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Report of the Constitution Committee

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Report of the Constitution Committee

February 16, 2023

Process

As required under section 16 of our 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. February 1, 2023) to submit them, 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 February 16, 2019).

Well before the first deadline of the formal process, the Constitution Committee asked members of the Executive Council to advise riding associations and members who are contemplating about tabling amendment proposals to get in touch with the committee. We in turn offered our advice and drafting support to those members who reached out, and connected members with similar proposals so they can combine their effort. This informal engagement started in mid-November. We want to express our appreciation to those riding associations and members who reached out early and worked with us collaboratively well before the February 1st deadline. The longer runway allowed us to engage more substantively on what the proposers want to achieve and provide more meaningful advice on how best to achieve them within the Constitution.

As of the February 1st deadline, a total of 34 proposals were received, half of them (17) were brought to our attention prior. The Constitution Committee also planned to put forward 8 proposals, bringing the total to 42. While not unprecedented, this is still an unusually high number of proposals. Members of the Constitution Committee were assigned to each proposal as “sherpa” to work with the proposers to refine or flesh-out their ideas into proper amendment language. Proposers with related proposals were also put in touch with each other.

Through these discussions and some consolidation, we present these 30 proposals in this report, and will be calling them up for debate, subject to time available. (Please note that the order of presentations for these proposals is to be determined.)

Leadership Election Method

Our party suffered our second consecutive devastating loss last June. Like four years ago, party members are actively engaging in discussion and debate about how we elect our leader as we approach this annual meeting. The Executive Council initiated two engagement initiatives and invited all members to participate: a detailed, substantive survey on various topics relating to leadership election method; and a series of virtual engagement session where members were invited to share their views, asked technical questions, and exchange their ideas with each other. Members of the Constitution Committee participated in all of the engagement sessions, and our work in the last few months were informed by the participation.

The primary focus of these discussion was on whether to retain the “leadership convention” as the final step of the process, or to adopt a “direct vote” by members system. Guided by the overarching principal that our leadership election process ought to properly reflect the will of

our members and produce a Leader that would be most appealing to liberally-minded voters, the Constitution Committee produced two proposals, one for each scenario.

Six different proposals were received calling for some form of “direct vote” system. They are related but not fully compatible with each other. Instead of presenting these proposals as separate, and in some sense competing proposals like we did four years ago, the Constitution Committee connected all six groups of proposers and worked with the entire group to produce one summary proposal incorporating all the key “concepts” from all proposer groups that are directly related to and dependent on the adoption of a direct vote system. (All proposed concepts that are applicable to both “convention” and “direct vote” systems are presented as separate amendments.) Delegates will be asked to vote on a series of indicative votes within the proposal, before the final proposal is to be debated and voted upon.

The process that yielded this one summary proposal, endorsed in different parts by different proposer groups but acceptable to all proposer groups, was complex and extremely time-pressured. We owe the outcome to the six proposer groups and their openness to collaborate. I want to specifically acknowledge the leadership of Karen Somerville (of the Toronto Danforth PLA) and Mary McDermott (of the Scarborough Guildwood PLA) in working with our committee very early on and in convening these complex discussions, informed by the lessons learned from the 2019 annual meeting.

It is clear that there are passionate supporters and compelling arguments for both the direct vote system and the existing convention system. In tabling the two proposals for the two systems, the Constitution Committee strives to present the best versions of both systems, so delegates can focus on the merit of the two systems in the final debate, and not to base their decision on isolated elements in each system that they find unpalatable or objectionable.

Structure of the Plenary Sessions

We expect topics relating to leadership election method to draw the most interest and the most heated debate at the annual meeting. We want to ensure delegates have adequate time to debate these important topics, while also reserving time to discuss other proposals that are properly tabled. Toward that end, there will be multiple plenary sessions, each dedicated to specific areas of topics and with specific time allocation, so the debate of leadership topics does not come at the expense of other party matters important to members and delegates. ***More detailed information and timing for the sessions will be made available at (or before) the start of the annual meeting.***

Acknowledgements

I am most grateful to have been able to call on the support of my fellow Constitution Committee members, all of them I have the privilege to call friends long before they allowed me to twist their arms for the un-glamorous work of the committee. They all took time from their busy professional lives to offer their legal skills and deep knowledge of the party to work with each other and with proposals across the party. They did so because they share the belief that our party’s continual well-being and relevance is crucial to the political discourse of our province, and they all understand the fundamental importance of good internal governance to that well-being.

I must also thank the guru Jack Siegel, my predecessor who continues to mentor me and other members of the Committee through gentle counsel and sharing of knowledge, experience and sometimes, fascinating war stories.

And finally, to past leader Steven Del Duca, outgoing President Brian Johns and members of the Executive Council, thank you for entrusting us to lead this important process, and to provide ongoing advice in support of your important service to the party.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Keep Leadership Delegates Bound

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

The existing provision for leadership election only bound delegated elected to support a particular leadership candidate on the first ballot. This has been criticized on the ground that “faithless delegates” undermine the democratic will of the members who elected them to the convention. This proposal will bind delegates to their leadership candidate as long as they are on the ballot.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS	9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS
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2. Delegate Composition of Leadership Conventions

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

The Constitution Committee tables this proposal in response to, and with guidance from, the recently conducted membership survey and engagement sessions on the leadership selection process. This proposal aims it to improve the delegate composition of leadership conventions, should conventions be retained, by making the composition better reflect the will of the membership, and to reduce the disparity of voting power between members. The aim is to be accomplished by:

- Removing all ex-officio delegates who do not currently enjoy an elected mandate from Ontario Liberal Party members
- Reducing the number of commission ex-officio delegates to a number more proportionate to their presence
- Reducing the number of student club delegates to a number more proportionate to the average size of membership of such clubs in recent history
- Limiting the numbers of delegates elected by constituency associations and student clubs with exceptionally low participation in its Leadership Election Meeting

While the various elements of the proposal are interrelated, members have expressed vastly divergent levels of support for each element. Therefore, the proposal will be debated as one proposal, but various elements will be put forward in the following series of motions to be voted on separately (each requiring 2/3 support).

- a. Deletion of subsections f (past OLP Presidents),g, j, k, l (appointed party officials) from 9.15
- b. Deletion of subsections p, r, s (past and current federal party officials) from 9.15
- c. Deletion of subsections q (current Liberal MPs) from 9.15
- d. Deletion of subsections e (past OLP Leaders), o (past Liberal MPPs) from 9.15
- e. Deletion of subsections m, n (presidents of student clubs and women clubs) from 9.15
- f. Revision of subsections h, i (reduce the number of commission executive ex-officio delegates)
- g. Reduction of numbers in 9.14.2 (reduction of student club delegates)
- h. Insertion of “up to” in 9.14.1 and 9.14.2, and insertion of s. 9.14.4 (capping number of delegates to the number of valid votes cast at a Leadership Election Meeting)

Current Text

9	LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS
9.14	Delegates
9.14.1	Each constituency association shall elect sixteen (16) delegates to the Leadership Convention
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.

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9.14.3	Each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council shall elect one (1) delegate to the Leadership Convention.
9.14.4	<u>No affiliated association shall elect more delegates than the total number of votes received by all candidates for Leader and</u>

<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>the independent option at its Leadership Election Meeting.</u></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <u>eight three (3)</u> elected officers of the Ontario Young Liberals, as determined <u>elected</u> by the executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, plus the immediate Past President of the Ontario Young Liberals; i) Up to <u>eight three (3)</u> elected officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, as determined <u>elected</u> 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;
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 six (6) 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 six (6) 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.
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3. Leadership Election by Direct Vote – Summary Proposal

Tabled by the Constitution Committee, various portions are proposed or supported by the following proposers, as indicated throughout the proposal:

- **Scarborough-Guildwood PLA**
- **Toronto-Danforth PLA**
- **Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston PLA**
- **Mississauga-Lakeshore PLA**
- *Matt Guerin (of Toronto Centre PLA), Omar Ha-Redeye (of Pickering-Uxbridge PLA), Qadira Jackson Kouakou (of Scarborough Southwest PLA), Gloria Reszler (of Newmarket-Aurora PLA) (the “Guerin Group”) and Alex Mulligan (of Beaches-East York PLA, in all but one instance part of the Guerin Group)*
- *Tariq Khan, Bob Wright (of London North Centre) & Dan Foster (of London West) (the “Khan Group”)*

Explanatory Note

As noted in the introductory note of the Constitution Committee’s Report, the Constitution Committee tables two proposals in response to, and with guidance from, the recently conducted membership survey and engagement sessions on the leadership selection process. This second proposal is a summary proposal providing for a system electing our leader through a direct vote by the members without a Leadership Convention being the final step (a “direct vote system”).

In addition, to reflect the input collected through those member engagement exercises, this proposal also incorporates all substantive concepts being formally proposed by one or more of the listed proposers that are relevant if, and only if, a direct vote system is adopted. It is put forward as the option that attempts to strike a balance between all of the considerations raised by party members throughout the engagement process as well as operational and organizational considerations.

(The listed proposers also proposed other changes that would be applicable even if the direct vote system is not adopted. Those proposed amendments are contained in different amendment proposals.)

Some elements of the various direct vote system proposals are incompatible or directly in conflict with each other. The purpose of this summary proposal is to give delegates a chance to consider and debate the conflicting parts as options of each elements, and asks delegates to vote on the options of each of those elements through a series of indicative votes. (Please note that the “default option” in each indicative vote is not necessarily the best or the preferred option, but the option that most closely resemble the current situation in the delegate system.) The debate for those indicative votes will take place first, and delegates will be asked to focus their input on the merit of the options only, and defer any debate on the merit of

the main “convention vs direct vote” question to a later session, where the final version of this proposal, with only the most supported options for each elements incorporated, would be tabled for debate against a revised convention system.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

<p>9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Call of leadership convention</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 	<p>9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS<u>CONTEST</u></p> <p>9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be chosen <u>by a direct vote of all members, with points allotted to each affiliated association and awarded to each Leadership Candidates in accordance with the system set out in this section. The points system shall award points to each Leadership Candidate in each affiliated association to directly reflect the support they received in that affiliated association.</u> at a delegated Leadership Convention with delegates chosen in proportion to the support received by each Leadership Candidate.</p> <p>Call of leadership convention<u>contest</u></p> <p>9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership Convention<u>contest</u> at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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<u>contest</u> as described in section 9.5;
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<p>d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Convention,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership <u>Conventiontest</u>,</p> <p>and shall, immediately upon passage of such resolution, take all reasonable and appropriate measures to publicize the call of the <u>Leadership eConventiontest</u> to Party members and to the public at large.</p> <p>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 <u>Conventiontest-process</u>, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any <u>constituency-affiliated association, or other affiliated body</u> shall be of no force or effect.</p> <p>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 <u>ContestElection-Process</u>, and who shall have the authority to appoint <u>local Meeting Chairs and</u> Returning Officers for each Leadership Election <u>MeetingVote to exercise authority on their behalf</u>. 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. <u>The Executive Council shall also appoint by resolution a Secretary General who shall have final authority over all other</u></p>
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<p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Electoral Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected at the Leadership Convention.</p> <p>9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.</p> <p>Leadership review</p>	<p style="color: red;">aspects of the Leadership Election Meeting Process and the Leadership Convention.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The Interim Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Electoral Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected at the through a Leadership Convention test.</p> <p>9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.</p>
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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Leadership review</p> <p>9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Conventiontest shall be automatically placed on the agenda of an Annual Meeting not later than two (2) years subsequent to a provincial general election, unless a new Leader has been elected at through a Leadership Contestvention 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 <u>call</u> a Leadership Contestvention that shall be held not later than one (1) year subsequent to the said Aannual Mmeeting vote.</p> <p>9.6 Subject to the one (1) year limitation referred to in section 9.5, the date of the Leadership Conventiontest, 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 conventiontest pursuant to section 9.2.</p>
<p>Leadership Election Meetings</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9.8 Location and notice of Leadership Election Meetings</p>	<p>Leadership Election MeetingsVotes</p> <p>9.7 Leadership Election Meetings-Votes shall be held for each constituency-affiliated association and all other affiliated organization associations entitled to elect delegates on dates to be determined by the Executive Council in consultation with the constituency-affiliated associations. All Leadership Election Meetings-Votes in any region shall be held on the same date throughout that region.</p>

