



Report of the Constitutional Committee

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Report of the Constitution Committee

May 23, 2019

As required under Section 16 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution, members who wished to propose amendments to the Constitution had until 30 days prior to the commencement of the forthcoming Annual Meeting (i.e. May 8, 2019) to submit them to the Secretary, and the Constitution Committee is then to report on those amendments and those it proposes on its own initiative at least 15 days prior to the commencement of the forthcoming Annual Meeting (i.e. by May 23, 2019).

An unprecedented number of proposed amendments were received in accordance with that deadline from several party members, and they are included within this report. As well, the Committee is proposing a number of additional amendments on its own initiative, and these are, as well, set out herein.

The Committee was also mandated, as a result of a resolution that was passed at the end of the constitutional session at the 2016 Annual Meeting, to monitor the progress of the Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) in the implementation of its new constitution, adopted in May of 2016, and to report on its findings to the first OLP Annual Meeting after the next provincial election. This is that first Annual Meeting.

The general theme of those reforms was to greatly simplify the LPC constitution, placing an increased level of authority in the hands of its Executive. As well, it did away with the concept of party membership, replacing it with the status of “Registered Liberal”, for which no membership fee could be charged. It further did away with the concept of delegated conventions; any Registered Liberal may attend a party convention and upon paying the registration fee, vote on the election of officers, constitutional amendments, etc.

Generally, the Committee has detected no sense at all within the Ontario Liberal Party to mimic these specific reforms, although at the same time, it is clear that there is a great desire to modernize our party’s processes and move with the times, technologically, politically and organizationally. One manifestation of that desire for change is the volume of amendments that the Committee has received for consideration at the forthcoming convention. Moreover, at least two of those member proposals overlap the LPC abolition of paid membership, albeit to differing degrees. As a Committee we must be cautious not to pre-empt any such debate, and we are, in any event not prepared to advance any proposals of our own this year, based upon the LPC experience.

Nevertheless, the Committee is of the view that the OLP would be well-served over the next year or two, to carry out a considered review of its processes in all respects, and not merely regarding those that mirror the LPC’s own initiatives. For this reason, we recommend that the incoming Executive Council establish a task force, separate and apart from this Committee, to consult widely with Ontario Liberals on the changes they would like to see, and that this task force report back to the next general meeting of the party, with a view to determining the directions that we might take, both in party structures

and processes, and in organizational and political methodology as we move toward the 2022 election.

Returning to this year's proposals, we have a number of proposals that overlap or conflict with one another. In most cases, it has been possible to group them together, and where necessary, delegates will be required to choose between one alternative or another by simple majority. In these cases the chosen amendment will proceed to full consideration where a 2/3 majority is required in order for the proposed amendment to be adopted.

Finally, it is possible that the adoption of some amendments would make subsequent amendments redundant or meaningless. In the event that this occurs, it may be necessary for the withdrawal of one or more of the amendments contained herein, without consideration.

Jack Siegel
OLP Constitution Committee Chair

1. Proposed by Ryan Singh – Housekeeping re Spent Provisions

Explanatory Note:

All of the following provisions are transitional in nature, adopted for the smooth implementation of changes to the regional structure in 2016. Those changes have now been fully implemented and the provisions serve no continuing purpose and may be safely repealed without any effect.

Sections 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, and 14.3 now read:

4 OFFICERS

- 4.9 Despite any amendment to this Constitution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party of November 18 – 19, 2016, the Regional Vice-Presidents to be elected at that Annual Meeting shall be as set out in subsections 4.1 (i) - (n) inclusive as they existed up to November 17, 2016.
- 4.10 Upon the conclusion of that Annual Meeting:
- a) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region) shall continue to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region);
 - b) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Ottawa Region);
 - c) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA North Region);
 - d) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Toronto Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA Central Region);
 - e) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (South Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Golden Horseshoe Region);
 - f) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region); and
 - g) The Executive Council shall, in accordance with section 5.10, appoint individuals to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) and as Regional Vice-President (GTA East Region)
- 4.11 Despite section 4.10, with the consent of all of the Regional Vice-Presidents who might thereby be affected, the Executive Council may, not later than December 31, 2016, reassign any of the Regional Vice-Presidents to assume that office for a different Region than as set out in section 4.10.

14 REGIONS

14.3 Until such time as the Provincial Council amends Schedule “A”, the Regions shall be:

- a) Northern Region;
- b) Eastern Region;
- c) Ottawa Region;
- d) GTA North Region;
- e) GTA East Region;
- f) GTA Central Region;
- g) Golden Horseshoe Region; and
- h) Southwestern Region.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

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2. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Vice-Presidents

Explanatory Note:

The title “Operational Vice-President” is cumbersome & rarely used in regular communication.

Sections 4.1, 4.26, 5.1, 6.23, 7.7, 7.17 and 7.18 now read:

4 OFFICERS

- 4.1 The following officers of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be elected at each annual meeting:
- a) President
 - b) Executive Vice-President
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Secretary
 - e) Operational Vice-President (Policy)
 - f) Operational Vice-President (Organization)
 - g) Operational Vice-President (Communications)
 - h) Operational Vice-President (Engagement)
 - i) The Regional Vice-Presidents of each of the Regions set out in Schedule “A” to this Constitution.

Operational Vice-Presidents

- 4.26 Each Operational Vice-President shall be responsible for matters related to his or her office, and other duties and responsibilities assigned from time to time by Executive Council.

5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Elected Members

- 5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex- officio, namely:
- a) President
 - b) Executive Vice-President
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Secretary
 - e) Operational Vice-President (Policy)
 - f) Operational Vice-President (Organization)
 - g) Operational Vice-President (Communications)
 - h) Operational Vice-President (Engagement)
 - i) Past President

- j) The Regional Vice-Presidents of each of the Regions set out in Schedule “A” to this Constitution.(Northern Region)
- k) Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party or his or her designate appointed in accordance with section 4.2(b);
- l) Campaign Chair or his, her or their designate appointed in accordance with section 4.2(c);
- m) President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place;
- n) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place.

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

6.23 Notice of a regular meeting shall include:

- a) an agenda;
- b) a report from the Treasurer;
- c) a report from each of the four Operational Vice-Presidents; and
- d) a report from the Chair of each committee established by Provincial Council who wishes to submit such a report.

7 COMMITTEES

Permanent and Special Committees

7.7 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- a) The Operational Vice-President (Policy), who shall be the Chair of the Committee;
- b) The President or his or her designate;
- c) The Chair of the Liberal Caucus;
- d) The President of the Ontario Young Liberals or his or her designate;
- e) The President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission or her designate;
- f) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed);
- g) Each Regional Vice President or his or her designate;
- h) The Operational Vice-President (Engagement); and
- i) Such other members as may be appointed by the Operational Vice-President (Policy).

Ad Hoc Committees

7.17 Each Operational Vice-President may establish ad hoc committees from time to time as needed to assist with the organization and promotion of matters within his or her area of responsibility.

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3. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Association AGM Process

Explanatory Note:

The process outlined in the constitution for constituency associations to request to hold an annual meeting is not the process that has been followed for many years.

In actual practice, a constituency association makes a request to the OLP office to hold an annual meeting about a month in advance, because the OLP office has the responsibility to send the notice to all of the association members and needs to assess the availability of staff support on the requested date in the event that the annual meeting is contested.

This an amendment would bring the Constitution in line with current practice.

The Constitution currently reads:

- 15.27 Notice of an annual meeting shall be given to members of the constituency association, immediate past members of the constituency association, and to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party no later than fourteen (14) days before the meeting is to be held.
- 15.28 Notice of an annual meeting given to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party shall include a copy of the local constitution.
- 15.29 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may declare an annual meeting of a constituency association to be null and void if the required notice of the meeting was not given to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party.

It is proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

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15.27 A constituency association shall submit a request to the Executive Director to hold an annual meeting not later than twenty-eight (28) days before the intended meeting date. The request shall include a copy of the local constitution and the proposed date, time, and location of the annual meeting. The Executive Director shall provide a response to the request in a timely fashion.

15.28 The Executive Director shall ensure that notice of an annual meeting of a constituency association is provided to all members of the constituency association and all immediate past members of the constituency association.

4. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Association Membership Dues

Explanatory Note:

For a great many years, membership fees have been set by the OLP executive, and not by individual riding associations. This has resulted in uniformity and consistency across the province. At the 2012 AGM this was written into the constitution, in the form of c 3.24, below.

When section 3.24 was added, however, the portion of section 3.23 that implies there to be two levels of fee setting was left intact, creating a possibility of confusion. At the same time, section 3.25 was put in as a transitional measure, and serves no remaining purpose. This amendment would revise section 3.23 to be consistent with section 3.24, and section 3.25 would be removed.

The Constitution currently reads:

- 3.23 No dues or fees shall be payable by a member except the annual membership dues levied by the Ontario Liberal Party or by an Affiliated Association.
- 3.24 The Executive Council shall have the exclusive authority, to be exercised not more than once in any calendar year, to set the membership dues for all Affiliated Associations.
- 3.25 Until such time as the Executive council exercises its authority to set the membership dues for all Affiliated Associations, the fee structure shall be as it existed immediately prior to September 29, 2012.

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5. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Clarifying Membership Submission

Explanatory Note:

The constitution was amended several years ago to require that membership forms and membership dues be submitted to the party office in order to be valid. This both removed the burden of membership administration from riding volunteers and reduced confusion levels and disputes around contentious votes such as nomination meetings, AGMs, and leadership votes. A number of provisions remain, however, that indicate there to be a remaining role for riding-level acceptance, despite near-universally accepted practice to the contrary.

This amendment would remove any remaining perceived inconsistencies.

The Constitution currently reads:

- 3.11 In order to become a member of the Ontario Liberal Party, a new applicant shall submit a completed membership application form and the applicable annual membership dues to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 3.12 In order to renew a membership in the Ontario Liberal Party, a member in good standing or an immediate past member shall submit a completed membership renewal form (or membership application form) and the applicable annual membership dues to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 3.12.1 If the Secretary of an Affiliated Association receives one or more completed membership application forms or membership renewal forms, and applicable annual membership dues, he or she shall, at the earliest possible opportunity, forward the forms to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party. If the applicable dues have been paid by the applicant or renewing member by cheque payable to the Affiliated Association or by cash, the Affiliated Association may deposit the funds to its own account, in which case the Secretary of OLP or his or her designate may, within 60 days after the receipt of such forms, require the Affiliated Association provide proof of receipt of such payment.
- 15.1 In this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- c) "local membership list" means the list of the Executive members and members in good standing of a constituency association.
- 15.8 A person who has applied for membership in a constituency association, and who is refused membership may appeal the decision of the constituency association to a Board of Arbitration.

15.17 A constituency association shall maintain a local membership list of its Executive and all members in good standing of the constituency association.

15.18 A constituency association shall forward its local membership list to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party no later than four weeks after the constituency association holds an annual meeting.

It is proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

Delete sections 3.12.1 and 15.8, and amend sections 15.1(c), 15.17 and 15.18.

~~3.12.1 If the Secretary of an Affiliated Association receives one or more completed membership application forms or membership renewal forms, and applicable annual membership dues, he or she shall, at the earliest possible opportunity, forward the forms to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party. If the applicable dues have been paid by the applicant or renewing member by cheque payable to the Affiliated Association or by cash, the Affiliated Association may deposit the funds to its own account, in which case the Secretary of OLP or his or her designate may, within 60 days after the receipt of such forms, require the Affiliated Association provide proof of receipt of such payment.~~

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6A. Proposed by Asma Bala – Equal Weighted One Member One Vote

Explanatory Note:

This is one of two proposals for a direct vote system of leadership election.

This approach assigns equal weight, on a 100 points per riding basis, to all Liberal constituency associations in the province, mimicking the equal weight of each electoral district in the Legislature.

(n.b. For such a comprehensive proposal, it seems best to present the whole of section 9 on Leadership Review and Leadership Conventions, as it now reads, then as the usual tracked changes version, and finally as it would read if the amendment were to be adopted)

Section 9 now reads:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be chosen at a delegated Leadership Convention with delegates chosen in proportion to the support received by each Leadership Candidate.

9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership Convention at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:

- a) upon the request of the Leader;
- b) upon the death or resignation of the Leader;
- c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership Convention as described in section 9.5;
- d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Convention,

and shall, immediately upon passage of such resolution, take all reasonable and appropriate measures to publicize the call of the convention to Party members and to the public at large.

9.2.1 Section 9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the Leadership Convention process, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any Constituency Association, or other affiliated body shall be of no force or effect.

9.2.2 The Executive Council shall, by resolution appoint the Chief Returning Officer who shall act as the senior election official in respect of all aspects of the Leadership Election Process, and who shall have the authority to appoint local Meeting Chairs and Returning Officers for each Leadership Election Meeting.

Subject to the arbitration provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, the rulings of the Chief Returning Officer shall, in all instances, be final. The Executive Council shall also appoint by resolution a Secretary General who shall have final authority over all other aspects of the Leadership Election Meeting Process and the Leadership Convention.

- 9.2.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Executive Council deems it advisable, it may enact "Interpretation Bulletins", not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Rules of Procedure, in order to clarify any provision in either document.
- 9.3 In the event that the position of Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party becomes vacant the President shall at the earliest possible opportunity arrange for the election, by simple plurality of votes, of an Interim Leader to be so elected by a body comprised of the following members of the Ontario Liberal Party:
- a) The members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus;
 - b) The Presidents of those constituency associations that are not represented by members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; and
 - c) The members of the Executive Council.

The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Election Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected at the Leadership Convention.

- 9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.
- 9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Convention shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership Convention held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Convention that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.
- 9.6 Subject to the one year limitation referred to in section 9.5, the date of the Leadership Convention as determined by the Executive Council shall be not less than one hundred and forty (140) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date on which the Executive Council decides to call the convention pursuant to section 9.2.
- 9.7 Leadership Election Meetings shall be held for each constituency association and affiliated organization entitled to elect delegates on dates to be determined by the Executive Council in consultation with the constituency associations. All Leadership Election Meetings in any region shall be held on the same date throughout that region.

9.8

- 9.8.1 The location of the Leadership Election Meeting for each constituency association and affiliated association entitled to elect delegates shall be determined by the Executive Committee of that association, which shall have the discretion, where geographical considerations warrant, to authorize a meeting location apart from the primary location for the region. Two or more associations may elect to hold their meetings at a common location, provided that the polling places within that location shall be arranged so as to ensure that the actual voting process for each constituency association and/or affiliated association shall be conducted separately. Every effort shall be made to ensure that the polling place is conveniently located and every polling place shall have level access for the disabled.
- 9.8.2 Notice, in the prescribed form, of the date, time and place of the Leadership Election Meeting in each constituency, shall be provided by the association to all current members and Immediate Past Members of the association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.
- 9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the convention.
- 9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:
- a) Members in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.
 - b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.
 - c) Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided, however, that where the Qualifying Date falls between April 15 and September 15, inclusive, the Executive Council, upon consultation with the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, may fix a special Qualifying Date which shall apply only to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs, which had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
 - d) Immediate Past Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Ontario Young Liberal Student Club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
 - e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's

Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.

- f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.

9.10 In the event that the membership of an individual expires between the Qualifying Date and the date of the Leadership Convention, that membership shall be deemed to have continued, for all purpose relating to the Leadership Convention, including the election and registration of delegates, until the day following the adjournment of the Leadership Convention.

9.11 No person shall vote at more than one Leadership Election Meeting, or with respect to more than one constituency association, Student Club or Women's Liberal Club at the same Leadership Election Meeting.

9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:

- a) be a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party through any Affiliated Association, regardless of the Association through which he or she may stand for election; and
- b) file a notice of Intention to Stand and Declaration of Support in the prescribed form with the Chief Returning Office or his or her designate not later than the Friday that is three weeks prior to the weekend of the Leadership Election Meetings.

9.13 Form of Ballot

Members voting at a Leadership Election Meeting shall be provided with a two-part ballot. The first part shall contain the name of the candidates for leader, plus an "independent" option, and from these options the voter shall choose one. The second part shall contain the names, in alphabetic order by surname, of all those members of the association as the case may be, who have been duly nominated pursuant to Section 9.12, or shall contain the appropriate space in which to write the names of the candidates being voted for. The voter shall vote for up to the required number of delegates.

9.14

9.14.1 Each constituency association shall elect sixteen (16) delegates to the Leadership

- a) four (4) shall be women over the age of 25;
- b) four (4) shall be men over the age of 25;

- c) four (4) shall be 25 years of age or less, of whom at least one shall be a man and at least one shall be a woman.

9.14.2 Each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club recognized by the Executive Council shall elect eight (8) delegates to the Leadership Convention, of whom at least three (3) shall be men, and at least three (3) shall be women.

9.14.3 Each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council shall elect one (1) delegate to the Leadership Convention.

9.15 The following shall be ex-officio delegates to the Leadership Convention, provided they are members of the Ontario Liberal Party prior to registering at the Leadership Convention:

- a) the members of the Executive Council;
- b) Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
- c) The President of each constituency association;
- d) The Liberal candidate in each provincial electoral district, and, where there is no candidate, the past Liberal candidate;
- e) Past Leaders of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- f) Past Presidents of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- g) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution Committee;
- h) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Young Liberals, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, plus the immediate Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals;
- i) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, plus the immediate past president of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;
- j) the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- k) the Ontario Liberal Party Legal Counsel;
- l) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Board of Arbitration;
- m) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- n) the President of each Women's Liberal Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- o) former Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, provided they were Liberal Members at the time they ceased to be Members;
- p) the President and immediate past President of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario);
- q) Liberal Members of the House of Commons of Canada elected from Ontario;
- r) Past Leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada who reside in Ontario;
- s) Past Presidents of the Liberal Party in Ontario.

9.16 Candidates for Leader shall be nominated in writing over the signatures of not less than two hundred and fifty (250) members in good standing of the Ontario

Liberal Party, shall hold a membership in a constituency association, shall be eligible to sit as a member of the Provincial Legislature, (or is willing to meet the necessary criteria), and shall otherwise comply with the nomination criteria, deposit requirements, if any, and spending limitations as required in the Rules of Procedure or by motion of the Executive Council.

9.17

9.17.1 If strict compliance with the proportionality and demographic requirements results in the election of fewer delegates than permitted in section 9.14 the remaining positions shall be filled by those candidates for delegate, not otherwise elected, who received the most votes, and who meet the proportionality requirements.

9.17.2 If vacancies still remain, each Leadership Candidate whose proportionality entitlement, based on the first part of the ballot, remains unfilled, may fill up to two (2) of those vacancies by appointing other persons as delegates for that Affiliated Association, subject to Section 9.18.

9.17.3 If vacancies still remain, they shall next be filled by those candidates for delegate, not otherwise elected or appointed, who received the most votes, and who meet the demographic requirements.

9.17.4 Any vacancies that continue to remain unfilled shall be filled on the basis of votes received, without regard for the proportionality and demographic requirements.

9.18

9.18.1 There may be no more than fifty (50) delegates appointed pursuant to Section 9.17 by or on behalf of any Leadership Candidate.

9.18.2 For the purposes of Section 9.19, such delegates shall be considered to have declared support for the Leadership Candidate who appointed them.

9.19 Delegates voting at the Leadership Convention, elected in support of a particular leadership candidate, shall be required, if they vote on the first ballot, to vote in favour of the Leadership Candidate for whom they declared support. This voting shall take place during convention registration.

9.20

9.20.1 A delegate nominee who wishes to fill a delegate position left vacant by the failure of a delegate to register must register in person as a delegate nominee during the convention registration period.

