



Toronto Centre Provincial Liberal Association

2023 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM

Centre for Social Innovation - Community Living Room

Daniel Spectrum, Regent Park, 585 Dundas St East, Toronto

Agenda

1. Call to Order; Welcome; Introduction
2. President's Remarks - Milton Chan
3. Report from the Treasurer & CFO- Kaj Thiru, Patrick Simon
4. Amendment to PLA Constitution
5. Election of Executive Officers
6. 2022 Election Campaign – David Morris
7. Adjournment

Candidates for Executive Offices

President - Milton Chan

I am a lifelong political geek who has been living in Toronto Centre since I was 19. I started my involvement as a Toronto Centre Liberal when my mentor Tom Allison managed George Smitherman's first campaign in 1999. Since then this family has been a major part of my life. I am proud to have managed campaigns for, ran e-day, directed field strategy, put up signs, or just simply pounded pavement for every Liberal candidate, both provincially and federally, in the riding since.



Campaign office is my happy place as I have a strange obsession with lists, data and coloured maps. (See how happy I am in this photo?) Over the years, I have had many opportunities to play all sorts of roles in 100+ local, nomination, leadership, executive and central campaigns. In addition to my role with Toronto Centre, I am also currently the constitution chair and honorary (i.e. unpaid!) counsel of the Ontario Liberal Party, roles I had also played for the federal party.

I am grateful for your confidence in me to serve as this association's president in the past four years (plus 2 more back in 2011-12). I am even more grateful for the friendship and the camaraderie you have so generously shared. Thank you for your continual trust and support. Whether you will be serving on the riding executive or not, if you would like to get involved in any aspect of the association, please do reach out.

Executive Vice-President - Lisa Barclay

Lisa Barclay is a software product management director at IBM. Active with the party starting with the 2018 candidate nominations, Lisa was the data chair for 2022 campaign and has held a director role on the TCPLA.



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Treasurer - Nicholas Ferreira

Nicholas has been a dedicated Ontario Liberal Party member & volunteer for over 8 years. He first became involved with the party in his hometown riding during the 2014 election cycle. Shortly thereafter he moved to Toronto for university; since then he has served in various capacities on the executives of the UofT Young Liberals, the Ontario Young Liberals, and the riding associations in both York-Simcoe and University-Rosedale. During the 2022 provincial election Nicholas served as campaign manager here in Toronto-Centre. He is excited to continue contributing to the liberal cause as treasurer of the TCPLA while he carries on his legal studies.”



Secretary - Mathias Memmel

Mathias has lived in the Church-Wellesley Village since 2016. Since moving to Toronto for University, he has served and worked for community and political organizations, including as President of the University of Toronto Students Union and at the 519 Community Centre. Upon graduating from U of T, Mathias attended law school and now works in the Litigation Group at McCarthy Tétrault LLP. Mathias is a founding member of Canada's first 2SLGBTQIA Bar association and was recently appointed as President of Start Proud, Canada's premier mentorship and advocacy organization for young 2SLGBTQIA professionals.



Director - Ashley Abbott

Director - Bishara Al Masroori

Director - Sarah Barker

Director - Ceylan Borgers

Director - Christine Bome

I have been an Ontario Liberal for many years and active in countless election campaigns since I was 14 years old.

I have been a campaign manager, fundraising director, sign chair and volunteer coordinator and fully appreciate the work riding associations do in between elections to set the stage for a successful election campaign.

Director - Ryan Carlsen

I have been involved with the Liberal Party since P.E. Trudeau's time when I put up lawn signs with my father. I moved to Toronto Centre in 2019 and have taken an active role in the Federal Toronto Centre Association as Fundraising Chair on the Board of Directors. I became very active in the Toronto Centre PLA as part of David Morris's election team. I volunteered as part of David's lead team to fundraise and plan events leading up to the election. I am interested in being part of the executive team to ensure Toronto Centre has an engaged volunteer base and that we become an active PLA in the OLP leadership race and in the nomination of our next candidate. I hope you will support me in this AGM election.