<p>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.</p>	<p>9.8 Location and notice of Leadership Election Meetings<u>Votes</u></p> <p>9.8.1 The location of the Leadership Election Meeting<u>Vote</u> for each constituency-affiliated association and affiliated association entitled to elect delegates shall be determined by the Executive Committee of that <u>affiliated</u> association, <u>subject to review by the Chief Returning Officer. The Executive Committee of the relevant affiliated association shall make arrangements for the location.</u></p> <p><u>9.8.1Ax</u> which <u>The Executive Committee of the affiliated association shall have the discretion</u><u>may</u>, where geographical considerations warrant, to authorize<u>propose</u> a meeting<u>Leadership Election Voting</u> location apart from the primary location for the <u>affiliated association</u>region.</p> <p><u>9.8.1Bx</u> Two <u>(2)</u> or more <u>affiliated</u> associations may elect<u>propose</u> to hold their meetings<u>Leadership Election Votes</u> 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.</p> <p><u>9.8.1Cx</u> Every effort shall be made to ensure that the polling place is conveniently located and every polling place shall have level access.</p>
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<p>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.</p> <p>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 sixty (60) days following the date of the call of the convention.</p> <p>9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Members in good standing of a constituency association who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date. b) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association 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, 	<p>9.8.2 Notice, in the prescribed form, of the date, time and place <u>location</u> of the Leadership Election Meeting <u>Vote</u> for each constituency <u>affiliated association</u>, shall be provided by the <u>relevant affiliated</u> association to all current members and immediate past members, <u>if applicable</u>, of the <u>affiliated</u> association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election <u>Meeting</u> <u>Vote</u>.</p> <p>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 sixty (60) days following the date of the call of the <u>Leadership</u> e <u>Convention</u> test.</p> <p>9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election <u>Meeting</u> <u>Vote</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>of a constituency association,</u> mMembers in good standing of a constituency association who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date. b) <u>of a constituency association,</u> iImmediate pPast mMembers of a constituency association <u>the Party</u> who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election <u>Vote</u> <u>Meeting</u>. c) Members of an Ontario Young Liberal student club, <u>m</u>Members of the
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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 six (6) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership</p>	<p><u>student club</u> 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 <u>s</u>Student clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal <u>s</u>Student clubs, which had been<u>werewas</u> recognized by the Executive Council <u>sixty (60) days</u>at least six (6) months prior to the <u>date call</u> of the Leadership <u>Convention</u>test.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e) Members of a Women's Liberal Club, <u>mMembers of the club</u> who are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club was had been <u>continuously</u> recognized by the Executive Council <u>sixty (60) days</u> for at least six (6) months prior to the <u>date</u></p>
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<p>Convention.</p> <p>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 six (6) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention.</p> <p>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 purposes relating to the Leadership Convention, including the election and registration of delegates, until the day following the adjournment of the Leadership Convention.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>of the opening call of the Leadership Convention test.</p> <p>f) Immediate Past Members of a Women's Liberal Club, Immediate Past Members of the Women's Liberal Club who were members of the Ontario Liberal Party who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election Vote Meeting, provided that the Women's Liberal Club had been continuously <u>was</u> recognized by the Executive Council <u>sixty (60) days</u> for at least six (6) months prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Convention test.</p> <p>9.10 In the event that the membership of an individual expires between the Qualifying Date and the date of the Leadership Convention Election <u>Vote</u>, that membership shall be deemed to have continued, for all purposes relating to the Leadership Convention test, including the election and registration of delegates <u>Leadership Election</u> Vote, until the day following the adjournment of the Leadership Convention Election <u>Vote</u>.</p> <p>9.11 No person shall vote at more than one (1) Leadership Election Meeting <u>Vote</u>. <u>If a mMember is eligible to vote at the Leadership Election Meeting</u> Vote of a, or with respect to more than one constituency association, Ontario Young Liberal sStudent club and/or a Women's Liberal Club at the same Leadership Election Meeting, they shall vote at the Leadership Election Vote of the constituency</p>
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<p>9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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. <p>Form of ballot</p> <p>9.13 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</p>	<p><u>association for the constituency in which they reside, unless they elect to vote at the Leadership Election Vote for such an Ontario Young Liberal club, student club or Women's Liberal Club and inform the Chief Returning Officer of such election in writing.</u></p> <p>9.12 A person who wishes to stand for election as a delegate to the Leadership Convention shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 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. <p><u>Form of ballot</u><u>Count of Leadership Election Vote</u></p> <p>9.13 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</p>
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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 Delegates

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

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<p>9.14.3 Each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council shall elect one (1) delegate to the Leadership Convention.</p>	<p>9.14.3 Each Women's Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council shall elect one (1) delegate to the Leadership Convention.</p> <p><u>9.14 The ballots for a Leadership Election Vote shall be counted by the Local Returning Officer, under the direction of the Chief Returning Officer, and points shall be allotted and awarded in accordance with the following procedure:</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 1 – default option, sponsored by Scarborough-Guildwood PLA, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston PLA]</p> <p><u>9.14.1 Each constituency association is shall be allotted one hundred (100) points;</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 1 – change option A, sponsored by the Constitution Committee, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston PLA, Mississauga-Lakeshore PLA, Guerin Group]</p> <p><u>9.14.1 Each constituency association shall be is allotted one hundred (100) points, unless fewer than one hundred (100) valid votes were cast for leadership candidates at its Leadership Election Vote, in which case the number of points allotted to the constituency association shall equal the number of valid votes cast for Leadership Candidates;</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 1 – change option B, sponsored by Toronto- Danforth PLA]</p> <p><u>9.14.1 Each constituency association is shall be allotted the following number of points:</u></p>
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	<p>a) <u>fifty (50), if fifty (50) or fewer valid votes were cast for Leadership Candidates at the Leadership Election Vote</u></p> <p>b) <u>seventy-five (75), if between fifty (50) and ninety-nine (99) valid votes were cast for Leadership Candidates at the Leadership Election Vote</u></p> <p>c) <u>one hundred (100), if one hundred (100) or more valid votes were cast for Leadership Candidates at the Leadership Election Vote</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 1 – change option C, sponsored by the Khan Group]</p> <p>9.14.1 Each constituency association shall be <u>allotted a maximum of one hundred (100) points, as determined by the following formula:</u></p> <p>a) <u>up to twenty (20) principal points - ; two (2) points shall be allotted for each elected member of the Executive Committee of the constituency association, per record filed at the party office as of the date of the call of the Leadership Contest; and,</u></p> <p>b) <u>up to eighty (80) membership points - ; one-fifth (0.2) of a point shall be allotted for each member eligible to vote at the Leadership Election Vote.</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 2 – default option, sponsored by Guerin Group]</p>
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	<p><u>9.14.2 Each Ontario Young Liberal student club is allotted fifty (50) points;</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 2 – change option A, sponsored by Toronto Danforth PLA, Mississauga-Lakeshore PLA, Khan Group]</p> <p><i>(no points awarded to Ontario Young Liberal student clubs)</i></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 2 – change option B, sponsored by the Constitution Committee, Scarborough Guildwood PLA,]</p> <p><u>9.14.2 Each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club is allotted twenty (20) points;</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 2 – change option C, sponsored by Mulligan]</p> <p><u>9.14.2 Each Ontario Young Liberal Student Club is allotted seventy-five (75) points;</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 3 – default option]</p> <p><u>9.14.3 Each Women's Liberal Club is allotted five (5) points;</u></p> <p>[Indicative Vote # 3 – change option, sponsored by Scarborough Guildwood PLA, Toronto Danforth PLA, Mississauga-Lakeshore PLA, Guerin Group, Khan Group]</p> <p><i>(no points awarded to Women's Liberal Clubs)</i></p>
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[If in Indicative Vote # 1, change option A is adopted, corresponding language would be adopted for Student Clubs and Women's Liberal Clubs as appropriate.]

[main motion continues]

9.14.4 On the first count:

- a) For each affiliated association, the first preference votes recorded in favour of each Leadership Candidate shall be counted. The affiliated association's allotted points shall will be awarded to the Leadership Candidates in proportion to the number of first preference votes the Leadership Candidates receives.
- b) The total number of points awarded to each Leadership Candidate from all affiliated associations across the province are added to produce a total (the "Provincial Total") for each Leadership Candidate.

9.14.5 On the each subsequent count after the first ballot:

[Indicative Vote # 4 – default option]

- a) the number of points allotted to the affiliated association remains unchanged.

[Indicative Vote # 4 – change option, sponsored by the Constitution Committee, Guerin Group]

<p>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:</p>	<p>a) <u>the number of points allotted to the affiliated association would be reduced to the equal the number of valid votes cast for Leadership Candidates for that count, if the number of valid votes for Leadership Candidates for that count reduces to below the number of points allotted.</u></p> <p>[main motion continues]</p> <p>b) <u>the Leadership Candidate who received the fewest points in the Provincial Total of the previous count is eliminated.</u></p> <p>c) <u>the valid votes cast for the eliminated Leadership Candidate in each electoral district for each affiliated association shall be distributed among the remaining Leadership Candidates in accordance with the mMembers' next preferences indicated and counted according to the procedure set above as if they were first preference votes;</u></p> <p><u>9.14.6 The first Leadership Candidate to receive more than 50% of the points of the Provincial Total at any count is elected as the Leader.</u></p> <p>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:</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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;
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<p>n) the President of each Women's Liberal 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;</p> <p>o) former Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, provided they were Liberal Members at the time they ceased to be Members;</p> <p>p) the President and immediate past President of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario);</p> <p>q) Liberal Members of the House of Commons of Canada elected from Ontario;</p> <p>r) Past Leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada who reside in Ontario;</p> <p>s) Past Presidents of the Liberal Party in Ontario.</p>	<p>n) the President of each Women's Liberal 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;</p> <p>o) former Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, provided they were Liberal Members at the time they ceased to be Members;</p> <p>p) the President and immediate past President of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario);</p> <p>q) Liberal Members of the House of Commons of Canada elected from Ontario;</p> <p>r) Past Leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada who reside in Ontario;</p> <p>s) Past Presidents of the Liberal Party in Ontario.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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 be a mMemberhold 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.</p>
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<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9.18 Delegates appointed by Leadership Candidates</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9.18.2 For the purposes of Section 9.19, such delegates shall be considered to have</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9.18 Delegates appointed by Leadership Candidates</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9.18.2 For the purposes of Section 9.19, such delegates shall be considered to have</p>
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<p>declared support for the Leadership Candidate who appointed them.</p> <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, to vote in favour of the Leadership Candidate for whom they declared support. This voting shall take place during convention registration.</p> <p>9.20 Replacement of delegates</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>declared support for the Leadership Candidate who appointed them.</p> <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, to vote in favour of the Leadership Candidate for whom they declared support. This voting shall take place during convention registration.</p> <p>9.20 Replacement of delegates</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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4. Acclamation of Leader

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This proposal aims to formally address the highly unlikely, but possible, situation where only one leadership candidate was nominated or remain, as recently faced by the Ontario NDP.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS (new)	9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS <u>Election by Acclamation</u> <u>9.21 If, at any point after the close of nominations, only one candidate for Leader remains, the Executive Council may suspend the leadership election process and declare the remaining candidate elected.</u>
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5. Leadership Candidate Membership Requirement

Proposed by Stephen Blais (MPP for Orléans)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would impose an additional requirement of having been a member of the party as of the January 1st immediately prior to the call of the leadership contest.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS	9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS
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.	9.16 Candidates for Leader shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) 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;b) <u>have been a member of the Ontario Liberal Party as of January 1 of the year the Leadership Convention was called;</u> shall hold a membership in a constituency association;c) be eligible to sit as a member of the Provincial Legislature, (or is willing to meet the necessary criteria), andd) 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.

