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Message from the Committee Chair

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Section 16 of our party's Constitution prescribes that for amendment proposals to be considered at a forthcoming annual meeting, they must have met one of the sponsor requirements and be submitted at least 42 days prior to the commencement of the forthcoming annual meeting (i.e. August 9, 2024). The Constitution Committee is then to table a report with all amendments meeting those requirements along with its proposed amendments, 15 days prior to the annual meeting (i.e. September 5, 2024). All members' proposals that have met the sponsor and submission requirements are included in this report.

A Nod to (recent) History

Some of you may recall the long marathon constitution plenary sessions held during the last two in person annual meetings. We vigorously debated fundamental matters on how we elect our leader and on how to modernize our internal organization to enable rapid rebuilding after two consecutive painful election defeats. Through four plenary sessions at our last gathering, we collectively made the monumental decision to elect our leader directly at the membership level, along with a wide range of decisions on leadership election and internal governance matters. These decisions modernized the leadership election process while preserving features that reflect our values and history as a progressive democratic organization that seeks to give voice to and earn support from Ontarians from all corners of the province. Those decisions were put into practice during last year's leadership contest, convincing a record number of members to join not only to vote but to share our beliefs that we are choosing the next Premier of the province.

After tackling around 40 proposals in each of the last two in person annual meetings, the number of proposals in this report is more typical of other years. As explained below, the Constitution Committee has instead been tasked by the Executive Council to work on a key recommendation from the Governance Review Committee. The exercise has allowed us to consolidate and thoughtfully conciliate the many rounds of amendments.

Observations and Recommendations from the Governance Review

The extraordinary number of amendments adopted during the last few annual meetings had enriched our party's Constitution substantively. They also lengthened a document that has served us well for many decades but is increasingly weighed down by many inadvertent inconsistencies, vagueness and repetitions accumulated from the many important and sometimes competing amendments layered on it over the years.

Earlier this year, Executive Council established a Governance Review Committee to consult members and review the effectiveness of the party's governance structure. The Governance Review Committee conducted consultations with membership through a survey that went to all party members and more focused consultations with various constituents within the party to develop the various recommendations it put forward. Along with its substantive recommendations for our party's governance practice and structure, the review committee noted the Constitution's growing complexity and divergence from actual current practices and recommended a complete refresh of the document. Executive Council tasked us to table specific amendment proposals to implement the key recommendations of the Governance Review, and in the process streamline

and refresh the Constitution in a methodical manner, with specific instruction to make it shorter and more user-friendly to grassroots members and volunteers while preserving the consensus and key values that have been formally incorporated into the document over many rounds of amendments.

Seven Proposals = One Refreshed Constitution

The product of the collaboration between the two committees is the first **seven** amendment proposals in this report. Executive Committee actively steered the “refresh” process throughout, convening three meetings in August to review progress and gave instructions on both our general approach and specific substantive topics.

The refreshed Constitution being proposed is presented in its entirety through these seven proposals. The decision to do so was taken after much deliberation. It seeks to update the entire constitution in a consistent, coherent manner, while providing room for meaningful scrutiny and debate over specific aspects. It also provides greater transparency on the substantive changes being proposed by presenting them in more digestible portions.

All 18 sections of the Constitution remain, covering 18 key areas. These sections are organized into six groups of related concepts and presented in six proposals, plus a seventh proposal for the remaining sections. It should be noted that ***all 18 sections went through significant revision, reordering, and reduction, even if no substantive changes were made to them.***

The explanatory note of each proposal includes a list highlighting any substantive changes that have been incorporated into each proposal. ***We recommended that all seven proposals be adopted to give effect to the new refreshed Constitution, but each proposal can stand on its own.*** The approval of each proposal will serve to update and streamline the sections it covers.

Given the sweeping nature of this exercise and the extensive reordering, a traditional side-by-side comparison table tracking every small change would be extremely lengthy and confusing. Instead, we have tried to do the same comparison presentation but focusing the comparison on concepts rather than the language of the revision. Here are a few points outlining our general approach:

- Under each top-level “section” (such as “section 3 – Membership”, or “section 11 - Candidate Nomination”) we present the proposed “refreshed” version on the right side under “Proposed Amendment”, with ***subsections ordered as they would be in the new Constitution*** if the proposal is adopted. Where possible, we have placed the comparable subsections (and in some cases identical with different numbers) from the existing Constitution next to them under “Current Text” to allow for easy comparison. This means that subsections in the left section are often not in sequential order.
- As much as possible, we have ***highlighted substantive or material changes in red.***
- Many sections are rewritten to make them simpler, shorter, or easier to understand. ***Rewrites that do not change the substance of a provisions are NOT highlighted,*** but are placed next to each other for ease of comparison

In addition to implementing substantive changes recommended by the Governance Review Committee, we also undertook a comprehensive “cleaning and streamlining” of the document by taking the following steps. Given the housekeeping nature of these changes, they are NOT listed in the lists of substantive changes. However, all existing provisions are listed in the comparison

table under “Current Text”. ***These housekeeping changes are NOT highlighted in red. Provisions that are removed in these housekeeping steps are presented as crossed off under “Current Text”***

- ***Remove provisions that have been incorporated into Rules of Procedures***
Since 2020, all new and existing *Rules of Procedures* are systematically organized, standardized, numbered and posted centrally on the party website. New *Rules* that have been adopted cover detailed procedural rules for specific events or processes, methods that implement specific rights or restrictions mandated in the Constitution, or list of items that are uncontentious but should be formally enumerated. All *Rules of Procedures* are approved by Executive Council by resolutions and are subject to ratification by Provincial Council.
- ***Remove provisions that are obsolete, conflict with new provisions, or are inconsistent with current practice*** (e.g. out-of-riding membership with voting rights after redistribution, party secretary or local association secretaries sending out notices)
- ***Remove provisions and languages that are superfluous or repetition*** – This includes things like definitions that give no additional meaning (e.g. “X Commissioner means the senior official responsible for the process of X”) or terms that are explained by another section, and sections or language that lacks useful meaning or operative effect (e.g. member “in good standing”). “Repetition” typically involves the same concepts appearing in more than one section.
- ***Remove provisions and languages that ought to be taken as given*** – These are sections that state the obvious (e.g. “Officer X must follow the law and comply with the Constitution in discharging their duty” or “Officer A shall consult Officer B as appropriate” or “Officer C may exercise other power and duties as assigned to them from time to time”) or sections that give permission for a minor task under broader existing authority (“Exec Council may prescribe the format of the notice from time to time”)
- ***Shorten convoluted sentences, remove or replace esoteric legalese***
- ***Group concurrent or directly related provisions, replace them with single cover-all provisions***

Handling of Other Proposals

The comparison table for the proposal #8 onward following past practice, meticulously tracking all revisions and changes.