9.20.2 Where any delegate elected is unable to attend the convention, and this fact is made known by signed notification from the delegate in writing to the Chief

Returning Officer or his or her designate prior to the close of registration of delegates at the convention, or where a delegate fails to register prior to the close of registration, he or she may be replaced with the individual who was not otherwise elected or appointed who received the highest number of votes and who meets the proportionality requirement. Where, in the sole discretion of the Chief Returning Officer or his or her designate, it is practicable to do so, the substitute delegate shall be notified of his or her eligibility to be a delegate. Applications for registration as a substitute delegate in accordance with this provision shall not be entertained after the time fixed in the convention agenda for the close of substitutions.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

TRACK CHANGES VERSION:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be chosen by a direct vote of all eligible Ontario Liberal Party Members, as defined in Section 9.5 below, conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in this Section. ~~at a delegated Leadership Convention with delegates chosen in proportion to the support received by each Leadership Candidate.~~

9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership vote (the "Leadership Vote") ~~Convention~~ at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:

- a) upon the request of the Leader;
- b) upon the death or resignation of the Leader;
- c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership Convention Vote as described in section 9.35;
- d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Convention Vote,

and shall, immediately upon passage of such resolution, take all reasonable and appropriate measures to publicize the call of the convention Leadership Vote to Party ~~m~~Members and to the public at large.

9.2.1 Section 9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the Leadership Convention Vote process, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any Constituency Association, or other affiliated body shall be of no force or effect.

9.2.2 The Executive Council shall, by resolution appoint the Chief Returning Officer ("CRO") who shall act as the senior election official in respect of all aspects of the Leadership Election Process, ~~and who shall have the authority to appoint local Meeting Chairs and Returning Officers for each Leadership Election Meeting.~~ Subject to the arbitration provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, the rulings of the ~~Chief Returning Officer~~CRO shall, in all instances,

be final. ~~The CRO will be responsible to make the arrangements necessary for the conduct of the balloting on the Leadership Vote and adjudicate all disputes over accreditation and the right to vote for the Leadership Vote. The CRO may appoint such officials as he or she may consider to be appropriate in order to assist in the Leadership Vote process, and to delegate such authority to those officials as the CRO may see fit. The Executive Council shall also appoint by resolution a Secretary General who shall have final authority over all other aspects of the Leadership Election Meeting Process and the Leadership Convention.~~

9.2.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Executive Council deems it advisable, it may enact "Interpretation Bulletins", not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Rules of Procedure, in order to clarify any provision in either document.

9.3 In the event that the position of Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party becomes vacant the President shall at the earliest possible opportunity arrange for the election, by simple plurality of votes, of an Interim Leader to be so elected by a body comprised of the following ~~M~~members of the Ontario Liberal Party:

- a) The members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus;
- b) The Presidents of those constituency associations that are not represented by members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; and
- c) The members of the Executive Council.

The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Election Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected ~~at the through the~~ Leadership ~~Vote~~Convention.

9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.

~~9.35~~ A resolution calling for a Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership ~~Vote~~Convention held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.

~~9.46~~ Subject to the one year limitation referred to in section ~~9.35~~, the date of the Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote as determined by the Executive Council shall be not less than one hundred and forty (140) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date on which the Executive Council decides to call the convention pursuant to section 9.2.

~~9.7~~ ~~Leadership Election Meetings shall be held for each constituency association and affiliated organization entitled to elect delegates on dates to be determined by the Executive Council in consultation with the constituency associations. All Leadership Election Meetings in any region shall be held on the same date throughout that region.~~

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~~9.8.1 The location of the Leadership Election Meeting for each constituency association and affiliated association entitled to elect delegates shall be determined by the Executive Committee of that association, which shall have the discretion, where geographical considerations warrant, to authorize a meeting location apart from the primary location for the region. Two or more associations may elect to hold their meetings at a common location, provided that the polling places within that location shall be arranged so as to ensure that the actual voting process for each constituency association and/or affiliated association shall be conducted separately. Every effort shall be made to ensure that the polling place is conveniently located and every polling place shall have level access for the disabled.~~

~~9.8.2 Notice, in the prescribed form, of the date, time and place of the Leadership Election Meeting in each constituency, shall be provided by the association to all current members and Immediate Past Members of the association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.~~

~~9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the convention.~~

~~9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:~~

- ~~a) Members in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.~~
- ~~b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.~~
- ~~c) Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided, however, that where the Qualifying Date falls between April 15 and September 15, inclusive, the Executive Council, upon consultation with the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, may fix a special Qualifying Date which shall apply only to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs, which had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.~~
- ~~d) Immediate Past Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Ontario Young Liberal Student Club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.~~
- ~~e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.~~
- ~~f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by~~

~~the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.~~

- 9.5 For the purposes of this Section 9, an Eligible Member is a Member of the Ontario Liberal Party in good standing and has the right to vote on the Leadership Vote, if that Member has:
- a) Become a Member 41 days immediately preceding the day of the Leadership Vote and, complied with the membership rules established by the Executive Council, or is an Immediate Past Member who renews his or her membership as part of the registration procedure; and
 - b) Complied with the registration procedures established under the Rules of Procedure.
- 9.6 At least 30 days before the day of the Leadership Vote, the Executive Council must publish on the public website of the Party the rules of procedure for the Leadership Vote.
- 9.7.1 Each Eligible Member of the Ontario Liberal Party may vote by a preferential ballot on which the voter indicates their preference for leadership candidates.
- 9.7.2 The ballot of each Eligible Member who is a member of a constituency association shall be counted in respect of that constituency association. The ballot of each Eligible Member who is only a member of an Affiliated Association that is not a constituency association shall be counted in respect of the constituency association corresponding to the electoral district in which the Eligible Member resides, as determined in accordance with the Rules of Procedure.
- 9.7.3 For greater certainty, a ballot is not considered spoiled because a voter has not indicated a preference for all leadership contestants.
- 9.8 The ballots must be counted, under the direction of the CRO, in accordance with the following procedure:
- a) Each electoral district is allotted 100 points;
 - b) On the first count:
 - i. For each electoral district, first preference votes recorded in favour of leadership candidates on the ballots cast by Eligible Members are counted. A portion of the 100 points are allocated to each leadership candidate on the basis of the ratio of the number of the first preference votes received by that leadership candidates of the total number of votes counted.
 - ii. The total number of points allocated to each leadership candidate from all electoral district across the province are added to produce a total (the **“Provincial Count”**).
 - c) On the second count, the leadership candidate who received the least points on the first Provincial Count is eliminated and that leadership candidate’s first count ballots are distributed in each electoral district among the remaining leadership candidates according to the Eligible Member’s second preferences indicated and counted according to the procedure set above as if they were first preference votes;

- d) On each subsequent count, the leadership candidate who received the least votes in the preceding count is eliminated, and that leadership candidate's ballots are distributed among the remaining leadership candidates according to the next preferences indicated;
- e) The first leadership candidate to receive more than 50% of the points allocated to any provincial count is selected as the Leader.

9.9 The CRO must act independently of the Executive Council and each of the leadership candidates.

9.10 The Executive Council shall, at the time that it calls the Leadership Vote pursuant to section 9.2, enact Rules for the Leadership Vote that are consistent with this Constitution, and such Rules shall include, at minimum, the following:

- a) Voting procedures (including Internet balloting, electronic balloting, telephone balloting and paper balloting);
- b) Nomination criteria;
- c) Registration fees and procedures; and
- d) Leadership candidate deposit requirements.

For greater clarity, once the Rules have been established, no further amendments shall be made throughout the Leadership process, except for amendments deemed necessary by the CRO or the Leadership Vote Committee for clarification purposes.

9.11 Candidates for Leader shall be nominated in writing over the signatures of not less than two hundred and fifty (250) members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party, shall hold a membership in a constituency association, shall be eligible to sit as a member of the Provincial Legislature, (or is willing to meet the necessary criteria), and shall otherwise comply with the nomination criteria, deposit requirements, if any, and spending limitations as required in the Rules of Procedure or by motion of the Executive Council.

~~9.10 In the event that the membership of an individual expires between the Qualifying Date and the date of the Leadership Convention, that membership shall be deemed to have continued, for all purpose relating to the Leadership Convention, including the election and registration of delegates, until the day following the adjournment of the Leadership Convention.~~

~~9.11 No person shall vote at more than one Leadership Election Meeting, or with respect to more than one constituency association, Student Club or Women's Liberal Club at the same Leadership Election Meeting.~~

~~9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:~~

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- ~~b) file a notice of Intention to Stand and Declaration of Support in the prescribed form with the Chief Returning Office or his or her designate not later than the Friday that is three weeks prior to the weekend of the Leadership Election Meetings.~~

~~9.13 Form of Ballot~~

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- ~~b) four (4) shall be men over the age of 25;~~
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- ~~d) The Liberal candidate in each provincial electoral district, and, where there is no candidate, the past Liberal candidate;~~
- ~~e) Past Leaders of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
- ~~f) Past Presidents of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
- ~~g) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution Committee;~~
- ~~h) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Young Liberals, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, plus the immediate Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals;~~
- ~~h.1) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, plus the immediate past president of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;~~
- ~~i) the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~

- ~~j) the Ontario Liberal Party Legal Counsel;~~
- ~~k) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Board of Arbitration;~~
- ~~l) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;~~
- ~~m) the President of each Women's Liberal Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;~~
- ~~n) former Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, provided they were Liberal Members at the time they ceased to be Members;~~
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AS AMENDED (CLEAN) VERSION:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be chosen by a direct vote of all eligible Ontario Liberal Party Members, as defined in Section 9.5 below, conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in this Section.

9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership vote (the "**Leadership Vote**") at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:

- a) upon the request of the Leader;
- b) upon the death or resignation of the Leader;
- c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership Vote as described in section 9.3;
- d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Vote,

and shall, immediately upon passage of such resolution, take all reasonable and appropriate measures to publicize the call of the Leadership Vote to Party Members and to the public at large.

- 9.2.1 Section 9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the Leadership Vote process, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any Constituency Association, or other affiliated body shall be of no force or effect.
- 9.2.2 The Executive Council shall, by resolution appoint the Chief Returning Officer (“CRO”) who shall act as the senior election official in respect of all aspects of the Leadership Election Process,. Subject to the arbitration provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, the rulings of the CRO shall, in all instances, be final. The CRO will be responsible to make the arrangements necessary for the conduct of the balloting on the Leadership Vote and adjudicate all disputes over accreditation and the right to vote for the Leadership Vote. The CRO may appoint such officials as he or she may consider to be appropriate in order to assist in the Leadership Vote process, and to delegate such authority to those officials as the CRO may see fit.
- 9.2.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Executive Council deems it advisable, it may enact "Interpretation Bulletins", not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Rules of Procedure, in order to clarify any provision in either document.
- 9.3 In the event that the position of Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party becomes vacant the President shall at the earliest possible opportunity arrange for the election, by simple plurality of votes, of an Interim Leader to be so elected by a body comprised of the following Members of the Ontario Liberal Party:
- a) The members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus;
 - b) The Presidents of those constituency associations that are not represented by members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; and
 - c) The members of the Executive Council.
- The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Election Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected through the Leadership Vote.
- 9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.
- 9.3 A resolution calling for a Leadership Vote shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership Vote held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Vote that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.
- 9.4 Subject to the one year limitation referred to in section 9.3, the date of the Leadership Vote as determined by the Executive Council shall be not less than one hundred and forty (140) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date on which the Executive Council decides to call the convention pursuant to section 9.2.

- 9.5 For the purposes of this Section 9, an Eligible Member is a Member of the Ontario Liberal Party in good standing and has the right to vote on the Leadership Vote, if that Member has:
- (a) Become a Member 41 days immediately preceding the day of the Leadership Vote and, complied with the membership rules established by the Executive Council, or is an Immediate Past Member who renews his or her membership as part of the registration procedure; and
 - (b) Complied with the registration procedures established under the Rules of Procedure.
- 9.6 At least 30 days before the day of the Leadership Vote, the Executive Council must publish on the public website of the Party the rules of procedure for the Leadership Vote.
- 9.7.1 Each Eligible Member of the Ontario Liberal Party may vote by a preferential ballot on which the voter indicates their preference for leadership candidates.
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- 9.8 The ballots must be counted, under the direction of the CRO, in accordance with the following procedure:
- (a) Each electoral district is allotted 100 points;
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- (d) On each subsequent count, the leadership candidate who received the least votes in the preceding count is eliminated, and that leadership candidate's ballots are distributed among the remaining leadership candidates according to the next preferences indicated;
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6B. Proposed by Karen Somerville and Kelly Lynne Ashton for the Toronto Danforth Liberal Association – One Member One Vote Weighted to PLA Membership Numbers

Explanatory Note:

This is one of two proposals for a direct vote system of leadership election.

In contrast to an equally weighted One Member One Vote model, this approach assigns four tiers of weighting to Constituency Associations based on the of the size membership, creating an incentive to build upon the strength of each Constituency Association for members and leadership contestants alike, as an integral part of the leadership campaign.

(For such a comprehensive proposal, it seems best to present the whole of section 9 on Leadership Review and Leadership Conventions, as it now reads, then as the usual tracked changes version, and finally as it would read if the amendment were to be adopted)

Section 9 now reads:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

- 9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be chosen at a delegated Leadership Convention with delegates chosen in proportion to the support received by each Leadership Candidate.
- 9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership Convention at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:
 - a) upon the request of the Leader;
 - b) upon the death or resignation of the Leader;
 - c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership Convention as described in section 9.5;
 - d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Convention,

and shall, immediately upon passage of such resolution, take all reasonable and appropriate measures to publicize the call of the convention to Party members and to the public at large.

- 9.2.1 Section 9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the Leadership Convention process, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any Constituency Association, or other affiliated body shall be of no force or effect.

9.2.2 The Executive Council shall, by resolution appoint the Chief Returning Officer who shall act as the senior election official in respect of all aspects of the Leadership Election Process, and who shall have the authority to appoint local Meeting Chairs and Returning Officers for each Leadership Election Meeting. Subject to the arbitration provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, the rulings of the Chief Returning Officer shall, in all instances, be final. The Executive Council shall also appoint by resolution a Secretary General who shall have final authority over all other aspects of the Leadership Election Meeting Process and the Leadership Convention.

9.2.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Executive Council deems it advisable, it may enact "Interpretation Bulletins", not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Rules of Procedure, in order to clarify any provision in either document.

- 9.3 In the event that the position of Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party becomes vacant the President shall at the earliest possible opportunity arrange for the election, by simple plurality of votes, of an Interim Leader to be so elected by a body comprised of the following members of the Ontario Liberal Party:
- a) The members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus;
 - b) The Presidents of those constituency associations that are not represented by members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; and
 - c) The members of the Executive Council.

The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Election Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected at the Leadership Convention.

9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.

9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Convention shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership Convention held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Convention that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.

9.6 Subject to the one year limitation referred to in section 9.5, the date of the Leadership Convention as determined by the Executive Council shall be not less than one hundred and forty (140) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date on which the Executive Council decides to call the convention pursuant to section 9.2.

- 9.7 Leadership Election Meetings shall be held for each constituency association and affiliated organization entitled to elect delegates on dates to be determined by the Executive Council in consultation with the constituency associations. All Leadership Election Meetings in any region shall be held on the same date throughout that region.
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- 9.8.1 The location of the Leadership Election Meeting for each constituency association and affiliated association entitled to elect delegates shall be determined by the Executive Committee of that association, which shall have the discretion, where geographical considerations warrant, to authorize a meeting location apart from the primary location for the region. Two or more associations may elect to hold their meetings at a common location, provided that the polling places within that location shall be arranged so as to ensure that the actual voting process for each constituency association and/or affiliated association shall be conducted separately. Every effort shall be made to ensure that the polling place is conveniently located and every polling place shall have level access for the disabled.
- 9.8.2 Notice, in the prescribed form, of the date, time and place of the Leadership Election Meeting in each constituency, shall be provided by the association to all current members and Immediate Past Members of the association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.
- 9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the convention.
- 9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:
- a) Members in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.
 - b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.
 - c) Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided, however, that where the Qualifying Date falls between April 15 and September 15, inclusive, the Executive Council, upon consultation with the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, may fix a special Qualifying Date which shall apply only to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs, which had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.

- d) Immediate Past Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Ontario Young Liberal Student Club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
- e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.
- f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.

9.10 In the event that the membership of an individual expires between the Qualifying Date and the date of the Leadership Convention, that membership shall be deemed to have continued, for all purpose relating to the Leadership Convention, including the election and registration of delegates, until the day following the adjournment of the Leadership Convention.

9.11 No person shall vote at more than one Leadership Election Meeting, or with respect to more than one constituency association, Student Club or Women's Liberal Club at the same Leadership Election Meeting.

9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:

- a) be a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party through any Affiliated Association, regardless of the Association through which he or she may stand for election; and
- b) file a notice of Intention to Stand and Declaration of Support in the prescribed form with the Chief Returning Office or his or her designate not later than the Friday that is three weeks prior to the weekend of the Leadership Election Meetings.

9.13 Form of Ballot

Members voting at a Leadership Election Meeting shall be provided with a two-part ballot. The first part shall contain the name of the candidates for leader, plus an "independent" option, and from these options the voter shall choose one. The second part shall contain the names, in alphabetic order by surname, of all those members of the association as the case may be, who have been duly nominated pursuant to Section 9.12, or shall contain the appropriate space in which to write the names of the candidates being voted for. The voter shall vote for up to the required number of delegates.

9.14

9.14.1 Each constituency association shall elect sixteen (16) delegates to the Leadership

- a) four (4) shall be women over the age of 25;
- b) four (4) shall be men over the age of 25;
- c) four (4) shall be 25 years of age or less, of whom at least one shall be a man and at least one shall be a woman.

9.14.2 Each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club recognized by the Executive Council shall elect eight (8) delegates to the Leadership Convention, of whom at least three (3) shall be men, and at least three (3) shall be women.

9.14.3 Each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council shall elect one (1) delegate to the Leadership Convention.

9.15 The following shall be ex-officio delegates to the Leadership Convention, provided they are members of the Ontario Liberal Party prior to registering at the Leadership Convention:

- a) the members of the Executive Council;
- b) Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
- c) The President of each constituency association;
- d) The Liberal candidate in each provincial electoral district, and, where there is no candidate, the past Liberal candidate;
- e) Past Leaders of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- f) Past Presidents of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- g) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution Committee;
- h) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Young Liberals, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, plus the immediate Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals;
- i) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, plus the immediate past president of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;
- j) the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- k) the Ontario Liberal Party Legal Counsel;
- l) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Board of Arbitration;
- m) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- n) the President of each Women's Liberal Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- o) former Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, provided they were Liberal Members at the time they ceased to be Members;

- p) the President and immediate past President of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario);
- q) Liberal Members of the House of Commons of Canada elected from Ontario;
- r) Past Leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada who reside in Ontario;
- s) Past Presidents of the Liberal Party in Ontario.

9.16 Candidates for Leader shall be nominated in writing over the signatures of not less than two hundred and fifty (250) members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party, shall hold a membership in a constituency association, shall be eligible to sit as a member of the Provincial Legislature, (or is willing to meet the necessary criteria), and shall otherwise comply with the nomination criteria, deposit requirements, if any, and spending limitations as required in the Rules of Procedure or by motion of the Executive Council.

9.17

9.17.1 If strict compliance with the proportionality and demographic requirements results in the election of fewer delegates than permitted in section 9.14 the remaining positions shall be filled by those candidates for delegate, not otherwise elected, who received the most votes, and who meet the proportionality requirements.

9.17.2 If vacancies still remain, each Leadership Candidate whose proportionality entitlement, based on the first part of the ballot, remains unfilled, may fill up to two (2) of those vacancies by appointing other persons as delegates for that Affiliated Association, subject to Section 9.18.

9.17.3 If vacancies still remain, they shall next be filled by those candidates for delegate, not otherwise elected or appointed, who received the most votes, and who meet the demographic requirements.

9.17.4 Any vacancies that continue to remain unfilled shall be filled on the basis of votes received, without regard for the proportionality and demographic requirements.