6. Voting Online or by Mail

Proposed by Mississauga-Lakeshore PLA

Explanatory Note

This proposal would allow for voting to be conducted online when the members across the province vote for the leader, whether it is with the current delegate selection system or with a direct vote system.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS Leadership Election Meetings 9.8 Location and notice of Leadership Election Meetings	9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS Leadership Election Meetings 9.8 Location and notice of Leadership Election Meetings <u>9.8.x The Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer, direct that Leadership Election Meetings for selected associations, or all associations, be conducted by online voting or by mail-in ballots. The remainder of section 9.8 shall be of no effect to the Leadership Election Meetings for those selected associations.</u>
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7. Leadership Vote Committee

Proposed by Scarborough-Guildwood PLA

Explanatory Note

This proposal would require the Executive Council to establish, at the call of a leadership election process, a committee to:

- Be consulted by the Executive Council in enacting Rules of Procedure regulating the leadership process
- Jointly appoint, with the Executive Council, the Chief Returning Officer for the leadership process

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

<p>9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS</p> <p>Call of leadership convention</p> <p>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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS</p> <p>Call of leadership convention</p> <p>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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>9.2.X The Executive Council shall, in consultation with constituency association presidents,</u></p>
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<p>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</p>	<p><u>establish a committee (“Leadership Vote Committee”).</u></p> <p><u>9.2.X The Executive Council shall, in consultation with the Leadership Vote Committee, enact Rules of Procedure to regulate the procedures of the Leadership Vote. Such Rules of Procedure must include provisions for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>a) voting procedures;</u> <u>b) leadership candidate nomination criteria;</u> <u>c) leadership candidate registration fees and procedures; and</u> <u>d) leadership candidate deposit requirements.</u> <p><u>9.2.X At least 30 days before the first vote for Leader, the Executive Council must publish on the website of the Ontario Liberal Party the Rules of Procedure for the Leadership Vote.</u></p> <p>9.2.2 The <u>Leadership Vote Committee and the</u> Executive Council shall, by resolution jointly 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. <u>The Chief Returning Officer must act independently of the Executive Council and the Leadership Vote Committee and</u></p>
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<p>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.</p>	<p><u>each of the leadership candidates</u>, 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.</p>
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8. Staggering of Leadership Election Meetings

Proposed by Steven Williams (member of Toronto Centre PLA)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would explicitly allow the Executive Council staggered the scheduling of Leadership Election Meetings (or votes) in the weeks leading up to the convention to create a compelling leadership race contest that engages the whole province, while maintaining the requirement to hold all such meetings/votes in the same region on the same day.

By staging regional votes, each could feature tours with a local debate, and events targeting local media, while also tackling local issues and promote how the communities align with larger Ontario policy priorities. If done properly, this could create additional earned media opportunities, and could lead to momentum building towards convention. The party could alternate predominantly rural/exurban and urban/suburban regions and select these by drawing the scheduling order by lot. It can also plan staggered LEMs to concentrate on renewing enthusiasm and profile for the party in particular regions, while showcasing candidates, and liberal values and policies, and engaging local and QP media.

This amendment is agnostic to the ongoing debate on keeping the delegated convention vs changing to a direct vote by members. This proposal is applicable to both of those system, as other parties that have adopted the direct vote model have ended up with results events that lack excitement and a unifying moment that party members can rally around.

Current Text

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9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS	9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS
Leadership Election Meetings	Leadership Election Meetings
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.	9.7 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, <u>with the option to stagger the Leadership Election Meetings over a period of time</u> . All Leadership Election Meetings in any region shall be held on the same date throughout that region.

9. Leadership Rules of Procedure and Membership Cut-off Date

Proposed by Matt Guerin (member of Toronto Centre PLA), Omar Ha-Redeye (of Pickering-Uxbridge PLA), Qadira Jackson Kouakou (of Scarborough Southwest PLA), Gloria Reszler (of Newmarket-Aurora PLA), Tariq Khan & Bob Wright (of London North Centre), and Dan Foster (of London West)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would:

- Specifically empower the Executive Council to enact Rules of Procedures relating to specific areas of the leadership contest, and
- Change the membership cut-off date to 41 days prior to the leadership election vote.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS Call of leadership convention 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	9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS Call of leadership convention 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
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<p>measures to publicize the call of the convention to Party members and to the public at large.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Leadership Election Meetings</p> <p>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 sixty (60) days following the date of the call of the convention.</p>	<p>measures to publicize the call of the convention to Party members and to the public at large.</p> <p>9.2.X <u>The Executive Council may enact Rules of Procedure, that are consistent with this Constitution, to regulate the procedures of the leadership election process, and including but not limited to Rules of Procedure relating to::</u></p> <p><u>a) voting procedures;</u></p> <p><u>b) leadership candidate nomination criteria;</u></p> <p><u>c) leadership candidate registration fees and procedures; and</u></p> <p><u>d) leadership candidate deposit requirements.</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Leadership Election Meetings</p> <p>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 sixty (60) days following the date of the call of the convention<u>forty-first (41st) day preceding the day of the Leadership Election Meeting.</u></p>
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10. Three-month Membership Minimum to Access Voting Rights

Proposed by Stefan Klietsch (member of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA), supported by Renee Couture (Nepean PLA), Margaret Hutchison (Bruce-Grey Owen-Sound PLA), Aline Lemare (Hastings, Lennox, & Addington PLA), Patricia Pepper (Carleton PLA), Kurtis Vermont (Scarborough North PLA),

Explanatory Note

This proposal would impose a 90-day waiting period before new party members may vote in internal party election or on motions, whether their own or otherwise. This proposal aims to address the perception that leadership and nomination contests are often decided not by parties' existing members but instead by last-minute single-issue or single-candidate members with no long-term attachment to the party.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

3 MEMBERSHIP Members 3.1 A person is a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she has submitted their membership application and is in compliance with all requirements of this Constitution. 9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS Leadership Election Meetings 9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00	3 MEMBERSHIP Members 3.1 A person is a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she has submitted their membership application and is in compliance with all requirements of this Constitution. <u>Until a person has been a member of the Ontario Liberal Party for a continuous period of at least ninety (90) days, they may not vote in any party election or at any meetings of the Ontario Liberal Party or its affiliated associations.</u> 9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS Leadership Election Meetings 9.9 For the purposes of Section 9.9, the term "Qualifying Date" shall refer to a time fixed as 6:00
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<p>p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least sixty (60) days following the date of the call of the convention.</p> <p>11. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES</p> <p>The Draft Nomination Plan</p> <p>11.6. 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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>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;</p> <p>...</p> <p>15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS</p>	<p>p.m. local time on the first Monday that is at least <u>ninety (90) days prior to the date of the first Leadership Election Meeting</u>following the date of the call of the convention.</p> <p>11. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES</p> <p>The Draft Nomination Plan</p> <p>11.6. 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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>b) the date <u>onby</u> which persons must be members in good standing of the constituency association in order to be entitled to vote, which shall be not <u>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</u><u>ninety (90) days prior to</u> the Nomination Meeting;</p> <p>...</p> <p>15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS</p>
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<p>Voting eligibility</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Voting eligibility</p> <p>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) <u>ninety (90)</u> days prior to the meeting.</p>
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11. Leadership Election Count by Independent Auditor, Announcement at Special General Meeting

Proposed by Tariq Khan, Bob Wright (of London North Centre) & Dan Foster (of London West)

Explanatory Note

This proposal is contingent on the adoption of the proposal to enact direct vote for leadership election.

This proposal would

- Specifically require that leadership election ballots are to be counted by an independent auditor
- Specifically require that the results of the leadership election be announced at a general meeting of members.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS (new)	9. LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS <u>9.X The vote in any Leadership Election must be conducted by secret ballot and the ballots must be delivered promptly and directly to the auditors of the Ontario Liberal Party or another independent firm appointed by the Executive Council.</u> <u>9.X The Secretary General and the Chief Returning Officer are jointly responsible to ensure that the ballots are counted in secrecy by the auditors of the Ontario Liberal Party or another independent firm appointed by the Executive Council and that the provincial count for the Leadership Election Ballot is published at a special general meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party before any results are otherwise announced or published.</u>
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12. Separating Office of the Leader

Proposed by Stefan Klietsch (member of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would divide the office of the Leader into two distinct roles: an Electoral Leader selected by the membership and registered with Elections Ontario, and a Legislative Leader elected by Caucus who stands as the Party's official candidate for Premier. The proposal allows party members and caucus to elect the same person to both offices, or a different person to each office if they so choose.

Nominally, the Leader strives to be representative of both the OLP caucus and the OLP membership. In reality, however, the principles of accountability to caucus and accountability to the membership can and will come into conflict. This proposal aims to strengthen and clarify leadership accountability through the division of powers, replacing the monocratic Leader's Office with two humbler offices closer to their respective constituents.