If some or all the seven “refresh” proposals are adopted, some of the other proposals would be amending sections that are moved, removed, or substantially revised.

The amendment in two of the three additional proposals from the Constitution Committee are already reflected in one or more of the seven “refresh” proposals. Accordingly, these proposals would be withdrawn if the corresponding refresh proposals are adopted.

For all proposals submitted by members, we intend to call them up for presentation and debate even if the provisions they seek to amend are removed or revised, unless the proposer wishes to withdraw them. If such a proposal is adopted, we will take steps to give substantive effect to the approved amendment, either by inserting them into appropriate new locations in the refreshed Constitution, or by tabling corresponding Rules of Procedures (or amendments to relevant Rules) to give effect (or as close practical effect as possible) to them.

Gratitude

Our thanks are first due to Executive Council and our Leader Bonnie Crombie for their continued confidence in the committee. We take seriously the importance of modernizing and strengthening our governing document in support of the aim of getting our party back in fighting form as quickly as possible. I am particularly thankful this year to Executive Council members for their extraordinarily active engagement through the Constitution “refresh” process. Their detailed feedback reflects their zeal in making our party a modern, nimble, campaign-ready machine and demonstrates their commitment to empower our grassroots members to be a meaningful part of that machine.

Over the years, certain political and legal mentors have regularly inspired me and challenged me to be more thoughtful and people-focused when contemplating, drafting and applying internal party rules. Wisdoms, cautions, and advice on party operations and governance, imparted over many years by mentors (and some former bosses) like Jack Siegel, Jeff Kehoe, Tom Allison, Judi Longfield, David Zimmer, Mary McGowan and the late Senator David Smith went through my mind time and again in recent weeks as I considered about how written words in our governing documents influence volunteers’ engagements, provide room for growth and debate, and impact members’ faith in our party. Their words focused my mind on some timeless truths and guiding principles and made certain decisions straightforward. I hope I have lived up to the lessons they taught and the examples they set.

My fellow committee members are a special bunch. Not only are they each accomplished lawyers, they also each bring important insights for this work from their diverse roles and involvement in the party over decades. They volunteer their time and skills not just on this annual un-glamorous ritual of amendments. Over the past few years, they also served as an informal legal support unit to the party, providing suggestions and practical guidance that are informed by both their legal training and their experience as Liberal partisans. I have the privilege of calling each of them friends for over a decade, most of them for over two decades actually. I am blessed for their continual friendship and their readiness to contribute to the good governance of our party.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton Chan, Chair
Constitution Committee

Corrections Made to Report *(as of September 17, 2024)*

Material corrections to be introduced as friendly amendments

Section	Text in initial report	Text corrected
Proposal 4 – Constituency Associations		
15.6	A member of a constituency association shall be entitled to vote at meetings of the constituency association, except for nomination meetings and leadership election votes, if the member is a member seven (7) days prior to the meeting.	A member of a constituency association shall be entitled to vote at general meetings of the constituency association, except for nomination meetings and leadership election votes, if the member is a member seven (7) days prior to the meeting.
	Explanatory Note: The word “general” is inserted to make clear the scope of this section.	
Proposal 5 – Leadership Election & Candidate Nomination		
	Explanatory Note: This amendment has been withdrawn. The original proposed is included in the back for package for reference. (starting at page 95)	

Other changes and corrections not impacting substance of proposals

Section	Changes or corrections
Proposal 8 – Ending Immediate Past Membership Status	
Cover Note	Correction - The procedural note previously incorrectly stated that the adoption of amendment proposal No. 1 would impact whether this proposal would be withdrawn. This proposal would be withdrawn if proposal No. 3, 4, and 5 are adopted.
Proposal 9 – Ending Voting Rights of All Associate Members	
Cover Note	Correction - The procedural note was included in error. This proposal has not been incorporated into amendment proposal 3. It will be called up for debate irrespective of the outcome of earlier proposals.
Proposal 15 - Creation of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission	
	Process - This proposal is being moved up in the order of presentation per direction of the Executive Council, and will be called up for presentation after proposal 7. The content of this proposal has been moved up accordingly. (starting at page 73)

Inconsequential corrections (no impact to meaning of the sentence/section - typographical, spelling)

Section	Text in initial report	Text corrected
Proposal 1 – Governance Structure		
5.4.9	... and the last such person who have served a full term as President.	... and the last such person who has served a full term as President.
5.5	e) declare a state of electoral urgency, for the entire province or for a specific electoral district where a byelection is anticipated; f) recognize commissions; and	e) to declare a state of electoral urgency, for the entire province or for a specific electoral district where a byelection is anticipated; f) to recognize commissions; and

Section	Text in initial report	Text corrected
	g) recognize affiliated associations that are not constituency association.	g) <u>to</u> recognize affiliated associations that are not constituency associations.
5.15	... more than two-third of the voting members ; consent to the waiving in writing.	... more than two-third of the voting members consent to the waiving in writing.
7.8	... to the committee , designate a vice-chair to the committee <u>and</u> designate a vice-chair ...
7.8 a)	... all recognized commission and all affiliated associations under all recognized <u>commissions</u> and all affiliated associations under ...
13.4	... shall be suspend upon the decision of the panel.	... shall be <u>suspended</u> upon the decision of the panel.
Proposal 2 - Conventions		
8.17	For each annual-meeting , Executive Council shall establish a schedule of registration fee for all attendees.	For each <u>Convention</u> , Executive Council shall establish a schedule of registration fee for all attendees.
8.18	Every member of the Ontario Liberal Party who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to attend the meeting .	Every member who has paid the <u>registration</u> fee shall be entitled to attend the <u>convention</u> .
Proposal 3 - Membership		
3.13 a)	... any constituency association in which they a member for any constituency association in which they <u>are</u> a member ...
Proposal 4 – Constituency Associations		
15.1	... The purpose of each constituency associations is to engage The purpose of each constituency <u>association</u> is to engage ...
15.3	A constituency associations shall hold an annual general meeting (AGM) ...	A constituency <u>association</u> shall hold an annual general meeting (AGM) ...
18.1	<i>(In first catch-all definition)</i> ... has the corresponding meeting <u>have</u> the corresponding <u>meaning</u> ...
Proposal 5 – Leadership Election & Candidate Nomination		
9.7 a)	... more than 15% compare to at the most recent dissolution more than 15% <u>compared</u> to at the most recent dissolution ...
9.11	... who have made a written declaration committing to neutrality who have made a <u>written_declaration</u> committing to neutrality ...
9.12	For greater clarity, The Leadership Vote Committee ...	For greater clarity, <u>the</u> Leadership Vote Committee ...
Proposal 7 – Updating and Streamlining Constitution		
2	“ commissio n” means ... with the objective advance the equitable representation of ...	“ <u>commissio</u> n” means ... with the objective <u>to</u> advance the equitable representation of ...
14.2.2	... following the adoption the amendment following the adoption <u>of</u> the amendment...