9.18

9.18.1 There may be no more than fifty (50) delegates appointed pursuant to Section 9.17 by or on behalf of any Leadership Candidate.

9.18.2 For the purposes of Section 9.19, such delegates shall be considered to have declared support for the Leadership Candidate who appointed them.

9.19 Delegates voting at the Leadership Convention, elected in support of a particular leadership candidate, shall be required, if they vote on the first ballot, to vote in favour of the Leadership Candidate for whom they declared support. This voting shall take place during convention registration.

9.20

9.20.1 A delegate nominee who wishes to fill a delegate position left vacant by the failure of a delegate to register must register in person as a delegate nominee during the convention registration period.

9.20.2 Where any delegate elected is unable to attend the convention, and this fact is made known by signed notification from the delegate in writing to the Chief Returning Officer or his or her designate prior to the close of registration of delegates at the convention, or where a delegate fails to register prior to the close of registration, he or she may be replaced with the individual who was not otherwise elected or appointed who received the highest number of votes and who meets the proportionality requirement. Where, in the sole discretion of the Chief Returning Officer or his or her designate, it is practicable to do so, the substitute delegate shall be notified of his or her eligibility to be a delegate. Applications for registration as a substitute delegate in accordance with this provision shall not be entertained after the time fixed in the convention agenda for the close of substitutions.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

TRACK CHANGES VERSION:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP ~~CONVENTIONS~~VOTES

9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be chosen at by a direct vote of all Qualified Members of the Ontario Liberal Party (as defined in section 9.9), weighted and counted in accordance with this section.~~a delegated Leadership Convention with delegates chosen in proportion to the support received by each Leadership Candidate.~~

9.1.1 The ballots must be counted, under the direction of the Chief Returning Officer, in accordance with the following procedure:

- a) Each constituency association with 100 Qualified Members or less is allocated 25 points;
- b) Each constituency association with 101 to 250 Qualified Members is allocated 50 points;
- c) Each constituency association with 251 to 500 Qualified Members is allocated 75 points; and
- a)d) Each constituency association with 501 or more Qualified Members is allocated 100 points.

9.1.2 On the first count:

- a) for each constituency association, the first preference votes recorded in favour of leadership contestants on the ballots cast by its Qualified Members shall be counted, and then the appropriate points allocated to

the constituency association shall be allocated to each leadership contestant on the basis of the ratio that the number of the first preference votes received by that leadership contestant bears to the total number of votes counted;

- b) the total number of points allocated to each leadership contestant from all constituency associations in Ontario shall be added to produce a total for the “Provincial Count”;
- c) if a leadership contestant has received in excess of 50% of the Provincial Count, that person shall be declared to have been elected as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- d) if two leadership contestants have received precisely 50% of the Provincial Count, the tie shall be broken in accordance with a tie breaking process that shall be set out in the Rules of Procedure;
- e) if no leadership contestant has received in excess of 50% of the Provincial Count, second and subsequent counts shall be conducted in the manner set out below.

9.1.3 On the second count, the leadership contestant who received the least points on the first Provincial Count shall be eliminated, and that leadership contestant’s first count ballots shall be allocated within each constituency association among the remaining leadership contestants according to the second preference indicated, and counted according to the procedure set out in section 9.1.2 as if they were first preference votes;

9.1.4 On each subsequent count, the leadership contestant who received the least votes in the preceding count shall be eliminated, and that leadership contestant’s ballots shall be allocated in each constituency association among the remaining leadership contestants according to the highest remaining leadership preference indicated and counted according to the procedure set out in section 9.1.2 as if they were first preference votes.

9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:

- a) upon the request of the Leader;
- b) upon the death or resignation of the Leader;
- c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote as described in section 9.5;
- d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote,

and shall, immediately upon passage of such resolution, take all reasonable and appropriate measures to publicize the call of the ~~convention~~Leadership Vote to Party members and to the public at large.

9.2.1 Section 9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote process, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any Constituency Association, or other affiliated body shall be of no force or effect.

9.2.2 The Executive Council shall, by resolution appoint the Chief Returning Officer who shall act as the senior election official in respect of all aspects of the Leadership Election Process, ~~and who shall have the authority to appoint local Meeting Chairs and Returning Officers for each Leadership Election Meeting.~~ Subject to the arbitration provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, the rulings of the Chief Returning Officer shall, in all instances, be final. The Executive Council shall also appoint by resolution a Secretary General who shall have final authority over all other aspects of the Leadership Election ~~Meeting Process and the Leadership Convention.~~

9.2.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Executive Council deems it advisable, it may enact "Interpretation Bulletins", not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Rules of Procedure, in order to clarify any provision in either document.

9.3 In the event that the position of Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party becomes vacant the President shall at the earliest possible opportunity arrange for the election, by simple plurality of votes, of an Interim Leader to be so elected by a body comprised of the following members of the Ontario Liberal Party:

- a) The members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus;
- b) The Presidents of those constituency associations that are not represented by members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; and
- c) The members of the Executive Council.

The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Election Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected ~~at~~through ~~the~~ Leadership ~~Convention~~Vote.

9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.

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section 9.2, convene a Leadership ConventionVote that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.

9.6 Subject to the one year limitation referred to in section 9.5, the date of the Leadership ConventionVote as determined by the Executive Council shall be not less than one hundred and forty (140) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date on which the Executive Council decides to call the conventionLeadership Vote pursuant to section 9.2.

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9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the conventionLeadership Vote, and the term Qualified Member shall means a Member of a constituency association as of the Qualifying Date.

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- ~~d) Immediate Past Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Ontario Young Liberal Student Club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.~~
- ~~e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.~~
- ~~f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.~~

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~~h) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Young Liberals, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, plus the immediate Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals;~~

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9.XX The Executive Council is responsible to ensure that a ballot (referred to throughout this Constitution as the “Leadership Ballot”), is produced in a form approved by the Executive Council which shall contain the names of the candidates for Leader and from this list the Qualified Members shall vote in order of preference.

9.YY The vote on the Leadership Ballot must be conducted by secret ballot, and the ballots must be delivered promptly and directly to the Chief Returning Officer or such other neutral third parties possessing the necessary expertise to carry out the counting of the ballots, as may be appointed by the Executive Council.

9.ZZ In adopting Rules of Procedure for the election of the Leader, the Executive Council shall include provisions to permit electronic voting, as well as such other procedures as may be required to ensure that the voting process is accessible to all voting members and is designed to ensure the rights of all members to properly cast their votes.

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AS AMENDED (CLEAN) VERSION:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP VOTES

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9.1.1 The ballots must be counted, under the direction of the Chief Returning Officer, in accordance with the following procedure:

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- d) Each constituency association with 501 or more Qualified Members is allocated 100 points.

9.1.2 On the first count:

- a) for each constituency association, the first preference votes recorded in favour of leadership contestants on the ballots cast by its Qualified Members shall be counted, and then the appropriate points allocated to the constituency association shall be allocated to each leadership contestant on the basis of the ratio that the number of the first preference votes received by that leadership contestant bears to the total number of votes counted;
- b) the total number of points allocated to each leadership contestant from all constituency associations in Ontario shall be added to produce a total for the "Provincial Count";
- c) if a leadership contestant has received in excess of 50% of the Provincial Count, that person shall be declared to have been elected as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- d) if two leadership contestant have received precisely 50% of the Provincial Count, the tie shall be broken in accordance with a tie breaking process that shall be set out in the Rules of Procedure;
- e) if no leadership contestant has received in excess of 50% of the Provincial Count, second and subsequent counts shall be conducted in the manner set out below.

9.1.3 On the second count, the leadership contestant who received the least points on the first Provincial Count shall be eliminated, and that leadership contestant's first count ballots shall be allocated within each constituency association among the remaining leadership contestants according to the second preference indicated, and counted according to the procedure set out in section 9.1.2 as if they were first preference votes;

9.1.4 On each subsequent count, the leadership contestant who received the least votes in the preceding count shall be eliminated, and that leadership contestant's ballots shall be allocated in each constituency association among the remaining leadership contestants according to the highest remaining leadership preference indicated and counted according to the procedure set out in section 9.1.2 as if they were first preference votes.

- 9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership Vote at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:
- a) upon the request of the Leader;
 - b) upon the death or resignation of the Leader;
 - c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership Vote as described in section 9.5;
 - d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Vote,

and shall, immediately upon passage of such resolution, take all reasonable and appropriate measures to publicize the call of the Leadership Vote to Party members and to the public at large.

9.2.1 Section 9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the Leadership Vote process, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any Constituency Association, or other affiliated body shall be of no force or effect.

9.2.2 The Executive Council shall, by resolution appoint the Chief Returning Officer who shall act as the senior election official in respect of all aspects of the Leadership Election Process. Subject to the arbitration provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure, the rulings of the Chief Returning Officer shall, in all instances, be final. The Executive Council shall also appoint by resolution a Secretary General who shall have final authority over all other aspects of the Leadership Election Process.

9.2.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the Executive Council deems it advisable, it may enact "Interpretation Bulletins", not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Rules of Procedure, in order to clarify any provision in either document.

- 9.3 In the event that the position of Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party becomes vacant the President shall at the earliest possible opportunity arrange for the election, by simple plurality of votes, of an Interim Leader to be so elected by a body comprised of the following members of the Ontario Liberal Party:
- a) The members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus;
 - b) The Presidents of those constituency associations that are not represented by members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; and
 - c) The members of the Executive Council.

The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Election Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected through a Leadership Vote.

- 9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.
- 9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Vote shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected through a Leadership Vote held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Vote that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.
- 9.6 Subject to the one year limitation referred to in section 9.5, the date of the Leadership Vote as determined by the Executive Council shall be not less than one hundred and forty (140) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date on which the Executive Council decides to call the Leadership Vote pursuant to section 9.2.
- 9.7 Notice of the dates, times and means of leadership voting shall be provided by the Ontario Liberal Party to all Qualified Members no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.
- 9.9 For the purposes of Section 9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the Leadership Vote, and the term Qualified Member shall mean a Member of a constituency association as of the Qualifying Date.
- 9.10 In the event that the membership of an individual expires between the Qualifying Date and the date of the Leadership Vote, that membership shall be deemed to have continued, for all purposes relating to the Leadership Vote, until the day following the conclusion of the Leadership Vote.
- 9.11 No person shall cast more than one vote.
- 9.16 Candidates for Leader shall be nominated in writing over the signatures of not less than two hundred and fifty (250) members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party, shall hold a membership in a constituency association, shall be eligible to sit as a member of the Provincial Legislature, (or is willing to meet the necessary criteria), and shall otherwise comply with the nomination criteria, deposit requirements, if any, and spending limitations as required in the Rules of Procedure or by motion of the Executive Council.

- 9.XX The Executive Council is responsible to ensure that a ballot (referred to throughout this Constitution as the “Leadership Ballot”), is produced in a form approved by the Executive Council which shall contain the names of the candidates for Leader and from this list the Qualified Members shall vote in order of preference.
- 9.YY The vote on the Leadership Ballot must be conducted by secret ballot, and the ballots must be delivered promptly and directly to the Chief Returning Officer or such other neutral third parties possessing the necessary expertise to carry out the counting of the ballots, as may be appointed by the Executive Council.
- 9.ZZ In adopting Rules of Procedure for the election of the Leader, the Executive Council shall include provisions to permit electronic voting, as well as such other procedures as may be required to ensure that the voting process is accessible to all voting members and is designed to ensure the rights of all members to properly cast their votes.

(n.b. Paragraph numbering anomalies in the foregoing would be resolved by the Constitution Committee prior to publication of the amended Constitution, in accordance with section 16.9 of the Constitution.)

7. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Keeping Leadership Delegates Bound

Explanatory Note:

The existing leadership election model has been criticised over the years over the fact that delegates are bound only on the first ballot. It has been said that this weakens the influence of the individual member in an Affiliated Association who voted for a particular leadership candidate.

The Committee has considered two models for changing this, and has chosen to put both options to the convention.

Option 1: Delegates would be bound to their declared leadership candidate for as long as that candidate remains on the ballot, and would be free to vote for any remaining candidate if their candidate has been eliminated.

Option 2: Delegates would be bound to their declared leadership candidate on the first ballot, and then only for as long as that candidate remains on a ballot that has four or more candidates. This would allow delegates who support a second place candidate, but who they see as having no remaining growth potential, to vote for a third place candidate whom they might prefer to the first place candidate. Delegates would in any event be free to vote for any remaining candidate if their candidate has been eliminated.

The relevant provision of the Constitution currently reads:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.19 Delegates voting at the Leadership Convention, elected in support of a particular leadership candidate, shall be required, if they vote on the first ballot, to vote in favour of the Leadership Candidate for whom they declared support. This voting shall take place during convention registration.

It is proposed to amend section 9.19 of the Constitution to read in one of the following ways:

Delegates will be asked to vote and choose the option that appears below that they prefer. The option that will then proceed for consideration as a constitutional amendment will be the one that receives the most votes. The chosen option will then be considered for adoption as an amendment to the Constitution, requiring a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting in order for it to carry.

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CHOOSE ONE OF THESE TWO OPTIONS:	
1	<p>9.19 Delegates voting at the Leadership Convention, elected in support of a particular leadership candidate, shall be required, <u>when voting, if they vote on the first ballot</u>, to vote in favour of the Leadership Candidate for whom they declared support <u>until such time as that candidate's name no longer appears on the ballot. Delegates no longer bound to a Leadership Candidate in accordance with this provision may vote for the Leadership Candidate of their choice. This voting shall take place during convention registration.</u></p>
2	<p>9.19 Delegates voting at the Leadership Convention, elected in support of a particular leadership candidate, shall be required, if they vote on the first ballot<u>when voting</u>, to vote in favour of the Leadership Candidate for whom they declared support:</p> <p><u>(a) on the first ballot, and</u> <u>(b) on each subsequent ballot on which that Leadership Candidate's name appears, and on which there are at least four (4) remaining candidates.</u></p> <p><u>Delegates no longer bound to a Leadership Candidate in accordance with this provision may vote for the Leadership Candidate of their choice.</u> . This voting shall take place during convention registration.</p>

8. Consolidated Proposal: Overlapping Proposals by Ian Hall on Behalf of OYL and by Colin Campbell – Removal of Some Ex-Officio Delegates from Leadership Conventions

TWO PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED ON THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER – THE DELETION OF SOME EX-OFFICIO POSITIONS FROM THE LIST OF DELEGATES TO A LEADERSHIP CONVENTION. GIVEN THAT DIFFERENT VIEWS MAY BE HELD BY DELEGATES OF THE RELATIVE MERITS OF EACH EX-OFFICIO POSITION THAT WOULD BE ELIMINATED BY ONE, THE OTHER, OR BOTH OF THESE PROPOSALS, THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE HAS CONSOLIDATED THE PROPOSALS AND DETERMINED THAT EACH DELETION OF A POSITION IS TO BE TREATED AS A SEPARATE MOTION AND VOTED ON SEPARATELY. EACH PROPOSAL IS, FURTHER, MARKED WITH THE INITIALS (IH OR CC) OF THE PROPOSER.

Explanatory Note:

Recognizing the need of the Party to work with grassroots supporters as much as possible to rebuild the party ahead of the next election, and that many, but not all, of the current ex-officio delegates to a leadership convention are elected by grassroots supporters to their positions, and further, that a significant portion of the ex-officio delegates are from groups such as youth and women that are crucial to rebuilding our party, it is proposed that unelected or federally elected ex-officio delegates be removed from the list of ex-officio delegates to a Leadership Convention.

Section 9.15 now reads:

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

- 9.15 The following shall be ex-officio delegates to the Leadership Convention, provided they are members of the Ontario Liberal Party prior to registering at the Leadership Convention:
- a) the members of the Executive Council;
 - b) Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
 - c) The President of each constituency association;
 - d) The Liberal candidate in each provincial electoral district, and, where there is no candidate, the past Liberal candidate;
 - e) Past Leaders of the Ontario Liberal Party;
 - f) Past Presidents of the Ontario Liberal Party;
 - g) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution Committee;

- h) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Young Liberals, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, plus the immediate Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals;
- h.1) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, plus the immediate past president of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;
- i) the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- j) the Ontario Liberal Party Legal Counsel;
- k) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Board of Arbitration;
- l) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- m) the President of each Women's Liberal Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- n) former Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, provided they were Liberal Members at the time they ceased to be Members;
- o) the President and immediate past President of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario);
- p) Liberal Members of the House of Commons of Canada elected from Ontario;
- q) Past Leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada who reside in Ontario;
- r) Past Presidents of the Liberal Party in Ontario.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

9.15 The following shall be ex-officio delegates to the Leadership Convention, provided they are members of the Ontario Liberal Party prior to registering at the Leadership Convention:

- ~~a) the members of the Executive Council; (CC)~~
- b) Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
- c) The President of each constituency association;
- d) The Liberal candidate in each provincial electoral district, and, where there is no candidate, the past Liberal candidate;
- e) Past Leaders of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- ~~f) Past Presidents of the Ontario Liberal Party; (CC)~~
- ~~g) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution Committee; (IH & CC)~~
- h) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Young Liberals, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, plus the immediate Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals;
- h.1) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, plus the immediate past president of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;

- ~~i) the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party; (IH & CC)~~
- ~~j) the Ontario Liberal Party Legal Counsel; (IH & CC)~~
- ~~k) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Board of Arbitration; (IH & CC)~~
- l) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- m) the President of each Women's Liberal Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- n) former Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who were last elected in either of the previous two general elections or in an intervening by-election, provided they were Liberal Members at the time they ceased to be Members; (CC)
- ~~o) the President and immediate past President of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario); (IH & CC)~~
- ~~p) Liberal Members of the House of Commons of Canada elected from Ontario; (IH & CC)~~
- ~~q) Past Leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada who reside in Ontario; (IH & CC)~~
- ~~r) Past Presidents of the Liberal Party in Ontario. (IH & CC)~~

9. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Clarification of Leadership Independent Delegate Option

Explanatory Note:

In the existing leadership convention model, there has been since its inception, a provision for people to run as independent delegates but it has been mainly rooted in the Rules of procedure. This amendment would make that option more clear from an initial reading of the Constitution itself (n.b. An identical change is contained in the more lengthy amendment proposal receive from Alfred Apps. If that proposal is adopted, this proposal will be moot and will not be considered).

The relevant provision(s) of the Constitution currently read(s):

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:

- a) be a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party through any Affiliated Association, regardless of the Association through which he or she may stand for election; and
- b) file a notice of Intention to Stand and Declaration of Support in the prescribed form with the Chief Returning Office or his or her designate not later than the Friday that is three weeks prior to the weekend of the Leadership Election Meetings.

It is proposed to amend section 9.12 of the Constitution to read as follows:

9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:

- a) be a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party through any Affiliated Association, regardless of the Association through which he or she may stand for election; and
- b) file a notice of Intention to Stand and Declaration of Support in the prescribed form with the Chief Returning Office or his or her designate not later than the Friday that is three weeks prior to the weekend of the Leadership Election Meetings, setting out either the candidate for the leadership that such person intends to support at the Leadership Convention if elected, or declaring his or her status as an “independent” candidate for delegate.

10. Proposed by Zach Armstrong – Extending Qualifying Date for a Leadership Convention

Explanatory Note:

The current Qualifying Date (often referred to as the cut-off date), is the deadline for a person to become a member of the Party and be entitled to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting. It is presently set at 30 days after the call of the Leadership Convention. This amendment would extend this deadline to 60 days, the intention being to allow leadership campaigns more time to recruit new members and build the Party up.

Section 9.9 now reads:

9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the convention.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least ~~thirty (30)~~sixty (60) days following the date of the call of the convention.

11. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Delegate Membership Requirement

Explanatory Note:

A number of amendments were made at the 2014 AGM to address some challenges that came up during the 2013 Leadership. The intention of the 2014 change to section 9.12(a) had been to eliminate the completion that had arisen in the 2013 contest by some campaigns to recruit non-resident members to block non-resident quotas and thereby prevent opposing campaigns from also running non-resident members for delegate spots.

Subsequently, it has been suggested that the provision, as worded, could support the argument that delegates from student clubs need not be students and that delegates from women's clubs need not be women.

This proposed amendment would resolve that. The ability to have associate members (non-residents) run for positions would still level the playing field between leadership candidates and permit people to run for positions with clubs only when qualified to join them.

The Constitution currently reads:

- 9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:
- a) be a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party through any Affiliated Association, regardless of the Association through which he or she may stand for election; and

It is proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

- 9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:
- a) be a member, or associate member, in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party through the Affiliated Association in which he or she intends to stand for election~~any Affiliated Association, regardless of the Association through which he or she may stand for election~~; and

12. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Clarifying OYL Riding Club Members for a Leadership Convention

Explanatory Note:

This housekeeping amendment would deal with a remnant of the 1991 leadership provisions and the membership rules that existed at that time. Although this amendment would not have any practical effect in light of subsequent leadership election practices, it could significantly reduce potential confusion regarding youth eligibility to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting. Section 9.9.1 may create a mistaken impression that it is possible to be a member of an OYL Riding Club without being a member of a constituency association, but the reality is that where there is an OYL Riding Club, it is simply comprised of those members of the constituency association who are under the age of 26.

The Constitution currently reads:

- 9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:
- a) Members in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.
 - b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their membership at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.

It is proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

- 9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:
- a) Members in good standing of a constituency association ~~or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club~~ who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.
 - b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association ~~or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who~~ are resident in the constituency and who renew their membership at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.

13. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Club Recognition Procedures

Explanatory Note:

The constitution sets out parameters and timelines for the OLP executive to recognize OYL and OWLC clubs. However, due to the ongoing turnover of OLP staff and executive members and of OYL and OWLC executives, the loss of corporate memory has meant that club recognition has often been missed. This has been compounded by the requirement that OYL clubs are only to be recognized at the first Executive Council meeting of each calendar year. Additionally, the requirement that OWLC clubs be recognized 12 months prior to a leadership vote, means that a few women's clubs that have been active for years could miss out on a leadership vote if it is held in the winter or spring of 2020.

This amendment would simplify Club recognition in two easy ways, both of which would make the process uniform as between the two organizations. First, the recognition process for OYL clubs would be modified to match the OWLC process. And second, the timelines for OWLC clubs would be revised to match those that apply to OYL clubs.

The Constitution currently reads:

- 5.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Executive Council shall:
- c) consider requests for recognition of Ontario Young Liberal Clubs in accordance with the following:
 - i) the Executive Board of the Ontario Young Liberals shall meet during the last three months of each calendar year, and by resolution approve the continuation of each previously established and newly-established Young Liberal Club in Ontario that meets its constitutionally-determined requirements for such approval;
 - ii) the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall, at its first meeting in each calendar year, grant recognition to each Young Liberal Club that meets all proper requirements for recognition.
 - iii) a Young Liberal Club that is not approved by the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals shall be dissolved not later than December 31 of the relevant year, and a Young Liberal Club that is not recognized by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be dissolved forthwith upon recognition having been denied;
 - d) annually consider the request for recognition of Women's Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario

Women's Liberal Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission. The Executive Council shall ensure that no electoral district has more than one club recognized as an Electoral District Women's Liberal Club and no Region has more than five (5) clubs recognized as Area Women's Liberal Clubs;

9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:

- c) Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided, however, that where the Qualifying Date falls between April 15 and September 15, inclusive, the Executive Council, upon consultation with the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, may fix a special Qualifying Date which shall apply only to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs, which had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
- d) Immediate Past Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Ontario Young Liberal Student Club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
- e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.
- f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.

9.15 The following shall be ex-officio delegates to the Leadership Convention, provided they are members of the Ontario Liberal Party prior to registering at the Leadership Convention:

- l) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;

- m) the President of each Women's Liberal Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;

It is proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

5.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Executive Council shall:

- ~~e) consider requests for recognition of Ontario Young Liberal Clubs in accordance with the following:~~
 - ~~i) the Executive Board of the Ontario Young Liberals shall meet during the last three months of each calendar year, and by resolution approve the continuation of each previously established and newly-established Young Liberal Club in Ontario that meets its constitutionally-determined requirements for such approval;~~
 - ~~ii) the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall, at its first meeting in each calendar year, grant recognition to each Young Liberal Club that meets all proper requirements for recognition.~~
 - ~~iii) a Young Liberal Club that is not approved by the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals shall be dissolved not later than December 31 of the relevant year, and a Young Liberal Club that is not recognized by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be dissolved forthwith upon recognition having been denied;~~
- c) annually consider the request for recognition of Ontario Young Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Young Liberals of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario Young Liberals and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals;
- d) annually consider the request for recognition of Women's Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission. The Executive Council shall ensure that no electoral district has more than one club recognized as an Electoral District Women's Liberal Club and no Region has more than five (5) clubs recognized as Area Women's Liberal Clubs;

9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:

- c) Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided, however, that where the Qualifying Date falls between April 15 and September 15, inclusive, the Executive Council, upon consultation with the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, may fix a special Qualifying Date which shall apply only to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs, which had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
- d) Immediate Past Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Ontario Young Liberal Student Club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
- e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least ~~twelve (12)~~six (6) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.
- f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least ~~twelve (12)~~six (6) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.

9.15 The following shall be ex-officio delegates to the Leadership Convention, provided they are members of the Ontario Liberal Party prior to registering at the Leadership Convention:

- l) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;
- m) the President of each Women's Liberal Club provided that the club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least ~~twelve (12)~~six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention;

14. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Language Modernization

Explanatory Note:

The term, "the disabled" may have been common usage many years ago, but it should not be in our constitution now.

The Constitution currently reads:

9.8.1 The location of the Leadership Election Meeting for each constituency association and affiliated association entitled to elect delegates shall be determined by the Executive Committee of that association, which shall have the discretion, where geographical considerations warrant, to authorize a meeting location apart from the primary location for the region. Two or more associations may elect to hold their meetings at a common location, provided that the polling places within that location shall be arranged so as to ensure that the actual voting process for each constituency association and/or affiliated association shall be conducted separately. Every effort shall be made to ensure that the polling place is conveniently located and every polling place shall have level access for the disabled.

It is proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

9.8.1 The location of the Leadership Election Meeting for each constituency association and affiliated association entitled to elect delegates shall be determined by the Executive Committee of that association, which shall have the discretion, where geographical considerations warrant, to authorize a meeting location apart from the primary location for the region. Two or more associations may elect to hold their meetings at a common location, provided that the polling places within that location shall be arranged so as to ensure that the actual voting process for each constituency association and/or affiliated association shall be conducted separately. Every effort shall be made to ensure that the polling place is conveniently located and every polling place shall have level access ~~for the disabled~~.

15A. Proposed by Alvin Tedjo – Free Membership

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would eliminate the payment of membership dues for membership in the Ontario Liberal Party.

Sections 3, 5.9F, 11.5.1 and 11.6.1A now read:

3 MEMBERSHIP

Members

3.1 A person is a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she has paid his or her annual membership dues and is in compliance with all other requirements of this Constitution and the constitution of the Affiliated Association to which he or she has applied for, or in which he or she has renewed, a membership.

Membership periods

3.2 The Ontario Liberal Party membership period shall be January 1 to December 31, inclusive, unless this Constitution provides otherwise.

3.3 Subject to section 3.4, membership shall expire at midnight on December 31 of the year in which the membership is granted, provided that, where an applicant becomes a member on or after October 1 of a given year, the membership will expire at midnight on December 31 of the following year.

3.3.1 There shall be no limitation upon the number of constituency associations in respect of which a person may become an Associate Member.

3.4 Multiple year membership, of up to 5 years in duration may be obtained only in respect of a constituency association, and on the following terms:

- a) The fee for a multiple year membership shall equal the annual membership fee for the class of membership obtained, multiplied by the number of years for which the membership is to be in effect;
- b) A multiple year membership is not transferable from one association to another;
- c) A multiple year membership expires on December 31st of the last year of membership; and
- d) If a multiple year membership is granted on or after October 1 of a particular year, then despite the fact that it becomes effective upon being granted, the year in which it is purchased shall not be considered in determining its duration.

3.5 An Ontario Young Liberal Student Club may adopt a special membership period of September 1 to August 31, inclusive.

3.6 If an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club has adopted a special membership period, then every membership in it shall expire at midnight on August 31 of the year in which

the membership is granted, provided that, where an applicant becomes a member on or after April 1 of a given year, the membership will expire at midnight on August 31 of the following year.

- 3.7 A member in good standing may renew his or her membership at the end of each membership period by paying the required dues and submitting a membership renewal form in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution.
- 3.8 A member in good standing who is participating in the Ontario Liberal Party Automatic Bank Cheque ("ABC") Plan or such other pre-authorized or similar giving plan as designated by the Executive Council shall automatically have his or her membership renewed without the need to submit a membership renewal form.
- 3.9 The Executive Council may determine to extend membership to the family members of ABC Plan participants.

Applications for membership

- 3.10 Any individual may apply for a new or renewal membership in the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she:
 - a) has attained the age of 14;
 - b) is resident in Ontario;
 - c) supports the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party; and,
 - d) is not a member of any other provincial political party in Ontario.
- 3.11 In order to become a member of the Ontario Liberal Party, a new applicant shall submit a completed membership application form and the applicable annual membership dues to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 3.12 In order to renew a membership in the Ontario Liberal Party, a member in good standing or an immediate past member shall submit a completed membership renewal form (or membership application form) and the applicable annual membership dues to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party.
 - 3.12.1 If the Secretary of an Affiliated Association receives one or more completed membership application forms or membership renewal forms, and applicable annual membership dues, he or she shall, at the earliest possible opportunity, forward the forms to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party. If the applicable dues have been paid by the applicant or renewing member by cheque payable to the Affiliated Association or by cash, the Affiliated Association may deposit the funds to its own account, in which case the Secretary of OLP or his or her designate may, within 60 days after the receipt of such forms, require the Affiliated Association provide proof of receipt of such payment.

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 - d) the date of electronic submission of an on-line membership application, including payment therefor.

Membership and renewal forms

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- 3.16 The Executive Council may determine, from time to time, the form of the membership application to be used by Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs and the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission.
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List of members

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Associate Members

- 3.28 An Associate Member of a constituency association shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Member of that constituency association, except that he or she shall not be entitled to vote at a general meeting of the association, including but not limited to, its annual meetings, nomination meetings and leadership votes.
- 3.29 Despite the foregoing, a person who was, on November 18, 2016, a Member of a constituency association but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district shall have the right to vote at such general meetings of the association, but only as long as the person remains an Associate Member of the

association without interruption subsequent to November 18, 2016. For greater certainty, in determining continuity of membership, section 3.12.2 shall apply.

- 3.30 An Associate Member may hold any office on the Executive Committee of the constituency association with all voting rights attached to the position, and may be elected as a full voting delegate representing the Association to an Annual Meeting, Policy Conference or Leadership Convention.

5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Powers and Duties of Executive Council

- 5.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Executive Council shall:
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 - c) consider requests for recognition of Ontario Young Liberal Clubs in accordance with the following:
 - i. the Executive Board of the Ontario Young Liberals shall meet during the last three months of each calendar year, and by resolution approve the continuation of each previously established and newly-established Young Liberal Club in Ontario that meets its constitutionally-determined requirements for such approval;
 - ii. the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall, at its first meeting in each calendar year, grant recognition to each Young Liberal Club that meets all proper requirements for recognition.
 - iii. a Young Liberal Club that is not approved by the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals shall be dissolved not later than December 31 of the relevant year, and a Young Liberal Club that is not recognized by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be dissolved forthwith upon recognition having been denied;
 - d) annually consider the request for recognition of Women's Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission. The Executive Council shall ensure that no electoral district has more than one club recognized as an Electoral District Women's Liberal Club and no Region has more than five (5) clubs recognized as Area Women's Liberal Clubs;
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 - f) determine rules regarding the membership fees payable by members to the Ontario Liberal Party or to an Affiliated Association, including minimum, maximum, or fixed fees;

11 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

11.5 *Administration of Membership*

11.5.1 A Constituency Association shall comply with the Rules of Procedure and any directive issued by the Nomination Commissioner relating to the management of the membership process, between the date of the lifting of the freeze (or, in the case of a by-election, the date a vacancy in the Legislature arises) and the date upon which the nomination of its candidate becomes final and not subject to any further appeal. Such rules or directives may include requirements relating to the issuance, completion, and submission of membership applications and renewals, and the payment and receiving of and accounting for membership fees.

11.6 *The Draft Nomination Plan*

11.6.1 Upon the general request of the Leader or the Nomination Commissioner, each Constituency Association shall prepare and submit to the Nomination Commissioner a Draft Nomination Plan which shall be consistent with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Ontario Liberal Party and the Constitution of the Constituency Association. The Draft Nomination Plan shall indicate, but is not limited to, the following:

- a) the membership fee structure as determined by the Constituency Association's Executive in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Ontario Liberal Party;

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

3 MEMBERSHIP

Members

3.1 Any person is a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she ~~has paid his or her annual membership dues and is in compliance with all other~~ meets the requirements of set out by this Constitution and the constitution of the Affiliated Association to which he or she has applied for, or ~~in which he or she has~~ renewed, a membership.

Membership periods

3.2 The Ontario Liberal Party membership period shall be ~~January 1 to December 31, inclusive~~ three years from the effective date of the membership application, unless this Constitution provides otherwise.

3.3 Subject to section 3.4, membership shall expire at midnight on the third anniversary of the effective date of the membership application. ~~on December 31 of the year in which~~

~~the membership is granted, provided that, where an applicant becomes a member on or after October 1 of a given year, the membership will expire at midnight on December 31 of the following year.~~

3.3.1 There shall be no limitation upon the number of constituency associations in respect of which a person may become an Associate Member.

3.4 Multiple year membership, of up to 5 years in duration may be obtained only in respect of a constituency association, and on the following terms:

- ~~a) The fee for a multiple year membership shall equal the annual membership fee for the class of membership obtained, multiplied by the number of years for which the membership is to be in effect;~~
- b) A ~~multiple year~~ membership for a duration of longer than three years is not transferable from one association to another;
- c) A multiple year membership shall expires on the anniversary of the effective date of the membership application in the final year of the membership period for which it is issued on December 31st of the last year of membership; and
- ~~d) If a multiple year membership is granted on or after October 1 of a particular year, then despite the fact that it becomes effective upon being granted, the year in which it is purchased shall not be considered in determining its duration.~~

~~3.5 An Ontario Young Liberal Student Club may adopt a special membership period of September 1 to August 31, inclusive.~~

~~3.6 If an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club has adopted a special membership period, then every membership in it shall expire at midnight on August 31 of the year in which the membership is granted, provided that, where an applicant becomes a member on or after April 1 of a given year, the membership will expire at midnight on August 31 of the following year.~~

3.7 A member in good standing may renew his or her membership at the end of each membership period by ~~paying the required dues and~~ submitting a membership renewal form in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution.

3.8 A member in good standing who is participating in the Ontario Liberal Party Automatic Bank Cheque ("ABC") Plan or such other pre-authorized or similar giving plan as designated by the Executive Council shall automatically have his or her membership renewed without the need to submit a membership renewal form.

3.9 The Executive Council may determine to extend membership to the family members of ABC Plan participants.

Applications for membership

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- a) has attained the age of 14;
- b) is resident in Ontario;

- c) supports the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party; and,
- d) is not a member of any other provincial political party in Ontario.

3.11 In order to become a member of the Ontario Liberal Party, a new applicant shall submit a completed membership application form ~~and the applicable annual membership dues~~ to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party.

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15B. Proposed by Alfred Apps - Supporter Class of Membership

Explanatory Note:

This proposal would adopt the equivalent of the Supporter Class of membership that was used by the Liberal Party of Canada in its leadership election of 2013. This hybrid approach to joining and supporting the party preserves the centrality of paid membership to the day to day governance of the party, while opening the system of leadership election up to anyone who shares our Liberal values, thereby also assisting the party at all levels in identifying Liberal supporters to supplement the party's existing base of activists and donors.

In addition to amending Section 9, this proposal would add definitions to Section 2, insert a new Section 4 and a new subsection to appear immediately after subsection 9.15. Section 9 has been reproduced in full elsewhere in this Report. The subsections of section 9 that would be amended are 9.9.1, 9.12 and 9.13, which now read:

- 9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:
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 - b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.
 - c) Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided, however, that where the Qualifying Date falls between April 15 and September 15, inclusive, the Executive Council, upon consultation with the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, may fix a special Qualifying Date which shall apply only to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal Student Clubs, which had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
 - d) Immediate Past Members of an Ontario Young Liberal Student Club who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Ontario Young Liberal Student Club had been recognized by the Executive Council at least six (6) months prior to the date of the Leadership Convention.
 - e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.

- f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously recognized by the Executive Council for at least twelve (12) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.
- 9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:
- a) be a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party through any Affiliated Association, regardless of the Association through which he or she may stand for election; and
 - b) file a notice of Intention to Stand and Declaration of Support in the prescribed form with the Chief Returning Office or his or her designate not later than the Friday that is three weeks prior to the weekend of the Leadership Election Meetings.

9.13 ***Form of Ballot***

Members voting at a Leadership Election Meeting shall be provided with a two-part ballot. The first part shall contain the name of the candidates for leader, plus an "independent" option, and from these options the voter shall choose one. The second part shall contain the names, in alphabetic order by surname, of all those members of the association as the case may be, who have been duly nominated pursuant to Section 9.12, or shall contain the appropriate space in which to write the names of the candidates being voted for. The voter shall vote for up to the required number of delegates.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

INSERT THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS INTO SECTION 2 DEFINITIONS:

2.10 "Leadership Election Meeting" means a meeting of an Affiliated Association to select delegates to a Leadership Convention.

2.16 "Part One Ballot" means the first part of the form of ballot to be used at a Leadership Election Meeting as established by this Constitution, containing the name of the candidates for leader plus an "independent" option.

2.20 "Registered Liberal" means a person who registers as such in accordance with section 4 of this Constitution in respect of the constituency association corresponding to the electoral district in which such person resides, and in any case may, where the context so warrants, include a person who is a Member;

INSERT A NEW SECTION 4 AS FOLLOWS AND RENUMBER ALL REMAINING SECTIONS ACCORDINGLY:

4 REGISTERED LIBERALS

Eligibility

4.1 Any person may register as a Registered Liberal, provided that they meet the requirements set out by the Executive Council which requirements shall, in any event, include the requirement that the person execute a declaration that he or she (a) is a resident of the Province of Ontario, (b) is at least sixteen (16) years of age, (c) is not a member of any other political party registered in the Province of Ontario and (d) consents to communication from the Ontario Liberal Party by way of telephone, regular mail or in an electronic form including communication for the purposes of fundraising and soliciting donations. There shall be no fee for registration.

Provincial Register

4.2 The Ontario Liberal Party will, under the direction of the Executive Council, maintain a provincial register of all Registered Liberals, indicating the Affiliated Association of such person.

Period

4.3 Registration as a Registered Liberal will remain current for the period established by the Executive Council and may be renewed and/or terminated in the manner and at the times set out by the Executive Council.

Rights of Registered Liberals

4.4 Each Registered Liberal has the right, subject to this Constitution, to do the following:

- (a) receive newsletters, information, and notices of general meetings and other activities from the Ontario Liberal Party and such person's Affiliated Association (provided that such notices may be limited to electronic form);
- (b) attend and speak at any meeting of the Affiliated Association in respect of which they are registered or at any convention or general meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party but, subject to sub-paragraph c. hereof is not entitled either to vote or seek elected office at any meeting of the Affiliated Association or the Ontario Liberal Party unless and until he or she becomes a member;
- (c) to cast a Part One Ballot at any Leadership Election Meeting of the Affiliated Association in respect of which they are registered; and
- (d) exercise any other right granted to them by the Executive Council or by any Affiliated Association in relation to the conduct of its own business.