Current Text

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2 DEFINITIONS (new)	2 DEFINITIONS <u>2.X "Electoral Leader" means a member in good standing elected by the membership to register as Leader with Elections Ontario and to be the final authority on the election platform. An Electoral Leader with caucus membership is eligible to apply for the office of Legislative Leader if vacant. An Electoral Leader is elected at a Leadership Convention or Leader Election Meeting.</u> <u>2.X "Legislative Leader" means a member in good standing elected by the caucus to serve the role of Leader of Ontario Liberal Caucus in the Legislative Assembly, and Premier of Ontario where possible, and to otherwise represent the caucus where necessary. A Legislative Leader is eligible to apply</u>
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<p>5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>Elected Members</p> <p>5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex-officio, namely:</p> <p>...</p> <p>k) Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party</p> <p>9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>a) upon the request of the Leader;</p> <p>b) upon the death or resignation of the Leader;</p> <p>c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership Convention as described in section 9.5;</p> <p>d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Convention,</p>	<p><u>to become a candidate for Electoral Leader at a Leadership Convention.</u></p> <p>5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>Elected Members</p> <p>5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex-officio, namely:</p> <p>...</p> <p>k) <u>Electoral</u> Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party</p> <p>9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS</p> <p>9.1 The <u>Electoral</u> 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.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>a) upon the request of the <u>Electoral</u> Leader;</p> <p>b) upon the death or resignation of the <u>Electoral</u> Leader;</p> <p>c) upon the adoption of a resolution calling for a Leadership Convention as described in section 9.5;</p>
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<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>d) upon the adoption by the Provincial Council of a motion calling for a Leadership Convention,</p> <p>9.3 In the event that the position of <u>Electoral</u> 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 <u>Electoral</u> Leader to be so elected by a body comprised of the following members of the Ontario Liberal Party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>The Interim <u>Electoral</u> Leader so elected shall be entitled to exercise all constitutional authorities of the <u>Electoral</u> Leader, and shall be identified to the Chief Election Officer as the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a <u>Electoral</u> Leader is elected at the Leadership Convention.</p> <p>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 <u>Electoral</u> 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</p>
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<p>9.13 Form of Ballot</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS</p> <p>Leader and Caucus</p> <p>10.5 The Leader and the Liberal Caucus shall give due consideration to Ontario Liberal Party policy when</p>	<p>than one year subsequent to the said annual meeting vote.</p> <p>9.13 Form of Ballot</p> <p>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 <u>Electoral</u> 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.</p> <p>9.16 Candidates for <u>Electoral</u> 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.</p> <p>10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS</p> <p><u>Electoral</u> Leader and Caucus</p>
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<p>developing an election platform and during the day-to-day management of policy issues.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11. Nomination of Candidates</p> <p>11.3 The Nomination Commissioner</p> <p>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</p>	<p>10.5 The <u>Electoral</u> 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.</p> <p>10.6 The <u>Electoral</u> Leader, or a member of the Liberal Caucus appointed by the <u>Electoral</u> Leader, shall present a report on policy action to each annual meeting, or to the meeting of Provincial Council prior to the conference.</p> <p>10.7 The purpose of the <u>Electoral</u> 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 <u>Electoral</u> Leader and the Liberal Caucus, including the development of an election platform.</p> <p>10.8 The <u>Electoral</u> Leader's report on policy action shall indicate decisions made and actions taken in response to Ontario Liberal Party policy adopted at previous conferences.</p> <p>11. Nomination of Candidates</p> <p>11.3 The Nomination Commissioner</p> <p>11.3.1 a) In respect of each general election, the <u>Electoral</u> 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 <u>Electoral</u> Leader may appoint an interim replacement to serve until the Nomination Commissioner is able to again fulfil</p>
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<p>consult with the Executive Council and appoint a replacement to serve the balance of the term.</p> <p>...</p> <p>11.4 Freeze on Nominations</p> <p>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.</p> <p>11.6 The Draft Nomination Plan</p> <p>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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>11.9 Appointment of Candidates</p> <p>Where, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, it is in the best interests of the Party that a candidate be appointed in a particular electoral district without the need for the holding of a Nomination Meeting, no Nomination</p>	<p>the role, or until such time as the <u>Electoral</u> Leader has had an opportunity to consult with the Executive Council and appoint a replacement to serve the balance of the term.</p> <p>...</p> <p>11.4 Freeze on Nominations</p> <p>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 <u>Electoral</u> Leader announces the appointment of the Nomination Commissioner for meetings in anticipation of the next general election.</p> <p>11.6 The Draft Nomination Plan</p> <p>11.6.1 Upon the general request of the <u>Electoral</u> 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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>11.9 Appointment of Candidates</p> <p>Where, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the <u>Electoral</u> Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, it is in the best interests of the Party that a candidate be appointed in a particular electoral district without the</p>
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<p>Meeting need be held, and the Leader may instead appoint a candidate, in accordance with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For any general election, no more than five (5) such candidates may be so appointed. For greater clarity, this limitation does not apply in respect of by-elections; b) The Leader shall communicate his or her intention to make such appointment as soon as possible, and in writing, to the Nomination Commissioner and to the President of the Constituency Association. The President of the Constituency Association shall provide a copy of the Leader's notification or otherwise announce the Leader's decision to the Executive of the Association and to any person known to the President to be considering seeking the nomination, within three business days of receiving such notification. <p>...</p> <p>11.14 Nomination of a Candidate for a By-Election In the event that the Leader has not appointed a Nomination Commissioner, the President of the Ontario Liberal Party shall act as the Nomination Commissioner.</p> <p>12 PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE</p>	<p>need for the holding of a Nomination Meeting, no Nomination Meeting need be held, and the <u>Electoral</u> Leader may instead appoint a candidate, in accordance with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) For any general election, no more than five (5) such candidates may be so appointed. For greater clarity, this limitation does not apply in respect of by-elections; b) The <u>Electoral</u> Leader shall communicate his or her intention to make such appointment as soon as possible, and in writing, to the Nomination Commissioner and to the President of the Constituency Association. The President of the Constituency Association shall provide a copy of the Leader's notification or otherwise announce the <u>Electoral</u> Leader's decision to the Executive of the Association and to any person known to the President to be considering seeking the nomination, within three business days of receiving such notification. <p>...</p> <p>11.14 Nomination of a Candidate for a By-Election In the event that the <u>Electoral</u> Leader has not appointed a Nomination Commissioner, the President of the Ontario Liberal Party shall act as the Nomination Commissioner.</p> <p>12 PROVINCIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE</p>
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<p>12.2 The Chair of the Campaign Committee shall be appointed by the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>18. REDISTRIBUTION</p> <p>18.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer</p> <p>18.2.1 After it has become apparent that Redistribution is likely to be effective for the next provincial general election, the Leader shall appoint the Chief Redistribution Officer in consultation with the Executive Council, to serve at the Leader's discretion until the date of the next general election, or the redistribution process is completed, whichever comes first. In the event of the incapacity, resignation or death of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the Leader may appoint an interim replacement to serve until the Chief Redistribution Officer 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.</p>	<p>12.2 The Chair of the Campaign Committee shall be appointed by the <u>Electoral</u> Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>12.3 The Chair of the Campaign Committee and the <u>Electoral</u> Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party may appoint additional members to the Campaign Committee from time to time.</p> <p>18. REDISTRIBUTION</p> <p>18.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer</p> <p>18.2.1 After it has become apparent that Redistribution is likely to be effective for the next provincial general election, the <u>Electoral</u> Leader shall appoint the Chief Redistribution Officer in consultation with the Executive Council, to serve at the <u>Electoral</u> Leader's discretion until the date of the next general election, or the redistribution process is completed, whichever comes first. In the event of the incapacity, resignation or death of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the <u>Electoral</u> Leader may appoint an interim replacement to serve until the Chief Redistribution Officer is able to again fulfil the role, or until such time as the <u>Electoral</u> Leader has had an opportunity to consult with the Executive Council and appoint a replacement to serve the balance of the term.</p>
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1. Constituency Association Delegation to Annual Meeting

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This proposal would ensure a minimum portion of a riding association's delegation to the party's annual meeting are resident members, by limiting the proportion of the delegation make up by associate members to five.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

8 ANNUAL 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;	8 ANNUAL 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 <u>riding</u> club affiliated with the constituency association, these three (3) delegates shall be elected by the Ontario Young Liberal <u>riding</u> club; and, in addition, ii) at least three (3) shall be women; and, in addition, iii) at least three (3) shall be men; <u>and, in addition,</u> <u>iv) no more than five (5) may be associate members of the constituency association. For greater</u>
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	<u>certainty, delegate positions shall be left vacant once five (5) associate members are elected and the list of delegate-candidates who are resident-members is exhausted.</u>
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2. Constituency Association – Vacancy by Appointment, Optional Executive Confirmation Vote, Consistency Updates

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This proposal aims to update section 15 to reflect current practices that are addressed by amendments previously adopted and to provide greater flexibility to the executive committee of a constituency association to manage its annual meeting. It would:

- Delete or revise certain provisions that are already addressed by amendments previously adopted in the membership and the candidate nomination sections;
- empower an association executive committee to fill vacancies by appointment and not be required to accept unexpected nominations from the floor; and
- allow an association executive committee to request a confirmation vote for uncontested positions.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS	15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS
Membership	Membership
15.7 A person who subscribes to the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party and to the objects contained in a local constitution may apply for membership in the constituency association.	15.7 A person who subscribes to the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party and to the objects contained in a local constitution may apply for membership in the constituency association.
15.8 A Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly shall cease to be a member of the constituency association in the electoral district he or she represents upon leaving the Ontario Liberal Party.	15.8 A Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly shall cease to be a member of the constituency association in the electoral district he or she represents upon leaving the Ontario Liberal Party.

<p>15.9 A Liberal candidate for election in an electoral district shall cease to be a member of the constituency association in the electoral district upon leaving the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>Annual meetings</p> <p>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</p>	<p>15.9—A Liberal candidate for election in an electoral district shall cease to be a member of the constituency association in the electoral district upon leaving the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>Annual meetings</p> <p>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<u>unless the Executive Committee requested a confirmation vote for all uncontested positions in its request to hold an annual meeting pursuant to</u></p>
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<p>Executive Committee of the Association may appoint members of the association to fill such positions, to serve until the next annual meeting.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Nomination of candidates for election</p> <p>15.40 A constituency association shall appoint a Candidate Search Committee to recruit and review potential candidates to be nominated as the Ontario Liberal Party candidate for election in the electoral district.</p> <p>15.41 A member of a constituency association shall not stand as a candidate for election as a Liberal in an electoral district unless nominated as the Ontario Liberal Party candidate at a Nomination Convention of the constituency association.</p> <p>15.42 A Nomination Convention of a constituency association shall be held under the supervision of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>15.43 A local constitution may permit the constituency association to hold a Nomination Convention at more than one location in the electoral district with the prior consent of the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party, and where geographic circumstances warrant.</p>	<p><u>section 15.27</u>. 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.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Nomination of candidates for election</p> <p>15.40 A constituency association shall appoint a Candidate Search Committee to recruit and review potential nomination contestants<u>candidates to be nominated as the Ontario Liberal Party candidate for election in the electoral district</u>.</p> <p>15.41 A member of <u>the Ontario Liberal Party a constituency association</u> shall not stand as a candidate for election as a Liberal in an electoral district unless nominated as the Ontario Liberal Party candidate at a Nomination Convention of the constituency association<u>pursuant to section 11.1 or 11.9 of the Constitution</u>.</p> <p>15.42 A Nomination Convention of a constituency association shall be held under the supervision of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>15.43 A local constitution may permit the constituency association <u>may to</u> hold a Nomination Convention <u>Meeting</u> at more than one location in the electoral district with the prior consent of the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party<u>Nomination Commissioner</u>, and where geographic circumstances warrant.</p>
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3. Regional Meetings of the Leader and PLA Presidents

*Proposed by Nathaniel Erskine-Smith (MP for Beaches-East York)
and Alexander Mulligan (member of Beaches East York PLA)*

Explanatory Note

This proposal requires the Leader to meet with all constituency association Presidents at least once every twelve months by convening meetings of Presidents of the constituency associations within each Region once a year.

The purpose of this amendment is two-fold. Firstly, it would provide constituency association Presidents with greater access to the Leader, thereby facilitating deeper discussions between the Leader and constituency association Presidents. Secondly, the amendment would provide an additional means to hold the Leader accountable to the grassroots of the party, by ensuring each constituency association President has an opportunity to raise concerns, challenges, and opportunities with the leader.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

14 REGIONS (new)	14 REGIONS <u>Constituency Association Presidents Meeting with the Leader</u> <u>14.5 The Leader shall convene a meeting with the Presidents of all constituency associations in each Region at least once every twelve (12) months.</u>
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4. Mechanism for Resolving a Draft Nomination Plan Not Unanimously Approved

Proposed by Hamilton Centre PLA

Explanatory Note

The constitution currently vests the Nomination Commissioner with the authority to finalize a Nomination Plan if agreement cannot be achieved among the panel members tasked with approving the plan after two meetings.

This proposal would remove that power from the Nomination Commission and require resolution be reached through a vote by the panel members.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

11. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES	11. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES
The Panel	The Panel
...	...
11.7.5 a) Where the Draft Nomination Plan does not receive the unanimous approval of the Panel, the Panel shall attempt, by unanimous vote, to amend it in such way as it sees fit, provided that it remains in compliance with this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure.	11.7.5 a) Where the Draft Nomination Plan does not receive the unanimous approval of the Panel, the Panel shall attempt, by unanimous vote, to amend it in such way as it sees fit, provided that it remains in compliance with this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure.
b) Where a Nomination Plan is not unanimously agreed upon by the Panel at its initial meeting, the Nomination Commissioner may, in his or her sole and unfettered discretion, adjourn the meeting to a date not more than thirty (30) days thereafter, and may request that a new Draft Nomination Plan be submitted by the constituency association within such time limit as he or she may direct.	b) Where a Nomination Plan is not unanimously agreed upon by the Panel at its initial meeting, the Nomination Commissioner may, in his or her sole and unfettered discretion, adjourn the meeting to a date not more than thirty (30) days thereafter, and may request that a new Draft Nomination Plan be submitted by the constituency association within such time limit as he or she may direct.