1 - Governance Structure

Proposer: Governance Review Committee, Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Executive Council

Explanatory Note

This is the first of seven amendments proposals resulting from the Governance Review, which set out to comprehensively update and streamline the Party's Constitution to make it more user friendly and better reflect the actual practices and operational reality on the ground.

This proposal updates and reorganizes five sections of the Constitution that prescribe our party's organizational structure and hierarchy of authority. These updates are being put forward together given the inter-relatedness of these sections.

Substantive changes

In addition to housekeeping changes as outlined, this proposal contains the following substantive changes:

4 Authorities

- This is a new section that consolidates statements of authority from various sections. It is designed to affirm the democratic governance of our Party and succinctly outline the structure and division of authorities in one central location
- Content currently in section 4 is being consolidated into section 5

5 Executive Council

- Removes caucus liaison as a standing member of the Executive Council
- Removes procedural provisions for Regional VP election and delegate regional accreditation, transferred to Rules of Procedure
- Streamlines and updates the descriptions of executive officers to reflect current practices
- Converts the requirement for the VP Engagement to appoint specific engagement coordinators at specific juncture to a general mandate to oversee engagement and outreach with specific areas of focus
- Clarifies who may occupy the seat of Immediate Past President on Executive Council
- Updates the list of Executive Council's authorities and duties to reflect current practices and realities
- Prescribes prudential requirements for borrowing decisions
- Increases the requirement calling a special meeting from 4 to 6 Executive Council members
- Merges "emergency meeting" as a unique type of meeting into "special meeting", and reduces notice requirement from 14 to 3 days
- Makes optional the requirement to vacate the seat of an Executive Council member after three unapproved absences

6 Provincial Council

- Limits the membership of Provincial Council to riding presidents, Executive Council members and commission table officers

- Refines the description of roles and authorities
- Removes ratification requirements for appointments and commission clubs recognition
- Provides explicit permission to hold meetings online to reflect current practices and realities; focus Executive Council accountability sessions to the elected executive officers
- Removes requirements for regional meetings and fees to reflect changes of practice and meeting format in recent years

7 Committees

- Removes prescriptive composition and procedural requirements for portfolio committees
- Formalizes the management committee of Executive Council
- Prescribes terms for committee chairs and committee members; imposes Executive Council ratification requirement for committee members appointed by chairs

13 Discipline

- Delegate the disciplinary hearings to the Arbitration Committee, preserves Executive Council's ability to take over a matter prior to a hearing.
- Adds restrictions on participation and attendance at events as a disciplinary option
- Imposes a requirement that Executive Council ratify any decision to expel any members.

Procedural Note

As part of the question for this amendment proposal, if adopted:

- amendments for sections 4 - Authorities, 5 - Executive Council, 6 - Provincial Council, 7 - Committee are to take effect Immediately upon adjournment of this AGM/convention
- amendments for section 13 – Discipline are to effect upon Executive Council's approval of additional Rules of Procedure for disciplinary hearings to be conducted by the Arbitration Committee.

4. Authorities

<p>6.8 Provincial Council shall have charge of and be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between annual meetings.</p> <p>6.4 Provincial Council shall follow the directions of the Ontario Liberal Party, and any act or decision of Provincial Council that conflicts with a decision of the Ontario Liberal Party shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.</p> <p>5.8 Executive Council shall be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of Provincial Council.</p> <p>5.7 Executive Council shall act at all times in accordance with, and in keeping with the spirit of the requirements of this Constitution and all applicable laws.</p> <p>5.6 Executive Council shall follow the directions of Provincial Council, and any act or decision of Executive Council that conflicts with a decision of Provincial Council shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.</p> <p>4.10 The President shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council...</p> <p>4.12 In exercising his or her duties and authorities, the President shall consult with members of Executive Council as appropriate.</p> <p>4.13 The President shall follow the directions of Executive Council, and any act or decision of the President that conflicts with a decision of Executive Council shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.</p>	<p><u>4.1 The Conventions of Ontario Liberal Party members are the highest governing body of the Party.</u></p> <p>4.2 Provincial Council shall have <u>oversight of</u> the administration of the affairs of Party between conventions. Provincial Council shall follow the directions of the conventions, and any act or decision of Provincial Council that conflicts with a formal decision of the conventions shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.</p> <p>4.3 Executive Council shall <u>govern the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party. Executive Council is subject to the oversight of the Provincial Council.</u> Any act or decision of Executive Council that conflicts with a formal decision of the conventions or the Provincial Council shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.</p> <p>4.4 The President shall be responsible for the administration of the Ontario Liberal Party in between meetings of the Executive Council. The President <u>is accountable to</u> and shall follow the directions of the Executive Council. Any act or decision of the President that conflicts with a decision of the Executive Council, the Provincial Council and of a convention shall be of no force or effect.</p> <p><u>4.5 The Executive Director shall have responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Party and of the Party office and is accountable to the President and the Executive Council.</u></p>
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5. Executive Council

4.1 The following officers of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be elected at each annual meeting:

- a) President
- b) Executive Vice-President
- c) Treasurer
- d) Secretary
- e) Vice-President (Policy)
- f) Vice-President (Organization)
- g) Vice-President (Communications)
- h) Vice-President (Engagement)
- i) The Regional Vice-Presidents of each of the Regions set out in ~~Schedule "A" to this Constitution.~~

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

- a) the Immediate Past President;
- b) the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party or his/her designate;
- c) ~~the 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) ~~the President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission, or a designate in the President's place; and~~
- f) ~~A Caucus Liaison designated by the Liberal Caucus.~~

~~4.3 At such time as the Aboriginal People's Liberal Commission of Ontario, presently constituted under the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario), amends its Constitution to make that Commission a jointly and equally federal and provincial entity to the satisfaction of the Executive Council, the following subparagraphs shall be added to sections 4.2~~

5.1 The Executive Council shall be comprised of:

(a) The following officers elected at each convention, who shall be voting members:

- i) the President
- ii) the Executive Vice-President
- iii) the Treasurer
- iv) the Secretary
- v) the Vice-President (Policy)
- vi) the Vice-President (Organization)
- vii) the Vice-President (Communications)
- viii) the Vice-President (Engagement)
- ix) the Regional Vice-Presidents of each of the Regions set out in the Rules of Procedure approved pursuant to section 14

(b) The following ex officio officers, who shall be voting members:

- x) the Immediate Past President
- xi) the Leader or their designate
- xii) the President of each recognized commission

(c) The following non-voting members:

- xiii) the Executive Director

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

<p>and 5.1 respectively, and this provision shall otherwise be repealed as spent:</p> <p>4.2 (f) The President of the Aboriginal People’s Commission of Ontario, or his/her designate.</p> <p>5.1 (n) The President of the Aboriginal People’s Commission of Ontario, or his/her designate.</p> <p>4.4 The term of office of an elected officer shall expire upon the election or appointment of a successor to the office, or upon a vacancy in the office, whichever may occur first.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>4.6 A candidate for the office of a Regional Vice-President shall be a current resident in the region that they are seeking to represent.</p> <p>4.7 The nomination of a candidate for the office of a Regional Vice-President shall be made and seconded by delegates who are members of affiliated associations in the region that the Regional Vice-President will represent.</p> <p>4.8 No vote shall be cast for the office of Regional Vice-President by a delegate who is not a member of an affiliated association in the region that the Regional Vice-President will represent.</p> <p>4.9 A delegate may only be deemed to be from one Region for the purposes of the Regional Vice-Presidency elections held at any one Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p><u>5.2 Only members may stand for election or to serve as officers.</u></p> <p><u>5.3 Only members residing in the applicable region may stand for election to be Regional Vice-President for a particular region.</u></p>
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Current Text

Proposed Amendment

President

- 4.10 The President shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council, and shall be responsible for:
- a) ~~day to day operation of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
 - b) ~~preparation of the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
 - c) ~~expenditures within the budget as approved by the Executive Council and further approved by the Provincial Council;~~
 - d) ~~management of the staff and the office of the Ontario Liberal Party.~~
- 4.11 ~~The President shall possess and may exercise all powers and shall perform the duties that may be assigned to him or her from time to time by Executive Council.~~
- 4.12 ~~In exercising his or her duties and authorities, the President shall consult with members of Executive Council as appropriate.~~
- 4.14 The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and of members of the Ontario Liberal Party and of the Provincial Council ~~and shall report to the annual meeting of members.~~
- 5.27 The President shall preside at a meeting of Executive Council unless he or she is otherwise unable to do so.
- 5.28 In the absence or inability of the President, the Executive Vice-President shall preside at a meeting of Executive Council unless he or she is otherwise unable to do so.

Executive Vice-President

- 4.15 The Executive Vice-President shall be vested with the powers and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence, inability or refusal to act of the President.

Officers

- 5.4.1 The President shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Party and shall:
- a) in conjunction with the Treasurer prepare the Party's annual budget;
 - b) ensure expenditures are within the budget approved by the Executive Council;
 - c) subject to direction of the Executive Council, determine the agenda of all meetings of the Executive Council and of the Provincial Council; and
 - d) when present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and of the Provincial Council.
- 5.4.2 The Executive Vice-President shall be vested with the powers and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence, inability or refusal to act of the President.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

~~4.16 The Executive Vice-President shall possess and may exercise other powers and duties that may be assigned to him or her from time to time by Executive Council.~~

Treasurer

4.17 The Treasurer shall keep the books of record and bank account of the Ontario Liberal Party.

4.18 The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each meeting of Executive Council and at the annual meeting.

~~4.19 The Treasurer shall perform all other duties incident to his or her office and other duties that are properly required of him or her from time to time by the Executive Council.~~

Secretary

4.20 The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of Executive Council, Provincial Council, Annual General Meetings and of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.

4.21 The Secretary is responsible for preparing and circulating notices of meetings and minutes of meetings of Executive Council, Provincial Council and of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.

~~4.22 The Secretary shall prepare and maintain a list of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.~~

~~4.23 The Secretary shall perform all other duties incident to his or her office and other duties that are properly required of him or her from time to time by the Executive Council.~~

Portfolio Vice-Presidents

4.24 Each of the Vice-Presidents with the portfolios of Policy, Organization, Communications and Engagement shall be responsible for matters related to his or her office, ~~and other~~

5.4.3 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper management of the financial affairs of the Party and shall

- a) in conjunction with the President prepare the Party's annual budget;
- b) ensure proper maintenance of the books of record and bank accounts of Party
- c) present financial reports at each meeting of Executive Council and at the convention.

5.4.4 The Secretary shall be responsible for the proper issuance of notices and maintenance of records of all meetings of the Executive Council, of the Provincial Council, and of the conventions.

5.4.5 Each of the Vice-Presidents with the portfolios of Policy, Organization, Communications and Engagement shall be responsible for matters related to his or her office.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

~~duties and responsibilities assigned from time to time by Executive Council.~~

~~4.25 Within one month after the conclusion of each Annual Meeting, the Operational Vice-President (Engagement), the Operational Vice-President (Organization) and the Secretary shall convene a panel that shall consult with the Executive Director and appoint five (5) Engagement Coordinators of the Ontario Liberal Party, as follows:~~

- ~~a) Franco-Ontarian Engagement Coordinator~~
- ~~b) Indigenous and Métis Engagement Coordinator~~
- ~~c) Rural and Small Communities Engagement Coordinator~~
- ~~d) LGBTQ+ Engagement Coordinator~~
- ~~e) Multiculturalism Engagement Coordinator~~

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

Regional Vice-Presidents

~~4.26 A Regional Vice-President shall, in respect of the region that he or she represents:~~

- ~~a) monitor and help to coordinate the work of the Area Coordinators (if any) and the constituency associations in the region;~~
- ~~b) report to Executive Council on the political activity and other concerns within or affecting the region;~~
- ~~c) communicate the decisions of Executive Council and Provincial Council to the affiliated associations in the region;~~
- ~~d) perform any duty required of him or her by this Constitution; and,~~
- ~~e) perform other duties that are assigned to him or her from time to time by the Executive Council.~~

Executive Director

5.4.6 The Vice-President (Engagement) shall be responsible for ensuring the Party's outreach and engagement activities has specific focuses for the following:

- a) Franco-Ontarians
- b) Indigenous people and Métis
- c) Rural and Small Communities
- d) LGBTQ+ People
- e) Multiculturalism

5.4.7 A Regional Vice-President shall, in respect of the region that they have carriage of, be responsible for the political organization and coordination of the constituency associations in the region, and shall ensure that the decisions of Executive Council and Provincial Council are communicated to the constituency associations in the region.

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

- 4.27 The Executive Director shall have responsibility:
- a) for the day-to-day operation of the party and of the party office;
 - b) to report to the Executive Council on a regular basis;
 - c) to ensure that the Executive Council is made aware of its legal and constitutional responsibilities; and
 - d) for implementing the decisions and policies of the Executive Council and the Provincial Council.
- 4.28 The Executive Director shall circulate a summary of the minutes of each Executive Council Meeting, worded to preserve the confidentiality of appropriate matters, to members of Provincial Council within two weeks after their adoption.