Director - Amar Chadee

Director - Beckie Codd-Downey

Director - Jeff Costen

I have been an active Liberal for nearly a decade and believe that Toronto Centre and other downtown ridings must play a central role in the party's renewal. That means championing policies that make the city more livable, inclusive and affordable, and making space for smart, progressive voices. I believe I bring the experience, work ethic and local know-how to support the Provincial Liberal Association as it takes on this work.

I have held various professional and volunteer roles in and around Liberal politics, including:

- Worked as a communications advisor, issues manager and press secretary for three different ministers in the Wynne government;
- Served as GOTV co-chair for Marci Ien's federal Toronto Centre election campaign in 2021; and
- Led the Ontario Liberal Party's issues management team in the 2022 election

I currently work as a principal at a national communications and public strategy firm and live in the St. Lawrence neighbourhood with my partner and my cat.

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Director - Matt Guerin

I'm a Supervisor for the media management team at CBC Toronto, where I've worked since 2004. I'm also a loving husband, a longtime LGBTQ activist and a former media union activist. I'm a freelance writer, blogger, filmmaker, and political junkie based in Toronto Centre.



As a longtime Liberal who's been active both federally and provincially since the late 1980s, and active locally for years in Toronto Centre, I'm happy to put my name forward for a director position on the Toronto Centre Provincial Liberal Association at the local AGM on January 11, 2023. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the meeting as I'll be returning from a vacation at the time of the meeting. I volunteered and donated to the 2022 Toronto Centre Ontario Liberal campaign. I was also active in 2018, and even served on the local Toronto Centre association prior to 2017. Previously, I worked full-time as a Legislative and Executive Assistant for former Liberal MPPs Michael Gravelle and Caroline DiCocco at Queen's Park, as well as an assistant in the Ontario Liberal Caucus Services Bureau. I was active in the 2013 and 2020 Ontario Liberal leadership races.

I want to be a part of the efforts to renew and rebuild the Ontario Liberal Party both locally and provincially to ensure Ontarians have a great, progressive alternative to the Tories that can actually win elections. If I'm successful joining the Toronto Centre PLA executive as director, I look forward to working with fellow Liberals to make that a reality.

Director - Waled Khogali

Waled has lived in Regent Park with his family since 2005. He is known for working with residents from all backgrounds to create safe, inclusive, sustainable communities that are free from discrimination and hate. As a Canadian Muslim who immigrated from Sudan, he has experienced firsthand what it's like to be a newcomer youth growing up in Toronto. He has worked to champion issues such as affordable housing, transit, environmental stewardship, equity, and human rights in both the community and across Toronto. Waled is the elected Resident Co-Chair of both the Community Benefits Oversight Working Group (CBOWG) and the Community Building Working Group of the Regent Social Development Plan (SDP). He is also an active and proud board member of the Regent Park Neighbourhood Association (RPNA).



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Director - Carol Kim

Director - Michael Mason

Director - Ian G. McKnight

I have had over three decades of human rights work (inclusive of research) with and for the LGBTQI+, HIV, sex worker and other vulnerabilized communities and am a co-founder of several related national and regional organisations. My work is grounded in a firm belief in the inseparability of spirituality and sexuality.



I have a bachelor's degree in Theology and a master's degree in Communication for Social and Behaviour Change from the University of the West Indies and a masters degree in Human Resources Management from the Nova Southeastern University.

I now work as the Director of Programs and Services for the Toronto Persons With AIDS(PWA) Foundation.

Director - Jason Moody

Jason Moody is a business development-oriented consultant with deep experience in environmental technology firms (cleantech) and the climate issues they address. He has expertise in identifying opportunities for collaboration within existing relationships, identifying new potential partners, and identifying and exploring new opportunities. He possesses exceptional communication skills and the capacity to build trusting relationships. He is also functional in Mandarin and fluent in French. He has a solid international business and political background and work experience, including five years in greater China.

Director - Caroline Murphy

I immigrated from Ireland in the mid 1990s and have spent nearly all years since working and living in Toronto Centre. My professional career spans the hospitality and financial services sectors, including being a small business owner and working both globally and domestically. I believe strongly in giving back to my community and have been very engaged with charities such as Make-A-Wish, PWA and being a Neighbourhood Climate Action Champion.