<p>11.7.6 Upon the reconvening of a meeting of the Panel adjourned pursuant to Section 11.7.5(b), where unanimous agreement is again not reached, the Nomination Commissioner may, in his or her sole and unfettered discretion, unilaterally resolve any specific item or items within the Plan on which there is not unanimous approval, in accordance with practices previously or currently utilized by the Ontario Liberal Party, or adopt a Nomination Plan on terms set by the Nomination Commissioner.</p>	<p>11.7.6 Upon the reconvening of a meeting of the Panel adjourned pursuant to Section 11.7.5(b), where unanimous agreement is again not reached, <u>any specific items within the Plan on which there is not unanimous approval shall be determined by a majority vote of the Panel.</u>the Nomination Commissioner may, in his or her sole and unfettered discretion, unilaterally resolve any specific item or items within the Plan on which there is not unanimous approval, in accordance with practices previously or currently utilized by the Ontario Liberal Party, or adopt a Nomination Plan on terms set by the Nomination Commissioner.</p>
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5. Authority to Appoint Nomination Commissioner, Lift Freeze of Nomination, and Appoint Chief Redistribution Officer

Proposed by Marjolein Winterink and Matt Park (members of Davenport PLA), Saleem Malik (of Mississauga Centre PLA); Frank Svatousek (of Oakville PLA)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would remove the Leader's authority over nomination and redistribution and vest such authority to the Executive Council.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

11 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES	11 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES
The Nomination Commissioner	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.	11.3.1 a) In respect of each general election, the <u>Leader Executive Council</u> 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 <u>at the Executive Council's discretion</u> .
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	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

<p>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.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Freeze on nominations</p> <p>11.4 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.</p> <p>The Draft Nomination Plan</p> <p>11.6. 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.</p>	<p>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 <u>the Executive Council may opt to appoint a temporary nominations commissioner.</u></p> <p>...</p> <p>Freeze on nominations</p> <p>11.4 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. <u>The Executive Council will determine when to lift the freeze on nominations and may opt to begin nominations before a leadership race is called or has concluded.</u></p> <p>The Draft Nomination Plan</p> <p>11.6. Upon the general request of the Leader <u>Executive Council</u> 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</p>
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<p>The Draft Nomination Plan shall indicate, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>18 REDISTRIBUTION</p> <p>The Chief Redistribution Officer</p> <p>18.2.1 After it has become apparent that redistribution is likely to be effective for the next provincial general election, the Leader shall appoint the Chief Redistribution Officer in consultation with the Executive Council, to serve at the Leader's discretion until the date of the next general election, or the redistribution process is completed, whichever comes first. In the event of the incapacity, resignation or death of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the Leader may appoint an interim replacement to serve until the Chief Redistribution Officer 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.</p>	<p>constituency association. The Draft Nomination Plan shall indicate, but is not limited to, the following:</p> <p>...</p> <p>18 REDISTRIBUTION</p> <p>The Chief Redistribution Officer</p> <p>18.2.1 After it has become apparent that redistribution is likely to be effective for the next provincial general election, the <u>Leader Executive Council</u> shall appoint the Chief Redistribution Officer in consultation with the Executive Council, to serve at the <u>Leader's Executive Council's</u> discretion until the date of the next general election, or the redistribution process is completed, whichever comes first. In the event of the incapacity, resignation or death of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the Leader may appoint an interim replacement to serve until the Chief Redistribution Officer 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.</p>
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1. Notice Period for Proposals to Amend the Constitution

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This proposal would extend the notice requirement for amendment proposals to allow longer period for the constitution committee to work with the proposers to refine proposals being tabled, and for proposers of similar amendments to collaborate with each other to put forward joint proposals.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

16 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION Amendments proposed by a member 16.4 A member who wishes to propose an amendment shall submit the proposed amendment in writing to the Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.	16 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION Amendments proposed by a member 16.4 Amendment proposals, A member who wishes to propose an amendment shall <u>be submitted the proposed amendment</u> in writing to the <u>Executive Director or the Chair of the Constitution Committee Secretary</u> at least <u>forty-two (42) thirty (30)</u> days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
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2. Requirement for Proposals to Amend the Constitution

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This proposal would impose a baseline measure of support for proposals to amend the constitution to be considered, in order to reserve sufficient time in constitutional plenary sessions for measures that emanate from the Leader, from bodies within OLP, or from a modest threshold number of individual party members.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

16 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION	16 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION
Amendments proposed by a member	Amendments proposed by a member <u>to be considered</u>
16.5 The Secretary shall refer an amendment proposed by a member to the Constitution Committee.	16.5 <u>For an amendment proposal to be accepted and for consideration at the annual meeting, it must be endorsed in writing by one of the following:</u> a) <u>the Executive Council;</u> b) <u>the Leader;</u> c) <u>the Ontario Young Liberals, acting upon a resolution adopted at a General Meeting of that organization, or by its Executive;</u> e) <u>the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, acting upon a resolution adopted at a General Meeting of that organization, or by its Executive;</u> f) <u>at least three (3) constituency associations, jointly, and each acting upon a resolution adopted either at a general meeting of each such association, or by its executive committee;</u> g) <u>at least seven (7) current members of the Provincial Council, jointly; or</u>

	<p>h) <u>at least twenty (20) members who were members as of the date of the notice of the annual meeting, residing in at least three different electoral districts, jointly.</u></p> <p>The Secretary shall refer an amendment proposed by a member to the Constitution Committee.</p>
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3. Candidate Requirement for Regional Vice-Presidents

Proposed by the Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This proposal would require a candidate for Regional Vice-President to be a current resident of the region they seek to represent. The requirement is imposed on the candidates, not the office holders, meaning that should an incumbent Regional Vice-President move to another region, or cease to reside in the region due to electoral redistribution, they may serve out the remainder of the term.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

4 OFFICER	4 OFFICER
4.6 A candidate for the office of a Regional Vice-President shall be a member of an affiliated association in the region that he or she is seeking to represent.	4.6 A candidate for the office of a Regional Vice-President shall be a member of an affiliated association <u>current resident</u> in the region that he or she is <u>they are</u> seeking to represent.

4. Candidate Requirement for President and Executive Vice-President

Proposed by Hal Grosser (member of Nepean PLA)

Explanatory Note

This proposal requires any candidate seeking to be elected as President or Executive Vice-President of the Party to either be an incumbent member of the Executive Council or to have served at least one complete term on Executive Council.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that any in-coming President and Executive Vice-President would be fully informed of the issues and challenges facing the Party and its Executive Council prior to assuming office.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

4 OFFICERS	4 OFFICERS
4.6 A candidate for the office of a Regional Vice-President shall be a member of an affiliated association in the region that he or she is seeking to represent.	4.6.1 <u>A candidate for the office of President or Executive Vice-President shall be a member of the Executive Council or have previously served a complete term as a member of the Executive Council.</u> 4.6.2 A candidate for the office of a Regional Vice-President shall be a member of an affiliated association in the region that he or she is seeking to represent.

5. Funding Transparency in Executive Council Election Campaigns

Proposed by Mississauga-Lakeshore PLA

Explanatory Note

Currently there are few rules for funding of those contesting elected positions to the Executive Council of the OLP. In the interests of openness and transparency we propose the following rules to ensure fair and more open elections to all positions on the Executive Council.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

4. OFFICERS 4.5 Elections to offices of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and any procedure adopted at an Annual Meeting for that purpose.	4. OFFICERS 4.5 Elections to offices of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be conducted in accordance with this Constitution and any procedure adopted at an annual meeting for that purpose. <u>4.5.1 There shall be an Annual Meeting Candidate Financial Compliance Committee, consisting of the Executive Director, Legal Counsel, and Chief Returning Office of the annual meeting, or their designate.</u> <u>4.5.2 The Annual Meeting Candidate Financial Compliance Committee shall enforce the annual meeting candidate finance rules, and shall have the authority to apply a penalty, including, but not limited to, disqualifying a candidate before, during, or after the annual meeting</u> <u>4.5.3 Candidates for office at the annual meeting must adhere to any Rules of Procedure regarding their campaign finances, including, but not limited to:</u>
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	<p>a) <u>Contributions may only be accepted from current members of the Ontario Liberal Party.</u></p> <p>b) <u>Contributions from any trade union, corporation, unincorporated association or organization are not permitted.</u></p> <p>c) <u>Total contributions from an individual to a candidate may not exceed \$3,325.</u></p> <p>d) <u>Prior to the annual meeting, candidates must provide the Annual Meeting Candidate Financial Compliance Committee with a list of all contributions received, for publication.</u></p>
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6. Executive Accountability Sessions

Proposed by Damien O'Brien (member of Hamilton Mountain PLA)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would provide party members participating in annual meetings and Provincial Council meetings a mandated opportunity to pose question to elected members of the Executive Council.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL	6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
<p>Meetings</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6.17 In each year, one meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting.</p> <p>Regional meetings held at the annual meeting</p>	<p>Meetings</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6.17.<u>1</u> In each year, one meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in conjunction with the annual meeting.</p> <p><u>6.17.2 There shall be a session of no less than thirty (30) minutes at each regular Provincial Council meeting that is not held in conjunction with the annual meeting for registered attendees to pose questions to all elected members of Executive Council who serves by virtue of Section 4.2, and the Leader.</u></p> <p>Regional meetings <u>and accountability session</u> held at the annual meeting</p>

<p>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.</p>	<p>8.19.<u>1</u> 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.</p> <p><u>8.19.2 There shall be a session of no less than thirty (30) minutes at each annual meeting for delegates to pose questions to all elected members of Executive Council who serves by virtue of Section 4.2, and the Leader.</u></p>
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7. Reducing Event Fees for Low-income Members

Proposed by Theresa Lubowitz (member of Toronto-St. Paul's PLA)

Explanatory Note

This amendment would help address the cost barriers faced by individuals in lower income-levels who wish to attend Ontario Liberal Party events in order to participate in decision-making as members. It also addresses the existing outreach gap between the Ontario Liberal Party and the Ontario NDP who already offer this type of rate.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

6	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL	6	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
Fees		Fees	
6.31	The President shall establish a reduced meeting fee for: all members who are 25 years of age or less; all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students; and, all members who have attained the age of 65.	6.31	The President shall establish a reduced meeting fee for: all members who are 25 years of age or less; all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students; and , all members who have attained the age of 65, <u>and</u> <u>all members who are low-income</u> .
...		...	
8	ANNUAL MEETING	8	ANNUAL MEETING
Fees		Fees	
8.22	Executive Council shall establish a reduced annual meeting fee for: a) all members who are 25 years of age or less;	8.22	Executive Council shall establish a reduced annual meeting fee for: a) all members who are 25 years of age or less;

<p>b) all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students; and,</p> <p>c) all members who have attained the age of 65.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>b) all members of an Ontario Young Liberal Club who are full-time students; and,</p> <p>c) all members who have attained the age of 65, <u>and</u></p> <p>d) <u>all members who are low-income</u>;</p> <p>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.</p>
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8. Hybrid AGMs

Proposed by Fadi El Masry (Regional Vice-President, Eastern Region)

Explanatory Note

Currently Ontario Liberal Party Annual Meetings require a significant financial and/or time commitment that not all members can afford, particularly those in communities a great distance from where the AGM is being held. This proposal would reduce the barriers to entry for these gatherings as much as possible by allowing remote participation.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

8 ANNUAL MEETING - PROCEDURE	8 ANNUAL MEETING - PROCEDURE
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.	8.12 Only a person who is present <u>physically</u> at the annual meeting, <u>or is attending the annual meeting via remote means</u> , 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.
8 ANNUAL MEETING - FEES	8 ANNUAL MEETING - FEES
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.	8.22 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-; <u>and,</u> <u>d) members who are participating remotely.</u>

9. Membership Straw Polls for Policy and Constitution Matters

Proposed by Stefan Klietsch (member of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would require non-binding straw polls of the party membership to create transparency and inform voting delegates about the perspectives of the full membership on a particular proposed policy or amendment to the constitutional. The proposal does not attempt to replace the final authority resting with delegates at an AGM; those delegates who attend plenaries will remain the deciders of motion approval or defeat.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

10	POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS	10	POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
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.	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. <u>x) A ballot shall be sent to all members in good standing at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the Annual Policy Development Conference at which the policy resolution is to be considered. The ballot will</u>

<p>16 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</p> <p>16.7 The Constitution Committee's report shall be published on the Ontario Liberal Party website, and provided to the President of each constituency association, and each member of Executive Council at least fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.</p>	<p><u>include options for approval, disapproval, or desire for change of the policy resolution text. The results of the ballot vote will be made available at the commencement of the Annual Policy Development Conference, but the ballot results will be considered non-binding and for informational purposes only.</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>16 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION</p> <p>16.7.1 The Constitution Committee's report shall be published on the Ontario Liberal Party website, and provided to the President of each constituency association, and each member of Executive Council at least fifteen (15) days prior to the commencement of the annual meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.</p> <p><u>16.7.2 A ballot shall be sent to all members in good standing at least seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the annual meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered. The ballot will include options for approval, disapproval, or desire for change of the proposed amendment text. The results of the ballot vote will be made available at the commencement of the annual meeting, but the ballot results will be considered non-binding and for informational purposes only.</u></p>
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10. Threshold for Policy Resolutions Adoption

Proposed by Stefan Klietsch (member of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA)

Explanatory Note

This proposal would lower the threshold for adopting a policy resolution to a simple majority from 2/3 super-majority.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS	10 POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
<p>10.4 Where the form of an Annual Policy Development Conference is as described in subsection 10.3(b), above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.	<p>10.4 Where the form of an Annual Policy Development Conference is as described in subsection 10.3(b), above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">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) <u>simple majority (50% plus one)</u> of policy delegates present at the conference shall be Ontario Liberal Party policy.