Elected members

- 5.1 ~~Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and ex-officio, namely:~~
- a) ~~President~~
 - b) ~~Executive Vice-President~~
 - c) ~~Treasurer~~
 - d) ~~Secretary~~
 - e) ~~Vice-President (Policy)~~
 - f) ~~Vice-President (Organization)~~
 - g) ~~Vice-President (Communications)~~
 - h) ~~Vice-President (Engagement)~~
 - i) ~~Past President~~
 - j) ~~The Regional Vice-Presidents of each of the Regions set out in Schedule "A" to this Constitution.~~

- 5.4.8 The Executive Director shall have responsibility for the day-to-day operation of operations, staff, and office of the Party, and shall:
- a) report to the Executive Council on a regular basis;
 - b) ensure that the Executive Council is made aware of its legal and constitutional responsibilities;
 - c) implement the decisions of the Executive Council, the Provincial Council and the conventions.
 - d) circulate a summary of the minutes of each Executive Council meeting, worded to preserve the confidentiality of appropriate matters, to members of Provincial Council within two weeks after their adoption.

5.4.9 The Immediate Past President is the person who has been elected President at a convention or annual general meeting, and the last such person who has served a full term as President.

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<p>k) Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party or his or her designate appointed in accordance with section 4.2(b);</p> <p>l) President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place;</p> <p>m) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place.</p> <p>n) President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern 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 Executive Council in the place of its President.</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>5.3.1 The Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern 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>5.4 An ex-officio member of Executive Council shall have the same rights and privileges as a member of Executive Council who is an elected officer of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>5.5 Executive Council shall also include, as a non-voting member, the Executive Director.</p> <p>Powers and duties of Executive Council</p> <p>5.8 Executive Council shall be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of Provincial Council.</p>	<p><u>Authorities</u> and duties of the Executive Council</p> <p>5.5 In administering the affairs of the Party, the Executive Council shall have the following authorities:</p> <p>a) to approve and amend Rules of Procedure regulating administration, operations, processes, and affairs of</p>
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<p>5.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Executive Council shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) review and give preliminary approval to the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party in each year;b) facilitate the exchange and dissemination of information to members and affiliated associations as appropriate;c) annually consider the request for recognition of Ontario Young Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Young Liberals of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario Young Liberals and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals;d) annually consider the request for recognition of Women's Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission. The Executive Council shall ensure that no electoral district has more than one club recognized as an electoral district Women's Liberal Club and no Region has more than five (5) clubs recognized as Area Women's Liberal Clubs;e1) determine the Rules of Procedure, forms and scripts for use in any affair or process of the Ontario Liberal Party or an affiliated association other than for the Nomination of Liberal Candidates under section 11 of this Constitution;e2) annually consider the request for recognition of Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committees, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission of those Regional Committees that are in compliance with the constitution of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission;	<p>the Ontario Liberal Party, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) the delegation of authority to the Management Committee;(ii) the operations of the Provincial Council;(iii) the formation and operations of committees;(iv) the governance and operations of constituency associations;(v) the recognition, governance, and operations of affiliated associations that are not constituency associations;(iv) the recognition, governance, and operations of commissions;(vii) the policy development process;(viii) the administration of membership;(ix) the process relating to the conduct, registration and attendance of the conventions, meetings and any other gatherings of the Party;(x) the election process of officers of the executive council; <p>b) <u>to discharge financial and operational oversight of the Party, including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>(i) approval of the annual budget of the Party;</u><u>(ii) approval of the incurrence of debt and granting of a security on behalf of the Party;</u><u>(iii) approval of the appointment of the Executive Director</u>
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- f) ~~determine rules regarding the membership fees payable by members to the Ontario Liberal Party or to an affiliated association, including minimum, maximum, or fixed fees;~~
- g) ~~determine rules regarding the adoption and administration of multiple year memberships;~~
- h) ~~designate one meeting of Provincial Council in each year as the Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference;~~
- i) ~~appoint the Executive Director of the Ontario Liberal Party; and~~
- j) maintain a Code of Conduct for the Ontario Liberal Party, addressing the conduct of all members of the Executive Council, Provincial Council, other party officials, staff, affiliated associations and their members and volunteers. The Code of Conduct shall be subject to annual review by the Executive Council and a report on the outcome of such review, including any proposed amendments, shall be presented to the Provincial Council for consideration, and amendment and ratification at its first meeting convened more than two months after the adjournment of each Annual Meeting. The Code of Conduct, as amended from time to time, shall be published on the Ontario Liberal Party website.

5.10 Executive Council may:

- a) ~~establish committees to make recommendations to the Executive Council or to discharge responsibilities delegated by Executive Council;~~
- b) ~~appoint the chair of a committee established by the Executive Council;~~
- c) adopt and amend by-laws and procedures to facilitate the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, including the conduct of the affairs and processes of affiliated associations;
- d) ~~Upon posting the vacancy on the Ontario Liberal Party website at least three weeks in advance,~~ appoint an individual to any office that has become vacant;

- c) to approve and amend a Code of Conduct and workplace policies or Rules of Procedure;
- d) to approve and amend Rules of Procedure to facilitate the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party and affiliated associations generally;
- e) to declare a state of electoral urgency, for the entire province or for a specific electoral district where a by-election is anticipated;
- f) to recognize commissions; and
- g) to recognize affiliated associations that are not constituency association.

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<p>e) exercise any other power or authority conferred on it by this Constitution; and,</p> <p>f) postpone the date of the Annual Policy Development Conference if it has also postponed the date of the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>5.11 In addition to the powers, duties and responsibilities set out in this Constitution, Executive Council shall have the authority to take any action required by this Constitution or an applicable law.</p> <p>5.12 Executive Council may, from time to time, delegate any power or authority granted to it by this Constitution to an officer of the Ontario Liberal Party or a committee established by Executive Council.</p> <p>5.13 Executive Council may, at any time, rescind a delegation of power or authority it previously made.</p> <p>6.7 Upon being ratified by Provincial Council, a decision of Executive Council, including an amendment to the Rules of Procedure and the adoption of a by-law, shall be deemed to have been valid and in effect from the time it was made.</p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>5.14 Seven (7) member of Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.</p>	<p><u>5.6 Rules of Procedure approved by the Executive Council must be consistent with the Constitution and must be published on the website of the Ontario Liberal Party.</u></p> <p><u>5.7 Rules of Procedure and amendments to Rules of Procedure approved by the Executive Council cease to be effective upon the adjournment of the subsequent meeting of Provincial Council, unless they are ratified by the Provincial Council.</u></p> <p><u>5.8 The Executive Council shall only approve borrowing where:</u></p> <p>a) <u>it has determined that the borrowing is consistent with prudent financial management;</u></p> <p>b) <u>it has considered arrangements for the repayment of the borrowing within a reasonable timeframe, having regard to all relevant considerations including the expected timing of the next election;</u></p> <p>c) <u>it has reviewed the borrowing and proposed repayment arrangements with the Treasurer.</u></p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>5.9 Seven (7) voting members of the Executive Council shall constitute a quorum.</p>
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~~5.15 Questions voted on by Executive Council shall be decided by a majority of votes cast.~~

5.16 Executive Council shall meet at least ~~eight (8)~~ times during each year.

5.17 A regular meeting of Executive Council shall be called by the President.

5.18 A special meeting of Executive Council shall be called by the Secretary upon receiving a written request signed by:

- a) the President; or,
- b) ~~four (4) members~~ of Executive Council.