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

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- b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.
- b.1) Registered Liberals in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date who shall only be qualified to vote for a leadership candidate but who shall not be eligible to stand for election as a delegate or to vote for individual delegate candidates.
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INSERT AFTER SECTION 9.14 AND RENUMBER ACCORDINGLY:

9.15 Delegates shall be declared elected by an Affiliated Association based, firstly, on an allocation of delegate positions resulting from a proportionate allocation of the voting results of the Leadership Election Meeting in relation to the choice of leader of the Members and Registered Liberals of the Affiliated Association and, secondly, the number of votes received from Members only at the Leadership Election Meeting for such allocated positions.

16. Proposed by Trevor Stewart – Franco-Ontarian Delegates

Explanatory Note:

The Franco-Ontarian people are a founding people of the province of Ontario and they contribute greatly to its cultural and linguistic heritage. The Ontario Liberal Party has always stood up for the rights and interests of the francophone population of Ontario, and French is one of Canada's two official languages. It is hereby proposed that the constituency association delegate structures be amended to require that at least one delegate be Francophone (as a first language) provided that at least one such person seeks election.

Sections 8.13 (a) and 9.14.1 now read:

- 8.13 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as elected delegates:
- (a) fifteen (15) delegates elected by each constituency association in addition to the constituency association President, of whom:
 - (i) at least three (3) shall be under the age of twenty-six (26) and, if there is an Ontario Young Liberal Club affiliated with the constituency association, these three (3) delegates shall be elected by the Ontario Young Liberal Club; and, in addition,
 - (ii) at least three (3) shall be women; and, in addition,
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- (a) four (4) shall be women over the age of 25;
- (b) four (4) shall be men over the age of 25;
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17. Proposed by Constitution Committee – Constituency Association Trusteeship

Explanatory Note:

The current provision for placing a constituency association into trusteeship lacks a clear declaration of the grounds for such action and makes no provision for due process for the affected constituency association or its officers. This amendment would restore a modernized version of the original trusteeship provision that appeared in the Constitution prior to 2003.

The relevant provision of the Constitution currently reads:

15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

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Miscellaneous

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15.46 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may declare that a constituency association is in trusteeship by following a procedure for that purpose as may be established by the Ontario Liberal Party from time to time.

It is proposed to amend section(s) <list> of the Constitution to read as follows:

15.46 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may declare that a constituency association is in trusteeship through the following procedure:~~by following a procedure for that purpose as may be established by the Ontario Liberal Party from time to time.~~

(a) The President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the affected Constituency Association shall be given not less than seven (7) days' notice of a special Executive Council meeting held to consider the placing of the Constituency Association under Trusteeship. Such notice shall contain all of the grounds to be relied upon, and the particulars thereof. Such grounds are limited to the following:

(i) That the Constituency Association or its Executive Committee has failed to support or has contravened the objectives of the Ontario Liberal Party or of the Constituency Association as set forth in the Constitution of the Ontario Liberal Party or of that Constituency Association;

(ii) That the Constituency Association or its Executive Committee has failed to support or has indicated an intention to withhold support from a duly nominated Liberal candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;

(iii) That the Constituency Association or its Executive Committee has failed to comply with motions regarding its financial obligations to the Ontario Liberal Party, duly passed by the Provincial Council; or

- (iv) That the Constituency Association, its Executive Committee or its Chief Financial Officer under the *Election Finances Act* has failed in a material manner to meet obligations placed upon any of them under that legislation.

15.47 The President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the affected Constituency Association shall be given an opportunity to make submissions and to submit evidence to the meeting of the Executive Council held to consider this action, and the Executive Council may grant standing to such other parties as it may deem appropriate.

15.48 The Executive Council may thereafter adopt a resolution placing the Constituency Association in Trusteeship and setting out the grounds upon which such a determination was made. The resolution to declare the Constituency Association in Trusteeship shall require two-thirds of the votes cast to be in favour of the resolution and shall name a person or persons (henceforth "the Trustee") who shall act on behalf of the Ontario Liberal Party.

15.49 Forthwith upon adoption of the resolution to declare the Constituency Association to be in Trusteeship, and the naming of the Trustee:

- (a) All assets of the Constituency Association shall vest in the Trustee, in trust for the Constituency Association;
- (b) The term of office for every member of the Executive Committee of the Constituency Association shall end;
- (c) All further revenue of the Constituency Association shall be paid to the Trustee;
- (d) All assets and revenue of the Constituency Association shall be dealt with and disposed of by the Trustee, for appropriate purposes of the Constituency Association, as the Ontario Liberal Party Executive Council may from time to time direct by resolution;
- (e) The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be the Executive Committee of the Constituency Association; and
- (f) The Trustee shall be registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario as the Chief Financial Officer of the Constituency Association.

15.50 A Constituency Association placed in Trusteeship may appeal the decision of the Executive Council to the Provincial Council through the following process:

- (a) The Constituency Association shall provide written notice of such appeal, to the President of the Ontario Liberal Party within seven (7) days after the declaration of Trusteeship;
- (b) The President shall direct the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party to call a meeting of the Provincial Council to consider the appeal;
- (c) The decision of the Provincial Council by a simple majority shall be final.

15.51 Where a Constituency Association placed in Trusteeship has appealed the decision of the Executive Council, it remains in Trusteeship until the appeal has been disposed of, and all actions of the Trustee undertaken during such time shall remain in full force and effect.

15.52 The Executive Council shall call a new Annual Meeting of a Constituency Association that is in Trusteeship notwithstanding that an Annual Meeting may have been held during the current year, not more than 12 months after the date on which it declared the Constituency Association to be in Trusteeship. At such Annual Meeting, the voting members of the Constituency Association shall elect an Executive Committee for the Association. The Trustee shall transfer to the Constituency Association all assets then held by the Trustee in trust for the Constituency Association and the Ontario Liberal Party Executive Council shall cease to be the Executive Committee of the Constituency Association.

18. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Executive Names and Contact Information

Explanatory Note:

There have been consistent issues raised around internal party communications. While there is a broader discussion to be had, this amendment would ensure the Ontario Liberal Party has an accurate and up-to-date list of the Executive members of an affiliated OLP association (riding association, women's association or youth/student association).

The current OLP Code of Conduct would prevent any contact information from being used for purposes other than party operations.

This would be a new provision, to be inserted following current section 15.18,

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

15.18.1 An affiliated association shall provide the names and contact information of the members of its Executive to the Ontario Liberal Party following an annual meeting, and following any changes to its Executive, as a condition of being recognized.

19. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Management Board

Explanatory Note:

With the increase in size of Executive Council to nearly 20 members, this amendment would allow for accountable and transparent decision making in an unforeseen, urgent or emergency situation, while remaining accountable and transparent to the larger Executive Council and Provincial Council, as well as provide greater support to the President for party operations with fewer staff and resources.

No powers or decision making authority would be altered from either Provincial Council or Executive Council, and any decisions would be subject to ratification.

Sections 4.9, 4.10, 4.12 & 4.13 now read:

4 OFFICERS

- 4.9 Despite any amendment to this Constitution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party of November 18 – 19, 2016, the Regional Vice-Presidents to be elected at that Annual Meeting shall be as set out in subsections 4.1 (i) - (n) inclusive as they existed up to November 17, 2016.
- 4.10 Upon the conclusion of that Annual Meeting:
- a) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region) shall continue to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region);
 - b) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Ottawa Region);
 - c) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA North Region);
 - d) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Toronto Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA Central Region);
 - e) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (South Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Golden Horseshoe Region);
 - f) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region);
and
 - g) The Executive Council shall, in accordance with section 5.10, appoint individuals to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) and as Regional Vice-President (GTA East Region)

President

- 4.12 The President shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council, and shall be responsible for:

- a) day to day operation of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- b) preparation of the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- c) expenditures within the budget as approved by the Executive Council and further approved by the Provincial Council;
- d) management of the staff and the office of the Ontario Liberal Party.

4.13 The President shall possess and may exercise all powers and shall perform the duties that may be assigned to him or her from time to time by Executive Council.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

4 OFFICERS

MANAGEMENT BOARD

4.9 There shall be a Management Board consisting of:

- (a) the President;
- (b) the Executive Vice-President;
- (c) the Treasurer;
- (d) the Secretary;
- (e) the Operational Vice-President (Policy);
- (f) the Operational Vice-President (Organization);
- (g) the Operational Vice-President (Communications);
- (h) the Operational Vice-President (Engagement); and
- (i) the Executive Director (non-voting)

4.9.1 The Management Board shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council, and shall be responsible for:

- a) preparation of the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- b) the approval of such day to day expenditures and other financial decisions not otherwise delegated by it to the President or to the Executive Director, as the case may be, subject always to such expenditures being within the budget as approved by the Executive Council and further approved by the Provincial Council;
- c) management of the staff and the office of the Ontario Liberal Party, other than as delegated by it to the President or to the Executive Director, as the case may be.

4.9.2 Any decision of Management Board shall be in accordance with any direction given to it by Executive Council, or Provincial Council and a full report of the activities of the Management Board shall be made at each Executive Council meeting.

4.9.3 Management Board shall meet in person or by teleconference at the call of the President upon not less than 72 hours' written notice to all members, or, at the

call of four of its members, upon not less than 12 hours' written notice to all members. Quorum shall be four members, excluding the Chair who shall not vote except in the case of a tie.

4.9.3 The Management Board may transact business where it considers it appropriate to do so, by way of written resolution endorsed by at least five of its members upon not less than 12 hours' notice to all members.

4.9.4 Subject to the direction of Management Board, the President shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Management Board, or Executive Council. ~~Despite any amendment to this Constitution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party of November 18—19, 2016, the Regional Vice-Presidents to be elected at that Annual Meeting shall be as set out in subsections 4.1 (i)–(n) inclusive as they existed up to November 17, 2016.~~

4.9.5 Management Board shall meet in person or by teleconference at the call of the President upon not less than 72 hours' written notice to all members, or at the call of four of its members upon not less than 12 hours' written notice to all members. Quorum shall be four members, excluding the Chair who shall not vote unless in the case of a tie.

4.9.6 The Management Board may transact business where it considers it appropriate to do so, by way of written resolution endorsed by at least five of its members upon not less than 12 hours' notice to all members.

4.10 The President shall possess and may exercise all powers and shall perform the duties that may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Management Board, or Executive Council Upon the conclusion of that Annual Meeting:

- ~~a) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region) shall continue to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region);~~
- ~~b) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Ottawa Region);~~
- ~~c) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA North Region);~~
- ~~d) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Toronto Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA Central Region);~~
- ~~e) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (South Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Golden Horseshoe Region);~~
- ~~f) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region);~~
and

- g) ~~The Executive Council shall, in accordance with section 5.10, appoint individuals to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) and as Regional Vice-President (GTA East Region)~~

President

- 4.12 ~~The President shall follow the directions of Management Board and of Executive Council, and any act or decision of the President that conflicts with a decision of Management Board, or Executive Council such directions shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect. The President shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council, and shall be responsible for:~~
- a) ~~day to day operation of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
 - b) ~~preparation of the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
 - c) ~~expenditures within the budget as approved by the Executive Council and further approved by the Provincial Council;~~
 - d) ~~management of the staff and the office of the Ontario Liberal Party.~~
- 4.13 ~~The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Council, the Management Board, and of members of the Ontario Liberal Party and of the Provincial Council and shall report to the annual meeting of members. The President shall possess and may exercise all powers and shall perform the duties that may be assigned to him or her from time to time by Executive Council.~~

(Section numbers are subject to renumbering into sequence in adopted)

20. Proposed by Brian Johns – Removal of Campaign Chair / Representative from Executive Council

Explanatory Note:

The Constitution presently designates one of the Campaign Chairs, or his or her representative to be both an ex-officio officer of the Party, and a member of Executive Council. This amendment would repeal those designations.

Sections 4.2(c) and 5.1(l) now read:

4 OFFICERS

...

4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:

...

- c) the Campaign Representative, who shall be designated by the Campaign Chair or Co- Chairs;

5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Elected Members

5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex- officio, namely:

...

- l) Campaign Chair or his, her or their designate appointed in accordance with section 4.2(c);

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

4 OFFICERS

...

4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:

...

- ~~c) the Campaign Representative, who shall be designated by the Campaign Chair or Co- Chairs;~~

5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Elected Members

5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex- officio, namely:

...

- ~~l) Campaign Chair or his, her or their designate appointed in accordance with section 4.2(c);~~

21. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Campaign Accountability

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would modify the existing rules and processes around how our campaign is conducted and provide for greater oversight of the campaign team by the Executive Council.

Sections 4.2 and 12 now read:

4 OFFICERS

- 4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:
- a) the Immediate Past President;
 - b) the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party or his / her designate;
 - c) the Campaign Representative, who shall be designated by the Campaign Chair or Co- Chairs;
 - d) the President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place;
 - e) the President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place; and
 - f) A Caucus Liaison designated by the Liberal Caucus.

12 PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

- 12.1 A Campaign Committee shall be established to conduct the Provincial Election Campaign.
- 12.2 The Chair of the Campaign Committee shall be appointed by the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 12.3 The Chair of the Campaign Committee and the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party may appoint additional members to the Campaign Committee from time to time.
- 12.4 The Campaign Committee shall include five members appointed by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party from amongst its members.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

4 OFFICERS

- 4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:
- a) the Immediate Past President;
 - b) the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party or his / her designate;

- ~~e) the Campaign Representative, who shall be designated by the Campaign Chair or Co-Chairs;~~
- c) the President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place;
- d) the President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place; and
- e) A Caucus Liaison designated by the Liberal Caucus.

12 PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

- 12.1 ~~At least two years before the scheduled date of a general election, or at any time during a minority government, the Executive Council shall establish a Campaign Committee. A Campaign Committee shall be established to conduct the Provincial Election Campaign.~~
- 12.2 The Chair (or Co-Chairs) of the Campaign Committee, and the Campaign Director, shall be appointed by the the Executive Council on the sole recommendation Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 12.3 ~~The Campaign Committee shall include the following members of the Executive Council: The Chair of the Campaign Committee and the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party may appoint additional members to the Campaign Committee from time to time.~~
- (a) President;
 - (b) Treasurer
 - (c) the Vice-President (Policy)
 - (d) the Vice-President (Organization)
 - (e) the Vice-President (Communications)
 - (f) At least three additional members of Executive Council, as designated by Executive Council
- 12.4 ~~The Chair (or Co-Chairs) of the Campaign Committee, and the Leader may recommend additional members to the Campaign Committee from time to time, subject to the approval of Executive Council. The Campaign Committee shall include five members appointed by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party from amongst its members.~~
- 12.5 Executive Council may enact policies, resolutions, and/or by-laws to further support, direct, or provide oversight of the conduct of a provincial election, or by-election, campaign.

22. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Executive Council Roles

Explanatory Note:

The roles and responsibilities of Executive Council members are not always clearly laid out in the constitution, and can change from time to time. This would require more clarity without having to amend the Constitution.

Section 4.26 now reads:

4 OFFICERS

Operational Vice-Presidents

4.26 Each Operational Vice-President shall be responsible for matters related to his or her office, and other duties and responsibilities assigned from time to time by Executive Council.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

4 OFFICERS

Operational Vice-Presidents

4.26 Each member of Executive Council ~~Operational Vice-President~~ shall be responsible for matters related to his or her office, as set out through by-law or this constitution, and other duties and responsibilities assigned from time to time by Executive Council.

23. Proposed by Ryan Singh – Establishment of Engagement Coordinators

(new)

Explanatory Note:

In order to enhance the Party's outreach to the five communities within the province as specified within the proposed amendment, the establishment of five Engagement Coordinators is proposed.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ADD THE FOLLOWING, AFTER ARTICLE 4.26 AND BEFORE THE HEADING, REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS:

Engagement Coordinators

4.27 Within one month after the conclusion of each Annual Meeting, the Operational Vice-President (Engagement), the Operational Vice-President (Organization) and the Secretary shall convene a panel that shall consult with the Executive Director and appoint five (5) Engagement Coordinators of the Ontario Liberal Party, as follows:

1. Franco Ontarian Engagement Coordinator
2. Indigenous and Metis Engagement Coordinator
3. Rural and Small Communities Engagement Coordinator
4. LGBTQ+ Engagement Coordinator
5. Multiculturalism Engagement Coordinator

The work of these Engagement Coordinators will be monitored and mandated by the Operational Vice-President (Engagement);

(n.b. if the amendment proposing that the Party cease to hold Annual Meetings and shift to Biennial Meetings is adopted, then this provision shall be deemed to begin with the words, "Within one month after the conclusion of each Biennial Meeting".)

24. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Committees

Explanatory Note:

This amendment seeks to better coordinate the activities of the permanent committees of the Ontario Liberal Party by ensuring at least one member of Executive Council is a member of a permanent committees, other than the President who is a member of all committees ex-officio.

Section 7.2 now reads:

7 COMMITTEES

7.2 As soon as practicable following an annual meeting, Executive Council shall appoint one member in good standing to be the Chair of each of the permanent committees.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO ADD A NEW PROVISION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SECTION 7.2, AS FOLLOWS:

7 COMMITTEES

7.2 As soon as practicable following an annual meeting, Executive Council shall appoint one member in good standing to be the Chair of each of the permanent committees.

7.3 At least one member of Executive Council shall be appointed to each permanent committee, in addition to the President, where there is no other Executive Council member on the committee.

(The remaining provisions of section 7 would be renumbered accordingly.)

25. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – OLP Appointments

Explanatory Note:

This amendment is to establish a procedure where the names of those appointed to roles or positions in the Ontario Liberal Party are either received or approved by Executive Council in order to take effect. This is primarily to raise awareness of the volunteers and recognize the important work they do, but also to add a level of accountability around party operations.

This would be a new provision, to be inserted following current section 5.13

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

5.14 Executive Council shall either receive or approve all appointments to any roles or offices within the Ontario Liberal Party for them to have any force or effect.

5.15 Appointments received or approved shall be considered effective from the date indicated in the notice, or the date received, whichever is earlier.

(Subsequent provisions of section 5 to be renumbered accordingly)

26. Proposed by Roger Martin – Regions

Explanatory Note:

Executive Council, with the approval of Provincial Council, recently increased the number of regions from eight to nine, which is the maximum permissible under the Constitution. Despite this, there is an imbalance of region size, with the smallest region consisting of 10 PLAs and the largest 16.

This constitutional amendment proposes to increase the number of regions to twelve (12) from the current nine (9), with each region comprised of 10 or 11 PLAs. This amendment further proposes to allow the Provincial Council to increase the number of regions without requiring a constitutional amendment if a provincial redistribution results in a fifteen (15) per cent increase or more in the number of electoral districts.

Section 14.1 now reads:

Regions

14.1 There shall be up to nine (9) Regions of the Ontario Liberal Party. The number of Regions and the electoral districts to be included in each region shall be determined from time to time by the Provincial Council.

It is proposed to amend the Constitution as follows:

Regions

Effective at the commencement of the first Annual Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party that convenes after January 1, 2020, Section 14.1 is amended as follows:

14.1 a) There shall be up to ~~nine~~ twelve (12) Regions of the Ontario Liberal Party. The number of ~~Regions and the~~ electoral districts to be included in each region shall be determined from time to time by the Provincial Council.

14.1 b) The number of Regions and the specific electoral districts to be included within each region shall be determined by Executive Council subject to approval by the Provincial Council, following each provincial redistribution of electoral districts.