1. Enforcement of the Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy

Proposed by Theresa Lubowitz (member of Toronto-St. Paul's PLA)

Explanatory Note

The OLP *Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy* and *Code of Conduct* serve as the guiding disciplinary documents within the party yet are not mentioned in the Discipline sections of the Constitution. This amendment would address that gap by making specific mention of both the *Policy* and the *Code*. The amendment would also ensure that the policy and potential disciplinary actions apply to all members of the party equally by removing the exemption for officers listed under section 4.2 of the Constitution.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

13 Discipline Authority to discipline 13.1 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, suspend or expel any officer or member of the Ontario Liberal Party or any of its affiliated associations or other affiliated organizations recognized under this Constitution, other than an Officer who serves by virtue of Section 4.2. (new)	13 Discipline Authority to discipline 13.1 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, suspend or expel any officer or member of the Ontario Liberal Party or any of its affiliated associations or other affiliated organizations recognized under this Constitution; other than an Officer who serves by virtue of Section 4.2. <u>13.1.1 All disciplinary matters involving any officer or member of the Ontario Liberal Party or any of its affiliated associations or other affiliated organizations recognized under this Constitution related to workplace discrimination, harassment, and violence shall be evaluated under the <i>Workplace</i></u>
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	<p><u><i>Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy.</i></u></p> <p><u>13.1.2 All other disciplinary matters involving any officer or member of the Ontario Liberal Party or any of its affiliated associations or other affiliated organizations recognized under this Constitution shall be evaluated under the Code of Conduct.</u></p>
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2. Creation of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission

Proposed by Sheila Bryan (member of Orléan PLA) & Eden Gajraj (member of Scarborough North PLA)

Explanatory Note

Seniors represent the largest voting demographic in the province of Ontario. A Seniors Commission can represent Ontario Seniors' interests, build organizational capacity, and provide the leadership required to marshal this key demographic to get out and vote Liberal. It would be focused on identifying and mobilizing Senior (aged 60+) Liberal voters. Seniors also share similar interests and values, which allow us to immediately connect with each other and engender mutual trust.

This proposal would formalize the creation and recognition of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission (OLSC) by giving it representation at the party's various levels of authority. In both form and function the OLSC would be similar to the Women's and Youth Commissions, with one key difference: as proposed there would not be any local/riding level OLSC affiliated clubs.

As part of this proposal, it is proposed that:

- a) The Executive Committee will strike a steering committee for the formation of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission.
- b) The Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission will hold its founding general meeting at the next OLP annual meeting, during which the commission will adopt its constitution and elect its founding executive.

The current draft of the commission's constitution is appended to this proposal amendment for reference:

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

2	DEFINITIONS	2	DEFINITIONS
(new)		2.X	<u>"Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission" means the organization recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party as its commission with a mandate to ensure that issues related to and affect seniors are properly addressed;</u>
4	OFFICERS	4	OFFICERS

<p>4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Immediate Past President; b) the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party or his/her designate; 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. 	<p>4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the Immediate Past President; b) the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party or his/her designate; 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; x) <u>the President of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission, or a designate in the President's place;</u> and e) A Caucus Liaison designated by the Liberal Caucus.
<p>5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex- officio, namely:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> l) President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place; m) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place. 	<p>5 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</p> <p>5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex- officio, namely:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> l) President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place; m) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place. n) <u>President of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission, or a designate in the President's place, unless its constitution designates one of its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on</u>

<p>5.2 The Ontario Young Liberals may designate, in its constitution, one of its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on Executive in place of its President.</p> <p>5.3 The Ontario Women's Liberal Commission may designate, in its constitution, one of its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on Executive in place of its President.</p> <p>6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL</p> <p>6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) up to a maximum of 16 members appointed by the Ontario Young Liberals from amongst the officers of that organization;</p> <p>f) the Chair of each of the following Ontario Liberal Party committees:</p> <p>i) Nominations Committee;</p> <p>ii) Constitution Committee;</p> <p>iii) Finance Committee;</p>	<p><u>Executive Council in the place of its President.</u></p> <p>5.2 The Ontario Young Liberals may designate, in its constitution, one of its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on Executive in place of its President.</p> <p>5.3 The Ontario Women's Liberal Commission may designate, in its constitution, one of its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on Executive in place of its President.</p> <p><u>5.X The Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission may designate, in its constitution, one of its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on Executive in place of its President.</u></p> <p>6 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL</p> <p>6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) up to a maximum of 16 members appointed by the Ontario Young Liberals from amongst the officers of that organization;</p> <p>f) the Chair of each of the following Ontario Liberal Party committees:</p> <p>i) Nominations Committee;</p> <p>ii) Constitution Committee;</p> <p>iii) Finance Committee;</p>
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<p>iv) Membership Committee; and,</p> <p>g) five (5) table officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council.</p>	<p>iv) Membership Committee; and,</p> <p>g) five (5) table officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council; and</p> <p><u>h) five (5) table officers of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council</u></p>
<p>7 COMMITTEES</p> <p>7.7 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:</p> <p>a) The Vice-President (Policy), who shall be the Chair of the Committee;</p> <p>b) The President or his or her designate;</p> <p>c) The Chair of the Liberal Caucus;</p> <p>d) The President of the Ontario Young Liberals or his or her designate;</p> <p>e) The President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission or her designate;</p> <p>f) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed);</p> <p>g) Each Regional Vice-President or his or her designate;</p> <p>h) The Vice-President (Engagement); and</p> <p>i) Such other members as may be appointed by the Vice-President (Policy).</p>	<p>7 COMMITTEES</p> <p>7.7 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:</p> <p>a) The Vice-President (Policy), who shall be the Chair of the Committee;</p> <p>b) The President or his or her designate;</p> <p>c) The Chair of the Liberal Caucus;</p> <p>d) The President of the Ontario Young Liberals or his or her designate;</p> <p>e) The President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission or her designate;</p> <p><u>x) The President of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission or his or her designate;</u></p> <p>f) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed);</p> <p>g) Each Regional Vice-President or his or her designate;</p> <p>h) The Vice-President (Engagement); and</p> <p>i) Such other members as may be appointed by the Vice-President (Policy).</p>
<p>9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS</p>	<p>9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS</p>

<p>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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>...</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>...</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p><u>x) Up to eight elected officers of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission, as determined by the executive of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission, plus the immediate past president of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission;</u></p>
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DRAFT Constitution of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission

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ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS (NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY)

- 1.1 The name of this Organization is the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission (the “OLSC”).
- 1.2 The OLSC is a self-governing association operating within the Ontario Liberal Party (OLP). It is governed exclusively by this Constitution but where on a matter of Ontario Liberal Party business or compliance with applicable legislation the Constitution of that organization is in conflict with, or this Constitution is silent, the Constitution of the Ontario Liberal Party (OLP) shall prevail.

ARTICLE 2 – OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of the OLSC shall be:
 - a) to advocate, support and promote Liberal Party political principles, values and positions;
 - b) to advocate for, and support, the election of Liberal Party candidates
 - c) to advocate and encourage the participation of seniors in the political process;
 - d) to build a grassroots movement that reflects the specific priority issues of Ontario Liberal Seniors;

- e) to engage directly with Ontario Liberal Seniors to listen and hear their views;
- f) to consult, identify, develop and advocate for policy positions that reflect the needs, interests, issues and concerns of Ontario Liberal Seniors;
- g) to organize and maintain an active organization of OLSC/Riding jointly approved and appointed OLSC (senior representatives) who sit on the Executive Board of each OLP constituency, representative of each OLP Region;

2.2 To that end, the OLSC shall strive to accomplish the following:

- a) advocate and encourage the participation of seniors in the political process;
- b) recruit, encourage and identify seniors to run for positions within the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission;
- c) promote both the nomination and election of seniors;
- d) participate in the development of Liberal Party policy to ensure that issues related to and/or that directly affect seniors are properly addressed in the policies of the OLP;
- e) create and organize a group of energetic, committed Ontario Liberal Seniors who are ready to undertake Liberal Seniors community outreach to communicate, promote and encourage Ontario Senior Liberal voters to cast their votes for the Liberal Party;
- f) ensure any OLSC member can address meetings of the organization in either official language; and ensure documents are available, upon request, in both official languages

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 “Member in good standing” means any person, 60 years of age or older who holds a current, valid OLP membership (as defined by the OLP Constitution) with an Ontario Liberal Provincial Constituency Association and

does not hold a membership with any other political party;

- 3.2 Each OLP riding shall have an OLSC Representative on their constituency Executive,
- 3.3 There will be no formal "Senior Clubs" within OLSC. There may be informal Liberal senior groups, associated with OLP ridings. They shall be led by the OLSC/Riding Senior Representative;

ARTICLE 4 – EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE OLSC

- 4.1 The Executive Board of the OLSC will consist of the following officers who shall be elected for two year terms at an Annual General Meeting of the OLSC (the "AGM"), as described in Article 6, as well as the immediate Past President of the OLSC (ex officio):
 - a) President;
 - b) Executive Vice-President;
 - c) Secretary;
 - d) Vice-President, Membership;
 - e) Vice-President, Policy and Constitutional Affairs;
 - f) Vice-President, Communications;
 - g) Regional Vice-President;
 - h) Vice-President, Indigenous Seniors
 - i) President Emeritus (ex-Officio) – immediate Past President of OLSC
- 4.2 In the event of a vacancy of an elected position: i) the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement to hold office until the next AGM, ii) if the position of President is vacated where there is an Executive Vice-President, the Executive Vice-President will automatically be appointed as President unless she/he declines such appointment, ii) if the Executive Vice-President declines, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement from the Executive Committee to hold office until the next AGM.
- 4.3 The **President** shall provide leadership and direction to OLSC and plays an important support and counsel role on the OLP Executive Committee and OLSC. The President calls and presides over all Commission Executive Committee meetings and, in consultation with

OLSC Executive Committee, sets the parameters for the work undertaken by the OLSC.

- 4.4 The **Executive Vice-President** shall assist the President and act in her/his absence. The Executive Vice-President shall support and assist the Regional Vice-Presidents with election readiness.
- 4.5 The **Secretary** shall be responsible for preparing and:
 - a) sending all notices of meeting to the Executive Committee;
 - b) taking minutes during all meetings and circulating all minutes of meetings of; i) Executive Committee; ii) AGMs, and iii) General Meeting.
 - c) maintaining an up to date Executive Committee List of the OLSC – including: name; residential address; postal code; telephone and email address for each member;
- 4.6 The **Vice-President, Membership** shall be responsible for:
 - a) providing a Commission package (including templates) to all new members of OLSC;
 - b) preparation and maintenance of the executive lists and membership lists of recognized Liberal Seniors groups, which includes: contact name; residential address; postal code; telephone and email address of each member;
 - c) working with the OLP and OLSC Regional Vice-Presidents to ensure the recruitment of new members; and liaising with OYL, OWLC and an Indigenous Commission to identify any areas of potential mutual collaboration;
- 4.7 The **Vice-President, Policy and Constitutional Affairs** shall be responsible for:
 - a) consulting with Liberal Seniors to develop Senior policy;
 - b) coordinating policy formation on behalf of the OLSC and transmitting these policies to the OLP Policy lead;
 - c) ensuring that the OLSC Constitution is consistent with the Constitution of the OLP; and
 - d) receiving proposed amendments to this (OLSC) Constitution in accordance with Article 10 and for

preparing such amendments to this Constitution as she/he considers appropriate to recommend for adoption in accordance with Article

- 4.8 The **Vice-President, Communications** shall coordinate the communications activities of the OLSC to both the membership and the OLP;
- 4.9 The **Regional Vice-President** as shall be responsible for liaison and communication between the OLSC and OLP Regional Vice-Presidents; and for reporting to the Executive Committee as to the activities in their respective areas as well as matters of interest or concern
- 4.10 The **Vice-President, Indigenous Seniors** shall represent the interest of indigenous Senior members and work with the Vice-President, Membership to attract and recruit Indigenous Seniors to OLSC;
- 4.11 The **President Emeritus (ex officio)** shall provide advice and counsel to the OLSC Executive Board.