~~5.19 An emergency meeting of Executive Council shall be called by the President if he or she has declared that an emergency exists.~~

5.20 Where a member of Executive Council has made a public declaration of his or her intention to seek nomination as a candidate in the next forthcoming general election or in a by-election, he or she shall neither participate in discussion nor vote on a matter relating to that election, but shall, if in attendance, be counted as part of a quorum ~~for the purposes of section 5.14, above.~~

Notice

~~5.21 Executive Council may determine the form and manner of notice of its meetings that is required to be given.~~

5.22 Notice of a regular meeting shall be given to each member of Executive Council at least seven (7) days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held.

5.23 Notice of a special meeting shall be given to each member of Executive Council at least ~~fourteen (14)~~ days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held.

5.10 The Executive Council shall hold at least six (6) regularly scheduled meetings in each calendar year and shall establish Rules of Procedure to govern its procedures.

5.11 The Executive Council shall meet at the call of the President.

5.12 A special meeting of Executive Council shall be called by the Secretary upon receiving a written request by:

- a) the President; or,
- b) six (6) members of Executive Council.

5.13 Where a member of Executive Council has made a public declaration of his or her intention to seek nomination as a candidate in the forthcoming general election or in a by-election, they shall neither participate in discussion nor vote on a matter relating to that election, but shall, if in attendance, be counted as part of a quorum.

Notice

5.14 Notice of a regular meeting shall be given to each member of Executive Council at least seven (7) days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held.

5.15 Notice of a special meeting shall be given to each member of Executive Council at least three (3) days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held. This notice period requirement

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5.24 — Notice of an emergency meeting shall be given to each member of Executive Council at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time that the meeting is to be held.

Attendance

5.25 — An elected member of Executive Council shall not be absent from three consecutive regular meetings of Executive Council without the authorization of Executive Council.

5.26 If an elected member of Executive Council is absent from three consecutive regular meetings without authorization, ~~the office held by that member shall become vacant at the conclusion of the third meeting.~~

Presiding officer

5.29 — In the absence or inability of both the President and Executive Vice-President to preside, the members who are present shall elect one of themselves to preside at the meeting until the President or an Executive Vice-President arrives or is able to preside.

may be waived if more than two-third of the voting members consent to the waiving in writing.

Vacancies

5.16 In the event of a vacancy of an elected officer under section 5.1 (a), the Executive Council may appoint a member meeting the eligibility criteria of the position to assume the functions of the vacant office for the remainder of their predecessor's term.

5.17 If an elected member of the Executive Council is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings without notice provided to the President and Executive Director and approved by the Executive Council, Executive Council may deem the office held by that member to be vacant.

6. Provincial Council

6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:

- a) each member of Executive Council;
- ~~b) each Regional Chair appointed by the Liberal Caucus, or a person designated by him or her in writing from time to time;~~
- ~~c) each Liberal Regional Minister appointed by the Government;~~
- d) the President of each constituency association, or a ~~person~~ designated by him or her in writing from time to time;
- e) up to a maximum of ~~16~~ members appointed by the Ontario Young Liberals from amongst the officers of that organization;
- ~~f) the Chair of each of the following Ontario Liberal Party committees:

 - ~~i) Nominations Committee;~~
 - ~~ii) Constitution Committee;~~
 - ~~iii) Finance Committee;~~
 - ~~iv) Membership Committee; and,~~~~
- g) five (5) table officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council.
- h) four (4) table officers of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission and the President, as recognized by the Executive Council.

~~6.2 The following shall be non-voting members of Provincial Council:~~

- ~~a) the Chief Financial Officer of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
- ~~b) the Ontario Liberal Party Legal Counsel;~~
- ~~c) the Chair of the Ontario Liberal Party Board of Arbitration;~~
- ~~d) the Executive Director;~~

6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:

- a) voting members of the Executive Council;
- b) the president of each constituency association, or a member of the constituency association's executive committee designated by the president in writing; and
- c) five (5) table officers of each recognized commission.

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<p>e) the remaining members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; and</p> <p>f) a number of constituency association executive members in addition to the President of the constituency association that may be determined from time to time by Executive Council.</p> <p>6.3 Delegates to an Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall be non-voting members of Provincial Council only for the purposes of a Provincial Council meeting that is held in conjunction with that conference.</p>	
<p>Compliance with Ontario Liberal Party, Constitution & Applicable Laws</p> <p>6.5 Provincial Council shall act at all times in accordance with, and in keeping with the spirit of the requirements of this Constitution and all applicable laws.</p> <p>Decisions valid pending ratification</p> <p>6.6 Upon being ratified by Provincial Council, an appointment shall be deemed to have been valid and in effect from the time it was made.</p>	
<p>Powers of Provincial Council</p> <p>6.10 Provincial Council is responsible for the political review and assessment of, and consultation regarding, the Ontario Liberal Party's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) progress in Ontario; b) policy; c) organization; d) communications; e) election readiness; and, f) any other matter related to the conduct and success of the Ontario Liberal Party. 	<p><u>Authority and duties</u> of the Provincial Council</p> <p>6.2 The Provincial Council <u>shall provide the President and Executive Council with feedback and opinion on matters related to Rules of Procedure,</u> policy, organization, communications, election readiness, and any other matters related to the conduct and success of the Party.</p>

