominees are invited to speak and to which Mana members living within the electorate boundaries are able to attend, ask questions of the nominees and vote for their preferred candidate.

7.6 Where electorates are unable to complete their selection of candidates by the date determined by the Executive, the Executive shall have the authority to select candidates according to an agreed process that may differ from 7.5.1 and 7.5.2 above.

7.7 The List committee shall recommend a candidate list to the Executive for final approval. The List committee shall consist of:

7.7.1 President
7.7.2 The Leader
7.7.3 Seven members elected by the Executive on the nomination of each ROHE Committee

7.8 With the exception of the Leader, nominees for the List Committee must not be party list candidates but can be ROHE or electorate candidates.

7.9 The List Committee shall complete its recommendations on a date determined by the Executive.

7.10 The List Committee will have the authority to interview potential list candidates where necessary.

7.11 The List Committee will rank the candidates and take into consideration any criteria set by the Executive.

7.12 The List Committee shall forward the List to ROHE for further ranking before recommending a final Party List to the Executive for approval.

8 Rule Changes

8.1 The Interim MANA Executive may change these rules up until the first MANA National Hui after notifying proposed changes to all members in writing at least 7 days before any changes are made.

8.2 Changes to these rules may then only be made at the MANA National Annual Hui or at a Special National Hui called by the Executive for that purpose.

8.3 Any proposed rule change at an annual or special hui must be submitted to the Secretary at least 4 weeks before and be notified to all members in writing at least 2 weeks before the hui.

9 Resolution of Differences

9.1 Differences that may arise from time to time shall be resolved at the earliest opportunity by those involved.

9.2 Disciplinary action may be brought against a member who:

9.2.1 refuses to comply with MANA Constitution;

9.2.2 improperly deals with any party funds;

9.2.3 in any other way wilfully brings MANA or its members into public disrepute.

9.3 A serious complaint against a member for any of the above reasons shall first be communicated in writing to the relevant ROHE for resolution. If it cannot be resolved at this level, it shall be referred to the MANA Executive who shall act swiftly and with discretion to seek resolution of the matter through a process approved by the MANA Executive ensuring due process and fairness is adhered to and followed.

9. Dissolution Clause

9.1 A special Hui of MANA may resolve that MANA be dissolved as from the date to be named in the resolution, and may also by such resolution direct the method of disposing of the assets and property of MANA after its dissolution.

9.2 Upon the resolution being confirmed at a subsequent meeting called for the purpose and held not earlier than 30 days after the date on which the first resolution was passed, MANA shall be dissolved.

9.3 A notice of the resolution and its confirmation shall be sent to the Electoral Commission and the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. The property of MANA shall upon dissolution be transferred to such political or other organisations having objects similar to those of MANA within New Zealand as the meeting of dissolution shall determine or in default as may be determined by the High Court of New Zealand on the application of the Executive.

Mana Interim Constitution

Schedule 1

Interim Executive Members as per clause 4.2 of the rules:

1. **Hone Harawira**
2. **Matt McCarten**
3. **Raewyn Harrison**
4. **Annette Sykes**
5. **Malcolm Mulholland**