14.1 c) If a provincial redistribution of electoral districts results in an increase in the number of electoral districts by an amount equal to or greater than fifteen (15) per cent, then the Executive Council, subject to approval by the Provincial Council, may increase the maximum number of Regions set out in subsection 14.1 a), in order to maintain a manageable number of electoral districts in each Region.

27. Proposed by Ron Hartling – Provincial Council Framework

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would enhance the operation of the Provincial Council by:

- (1) Clarifying Section 6.4 to make it clear that Provincial Council is subject only to the directions and decisions of OLP General Meetings (as opposed to the existing wording which leaves the source of such overriding authority entirely ambiguous);
- (2) Clarifying that the rotation of Provincial Council meetings amongst the regions is something that applies only to in-person meetings, in an age where this body is also able to meet by audio and video teleconference;
- (3) Establishing a steering committee for Provincial Council that will set the agendas for meetings and facilitate ongoing discussions and information sharing among PLAs between meetings; and
- (4) Grant control to Provincial Council itself over the timing of its meetings, the rules of procedure for its meetings and the balance between in-person and teleconference meetings.

The relevant and potentially affected provisions of Section 6 now read:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

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Compliance with Ontario Liberal Party, Constitution and Applicable Laws

6.4 Provincial Council shall follow the directions of the Ontario Liberal Party, and any act or decision of Provincial Council that conflicts with a decision of the Ontario Liberal Party shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.

6.5 Provincial Council shall act at all times in accordance with, and in keeping with the spirit of the requirements of this Constitution and all applicable laws.

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Meetings

6.14 Thirty (30) voting members of Provincial Council shall constitute a quorum.

6.15 Questions voted on by Provincial Council shall be decided by a majority of votes cast.

- 6.16 Provincial Council shall meet at least three (3) times in each year. One such meeting may be constituted as a set of regional meetings encompassing all regions, provided that such meetings shall not exercise any of the powers of the Provincial Council as enumerated in Sections 6.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12 or 6.13 hereof.
- 6.17 In each year, one meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting.
- 6.18 A regular meeting of Provincial Council may be called by the President.
- 6.19 A special meeting of Provincial Council shall be called by the Secretary upon receiving a written request signed by ten (10) voting members of Provincial Council.
- 6.20 The location for each meeting of Provincial Council shall rotate amongst the regions.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

...

Compliance with Ontario Liberal Party, Constitution and Applicable Laws

6.4 Provincial Council shall follow the directions of the General Meetings of the Ontario Liberal Party, and any act or decision of Provincial Council that conflicts with a decision of the General Meetings of the Ontario Liberal Party shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.

...

Meetings

- 6.14 Thirty (30) voting members of Provincial Council shall constitute a quorum.
- 6.15 Questions voted on by Provincial Council shall be decided by a majority of votes cast.
- 6.16 Provincial Council shall meet at least three (3) times in each year. One such meeting may be constituted as a set of regional meetings encompassing all regions, provided that such meetings shall not exercise any of the powers of the Provincial Council as enumerated in Sections 6.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12 or 6.13 hereof.
- 6.17 In each year, one meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

- 6.18 A regular meeting of Provincial Council may be called by the President.
- 6.19 A special meeting of Provincial Council shall be called by the Secretary upon receiving a written request signed by ten (10) voting members of Provincial Council.
- 6.20 The location for each in-person meeting of Provincial Council shall rotate amongst the regions.
- 6.21 In each year, Provincial Council shall elect from among its voting members a Steering Committee which will be responsible for transparently drafting the proposed agenda for each Provincial Council meeting and for facilitating ongoing discussions and information sharing amongst PLAs between meetings.
- 6.22 In each year, Provincial Council shall approve the frequency of its meetings, the rules of procedure for those meetings and the balance between in-person and electronic meetings.

28. Proposed by Ron Hartling – Debt Ratification by Provincial Council.

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would provide to Constituency Associations, as the predominant part of Provincial Council, a voice in the taking on of debt by the Party.

The relevant and potentially affected provisions of Section 6 now read:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

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Powers of Provincial Council

6.8 Provincial Council shall have charge of and be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between annual meetings.

6.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Provincial Council shall:

- a) approve an annual budget for the Ontario Liberal Party in each year;
- b) consider and, if it deems it appropriate, ratify a decision of Executive Council to:
- c) appoint the chair of a committee;
 - i. appoint a person to fill an office that has become vacant and to hold the office until the next annual meeting;
 - ii. recognize an Ontario Young Liberal Club;
 - iii. recognize a Women's Liberal Club in Ontario;
 - iv. amend the Rules of Procedure for meetings and processes other than for the Nomination of Liberal Candidates under section 11 of this Constitution;
 - v. adopt or amend a by-law;

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

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Powers of Provincial Council

6.8 Provincial Council shall have charge of and be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between annual meetings.

6.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Provincial Council shall:

- a) approve an annual budget for the Ontario Liberal Party in each year;
- b) consider and, if it deems it appropriate, ratify a decision of Executive Council to:
- c) appoint the chair of a committee;
 - i. appoint a person to fill an office that has become vacant and to hold the office until the next annual meeting;

- ii. recognize an Ontario Young Liberal Club;
- iii. recognize a Women's Liberal Club in Ontario;
- iv. amend the Rules of Procedure for meetings and processes other than for the Nomination of Liberal Candidates under section 11 of this Constitution;
- v. adopt or amend a by-law
- vi. authorize any proposed new debt obligation of the Ontario Liberal Party, and no such debt obligation shall be finally concluded prior to such ratification having been granted;

29. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Provincial Council

Explanatory Note:

These amendments align representation from the OWLC and OYL executives, establish what is already common practice with respect to the calling and chairing of meetings, and establishes greater accountability measures.

Sections 6.1, 6.18, 6.19, 6.20, 6.21, 6.23, and 6.25 now read:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

- 6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:
- a) each member of Executive Council;
 - b) each Regional Chair appointed by the Liberal Caucus, or a person designated by him or her in writing from time to time;
 - c) each Liberal Regional Minister appointed by the Government;
 - d) the President of each constituency association, or a person designated by him or her in writing from time to time;
 - e) up to a maximum of 16 members appointed by the Ontario Young Liberals from amongst the officers of that organization;
 - f) the Chair of each of the following Ontario Liberal Party committees:
 - i) Nominations Committee;
 - ii) Constitution Committee;
 - iii) Finance Committee;
 - iv) Membership Committee; and,
 - g) five (5) table officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council.

6.18 A regular meeting of Provincial Council may be called by the President.

6.19 A special meeting of Provincial Council shall be called by the Secretary upon receiving a written request signed by ten (10) voting members of Provincial Council.

Notice

6.21 Provincial Council may determine the form and manner of notice of its meetings that is required to be given.

- 6.23 Notice of a regular meeting shall include:
- a) an agenda;
 - b) a report from the Treasurer;
 - c) a report from each of the four Operational Vice-Presidents; and

- d) a report from the Chair of each committee established by Provincial Council who wishes to submit such a report.

6.25 The agenda for a meeting shall include all matters that are to be considered at the meeting as far as is known.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:

- a) each member of Executive Council;
- b) each Regional Chair appointed by the Liberal Caucus, or a person designated by him or her in writing from time to time;
- c) each Liberal Regional Minister appointed by the Government;
- d) the President of each constituency association, or a person designated by him or her in writing from time to time;
- e) ~~All elected members of the Ontario Young Liberals Executive up to a maximum of 16 members appointed by the Ontario Young Liberals from amongst the officers of that organization;~~
- f) the Chair of each of the following Ontario Liberal Party committees:
 - i) Nominations Committee;
 - ii) Constitution Committee;
 - iii) Finance Committee;
 - iv) Membership Committee; and,
- g) ~~All elected members of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission Executive five (5) table officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council.~~

6.18 A regular meeting of Provincial Council ~~may shall~~ be called ~~and chaired~~ by the President.

6.19 A special meeting of Provincial Council shall be called by the ~~Executive Council upon the~~ Secretary ~~upon~~ receiving a written request signed by ~~ten-thirty (10thirty)~~ voting members of Provincial Council.

Notice

6.21 ~~Provincial Executive~~ Council ~~may shall~~ determine the form and manner of notice of ~~its Provincial Council~~ meetings that is required to be given, ~~through by-law~~.

6.23 Notice of a regular meeting shall include:

- a) an agenda;
- b) a report from the Treasurer;
- c) a report from each ~~elect~~ed, non-regional member of Executive Council ~~of the four Operational Vice-Presidents~~; and

d) a report from the Chair of each committee established by Provincial Council who wishes to submit such a report.

6.25 The agenda for a meeting shall include all matters that are to be considered at the meeting as far as is known, and the Secretary shall put out a call for agenda items from members of Provincial Council at least two (2) weeks before the notice is given.

6.25.1 The agenda shall include an availability session for elected, non-regional members of Executive Council.

30. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Provincial Council Meetings

Explanatory Note:

This amendment would provide at least one in-person Provincial Council meeting per year, one set of regional meetings and limit the number of online meetings/webinars. It would also harmonize the fee schedule for Provincial Council to reflect the same as annual meetings.

Section 6.16 now reads:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

6.3 Delegates to an Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall be non- voting members of Provincial Council only for the purposes of a Provincial Council meeting that is held in conjunction with that conference.

...

6.16 Provincial Council shall meet at least three (3) times in each year. One such meeting may be constituted as a set of regional meetings encompassing all regions, provided that such meetings shall not exercise any of the powers of the Provincial Council as enumerated in Sections 6.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12 or 6.13 hereof.

...

Fees

6.29 For each meeting of Provincial Council, the President shall establish a meeting fee that a member of Provincial Council shall be required to pay in order to attend the meeting.

6.30 The meeting fee shall be an amount that results in a projected budget for the meeting and does not produce a profit.

6.31 The President shall establish a reduced meeting fee for:

- a) all members who are 25 years of age or less;
- b) all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students;
and,
- c) all members who have attained the age of 65.

6.32 The reduced meeting fee shall not exceed two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of the meeting fee payable by all other members.

6.33 Every member of Provincial Council who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to attend the meeting.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

~~6.3 Delegates to an Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall be non-voting members of Provincial Council only for the purposes of a Provincial Council meeting that is held in conjunction with that conference.~~

...

6.16 Provincial Council shall meet at least three (3) times in each year. One such meeting may be constituted as a set of regional meetings encompassing all regions, provided that such meetings shall not exercise any of the powers of the Provincial Council as enumerated in Sections 6.8, 6.9, 6.11, 6.12 or 6.13 hereof.

6.17 Only one meeting of Provincial Council held through an online webinar/teleconference may be counted toward the three (3) meetings required per year.

...

Fees

~~6.29 For each meeting of Provincial Council, the President shall establish a meeting fee that a member of Provincial Council shall be required to pay in order to attend the meeting.~~

~~6.30 The meeting fee shall be an amount that results in a projected budget for the meeting and does not produce a profit.~~

~~6.31 The President shall establish a reduced meeting fee for:~~

~~a) all members who are 25 years of age or less;~~

~~b) all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students;
and,~~

~~c) all members who have attained the age of 65.~~

~~6.32 The reduced meeting fee shall not exceed two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of the meeting fee payable by all other members.~~

~~6.33 Every member of Provincial Council who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to attend the meeting.~~

6.29 Executive Council shall establish registration fees that a member of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be required to pay in order to attend Provincial Council, including reduced fees for;

- i) members who are 25 years of age or less;
- ii) members who are full-time students & are Young Liberals;
- iii) members who have attained the age of 65;
- iv) members who donate monthly to the Ontario Liberal Party; and
- v) members who donate the annual maximum to the Ontario Liberal Party.

6.30 Executive Council may establish reduced rates for in-person Provincial Council meetings for unwaged attendees, or those participating online.

6.31 Executive Council shall ensure that the fees for a Provincial Council meeting not exceed the budgeted cost for providing the meeting, and that a Provincial Council is being provided at the lowest possible cost to attendees.

6.32 Any member or registered attendee of Provincial Council who has paid the prescribed fee shall be entitled to attend.

31. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Biennial General Meetings, Fee Structures, Affordability

Explanatory Note:

There have been significant concerns raised around the affordability of holding and attending major party events. This amendment would allow for different fee structures, biennial meetings (with no changes to Provincial Councils or Policy Conventions) and streamline rules overall.

Section 8 now reads:

8 ANNUAL MEETING

- 8.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party in each year.
- 8.2 Executive Council shall set the date, time and location for the annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 8.3 Executive Council may postpone the date for the annual meeting for a period of no more than eighteen (18) months after the date of the previous annual meeting.
- 8.4 The location of the annual meeting shall be in Ontario.

Notice

- 8.5 The Secretary shall give notice of the annual meeting at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held to:
 - a) every person entitled to attend the meeting as a delegate;
 - b) the President and Secretary of each constituency association; and,
 - c) the President and Secretary of each Affiliated Association that is entitled to send a delegate to the annual meeting.
- 8.6 Notice of the annual meeting shall include the following:
 - a) the day, time and location that the annual meeting will be held; and,
 - b) an agenda of the business to be considered at the meeting, as far as is known to the Secretary at the time.
- 8.7 The accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of notice by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting or any resolution adopted at the meeting.
- 8.8 Executive Council shall determine the manner and form of notice to be given.

Procedure

- 8.9 One hundred (100) delegates shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.
- 8.10 Every question considered at the annual meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.
- 8.11 Votes shall be cast by a show of hands or such other means as may be permitted in accordance with rules of procedure adopted by the delegates at the commencement of the Annual Meeting.
- 8.12 Only a person who is present at the annual meeting and who has been accredited as a delegate by the Ontario Liberal Party shall be entitled to vote on a question considered by the members at the meeting.

Delegates

- 8.13 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as elected delegates:
- a) fifteen (15) delegates elected by each constituency association in addition to the constituency association President, of whom:
 - i) at least three (3) shall be under the age of twenty-six (26) and, if there is an Ontario Young Liberal Club affiliated with the constituency association, these three (3) delegates shall be elected by the Ontario Young Liberal Club; and, in addition,
 - ii) at least three (3) shall be women; and, in addition,
 - iii) at least three (3) shall be men;
 - b) five (5) delegates elected by each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club; and,
 - c) two (2) delegates elected by each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council, provided that the delegate and electors are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- 8.14 For each delegate elected, the association or organization that elected the delegate may also elect an alternate delegate.
- 8.15 Each of the following shall be entitled to accreditation as delegates ex-officio if he or she is a member in good standing of an Affiliated Association:
- a) the President of each constituency association;
 - b) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club;
 - c) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club;
 - d) the President of each Women's Liberal Club;
 - e) every member of Provincial Council, who is not otherwise accredited;
 - f) the members of the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals;
 - g) the five Table Officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;
 - h) every Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;

- i) every former Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time when he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly;
- j) every Liberal Member of the House of Commons elected from an Ontario electoral district;
- k) every former Liberal Member of the House of Commons elected from an Ontario electoral district who was a member of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time when he or she ceased to be a Member of the House of Commons;
- l) the Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, where there is no candidate, the immediate past candidate;
- m) every past Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she resides in Ontario;
- n) every past Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada if he or she resides in Ontario;
- o) every past President of each of the following, if he or she resides in Ontario:
 - i) Ontario Liberal Association;
 - ii) Liberal Party in Ontario;
 - iii) Ontario Liberal Party;
 - iv) Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario); and,
 - v) Ontario Young Liberals.

8.16 Upon confirmation of a person's entitlement to accreditation as a delegate or alternate delegate, the Ontario Liberal Party shall accredit and issue delegate or alternate delegate credentials to that person.

Notice of Intention to Stand for Office

8.17 Any person who wishes to seek election as an Officer must deliver written notice to the Executive Director of the Ontario Liberal Party at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of commencement of the Annual Meeting. The notice shall include:

- a) the person's name, residential address, and telephone number;
- b) such other address of the person seeking to be nominated to which he/she prefers notices and communications to be mailed or delivered;
- c) the telephone number at which the person seeking to be nominated or his/her agent can be reached during ordinary business hours;
- d) the office for which such person seeks nomination; and
- e) the riding(s) in which he/she holds membership in the Ontario Liberal Party.

8.18 Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that no notice has been delivered for a position by the 20th day prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting, the nominations committee shall waive the requirement for written notice with respect to that office.

Regional Meetings held at the Annual General Meeting

8.19 At the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party, each Region shall hold a Regional Meeting for the purpose conducting such business as determined by the Regional Vice-President.

Fees

8.20 For each annual meeting, Executive Council shall establish an annual meeting fee that a member of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be required to pay in order to attend the meeting.

8.21 The annual meeting fee shall be an amount that results in a projected budget for the meeting that does not produce a profit.

8.22 Executive Council shall establish a reduced annual meeting fee for:

- a) all members who are 25 years of age or less;
- b) all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students; and,
- c) all members who have attained the age of 65.

8.23 The reduced meeting fee shall not exceed two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of the meeting fee payable by all other members.

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Convention shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership Convention held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Convention that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

8 ANNUAL MEETING

8.1 There shall be a general meeting (convention) of the Ontario Liberal Party within two years of the previous meeting, held for the purpose of electing officers, considering constitutional amendments, and other business. an annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party in each year.

- 8.2 Executive Council shall: ~~set the date, time and location for the annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.~~
- a) ~~set the date, time, agenda, and location for the general meeting;~~
 - b) ~~determine the manner and form of the notice to be given;~~
 - c) ~~provide notice of a general meeting at least 120 days in advance of the meeting to:~~
 - ~~i) every person entitled to attend the meeting as a delegate;~~
 - ~~ii) the President and Secretary of each constituency association;~~
 - ~~and,~~
 - ~~iii) the President and Secretary of each Affiliated Association that is entitled to send a delegate to the general meeting;~~
 - d) ~~establish through by-law any rules of procedure for general meetings not provided for in this constitution;~~
 - e) ~~establish a steering committee, and appoint the necessary officers for the general meeting, including co-chairs, plenary chairs and returning officers;~~
 - f) ~~ensure that the fees for a general meeting not exceed the budgeted cost for providing the meeting, and that a general meeting is being provided at the lowest possible cost to delegates;~~
 - g) ~~establish registration fees that a member of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be required to pay in order to attend the general meeting, including reduced fees for:~~
 - ~~i) members who are 25 years of age or less~~
 - ~~ii) members who are full-time students & are Young Liberals~~
 - ~~iii) members who have attained the age of 65~~
 - ~~iv) members who donate monthly to the Ontario Liberal Party~~
 - ~~v) members who donate the annual maximum to the Ontario Liberal Party~~

- 8.3 Executive Council may:
- ~~(a) postpone the date for the annual a general meeting for a period of no more than eighteen up to six (186) months after the date of the previous annual meeting from the date a meeting must be held, by so notifying Provincial Council;~~
 - ~~b) provide for portions of a general meeting to be accessible online~~
 - ~~c) establish fee structures for delegates participating online, and for unwaged delegates.~~

~~8.3.1 The accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of notice by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting or any resolution adopted at the meeting.~~

8.4 The location of the annual meeting shall be in Ontario.

~~8.4.1 No general meeting shall be held in the same OLP region as either of the previous two general meetings.~~

Notice

- ~~8.5 The Secretary shall give notice of the annual meeting at least forty five (45) days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held to:~~
- ~~a) every person entitled to attend the meeting as a delegate;~~
 - ~~b) the President and Secretary of each constituency association; and,~~
 - ~~c) the President and Secretary of each Affiliated Association that is entitled to send a delegate to the annual meeting.~~
- ~~8.6 Notice of the annual meeting shall include the following:~~
- ~~a) the day, time and location that the annual meeting will be held; and,~~
 - ~~b) an agenda of the business to be considered at the meeting, as far as is known to the Secretary at the time.~~
- ~~8.7 The accidental omission to give notice to, or the non-receipt of notice by any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting or any resolution adopted at the meeting.~~
- ~~8.8 Executive Council shall determine the manner and form of notice to be given.~~

Procedure

- 8.9 One hundred (100) delegates shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.
- 8.10 Every question considered at the annual meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.
- 8.11 The agenda for each general meeting shall include a session for elected, non-regional Officers of the Executive Council to answer questions and receive comments from delegates. Votes shall be cast by a show of hands or such other means as may be permitted in accordance with rules of procedure adopted by the delegates at the commencement of the Annual Meeting.
- ~~8.12 Only a person who is present at the annual meeting and who has been accredited as a delegate by the Ontario Liberal Party shall be entitled to vote on a question considered by the members at the meeting.~~

Delegates

- 8.13 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as elected delegates:
- a) fifteen (15) delegates elected by each constituency association in addition to the constituency association President, of whom:
 - i) at least three (3) shall be under the age of twenty-six (26) and, if there is an Ontario Young Liberal Club affiliated with the constituency association, these three (3) delegates shall be elected by the Ontario Young Liberal Club; and, in addition,
 - ii) at least three (3) shall be women; and, in addition,
 - iii) at least three (3) shall be men;

- b) five (5) delegates elected by each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club; and,
 - c) ~~two~~ five (52) delegates elected by each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council, provided that the delegates s and electors are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- 8.14 For each delegate elected, the association or organization that elected the delegate may also elect an alternate delegate.
- 8.15 Each of the following shall be entitled to accreditation as a ~~delegates~~ ex-officio if he or she is a member in good standing of an Affiliated Association:
- a) the President of each constituency association;
 - ~~b)~~ b) each member of Executive Council;
 - ~~c)~~ cb) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal ~~Riding~~ Club recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party;
 - ~~c)~~ the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club;
 - d) the President of each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party;
 - ~~e)~~ every member of Provincial Council, who is not otherwise accredited;
 - f) the members of the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals;
 - g) ~~the five Table Officers~~ the members of the Executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;
 - h) every Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
 - i) every former Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time when he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly;
 - j) every Liberal Member of the House of Commons elected from an Ontario electoral district;
 - ~~k)~~ every former Liberal Member of the House of Commons elected from an Ontario electoral district who was a member of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time when he or she ceased to be a Member of the House of Commons;
 - l) the Ontario Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, where there is no candidate, the immediate past candidate;
 - m) every past Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she resides in Ontario;
 - ~~n)~~ every past Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada if he or she resides in Ontario;
 - ~~o)~~ every past President of each of the following, if he or she resides in Ontario:
 - ~~i)~~ Ontario Liberal Association;
 - ~~ii)~~ Liberal Party in Ontario;
 - ~~iii)~~ Ontario Liberal Party;
 - ~~iv)~~ Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario); and,
 - ~~v)~~ Ontario Young Liberals. o) every past President of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she resides in Ontario; and

p) The Chair and immediate past Chair of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario).