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<p>6.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Provincial Council shall:</p> <p>a) approve an annual budget for the Ontario Liberal Party in each year;</p> <p>b) consider and, if it deems it appropriate, ratify a decision of Executive Council to:</p> <p>i) appoint the chair of a committee;</p> <p>ii) appoint a person to fill an office that has become vacant and to hold the office until the next annual meeting;</p> <p>iii) recognize an Ontario Young Liberal Club;</p> <p>iv) recognize a Women's Liberal Club in Ontario;</p> <p>v) amend the Rules of Procedure for meetings and processes other than for the Nomination of Liberal Candidates under section 11 of this Constitution;</p> <p>vi) adopt or amend a by-law;</p> <p>6.11 In addition to the powers, duties and responsibilities set out in this Constitution, Provincial Council shall have the authority to take any action required by this Constitution or an applicable law.</p> <p>6.12 Provincial Council may, from time to time, delegate any power or authority granted to it by this Constitution to Executive Council.</p> <p>6.13 Provincial Council may, at any time, rescind a delegation of power or authority it previously made.</p>	<p>6.3 The Provincial Council shall consider for ratification <u>all Rules of Procedure and amendment to existing Rules of Procedure approved by the Executive Council since the previous Provincial Council meeting</u>. Upon being ratified by the Provincial Council, the Rules of Procedure or amendments shall be deemed to have been valid and in effect from the time it was approved by the Executive Council, unless otherwise specified.</p>
<p>Meetings</p> <p>6.14 Thirty (30) voting members of Provincial Council shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>6.15 Questions voted on by Provincial Council shall be decided by a majority of votes cast.</p>	<p>Meetings</p> <p>6.4 Thirty (30) voting members of the Provincial Council shall constitute a quorum.</p>

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

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

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 4.1,~~ **and the Leader.**

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

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

~~6.20 The location for each meeting of Provincial Council shall rotate amongst the regions.~~

Notice

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

6.22 Notice of a regular meeting of Provincial Council shall be given to each member of Provincial Council at least thirty (30) days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held.

6.23 Notice of a regular meeting shall include:

- a) an agenda;
- b) a report from the Treasurer;

6.5 The Provincial Council shall meet at least three (3) times each calendar year. Meetings may take place in person or online. Where meetings are held online, members must be able to communicate with one another and cast votes in real time.

6.6 One meeting of Provincial Council shall be held in conjunction with each convention.

6.7 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 convention for registered attendees to pose questions to all elected members of Executive Council.

6.8 A regular meeting of Provincial Council shall be called by the President.

6.9 A special meeting of Provincial Council shall be called by the Secretary upon receiving a written request by

- a) the President
- b) ten (10) voting members of Provincial Council.

Notice

6.10 Notice of a regular meeting of Provincial Council shall be given to each member of Provincial Council at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

6.10 Notice of a regular meeting shall include:

- a) an agenda listing all matters that are to be considered at the meeting as far as is known.;
- b) a report from the Treasurer; and

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<p>c) a report from each of the Vice-Presidents with the portfolios of Policy, Organization, Communications and Engagement; and</p> <p>d) a report from the Chair of each committee established by Provincial Council who wishes to submit such a report.</p> <p>6.24 A special meeting of Provincial Council may, if circumstances so warrant, be held on less than thirty (30) days' notice, but on not less than seven (7) days' notice, and a meeting held on such shortened notice may be conducted by way of teleconference or other suitable technology, provided that the right of each member to be heard is not thereby compromised, and that a secure mechanism for the taking of any necessary vote is implemented for that meeting. An agenda for a special meeting shall be provided with the notice of the meeting, and if the meeting is to be held on less than 30 days' notice, the reason for the shortened notice shall be provided with the notice.</p> <p>6.25 The agenda for a meeting shall include all matters that are to be considered at the meeting as far as is known.</p> <p>Regional meetings</p> <p>6.26 The agenda for a Provincial Council meeting may include regional meetings to review matters of regional interest.</p> <p>6.27 The Regional Vice-President shall preside at a regional meeting for the region he or she represents.</p> <p>6.28 The Liberal Regional Minister, if any, or his or her designate, and the Liberal Regional Caucus Chair, or his or her designate, shall attend a regional meeting.</p> <p>Fees</p> <p>6.29 For each meeting of Provincial Council, the President shall establish a meeting fee that a member of Provincial Council shall be required to pay in order to attend the meeting.</p>	<p>c) a report from each of the Vice-Presidents with the portfolios of Policy, Organization, Communications and Engagement</p> <p>6.11 A special meeting of Provincial Council may, if circumstances so warrant, be held on less than thirty (30) days' notice, but on not less than seven (7) days' notice. An agenda for a special meeting shall be provided with the notice of the meeting, and if the meeting is to be held on less than 30 days' notice, the reason for the shortened notice shall be provided with the notice.</p>
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| <p>6.30 The meeting fee shall be an amount that results in a projected budget for the meeting and does not produce a profit.</p> <p>6.31 The President shall establish a reduced meeting fee for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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;c) all members who have attained the age of 65, andd) all members who are low-income. <p>6.32 The reduced meeting fee shall not exceed two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of the meeting fee payable by all other members.</p> <p>6.33 Every member of Provincial Council who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to attend the meeting.</p> | |
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7. Committees

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<p>Permanent and special committees</p> <p>7.1 There shall be seven permanent committees of Executive Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Nominations Committee; b) Constitution Committee; e) Membership Committee; d) Finance Committee; e) Engagement Committee; f) Policy Committee; and g) Arbitration Committee <p>7.14 Executive Council may establish special committees from time to time as needed.</p> <p>7.2 As soon as practicable following an annual meeting, Executive Council shall appoint one member in good standing to be the Chair of each of the permanent committees.</p> <p>7.3 No person shall be the Chair of more than one permanent committee.</p> <p>7.4 The Nominations Committee Chair shall appoint additional members, at least one (1) of whom shall be a woman and one (1) of whom shall be a man. The Nominations Committee shall endeavour to recruit candidates to stand for election to the Executive Council who reflect the diversity of Ontario.</p>	<p>7.1 The following standing committees shall be established by the Executive Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>a) Management Committee;</u> b) Constitution Committee c) Policy Committee d) Finance Committee; and e) the Arbitration Committee. <p>7.2 The Executive Council may establish <u>additional standing and ad hoc committees as it deems appropriate.</u></p> <p>Committee Chairs and Membership</p> <p>7.3 The Executive Council shall, as soon as practicable following a convention, appoint a chair of each standing committee, <u>other than the Management Committee, the Finance Committee and the Campaign Committee.</u></p> <p><u>7.3.1 All committee chairs with authority to appoint committee members shall submit a list of members they appointed to the Executive Council for ratification.</u></p> <p><u>7.3.2 Membership of appointed committee members shall be effective upon being appointed by the chair. Their membership shall be deemed to have ended at the conclusion of the meeting during which Executive Council considered but declined to ratify their appointment. The decisions participated by such committee members prior to the end of their membership shall not be affected.</u></p>