ARTICLE 5 – OLSC EXECUTIVE BOARD OPERATIONS

- 5.1 There shall be a Management Committee of the OLSC composed of a specific set of Executive Board members as described in Article 4. Those members are:
- a) President;
 - b) Executive Vice-President;
 - c) Vice President, Membership;
 - d) Secretary;
 - e) Vice-President, Policy & Constitutional Affairs
- 5.2 It is the role of the Management Committee of the OLSC to administer the OLSC, subject to any direction arising from any AGM or general meeting.
- 5.3 If OLP requires the OLSC Executive Board to disburse funds, it shall be done in accordance with, and under the oversight the OLP Executive Committee and subject to the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party, as she or he may consider necessary or appropriate in order to best to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation.
- 5.4 The Executive Board shall meet at least four times during a calendar year (an "Executive Meeting").

- 5.5 An Executive Board Meeting requires seven (7) days written notice.
- 5.6 Notice may be given by the Secretary following a call for a meeting by:
- (a) the President; or
 - (b) any three (3) Members of the Executive Board if said direction is received in writing and each of the three (3) members have affixed their written or electronic signatures on the written direction.
- 5.7 Written Notice shall be deemed to be given on the day which is the earlier of:
- a) the day of actual receipt;
 - b) the day of actual delivery to the usual resident of the intended recipient; or
 - c) the second day following the day of mailing by prepaid post or email.
- 5.8 A quorum for the Executive Meeting shall be the lesser of six (6) members or one third (1/3) of the Executive Board, by phone and or in person.
- 5.9 An elected or appointed member of the Executive Board shall not be absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Executive Committee without the authorization of Executive Committee.
- 5.10 If an elected or appointed member of the Executive Board is absent from three consecutive regular meetings without such authorization, the office held by that member shall become vacant at the conclusion of the third meeting.
- 5.11 The Executive Board may appoint ad hoc committees of the Executive Committee and, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, may delegate and assign such responsibilities as it sees fit to these committees for the purpose of furthering the work thereof.
- 5.12 Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the OLP, the Executive Board may appoint a member of the OLSC to each OLP Committee

ARTICLE 6 – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.1 An AGM should be held in each year, but the AGM should not be held more than twenty-four (24) months or less than ten (10) months following the previous AGM.
- 6.2 Written Notice of the AGM shall be sent at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the AGM to the:
- OLSC Members; and
 - President of every OLP Provincial Liberal Association.
- 6.3 Written Notice of the AGM shall include the:
- name and contact information of the Nominations Coordinator;
 - list of positions open for election; and
 - date, location, and time.
- 6.4 For the purposes of organizing the election of officers at the AGM, Executive Committee shall appoint an individual that is not standing for election as the Nominations Coordinator.
- 6.5 The Nominations Coordinator shall:
- appoint a Board of Arbitration consisting of three (3) OLSC members in good standing who shall not then be eligible to stand for election to decide any disputes arising with respect to the election of the Officers;
 - appoint a Credentials Committee to determine delegate eligibility;
 - specify a time at which voting will open and close; and
 - appoint herself/himself or another person as Returning Officer who shall appoint as many Deputy Returning Officers as necessary.
- 6.6 Every member of OLSC is eligible to register as a delegate to the AGM.
- 6.7 The quorum for the AGM shall be thirty (30) delegates.
- 6.8 In addition to the AGM, the Executive Committee may call a General Meeting of the OLSC at such time and place as the Executive Committee sees fit.
- 6.9 The notice provisions applicable to the AGM shall apply to any General Meeting.
- 6.10 All Members of the OLSC shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting.

ARTICLE 7 - ELECTIONS

- 7.1 All Elected Officers set out in Article 4 shall be elected at an AGM on the expiration of their terms.
- 7.2 The term of office of an elected officer shall expire upon the election or appointment of a successor to the office.
- 7.3 No person who is an Elected Officer shall hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms.
- 7.4 Two (2) months preceding the date of the AGM, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nomination Coordinator who shall be responsible for:
- requesting nominations for the positions of:
 - President;
 - Executive Vice-President;
 - Secretary;
 - Vice-President Membership;
 - Vice-President Policy and Constitutional Affairs;
 - Vice-President Communications;
 - Regional Vice-Presidents;
 - Vice-President, Indigenous Seniors
 - attempting to ensure that there is at least one nominated candidate for each Executive position;
 - if no candidates can be found for any of the Executive position, the vacant position(s) may be filled, post AGM, by OLSC Executive Board appointment;
 - determining and setting the rules for nomination procedures and speeches and ensuring that all Members are aware of the same; and
 - overseeing the voting procedures at the AGM in conjunction with the Returning Officer
- 7.5 Nominations for each Elected Officer must be received by the Nomination Coordinator at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the AGM. In the event that no such nomination is received in respect of a particular position, the Nomination Coordinator shall be empowered to extend this deadline as appropriate.
- 7.6 No member or individual appointed to a position pursuant to Article 7.4 or 7.5(a) may stand as a candidate for an Elected Officer at an AGM

ARTICLE 8 - REPRESENTATION AT CONVENTIONS & MEETING OF THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY

- 8.1 OLSC delegate representation and accreditation to conventions and meetings of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be determined by the Constitution of the OLP.

with the provisions of this Constitution and, in the event such regulations are also silent, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the OLP.

ARTICLE 9 - ARBITRATION

- 9.1 There shall be an Arbitration Committee of the OLSC comprised of the following officers of the OLSC Executive: President; Executive Vice-President and Vice President Policy and Constitutional Affairs.
- 9.2 Any disputes with respect to meetings, matters, and individuals within the operation and/or membership of the OSLC shall be referred to an Arbitration Committee. If at any time a conflict arises or is claimed to have arisen for any member of the OSLC Arbitration Committee, the member may choose to recuse herself/himself and if she/he does not do so, the other members of the Arbitration Committee will determine if the Committee member should recuse herself/himself or refer the matter to the OLP Arbitration Committee for resolution.

ARTICLE 10 – THE CONSTITUTION

- 10.1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting at any AGM of the OSLC or any General Meeting of the OSLC called specifically for that purpose.
- 10.2 Notice of any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be delivered to the Vice President Policy and Constitutional Affairs at least ten (10) days prior to the relevant meeting.
- 10.3 The Vice-President Policy and Constitutional Affairs shall, at least seven (7) days prior to the relevant meeting, submit to the Executive Committee all proposed amendments received in accordance with Article 14.3, above, and any additional amendments that she considers appropriate to recommend for adoption.
- 10.4 In the event that provisions of this Constitution are silent in respect of a matter, such matter shall be determined in accordance with any Regulations passed in accordance

3. Creation of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission

Proposed by the Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston PLA

Explanatory Note

Rural and northern citizens are increasingly disenfranchised and disengaged with our party and the political/electoral process more generally. They do not consider the OLP as a viable or desirable choice for representation. This has resulted in a total loss of rural and northern elected representation. If we continue to ignore rural and northern areas of the province, we will remain cast into the political wilderness, we will not be competitive, we will not win rural and northern seats, and we will not form majority governments.

This proposal would formalize the creation and recognition of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission (OLRNC) by giving it representation at the party's various levels of authority. The proposed OLRNC will focus on rural and northern affairs and provide OLP with a solid grassroots foundation and structure from which to rebuild the party's reputation, relevancy, and viability and as a political force in rural and northern ridings.

As part of this proposal, it is proposed that:

- c) The Executive Committee will strike a steering committee for the formation of the OLRNC
- d) The OLRNC will hold its founding general meeting at the next OLP annual meeting, during which the commission will adopt its constitution and elect its founding executive.

The current draft of the commission's constitution is appended to this proposal amendment for reference.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

2 DEFINITIONS (new)	2 DEFINITIONS 2.X “Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission” means the organization recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party as its commission with a mandate to build and maintain an active organization in Ontario’s rural and northern communities;
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DRAFT - CONSTITUTION OF THE ONTARIO LIBERAL RURAL & NORTHERN COMMISSION

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ARTICLE 1 NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY

- 1.1 The name of this Organization is the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission (herein after referred to as the "OLRNC").
- 1.2 The OLRNC is a self-governing association operating within the Ontario Liberal Party (herein after referred to as the "OLP"). It is governed exclusively by this Constitution but where on a matter of OLP business or compliance with applicable legislation, the Constitution of that organization is in conflict or this Constitution is silent, the Constitution of the OLP shall prevail.

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTIVES OF THE OLRNC

- 2.1 The objective of the OLRNC shall be to maintain an active organization of rural and northern members of the Ontario Liberal Party, to speak with a collective voice on behalf of rural and northern Liberals in Ontario, while simultaneously upholding Liberal principles and supporting the Ontario Liberal Party.
- 2.2 To that end, the OLRNC shall strive to accomplish the following:
 - (a) Advocate and encourage the participation of rural and northern citizens in the political process.
 - (b) Recruit rural and northern citizens to become members of the OLP, and encourage and assist them to run for positions within the OLP.
 - (c) Promote both the nomination and election of rural and northern candidates.
 - (d) Support and promote the Rural and Northern Fund.
 - (e) Participate in the development of policy to ensure that issues related to and/or that affect rural and northern areas are properly addressed through a rural and northern lens in the policies of the OLP.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership in the OLRNC is open to all OLP members in good standing from the provincial electoral districts specified in 'Schedule A – Regions' herein.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS OF THE OLRNC

- 4.1 The Executive Committee of the OLRNC will consist of the following officers who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the OLRNC (the "AGM") for a term that expires at the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the OLRNC, as described in Articles 7 and 8:
- (a) President;
 - (b) Executive Vice-President;
 - (c) Immediate Past-President (as ex-officio);
 - (d) Treasurer;
 - (e) Secretary;
 - (f) Vice-President Membership;
 - (g) Vice-President Policy and Constitutional Affairs;
 - (h) Vice-President Communications;
 - (i) Vice-President Fundraising;
 - (j) Regional Vice-Presidents;
 - (k) Vice-President Youth;
 - (l) Vice-President Indigenous;
 - (m) Vice-President Women
- 4.2 In the event of a vacancy of an elected position, the Executive Committee may appoint a replacement to hold office until the next AGM:
- (a) If the position of President is vacated where there is an Executive Vice-President, the Executive Vice-President will automatically be appointed as President unless they decline such appointment.
 - (b) If the Executive Vice-President declines, the Executive Committee shall appoint a replacement from the Executive Committee to hold office until the next AGM.
- 4.3 The President plays an important leadership role on the Executive Committee and the Commission. The President is the presiding officer and shall chair meetings

- of the Executive Committee and the Commission, and is responsible for calling meetings of the Executive Committee as defined in Article 5.
- 4.4 The Executive Vice-President shall assist the President and act in their absence. The Executive Vice-President shall support and aid Regional Vice-Presidents with election readiness.
- 4.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement, as well as accounting of, all monies of the OLRNC. For this purpose, the Treasurer shall cooperate and act through the authority of such agents of the OLP, as may be required for audit purposes and compliance with applicable provincial legislation. The Treasurer shall provide a report on the financial status of the OLRNC at each of the following meetings:
- (a) the Executive Committee;
 - (b) AGMs; and
 - (c) General Meetings.
- 4.6 The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and:
- (a) Sending all notices of meetings to the Executive Committee.
 - (b) Taking minutes during all meetings and circulating all minutes of meetings of:
 - i. Executive Committee;
 - ii. AGMs; and
 - iii. General Meetings
 - (c) Maintaining an up-to-date Executive Committee List of the OLRNC with the following information:
 - i. name;
 - ii. residential address;
 - iii. postal code;
 - iv. telephone; and
 - v. email address of each member.
- 4.7 The Vice-President Membership shall be responsible for:
- (a) Administering OLRNC membership in coordination with OLP.
 - i. Preparing and maintaining the regional committee membership lists, which will include

- the: region, name, residential address, postal code, telephone and email address of each member; and
- ii. Providing regional committee membership list updates to OLP.
- (b) Working with the Regional Vice-Presidents to recruit and register new regional committee members.
- 4.8 The Vice-President Policy and Constitutional Affairs shall be responsible for:
 - (a) Coordinating policy formation on behalf of the OLRNC and transmitting these policies to the OLP.
 - (b) Maintaining active participation and attendance on the OLP Policy Committee.
 - (c) Ensuring that the OLRNC Constitution is consistent with the Constitution of the OLP.
 - (d) Receiving proposed amendments to this Constitution in accordance with Article 13, and for preparing such amendments to this Constitution as they consider appropriate to recommend for adoption in accordance with Article 13.
- 4.9 The Vice-President Communications shall coordinate the communication activities of the OLRNC to both the membership and with the OLP.
- 4.10 There shall be one Regional Vice-President for each Regional Committee, as defined in "Schedule A – Regions" of this Constitution, who shall be responsible for chairing and reporting the activities of their Regional Committee.
- 4.11 The Vice-President Fundraising shall be responsible for raising funds for the Rural and Northern Fund in compliance with all governing Constitutions and laws.
- 4.12 The Vice-President, Youth shall be responsible for communication between the OLRNC and young rural members of the Ontario Young Liberals. Only members of the OLRNC between the ages of 14 and 30 are eligible to be elected to the position of Vice President, Youth.
- 4.13 The Vice-President, Indigenous shall represent the interests of indigenous members.