Most recently, I ran for Ward 13 – Toronto Centre Councillor in the last Municipal election and am a Consultant in Financial Services.

As an established leader, I'm a big-picture, nimble thinker who finds fresh strategies to solve problems and meet goals. Nothing is boiler-plate. I am a people person, which in business has meant building diverse teams from across the globe to make transformative change.

I'm a mentor, a coach, and a recognized negotiator.

Director - Priya Ponnusamy

Director - David Pretlove

Director - Navjit Rana

At the start of 2022 I moved to Toronto Centre from London, United Kingdom where I was a member and heavily involved with our sister party, The Labour Party. I have run 6 General Election campaigns for several constituencies, 5 local election campaigns for various cities across England, 2 European Elections and assisted with 2 London Mayoral election campaigns. I was also the election agent for the candidate against Boris Johnson in 2017 when our increase in votes knocked him out of the running to become leader, then complex internal Labour Party events changed things next time round. I have also stood for election myself several times.



Campaigning is in my blood which is why I volunteered at the last provincial election, door knocking in Toronto Centre and across Brampton.

On a more personal note, my career over the years has revolved around aerospace/aviation engineering in one form or another. Having started my career at Rolls-Royce plc investigating aircraft incidents, I currently work for Smiths Detection where I manage several engineering teams across the country that look after the X-Ray explosive detection machines at various sites.

I'm taking this opportunity to become more formally involved, see where I can fit in and enter the next election campaign stronger.

Director - Kostas Renieris

Director - Avigail Rucker

Director - Mohammed M Sheikh

Director - Patrick Simon

I am a lawyer who lives in the riding. I am currently the CFO of the PLA, but will be resigning from that post as soon as a replacement is appointed.



Director - Kaj Thiru

Director - Steve Williams

My name is Steven Williams. I am a strategic communications pro, who has directed numerous successful public relations programs developing and defending corporate reputations for education organizations, innovative companies, governments and non-profit organizations. I have been involved with the Ontario Liberal Party for 30 years in many communities, including as a campaign manager, and lived in the riding for 17 years, volunteering in Toronto Centre for about ten years. I've served on the board for about five years. I hope I can count on your support to continue to serve. Thank you for your consideration.





Constitution

of the Toronto Centre (the “Electoral District”)
constituency association of the Ontario Liberal Party (the
“Association”)

Adopted [or “Amended”] at the Association’s annual meeting held on [January 11, 2023].

NOTE: This constituency association constitution is subordinate to the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and all by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the Ontario Liberal Party Executive Council that are currently in effect. Please refer to the Ontario Liberal Party website for the most current version of these documents.

1. Objects

1.1 The objects of the Association shall be:

- a) to further the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party;
- b) to organize the Electoral District for the Ontario Liberal Party;
- c) to elect, promote and assist the Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly or the Liberal candidate of the Electoral District; and
- d) to elect Liberal Members to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

2. General

2.1 This constitution is adopted pursuant to section 15.3 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and is subject in all respects to the provisions of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution. The Association shall adhere to the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution currently in effect. In the event of a conflict between any provision in this constitution and any provision in the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution, the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution, only to the minimum extent necessary in order to resolve that conflict, shall prevail.

2.2 The Association shall adhere to all by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party that are currently in effect (the “Ontario Liberal Party Rules”). In the event of a conflict between any provision in this constitution and any provision in any Ontario Liberal Party Rules, the Ontario Liberal Party Rules, only to the minimum extent necessary in order to resolve that conflict, shall prevail.

3. Membership and Voting Privileges¹

3.1 All members of the Ontario Liberal Party currently residing in the Electoral District are automatically voting members of the Association.²

¹ Please see section 3 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the Ontario Liberal Party Rules of Procedures for Membership for provisions governing membership.