8.16 Upon confirmation of a person's entitlement to accreditation as a delegate or alternate delegate, the Ontario Liberal Party shall accredit and issue delegate or alternate delegate credentials to that person.

Notice of Intention to Stand for Office**The Election of Officers**

8.17 Any person who wishes to seek election as an Officer must deliver written notice to the Executive Director of the Ontario Liberal Party at least ~~twenty-one (21) days~~one (1) month prior to the date of commencement of the ~~Annual general Meeting~~. The notice shall include:

- a) the person's name, residential address, and telephone number;
- b) such other address of the person seeking to be nominated to which he/she prefers notices and communications to be mailed or delivered;
- c) the telephone number at which the person seeking to be nominated or his/her agent can be reached during ordinary business hours;
- d) the office for which such person seeks nomination; and
- e) the riding(s) in which he/she holds membership in the Ontario Liberal Party.

8.18 ~~The election of officers shall be conducted by secret ballot, and where there are more than two candidates for an office by an instant-runoff, ranked ballot. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that no notice has been delivered for a position by the 20th day prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting, the nominations committee shall waive the requirement for written notice with respect to that office.~~

Regional Meetings held at the Annual General Meeting

8.19 At the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party, each Region shall hold a Regional Meeting for the purpose of electing the Regional Vice-President for that region. ~~conducting such business as determined by the Regional Vice-President.~~

Fees

~~8.20 For each annual meeting, Executive Council shall establish an annual meeting fee that a member of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be required to pay in order to attend the meeting.~~

~~8.21 The annual meeting fee shall be an amount that results in a projected budget for the meeting that does not produce a profit.~~

~~8.22 Executive Council shall establish a reduced annual meeting fee for:~~

- a) ~~all members who are 25 years of age or less;~~
 - b) ~~all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students;~~
- ~~and,~~

~~c) — all members who have attained the age of 65.~~

~~8.23 — The reduced meeting fee shall not exceed two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of the meeting fee payable by all other members.~~

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Convention shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an ~~Biennial Annual~~ Meeting ~~that shall be held no not~~ later than two years ~~subsequent after each to a~~ provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership Convention held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Convention that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.

32. Proposed by Patricia Pepper – Biennial Meetings

Explanatory Note:

Given OLP current financial constraints and staffing challenges, together with the possibility of a Leadership Convention within one year and a future Policy Convention, this amendment would amend Article 8 of the OLP Constitution to replace an Annual General Meetings with Biennial (2 year) Meetings. The goals of doing this are to reduce costs in 2020 and thereafter, to allow an incoming executive to plan for a 2 year cycle beginning in 2019 to give more continuity, to provide 2 years for Executive Council to put practises in place, and to allow staff more time to organize policy and/or Leadership Conventions in 2020.

Consequential amendments are made throughout the Constitution to change terminology accordingly, and the six month flexibility presently provided by section 8.3 is incorporated into the amended section 8.1.

Sections 6.17, 8.1, 8.3 and 9.5 now read:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

6.17 In each year, one meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

8 ANNUAL MEETING

8.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party in each year.

...

8.3 Executive Council may postpone the date for the annual meeting for a period of no more than eighteen (18) months after the date of the previous annual meeting.

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Convention shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership Convention held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Convention that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

6.17 In ~~each a~~ year during which a Biennial Meeting is held, one meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in conjunction with the ~~annual-Biennial m~~Meeting.

8 ANNUAL MEETING

8.1 There shall be an ~~an annual Biennial -m~~Meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party to be held approximately twenty-four (24) months after the previous Biennial Meeting, but in any event no less frequently than every thirty (30) months. in each year.

...

~~8.3 — Executive Council may postpone the date for the annual meeting for a period of no more than eighteen (18) months after the date of the previous annual meeting.~~

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Convention shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an ~~Biennial Annual~~ Meeting that shall be held no ~~not~~ later than two years subsequent after each to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at a Leadership Convention held subsequent to that general election. If such a resolution is duly adopted by secret ballot, the Executive Council shall, pursuant to its authority under section 9.2, convene a Leadership Convention that shall be held not later than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.

Consequential Amendments:

Sections 3.30, 4.1, 4.4, 4.16, 4.20, 5.9(k), 6.8, 6.9(b)(ii), 7.2, 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.9, 8.10, 8.11, 8.12, 8.17, 8.20, 8.21, 8.22, 10.6, 13.6, 14.2, 15.35 (second instance of the term only), 15.36 (second instance of the term only), 16.2, 16.4, 16.7, 16.9 and 17.3 are amended to replace the term, “annual meeting(s)” or “Annual Meeting(s)” with the term, “Biennial Meeting(s)”.

Sections 4.8, 4.22, 5.10 f), and 8.19 (including heading above it), are amended to replace the term “Annual General Meeting” with “Biennial Meeting”.

NOTE: There are other occurrences of the phrase, “Annual Meeting” in the Constitution, which refer to annual meetings of Constituency Associations. These provisions are not affected by the amendment.

33. Proposed by Glenn Brown on behalf of the Pickering Uxbridge PLA – Six Month Minimum

Explanatory Note:

This proposed amendment is based on the ideas that the current provisions of the OLP constitution encourage participation in the political process primarily in the short term prior to elections, and that this encourages people to participate primarily to support individuals rather than the principles of the OLP. Based on the view that participation in the OLP should be primarily about the party and its policies, it proposes to prohibit a member of the Party from voting for, or standing for election as a Constituency Association officer, a candidate to a convention, a candidate for other party office (including Leader), or as a nominated candidate until such person has been a member of OLP for at least six months.

Sections 3.1, 9.9, 11.6 and 15.35 now read:

3 MEMBERSHIP

Members

3.1 A person is a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she has paid his or her annual membership dues and is in compliance with all other requirements of this Constitution and the constitution of the Affiliated Association to which he or she has applied for, or in which he or she has renewed, a membership.

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the convention.

9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:

- a) Members in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.
- b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.

11 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

11.6 The Draft Nomination Plan

11.6.1 Upon the general request of the Leader or the Nomination Commissioner, each Constituency Association shall prepare and submit to the Nomination Commissioner a Draft Nomination Plan which shall be consistent with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Ontario Liberal Party and the Constitution of the Constituency Association. The Draft Nomination Plan shall indicate, but is not limited to, the following:

...

- b) the date on which persons must be members in good standing of the Constituency Association in order to be entitled to vote, which shall be not earlier than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time, on the seventh (7th) day subsequent to the date of adoption of the Nomination Plan, and not later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the fourteenth (14th) day prior to the date of the Nomination Meeting;

15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

Voting eligibility

15.35 A Member of a constituency association shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting of the constituency association, a meeting to elect delegates to an annual meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party, or a meeting to elect delegates to a policy rally if the member is a member in good standing of the constituency association seven (7) days prior to the meeting

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

3 MEMBERSHIP

Members

- 3.1 A person is a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she has paid his or her annual membership dues and is in compliance with all other requirements of this Constitution and the constitution of the Affiliated Association to which he or she has applied for, or in which he or she has renewed, a membership. Until a person has been a member of OLP for a continuous period of at least six months, he or she may not vote in an election of, or stand for election as:
- (a) an officer of a Constituency Association;
 - (b) a delegate to an Annual Meeting or Leadership Convention;
 - (c) a candidate for any office in the OLP including Leader; or
 - (d) a candidate in a general election or by-election.

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00 p.m. local time on the day that is six months prior to the date upon which the Leadership Convention is scheduled to commence.~~first Monday that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of the call of the convention.~~

- 9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:
- a) Members in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.
 - b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting.

11.6 The Draft Nomination Plan

11.6.1 Upon the general request of the Leader or the Nomination Commissioner, each Constituency Association shall prepare and submit to the Nomination Commissioner a Draft Nomination Plan which shall be consistent with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Ontario Liberal Party and the Constitution of the Constituency Association. The Draft Nomination Plan shall indicate, but is not limited to, the following:

...

- b) the date on which persons must be members in good standing of the Constituency Association in order to be entitled to vote, which shall be not ~~earlier than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time, on the seventh (7th) day subsequent to the date of adoption of the Nomination Plan, and not~~ later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the day that is six months fourteenth (14th) day prior to the date of the Nomination Meeting;

15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

Voting eligibility

15.35 A Member of a constituency association shall be entitled to vote at an annual meeting of the constituency association, a meeting to elect delegates to an annual meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party, or a meeting to elect delegates to a policy rally only if the member has been ~~is~~ a member in good standing of the constituency association for a period of at least six (6) months, as of the date of seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

34. Proposed by Glenn Brown, Layla Sharif, Richard Boire, Gerald Stuart, Raymond Chandler, Brian Ashton – Nomination of Candidates

Explanatory Note:

This proposal would remove the appointment of the Nomination Commissioner from the cycle of being appointed for each general election.

It would, further, require Draft Nomination Plans to conform to a new Schedule “B” to the Constitution, which appears at the end of the amendment, and remove certain powers of the Nomination Commissioner. Criteria for the evaluation of prospective candidates for election would be set from time to time by Annual Meetings of OLP (initial criteria being set out in Schedule “B”), and then be applied by the Nomination Commissioner. No freeze on Nominations would occur after a general election.

Constituency Associations would assume all responsibility for the raising of funds for an election campaign, to the exclusion of the candidates.

Immediate past candidates would be barred from serving as Constituency Association President or Vice-President, and the holders of such positions would be barred from becoming candidates for two years after ceasing to hold office.

Annual Meetings of Constituency Associations would review the quality of service and suitability to hold public office of sitting MPPs or candidates in terms both of the Schedule “B” criteria described above, and other factors, including service and accountability to constituents, cooperation with other MPPs and relations with officials in other levels of government. Unsatisfactory evaluations could result in the the cancellation of a candidacy.

Under Schedule “B”, large nomination meetings would be replaced by a process whereby the nomination contestants are narrowed down in each riding to a group of not more than three, with the nominated candidate being chosen by a body of 16 to 19 individuals.

Sections 11.3.1, 11.3.4, 11.3.5, 11.4 and 15.23 now read:

11 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

11.3 *The Nomination Commissioner*

11.3.1

- a) In respect of each general election, the Leader shall appoint the Nomination Commissioner in consultation with the Executive Council, to serve until the date of the next general election. In the event of the incapacity, resignation or death of the Nomination Commissioner, the Leader may appoint an interim replacement to serve until the Nomination

Commissioner is able to again fulfil the role, or until such time as the Leader has had an opportunity to consult with the Executive Council and appoint a replacement to serve the balance of the term.

- b) In the event that a by-election or general election is called prior to the appointment of a Nomination Commissioner for the next forthcoming general election, the previous Nomination Commissioner shall act until such time as an appointment is made. If this person is unable or unwilling to act in that capacity, the President of OLP shall be the Acting Nomination Commissioner until such time as an appointment is made. In either case, the appointment may be for the limited purpose of one or more by-elections or for the next general election.

11.3.4 Role and Responsibilities of the Nomination Commissioner

In addition to any other authority granted to him or her by virtue of this Constitution, the Rules of Procedure or a resolution of the Executive Council or Provincial Council, the Nomination Commissioner or his or her designate shall:

- a) regulate the timing of Nomination Meetings in the best overall interest of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- b) receive the Draft Nomination Plan from each Riding Association;
- c) have the right to require that any Constituency Association submit a Draft Nomination Plan;
- d) have the right to resolve specific issues or terms within the Draft Nomination Plan consistent with fairness and common practice;
- e) have the right to withhold approval of any proposed Draft Nomination Plan if the Constituency Association:
 - i) has not met its financial commitments to the Ontario Liberal Party;
 - ii) has not completed and/or had approved all filings required by Elections Ontario;
 - iii) has a membership lower than the membership threshold fixed for that Association in the Rules of Procedure;
 - iv) has not held, or called, an Annual General Meeting in the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the Draft Nomination Plan;
 - v) has not held a minimum of four (4) Riding Executive meetings within the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the Draft Nomination Plan.
- f) receive Nomination Papers from all prospective candidates;
- g) on appropriate grounds, have the ability to impose sanctions on candidates, up to and including disqualification;
- h) have the discretion to waive or postpone the time requirements for the filing of Nomination Papers, if it is expedient and in the best interest of the Ontario Liberal Party, and
- i) where requested by a Constituency Association, to assist that Association in the identification and recruitment of potential candidates.

11.3.5 Without limiting the authority of the Nomination Commissioner to disqualify a candidate on other appropriate grounds in accordance with Section 11.3.4 (g), the following constitute grounds for the disqualification of a candidate for nomination or of a nominated candidate:

- a) the person is not qualified to be a candidate or sit as a member of the Legislative Assembly under the Ontario Elections Act, the Legislative Assembly Act or any other applicable legislation;
- b) the person has been convicted of a non-regulatory federal or provincial offence or has been removed from elected office pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the nature of the offence and its date are such that, in his or her best judgement, it is not in the best interest of the Ontario Liberal Party that the person be entitled to be a candidate, notwithstanding any other penalty to which he or she has been subject pursuant to law.
- c) the person has made a material misrepresentation to the Panel;
- d) the person has made a material misrepresentation in his or her Nomination Papers or campaign literature;
- e) the person engages in conduct or a pattern of conduct which shows lack of respect for the rule of law, for the rights, dignity and worth of other people, or for fairness in electoral competition, including the nomination process, or which shows breach of trust.
- f) the person has become unable or unwilling to continue to be the candidate for a constituency.

11.4 Freeze on Nominations

Except where necessitated by a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly and the anticipated issuance of a writ for a by-election, no Nomination Meeting shall be held in respect of any electoral district until such time as the Leader announces the appointment of the Nomination Commissioner for meetings in anticipation of the next general election.

Annual meetings

15.23 In each year, a constituency association shall hold an annual meeting, at which it shall elect Members and Associate Members of the Association to serve as the members of its Executive Committee until the end of its next annual meeting. No person shall be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for election to a position on the Executive Committee of the association unless he or she has filed with the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party or his or her designate, at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the annual meeting at which the election is to be held, a notice in writing of that person's intention to be a candidate for the specific position. In the event that no such notice is received in respect of a position on the Executive Committee of the Association to which a single person

is to be elected, nominations may be accepted without prior notice at the annual meeting. In the event that fewer notices are received in respect of a position on the Executive Committee of the Association than there are persons to be elected to that position, the persons who submitted such notices shall be acclaimed to the position, and nominations in respect of the remaining vacancy or vacancies may be accepted without prior notice at the annual meeting. In the event that a position on the Executive Committee of the association is unfilled after the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Executive Committee of the Association may appoint members of the association to fill such positions, to serve until the next annual meeting.

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a) regulate the timing of Nomination Meetings in the best overall interest of the Ontario Liberal Party;

- b) receive the Draft Nomination Plan from each Riding Association, which shall conform to the provisions of Schedule "B";
- c) have the right to require that any Constituency Association submit a Draft Nomination Plan;
- d) have the right to resolve specific issues or terms within the Draft Nomination Plan consistent with fairness and common practice;
- e) have the right to withhold approval of any proposed Draft Nomination Plan if the Constituency Association:
 - i) has not met its financial commitments to the Ontario Liberal Party;
 - ii) has not completed and/or had approved all filings required by Elections Ontario;
 - iii) has a membership lower than the membership threshold fixed for that Association in the Rules of Procedure;
 - iv) has not held, or called, an Annual General Meeting in the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the Draft Nomination Plan;
 - v) has not held a minimum of four (4) Riding Executive meetings within the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the Draft Nomination Plan.
- ~~f) receive Nomination Papers from all prospective candidates;~~
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- ~~h) have the discretion to waive or postpone the time requirements for the filing of Nomination Papers, if it is expedient and in the best interest of the Ontario Liberal Party, and~~
- if) only where requested by a Constituency Association, to assist that Association in the identification and recruitment of potential candidates.

11.3.5 The Annual Meeting of OLP shall consider proposed standards and qualifications for candidates which may be submitted by any member or group of members of the party since the previous Annual Meeting, and may adopt such proposals as it sees fit (See Schedule "B"). These standards will be applied by the Nominations Commissioner in the vetting process, and guide the constituency associations in their evaluations of candidates and sitting Members of the Legislature. Without limiting the authority of the Nomination Commissioner to disqualify a candidate on other appropriate grounds ~~in accordance with Section 11.3.4 (g)~~, the following constitute grounds for the disqualification of a candidate for nomination or of a nominated candidate:

- a) the person is not qualified to be a candidate or sit as a member of the Legislative Assembly under the Ontario Elections Act, the Legislative Assembly Act or any other applicable legislation;
- b) the person has been convicted of a non-regulatory federal or provincial offence or has been removed from elected office pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the nature of the offence and its date are such that, in his or her best judgement, it is not in the best interest of the Ontario Liberal Party that the person be entitled to be a candidate,

notwithstanding any other penalty to which he or she has been subject pursuant to law.

- c) the person has made a material misrepresentation to the Panel;
- d) the person has made a material misrepresentation in his or her Nomination Papers or campaign literature;
- e) the person engages in conduct or a pattern of conduct which shows lack of respect for the rule of law, for the rights, dignity and worth of other people, or for fairness in electoral competition, including the nomination process, or which shows breach of trust.
- f) the person has become unable or unwilling to continue to be the candidate for a constituency.