- 4.14 The Vice-President, Women shall represent the interests of women members.

ARTICLE 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 There shall be an Executive Committee of the OLRNC comprised of the officers as defined in Article 4.
- 5.2 It is the role of the Executive Committee to administer the OLRNC, subject to any direction arising out of any AGM or general meeting.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee shall disburse funds only in accordance with the adopted resolutions of the Executive Committee and subject to such oversight by the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party as they may consider necessary or appropriate to comply with the requirements of applicable legislation.
- 5.4 The Executive Committee shall meet at least eight times during a calendar year (an "Executive Meeting").
- 5.5 An Executive Meeting requires seven (7) days written notice.
- 5.6 Notice may be given by the Secretary following a call for a meeting by:
 - (a) the President; or
 - (b) any three (3) Members of the Executive Committee if said direction is received in writing and each of the three (3) members have affixed their written or electronic signatures on the written direction.
- 5.7 Written Notice shall be deemed to be given on the day which is the earlier of:
 - (a) The day of actual receipt;
 - (b) The day of actual delivery to the usual resident of the intended recipient; or
 - (c) The second day following the day of mailing by prepaid post or email.
- 5.8 A quorum for the Executive Meeting shall be a minimum of six (6) members, by phone, by online video conference, and or in person.
- 5.9 An elected or appointed member of the Executive Committee shall not be absent from three (3) consecutive

- regular meetings of the Executive Committee without the authorization of the Executive Committee.
- 5.10 If an elected or appointed member of the Executive Committee is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings without such authorization, the office held by that member shall become vacant at the conclusion of the third meeting.
- 5.11 The Executive Committee may appoint ad hoc committees of the Executive Committee and, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, may delegate and assign such responsibilities as it sees fit to these committees for the purpose of furthering the work thereof.
- 5.12 Subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the OLP, the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the OLRNC to each OLP Committee.

ARTICLE 6 TABLE OFFICERS

- 6.1 The table officers of the OLRNC shall be the following individuals:
- (a) President;
 - (b) Executive Vice-President;
 - (c) Secretary;
 - (d) Treasurer; and
 - (e) Immediate Past-President.

ARTICLE 7 MEETINGS OF THE OLRNC

- 7.1 An Annual General Meeting (AGM) should be held in each year, but the AGM should not be held more than twenty-four (24) months or less than ten (10) months following the previous AGM.
- 7.2 Written Notice of the AGM shall be sent at least thirty (30) days in advance of the date set for the AGM to the:
- (a) President of every OLP Provincial Liberal Association;
 - (b) President of every ratified Ontario Young Liberal Club; and,
 - (c) President of every ratified Ontario Womens' Liberal Commission Club.
- 7.3 Written Notice of the AGM shall include the:

- (a) name and contact information of the Nominations Coordinator;
 - (b) list of positions open for election; and
 - (c) date, location, and time.
- 7.4 For the purposes of organizing the election of officers at the AGM, the Executive Committee shall appoint an individual that is not standing for election as the Nominations Coordinator.
- 7.5 The Nominations Coordinator shall:
- (a) appoint a Board of Arbitration consisting of three (3) OLRNC members in good standing who shall not then be eligible to stand for election to decide any disputes arising with respect to the election of the Officers;
 - (b) appoint a Credentials Committee to determine delegate eligibility;
 - (c) specify a time at which voting will open and close; and
 - (d) appoint themselves or another person as Returning Officer who shall appoint as many Deputy Returning Officers as necessary.
- 7.6 Every member of OLRNC is eligible to register as a delegate to the AGM.
- 7.7 The quorum for the AGM shall be thirty (30) delegates.
- 7.8 In addition to the AGM, the Executive Committee may call a General Meeting of the OLRNC at such time and place as the Executive Committee sees fit.
- 7.9 The notice provisions applicable to the AGM shall apply to any General Meeting.
- 7.10 All Members of the OLRNC shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting.
- 7.11 All meetings of the OLRNC may be conducted in-person, online through digital video conferencing technologies, or as hybrid in-person/online gatherings.

ARTICLE 8 ELECTIONS

- 8.1 All Elected Officers set out in Article 4 shall be elected at an AGM on the expiration of their terms.
- 8.2 All elections shall be conducted by preferential ballot.

- 8.3 The term of office of an elected officer shall expire upon the election or appointment of a successor to the office.
- 8.4 No person who is an Elected Officer shall hold the same office for more than three (3) consecutive terms.
- 8.5 Two (2) months preceding the date of the AGM, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Nomination Coordinator who shall be responsible for:
 - (a) requesting nominations for the positions of: President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President Membership, Vice-President Policy and Constitutional Affairs, Vice-President Communications, Regional Vice-Presidents, Vice-President Fundraising, Vice-President Youth; Vice-President Indigenous; Vice-President Women.
 - (b) ensuring that there is at least one nominated candidate for each Executive position;
 - (c) determining and setting the rules for nomination procedures and speeches and ensuring that all Members are aware of the same; and
 - (d) overseeing the voting procedures at the AGM in conjunction with the Returning Officer.
- 8.6 Nominations for each Elected Officer must be received by the Nomination Coordinator at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the AGM. If no such nomination is received in respect of a particular position, the Nomination Coordinator shall be empowered to extend this deadline as appropriate.
- 8.7 Pursuant to Articles 7.4 and 7.5(a), no member or individual appointed to a position may stand as a candidate for an Elected Officer at an AGM.

ARTICLE 9 REGIONS AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES

- 9.1 There shall be up to six (6) Regions of the OLRNC. The number of Regions and the provincial electoral districts with a significant rural populace to be included in each region shall be determined from time to time by the general membership of the OLRNC.

- 9.2 The boundaries of the Regions shall align with the boundaries of provincial electoral districts and shall be as set out in “Schedule A – Regions” to this Constitution. “Schedule A – Regions” may be amended by simple majority vote of the general membership of the OLRNC not more than once during the period between two Annual General Meetings.
- 9.3 There shall be a Regional Committee for each OLRNC Region as defined in “Schedule A – Regions” of this Constitution comprised of:
 - (a) the Regional VP;
 - (b) one representative from each Provincial Liberal Association (PLA) in the Region;
 - (c) a Secretary; and
 - (d) any OLP member from the provincial electoral districts in said region specified in ‘Schedule A – Regions’ herein in good standing who wants to participate.
- 9.4 The Regional Committee shall be a mechanism for local input, as follows:
 - (a) liaise with PLAs on rural issues and policy;
 - (b) support the policy process of the OLP;
 - (c) assist with fundraising for the Rural and Northern Fund; and
 - (d) support election readiness in the region.
- 9.5 Each provincial electoral district specified in “Schedule A – Regions” herein may appoint one representative to sit on the OLRNC Regional Committee:
 - (a) The representative can be a member of the PLA or an Executive Committee member of the PLA.
 - (b) The representative will serve for a term of one (1) year with the option of renewal by the PLA.
 - (c) This representative’s membership must be in good standing with the OLP.
- 9.6 The Secretary shall be appointed by the Regional VP from within the committee.
- 9.7 The Secretary shall be responsible for:

- (a) Preparing and sending all notices of meetings to the Regional Committee.
- (b) Taking minutes during all meetings and circulating all minutes of meetings to:
 - i. Regional Committee members; and
 - ii. the OLRNC Secretary.
- (c) Maintaining an up-to-date Regional Committee list with the following information:
 - i. name;
 - ii. residential address;
 - iii. postal code;
 - iv. telephone; and
 - v. email address of each member.

ARTICLE 10 MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES

- 10.1 The Regional Committee shall meet at least four (4) times per year.
- 10.2 Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Regional VP.
- 10.2 Meeting notices shall be given by the Secretary with a minimum notice of ten (10) days.
- 10.3 The attendance of five (5) committee members in good standing shall constitute quorum for meetings.
- 10.4 All regional committee meetings of the OLRNC may be conducted in-person, online through digital video conferencing technologies, or as hybrid in-person/online gatherings.

ARTICLE 11 REPRESENTATION AT CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS OF THE ONTARIO LIBERAL PARTY

- 11.1 OLRNC representation and accreditation to conventions and meetings of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be as set out in the Constitution of the OLP.

ARTICLE 12 THE CONSTITUTION

- 12.1 This Constitution shall replace and supersede all previous Constitutions of the OLRNC and amendments thereto.

- 12.2 This Constitution may be amended by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting at any AGM of the OLRNC or any General Meeting of the OLRNC called specifically for that purpose.
- 12.3 Notice of any proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be delivered to the Vice President Policy and Constitutional Affairs at least ten (10) days prior to the relevant meeting.
- 12.4 The Vice-President Policy and Constitutional Affairs shall, at least seven (7) days prior to the relevant meeting, submit to the Executive Committee all proposed amendments received in accordance with Article 13.3, above, and any additional amendments that they consider appropriate to recommend for adoption.
- 12.5 In the event that provisions of this Constitution are silent in respect of a matter, such matter shall be determined in accordance with any regulations passed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and, in the event such regulations are also silent, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution of the OLP.

Schedule A
REGIONS

North Region (12 Ridings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Algoma–Manitoulin • Kenora–Rainy River • Kiiwetinoong • Mushkegowuk–James Bay • Nickel Belt • Nipissing • Sault Ste. Marie • Sudbury • Thunder Bay–Atikokan • Thunder Bay–Superior North • Timiskaming–Cochrane • Timmins 	Central North Region (9 Ridings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barrie–Innisfil • Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte • Dufferin–Caledon • King–Vaughan • Markham–Stouffville • Parry Sound–Muskoka • Simcoe–Grey • Simcoe North • York–Simcoe 	Central East Region (8 Ridings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bay of Quinte • Durham • Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock • Hastings–Lennox and Addington • Northumberland–Peterborough South • Peterborough–Kawartha • Pickering–Uxbridge • Whitby
East Region (6 Ridings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carleton • Glengarry–Prescott–Russell • Lanark–Frontenac–Kingston • Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes • Renfrew–Nipissing–Pembroke • Stormont–Dundas–South Glengarry 	South West Region (11 Ridings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruce–Grey–Owen Sound • Chatham–Kent–Leamington • Elgin–Middlesex–London • Essex • Haldimand–Norfolk • Huron–Bruce • Lambton–Kent–Middlesex • Oxford • Perth–Wellington • Sarnia–Lambton • Windsor–Tecumseh 	South Central Region (9 Ridings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brantford–Brant • Cambridge • Flamborough–Glanbrook • Kitchener–Conestoga • Niagara Centre • Niagara Falls • Niagara West • Milton • Wellington–Halton Hills