² Despite the foregoing, pursuant to section 3.30 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution, a person who was

3.2 Unless otherwise prescribed by provisions in the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution or the Ontario Liberal Party Rules, those persons entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Association must be members in good standing of the Association seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

4. Executive Committee³

4.1 The following officers of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association, and shall be voting members of the Executive Committee of the Association:

- a) a President;
- b) an Executive Vice-President;
- c) a Secretary;
- d) a Treasurer; and
- e) twenty-five (25) Directors

4.2 The Executive Committee shall appoint or re-appoint a Chief Financial Officer, who may or may not be the elected Treasurer, to be voting members of the Executive Committee, at the earliest possible opportunity following an annual meeting.

4.3 The following shall be ex-officio voting members of the Executive Committee of the Association:

- a) the immediate Past President;
- b) the Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the electoral district and, where there is no Liberal Member, the Liberal candidate of the electoral district and where there is no Liberal candidate, the Liberal candidate in the most recent provincial election in the electoral district, and
- c) the President of any Ontario Women's Liberal Commission Club established in a manner that strictly conforms to the boundaries of the electoral district corresponding to the Association; and
- d) the President of any Ontario Young Liberal riding club corresponding to the electoral district.

4.4 The following shall be ex-officio non-voting members of the Executive Committee:

- a) the Ontario Liberal Party Regional Vice-President whose responsibilities include the electoral district, or their delegate;
- b) in instances of overlapping federal and provincial electoral district boundaries, the Chair of the Liberal Party of Canada Electoral District Association representing such federal electoral district;

a voting member of the Association, or one of its predecessor constituency associations on November 18, 2016, but does not currently reside the electoral district shall be a voting member of the Association, but only as long as the person remains a member of the Association, or one of its predecessor associations, without interruption subsequent to November 18, 2016.

³ Please see the Ontario Liberal Party Rules of Procedures for Constituency Associations for provisions governing the Executive Committee.

- c) in instances of overlapping federal and provincial electoral district boundaries, the Member of Parliament for each such overlapping federal electoral district, if such Member of Parliament is a member of the Liberal Party of Canada Caucus.
- 4.5 At the annual meeting of the Association, at least (1) person who has not attained the age of twenty-six (26) years shall be elected to be a voting member of the Executive Committee elected by members in of the Association present and voting, in addition to the President of the Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club referred to in section 4.3(c).
- 4.6 The President shall:
- a) when present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall not ordinarily vote on any matter at such meetings, but may exercise a vote in the event of any tie;
 - b) be an ex-officio member of all committees;
 - c) represent, or designate another member of the Executive Committee to represent, the Association at the Provincial Council of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 4.7 The Executive Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the absence or inability or refusal to act of the President, such inability or refusal to be determined by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. The Executive Vice-President does not have an automatic right of succession should the office of the President become vacant, and shall perform the duties of the President until the Executive Committee to appoint a President.
- 4.8 The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept the financial records and bank account of the Association and shall present a financial report at the annual meeting and meetings of the Executive Committee.
- 4.9 The Secretary shall
- a) when present, act as secretary of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Association
 - b) be responsible for preparing and circulating all notices of meetings and minutes of meetings of the Executive Committee and of the Association, other than those notices to be issued by the office or officers of the Ontario Liberal Party;
 - c) be responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the lists of Executive Committee members with contact information, and for forwarding a copy of such a list to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party within four (4) weeks after the holding of every annual meeting of the Association.
- 4.10 The Chief Financial Officer shall comply, and shall be responsible for ensuring the Association comply, with the provisions of the *Elections Finances Act* and with the provisions of the *Elections Act*.
- 4.11 Each member of the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise such other powers and duties as may from time to time be assigned to them by the Executive Committee.
- 4.12 In the request for an annual meeting, the Executive Committee may request that a confirmation vote be held for all candidates for offices under s. 4.1 that are not being contested.

5. Amendments to Association Constitution⁴

- 5.1 This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Association members present and entitled to vote at any duly called annual meeting or general meeting of the members of the Association provided that notice has been given of intention to amend this constitution.

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⁴ Please see the Ontario Liberal Party Rules of Procedures for Constituency Associations for provisions governing the procedures and notice requirement for proposing amendments to the Association's constitution.