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~~Except where necessitated by a vacancy in the Legislative Assembly and the anticipated issuance of a writ for a by-election, no Nomination Meeting shall be held in respect of any electoral district until such time as the Leader announces the appointment of the Nomination Commissioner for meetings in anticipation of the next general election.~~

NEW:

15.2.1 Each constituency association shall have as one of its purposes raising funds for any future campaign. This shall be the exclusive responsibility of the association and not of the candidate.

Annual meetings

15.23 In each year, a constituency association shall hold an annual meeting, at which it shall:

- (a) elect Members and Associate Members of the Association to serve as the members of its Executive Committee until the end of its next annual meeting. Neither the president nor vice-president positions may be held by an immediate past candidate, nor may the holder of such a position become a candidate within two years of serving in either office;
- (b) review, in accordance with 11.3.5 the current MPP's or candidate's quality of service to the constituency and their suitability to hold public office. This will be based on demonstrated accomplishment showing service and accountability to the constituents, and an appropriate level of support to the party, including cooperation with other MPP's. It should also evaluate relations with officials in other levels of government. Unsatisfactory evaluations could result in a refusal to renew the candidacy in the next election. Complaints about candidate/official behaviour, either professional or personal, aside from those already described in the OLP Code of Conduct and the Workplace Harassment Policy should be evaluated by joint effort of the constituency association and party officials, following permanent, on-going (i.e., not adjusted for particular campaign periods) guidelines adopted by Annual Meetings of OLP. An unsatisfactory

evaluation should result in stopping a candidacy, and removal of a sitting official.

15.23.1 No person shall be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for election to a position on the Executive Committee of the association unless he or she has filed with the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party or his or her designate, at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the annual meeting at which the election is to be held, a notice in writing of that person's intention to be a candidate for the specific position. In the event that no such notice is received in respect of a position on the Executive Committee of the Association to which a single person is to be elected, nominations may be accepted without prior notice at the annual meeting. In the event that fewer notices are received in respect of a position on the Executive Committee of the Association than there are persons to be elected to that position, the persons who submitted such notices shall be acclaimed to the position, and nominations in respect of the remaining vacancy or vacancies may be accepted without prior notice at the annual meeting. In the event that a position on the Executive Committee of the association is unfilled after the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Executive Committee of the Association may appoint members of the association to fill such positions, to serve until the next annual meeting.

NEW – ADD AT END OF CONSTITUTION

Schedule "B"

A panel of three individuals of the nominations commission shall be selected by the Provincial Council in order to pre-screen these candidates down to three based on the following:

1. Evaluating their official resume and cover letter which should reflect the following characteristics:
 - a) Demonstrated leadership skills both in the riding and the broader community.
 - b) Education and job experience
 - c) Volunteer experience and demonstrable public commitment both within riding and beyond.
 - history of contribution to the community and/or participation in public life;
 - whether the Potential Nomination Contestant has a demonstrated history of commitment to the Party;
 - d) Local residency for last 3 years
2. Interviewing the candidate

Do a pre-approval background and security check. The riding should have a questionnaire.

Examine:

- a) public statements made by the Potential Nomination Contestant on social media, in publications, or otherwise;
- b) any claim, dispute or litigation in which the Potential Nomination Contestant is involved or in which the Potential Nomination Contestant has previously been involved;
- c) any ethical questions or concerns
- d) whether the Potential Nomination Contestant subscribes to the policies and values of the Party; and
- e) any other political considerations.

Prior to the candidate selection meeting, each of the three candidates shall select three members as electors from the riding/constituency association and the riding/constituency association shall select ten other members who had become members at least six months prior to the candidate selection meeting. Note this situation is always consistent in that the candidate can select 3 members and the riding/constituency selects 10 members. (Total would be 19 if there are three candidates- 3 candidates for a total of 9 and the riding/constituency for a total of 10)

They will vote on the candidates.

Candidates shall be required to give a 3-5 minute speech about themselves in front of the riding association members, who must have been members of the Association for at least 6 months) and be prepared to answer questions. Candidates must have residency in the local community for at least 3 years.

Then they vote.

Using the drop-out system, the first vote eliminates the candidate with the fewest votes unless the candidate with the most votes has a majority (50% +1). If there is no majority, a second vote will be held to determine the final nominee. This process is iterative until one candidate has a majority (50%+1)

35. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Policy Committee

Explanatory Note:

The current membership of the Policy Committee is largely made up of Executive Council. This amendment would ensure that Executive Council members are consulted on the membership of the committee, but that there is more flexibility to invite interested Ontario Liberals to participate who reflect the diversity of Ontario.

Section 7.7 now reads:

- 7.7 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:
- a) The Operational Vice-President (Policy), who shall be the Chair of the Committee;
 - b) The President or his or her designate;
 - c) The Chair of the Liberal Caucus;
 - d) The President of the Ontario Young Liberals or his or her designate;
 - e) The President of the Ontario Women's' Liberal Commission or her designate;
 - f) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed);
 - g) Each Regional Vice President or his or her designate;
 - h) The Operational Vice-President (Engagement); and
 - i) Such other members as may be appointed by the Operational Vice-President (Policy).

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

- 7.7 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:
- a) The Operational Vice-President (Policy), who shall be the Chair of the Committee;
 - b) The President ~~or his or her designate~~ (ex-officio);
 - c) ~~The Leader, or her or his designate (any designate shall be non-voting);~~
 - d) ~~The Chair~~ A member -of the Ontario Liberal Caucus, designated by Caucus;
 - e) ~~The President~~ A representative of the Ontario Young Liberals as designated by its Executive ~~or his or her designate~~;
 - f) ~~The President~~ A representative of the Ontario Women's' Liberal Commission as designated by its Executive ~~or her designate~~;
 - g) The ~~Chair of the~~ Platform Chair or Co-Chairs ~~Committee~~ for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed);
 - h) ~~Each Regional Vice President or his or her designate;~~
 - i) ~~The Operational Vice-President (Engagement); and~~
 - j) Such other members as may be appointed by the Operational Vice-President (Policy), including any Vice-Chairs, or members with specific

responsibilities, in consultation with the Executive Council, ensuring the committee membership reflects Ontario's diversity.

36A. Proposed by Damien O'Brien – Rebuilding the Ontario Liberal Policy Development Process

Explanatory Note:

A new process is proposed to support the renewal of the Ontario Liberal Party that is open to our members, and respects the complementary roles that our Leader, caucus and membership have in setting the policy direction of our party. This amendment would encourage cooperation and collaboration with an accessible and accountable process.

Sections 2.16, 5.10, 6.3 and 10 now read:

2 DEFINITIONS

2.16 “Policy Development Process” means the process that is utilized by the Ontario Liberal Party to set the goals, objectives, and specific proposals that guide decision making for the Party as government as well as opposition;

5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

5.10 Executive Council may:

- a) establish committees to make recommendations to the Executive Council or to discharge responsibilities delegated by Executive Council;
- b) appoint the chair of a committee established by the Executive Council;
- c) adopt and amend by-laws and procedures to facilitate the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, including the conduct of the affairs and processes of Affiliated Associations;
- d) Upon posting the vacancy on the Ontario Liberal Party website at least three weeks in advance, appoint an individual to any office that has become vacant;
- e) exercise any other power or authority conferred on it by this Constitution; and,
- f) postpone the date of the Annual Policy Development Conference if it has also postponed the date of the Annual General Meeting.

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

6.3 Delegates to an Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall be non- voting members of Provincial Council only for the purposes of a Provincial Council meeting that is held in conjunction with that conference.

10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

10.1 The Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall include at least one day dedicated to the deliberation and development of Ontario Liberal Party policy.

Policy Delegates

- 10.2 The following shall be policy delegates and shall be entitled to vote on any question under consideration at the conference:
- a) every member of Provincial Council;
 - b) every member of the Standing Committee on Policy Development;
 - c) five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each constituency association;
 - d) every Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
 - e) every past Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus at the time he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
 - f) the Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, if there is no Liberal candidate, the immediate past Liberal candidate;
 - g) five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each Affiliated Association recognized by Executive Council; and,
 - h) every Past President of:
 - i) the Ontario Liberal Association;
 - ii) the Liberal Party in Ontario; and,
 - iii) the Ontario Liberal Party.

Form of Conference

- 10.3 For each Annual Policy Development Conference, the Executive Council shall determine the form of the Conference, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the day on which it is to commence. In general terms, the form of the Conference shall be one of the following:
- a) an ideas generation conference comprised of any or all of:
 - i) presentations by knowledgeable individuals or groups;
 - ii) workshops;
 - iii) resolution development sessions, with or without subsequent adoption procedures; and
 - iv) such other process as may be adopted by the Executive Council in order to facilitate the inception, development or implementation of policy initiatives designed to further the best interests of the people of Ontario and advance the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party.
 - b) a resolution-based process focused upon one or more compelling sets of issues or themes, and in accordance with the policy resolution process set out in sections 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 of this Constitution.
 - c) a hybridization of subsections (a) and (b), above.

Policy Resolutions

- 10.4 Where the form of an Annual Policy Development Conference is as described in subsection 10.3(b), above:
- a) the Secretary shall issue an invitation to all members of the Ontario Liberal Party to submit policy resolutions at least ninety (90) days before the first day of the conference.

- b) The Executive Council shall establish procedures or by-laws regarding:
 - i. the manner and form for submitting policy resolutions; and,
 - ii. the procedure for considering policy resolutions that have been submitted.
- c) A policy resolution that is adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of policy delegates present at the conference shall be Ontario Liberal Party policy.

Leader and Caucus

- 10.5 The Leader and the Liberal Caucus shall give due consideration to Ontario Liberal Party policy when developing an election platform and during the day-to-day management of policy issues.
- 10.6 The Leader, or a member of the Liberal Caucus appointed by the Leader, shall present a report on policy action to each annual meeting, or to the meeting of Provincial Council prior to the conference.
- 10.7 The purpose of the Leader's report on policy is to inform members about how the Ontario Liberal Party policy development process relates to policy positions taken by the Leader and the Liberal Caucus, including the development of an election platform.
- 10.8 The Leader's report on policy action shall indicate decisions made and actions taken in response to Ontario Liberal Party policy adopted at previous conferences.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

2 DEFINITIONS

- 2.16 “Policy Development and Engagement Process” means the process, set by way of a by-law, that is utilized by the Ontario Liberal Party to set the goals, objectives, and specific proposals that guide decision making for the Party as government as well as opposition;

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- 5.10 Executive Council may:
 - a) establish committees to make recommendations to the Executive Council or to discharge responsibilities delegated by Executive Council;
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~~f) — postpone the date of the Annual Policy Development Conference if it has also postponed the date of the Annual General Meeting.~~

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10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Principles & Process

10.1 The policy development and engagement process of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be member driven, accessible, and accountable to all Ontario Liberals.

10.2 The Vice-President (Policy) shall be responsible & accountable for the management & administration of all aspects of the policy development and engagement process of the Ontario Liberal Party.

10.3 The Leader, caucus, and any nominated Liberal candidates shall give due consideration to Ontario Liberal Party policy when developing an election platform, and during the day-to-day management of policy issues, consulting with

the Vice-President (Policy), the Policy Committee, and any working groups which may be established.

10.4 Executive Council shall establish and maintain through a by-law the process for policy development and engagement of the Ontario Liberal Party.

10.4.1 The policy by-law shall be made available to all Ontario Liberal affiliated associations as well as through the Ontario Liberal Party website, and shall be reviewed annually.

10.4.2 The policy by-law shall;

- a) establish the process and rules of procedure for policy resolutions, policy plenaries and policy conventions;
- b) provide alternative methods of policy development, incorporating the principles of member engagement, external outreach, inclusivity, and diversity; and
- c) establish any other procedures or processes for policy development, including that a policy convention must be held in the last two years before the scheduled date of a general election.

10.4.3 The policy by-law shall recognize the roles of all Ontario Liberals including riding associations, commissions, caucus, candidates, and the Leader in policy development & engagement.

Platform development

10.5 At least two years before the scheduled date of a general election, the Vice-President (Policy), a member of caucus, as chosen by caucus, and an individual appointed by the Leader shall be named Platform Co-Chairs and be responsible for developing the election platform for the Ontario Liberal campaign.

10.6 The Platform Co-Chairs shall also be responsible for leading party-wide engagement on the platform, incorporating previously approved policy resolutions & member feedback into the platform development process as well as public & stakeholder engagement.

10.7 The Platform Co-Chairs shall be supported by the Policy Committee, and any policy working groups established. The Co-Chairs shall incorporate resolutions approved, and submissions received through the process established through the policy by-law.

10.8 The Leader & Platform Co-Chairs shall agree with the content of the platform, affixing their signatures to the document.

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 - ~~e) — every past Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus at the time he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;~~
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- ~~10.5 — The Leader and the Liberal Caucus shall give due consideration to Ontario Liberal Party policy when developing an election platform and during the day-to-day management of policy issues.~~
- ~~10.6 — The Leader, or a member of the Liberal Caucus appointed by the Leader, shall present a report on policy action to each annual meeting, or to the meeting of Provincial Council prior to the conference.~~
- ~~10.7 — The purpose of the Leader's report on policy is to inform members about how the Ontario Liberal Party policy development process relates to policy positions taken by the Leader and the Liberal Caucus, including the development of an election platform.~~
- ~~10.8 — The Leader's report on policy action shall indicate decisions made and actions taken in response to Ontario Liberal Party policy adopted at previous conferences.~~

36B. Proposed by Glenn Brown, Layla Sharif, Richard Boire, Gerald Stuart, Raymond Chandler, and Brian Ashton – Policy Development Process

Explanatory Note:

The existing policy development process would be replaced by one that is grass roots based at the riding level. Ridings would submit their top 5 policy recommendations which would then be grouped by subject matter and then voted upon by all riding association members, with the results then being communicated back to the ridings.

MPPs would be bound by the top five policy priorities and required to resign their seats or the leadership of the party, if they disagree with them.

Section 10.1 to 10.4 now read:

10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

10.1 The Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall include at least one day dedicated to the deliberation and development of Ontario Liberal Party policy.

Policy Delegates

- 10.2 The following shall be policy delegates and shall be entitled to vote on any question under consideration at the conference:
- a) every member of Provincial Council;
 - b) every member of the Standing Committee on Policy Development;
 - c) five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each constituency association;
 - d) every Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
 - e) every past Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus at the time he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;
 - f) the Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, if there is no Liberal candidate, the immediate past Liberal candidate;
 - g) five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each Affiliated Association recognized by Executive Council; and,
 - h) every Past President of:
 - i) the Ontario Liberal Association;
 - ii) the Liberal Party in Ontario; and,
 - iii) the Ontario Liberal Party.

Form of Conference

- 10.3 For each Annual Policy Development Conference, the Executive Council shall determine the form of the Conference, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the day on which it is to commence. In general terms, the form of the Conference shall be one of the following:
- a) an ideas generation conference comprised of any or all of:
 - i) presentations by knowledgeable individuals or groups;
 - ii) workshops;
 - iii) resolution development sessions, with or without subsequent adoption procedures; and
 - iv) such other process as may be adopted by the Executive Council in order to facilitate the inception, development or implementation of policy initiatives designed to further the best interests of the people of Ontario and advance the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party.
 - b) a resolution-based process focused upon one or more compelling sets of issues or themes, and in accordance with the policy resolution process set out in sections 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 of this Constitution.
 - c) a hybridization of subsections (a) and (b), above.

Policy Resolutions

- 10.4 Where the form of an Annual Policy Development Conference is as described in subsection 10.3(b), above:
- a) the Secretary shall issue an invitation to all members of the Ontario Liberal Party to submit policy resolutions at least ninety (90) days before the first day of the conference.
 - b) The Executive Council shall establish procedures or by-laws regarding:
 - i) the manner and form for submitting policy resolutions; and,
 - ii) the procedure for considering policy resolutions that have been submitted.
 - c) A policy resolution that is adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of policy delegates present at the conference shall be Ontario Liberal Party policy.

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- 10.1 Development of party policy must occur at the grass-roots level which is at the electoral riding area. The Executive Council shall establish an annual conference development period. The Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall include at least one day dedicated to the deliberation and development of Ontario Liberal Party policy.

Policy Delegates

- 10.2 ~~Each riding will submit its top 5 policy recommendations. The OLP Constitution Committee will then review and categorize all electoral riding policy recommendations. Each riding member will then vote on these grouped policy categories and determine their top five policy recommendations. The results will be communicated to all ridings. The Constitution Committee will then evaluate the voting results to determine the top 5 policy priorities. The following shall be policy delegates and shall be entitled to vote on any question under consideration at the conference:~~
- ~~a) every member of Provincial Council;~~
 - ~~b) every member of the Standing Committee on Policy Development;~~
 - ~~c) five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each constituency association;~~
 - ~~d) every Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;~~
 - ~~e) every past Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus at the time he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;~~
 - ~~f) the Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, if there is no Liberal candidate, the immediate past Liberal candidate;~~
 - ~~g) five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each Affiliated Association recognized by Executive Council; and,~~
 - ~~h) every Past President of:~~
 - ~~i) the Ontario Liberal Association;~~
 - ~~ii) the Liberal Party in Ontario; and,~~
 - ~~iii) the Ontario Liberal Party.~~

Form of Conference

- 10.3 ~~The elected MPP (in government or opposition) will always be bound by these sets of policy priorities. An elected member (including the cabinet and/or premier) who disagrees with these priorities must resign with a by-election to fill the vacant seat and/or a leadership convention to replace the premier. The above process will occur on an annual basis and existing policies if unfinished may be repeated from year to year. For each Annual Policy Development Conference, the Executive Council shall determine the form of the Conference, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the day on which it is to commence. In general terms, the form of the Conference shall be one of the following:~~
- ~~a) an ideas generation conference comprised of any or all of:~~
 - ~~i) presentations by knowledgeable individuals or groups;~~
 - ~~ii) workshops;~~
 - ~~iii) resolution development sessions, with or without subsequent adoption procedures; and~~
 - ~~iv) such other process as may be adopted by the Executive Council in order to facilitate the inception, development or implementation of policy initiatives designed to further the best interests of the people of Ontario and advance the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party.~~

- ~~b) a resolution-based process focused upon one or more compelling sets of issues or themes, and in accordance with the policy resolution process set out in sections 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 of this Constitution.~~
- ~~c) a hybridization of subsections (a) and (b), above.~~

Policy Resolutions

~~10.4 Where the form of an Annual Policy Development Conference is as described in subsection 10.3(b), above:~~

- ~~a) the Secretary shall issue an invitation to all members of the Ontario Liberal Party to submit policy resolutions at least ninety (90) days before the first day of the conference.~~
- ~~b) The Executive Council shall establish procedures or by-laws regarding:
 - ~~i) the manner and form for submitting policy resolutions; and,~~
 - ~~ii) the procedure for considering policy resolutions that have been submitted.~~~~
- ~~c) A policy resolution that is adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of policy delegates present at the conference shall be Ontario Liberal Party policy.~~

37. Proposed by Glenn Brown, Layla Sharif, Richard Boire, Gerald Stuart, Raymond Chandler and Brian Ashton – Preamble

Explanatory Note:

The Proposers suggest that a Preamble be added to the Constitution, prior to section 1, as set out below.

The Constitution does not presently have a Preamble

IT IS PROPOSED TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Preamble

Balancing the need for individual rights versus collective rights is the cornerstone principle of the Ontario Liberal Party. We advocate for government that not only recognizes the needs of the individual along with evidence-based ideas and proposals, but empowers that same individual to fully realize their unique potential. We want a more compassionate government that recognizes its responsibility to build hope and a more promising future for people of the province. We want a government which understands that these above challenges can be overcome only with a collective will that establishes the right socio-economic infrastructure to best serve the collective interests of all Ontarians.