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<p>7.5 The Constitution Committee Chair shall appoint additional members, at least two (2) of whom shall be women and at least two (2) of whom shall be men. The Executive Council may direct the Constitution Committee to consider such aspects of the Constitution as it sees fit. The Constitution Committee shall also consider suggestions for amendments to the Constitution received from members of the Committee itself, or any member of the Party, or any recognized organization, committee or association of the Party. The Constitution Committee shall propose such amendments as it deems beneficial to the business of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>7.6 The Membership, Finance and Engagement Committees shall each have a minimum of three (3) members who may be appointed by Executive Council in consultation with the Chair of the relevant committee. The Chair of one of these committees may appoint additional members.</p> <p>7.7 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Vice-President (Policy), who shall be the Chair of the Committee;b) The President or his or her designate;c) The Chair of the Liberal Caucus;	<p><u>7.3.3 The term of the chairs and memberships of the Constitution Committee and the Arbitration Committee shall expire upon the appointment of new chairs of the respective committees. The term of the chairs and memberships of all other committees established by the Executive Council shall end at the close of the subsequent convention.</u></p> <p>Committees</p> <p><u>7.4 The President shall be the chair of the Management Committee. The Executive Council shall approve Rules of Procedure setting out the membership and operations of the committee and its delegation of powers.</u></p> <p>7.5 The Constitution Committee chair shall appoint additional members, at least two (2) of whom shall be women and at least two (2) of whom shall be men. <u>The Constitution Committee shall:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>(a) review and consider all proposals to amend the Constitution duly submitted;</u><u>(b) propose such amendments as it deems beneficial to the Ontario Liberal Party</u><u>(c) coordinate the amendment process of the Constitution leading up to and at the convention;</u><u>(d) consider any question and provide any advice relating to the Constitution and rules governing the internal operations of the Ontario Liberal Party as directed or requested by the Executive Council.</u> <p><u>7.6 The Treasurer shall be the chair of the Finance Committee and shall appoint additional committee members. The Finance Committee shall have carriage of the annual audit process.</u></p> <p><u>7.7 The Vice President (Policy) shall be the chair of the Policy Committee and shall appoint additional committee members. The chair or co-chairs of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election, if appointed, shall be ex officio member of the committee.</u></p>
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<p>d) The President of the Ontario Young Liberals or his or her designate; e1) The President of the Ontario Women's' Liberal Commission or her designate; e2) The President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission or the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission's Vice-President Policy as designate in the President's place; f) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed); g) Each Regional Vice-President or his or her designate; h) The Vice-President (Engagement); and i) Such other members as may be appointed by the Vice-President (Policy).</p>	
<p>Arbitration Committee</p> <p>7.8 The Arbitration Committee Chair shall appoint nine additional members to the committee.</p> <p>7.9 Any dispute arising with respect to meetings or any other matter relating to an affiliated association shall be decided by a Panel of the Arbitration Committee.</p> <p>7.10 When a matter is referred to the Arbitration Committee for a hearing, the Chair shall appoint three members of the Committee, one of whom may be the Chair, to sit and exercise the authority of the Arbitration Committee in relation to that matter.</p> <p>7.11 In the event that the Chair of the Arbitration Committee is unable to assemble a panel of the Committee from the members of the Committee within a reasonable period of time, he or she may appoint the necessary number of party members as ad hoc Committee members to sit as the panel for the purposes of that particular matter.</p>	<p>7.8 The Arbitration Committee chair shall appoint <u>at least six (6) additional members</u> to the committee and <u>designate a vice-chair among the members to act in their in their absence. Subject to authorities otherwise prescribed, the committee shall adjudicate the follow matters:</u></p> <p><u>a) procedural disputes arising out of meetings and votes of the Party, all recognized commissions and all affiliated associations under sections 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, and 18 of the Constitution</u></p> <p><u>b) disciplinary matters under section 13 of the Constitution</u></p> <p><u>c) other determinations delegated or referred by Executive Council to the committee</u></p> <p>7.8.1 The chair <u>shall assign members to form a hearing panels to exercise the committee's authority in relation to a particular matter.</u> In the event that the chair is unable to assemble a panel from the committee members within a reasonable period of time, they may appoint party members as ad hoc committee members to sit as the panel for the purposes of a particular matter.</p>

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<p>7.12 Upon the written consent of the President of the Ontario Liberal Party, an appeal may be made from the decision of the Arbitration Committee to the Executive Council.</p> <p>7.13 The President of the Ontario Liberal Party shall consent to an appeal from the decision of the Arbitration Committee if, in his or her sole discretion, he or she is not satisfied that the decision of the Arbitration Committee is correct.</p>	<p>7.8.2 An appeal from a decision of the Arbitration Committee may be made to the Executive Council if and only if the President, in their sole discretion, is not satisfied that the decision of the Arbitration Committee is correct and grants their written consent to the appeal.</p>
<p>Special committees</p> <p>7.15 Executive Council shall appoint a member in good standing to be the Chair of a special committee at the time it is established.</p> <p>7.16 Executive Council may direct the activities of the permanent committees and any special committees that it has established.</p> <p>Ad Hoc committees</p> <p>7.17 Each of the Vice-Presidents with the portfolios of Policy, Organization, Communications and Engagement may establish ad hoc committees from time to time as needed to assist with the organization and promotion of matters within his or her area of responsibility.</p> <p>7.18 A Vice-President who establishes such an ad hoc committee shall, at the time the committee is established, appoint a member in good standing to be Chair of the ad hoc committee.</p>	

13. Discipline

Authority to discipline	Disciplinary actions
<p>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.</p> <p>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 Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy</i>.</p> <p>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 <i>Code of Conduct</i>.</p>	<p><u>13.1 The following disciplinary decisions may be taken against a member:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>a) suspension of membership;</u> <u>b) restrictions on the member’s participation in the Party and attendance in Party events;</u> <u>c) suspension from any role(s) as an officer of the Party, as an officer of a recognized commission, or as an officer of an affiliated association; or</u> <u>d) expulsion from membership.</u> <p>13.1.1 All disciplinary matters <u>within the scope of the Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy</u> shall be evaluated under the Workplace Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Prevention Policy.</p> <p>13.1.2 All other disciplinary matters shall be evaluated under the <i>Code of Conduct</i>.</p>
<p>Process</p> <p>13.2 Before making a decision on the suspension or expulsion of any person, the Executive Council shall convene a special meeting to consider the matter.</p> <p>13.3 A special meeting of the Executive Council to consider a suspension or expulsion may be held immediately prior to or immediately following a regular meeting of the Executive Council.</p>	<p><u>13.2 Disciplinary decisions may only be taken against a member as a result of a disciplinary hearing by a panel of the Arbitration Committee.</u></p>

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<p>13.4 A person who would be affected by a suspension or expulsion considered by the Executive Council shall be provided with written notice of the meeting that shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The date, time and location of the meeting;b) A summary of the allegations against him or her;c) A letter advising the person:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) that he or she may attend and address the meeting;ii) that he or she may be represented by a lawyer at the meeting; and,iii) that the meeting may proceed whether or not he or she attends. <p>13.5 A decision to suspend or expel a person shall require a two-thirds majority of all members of the Executive Council who are present and voting at the meeting.</p> <p>Appeal of a suspension or expulsion</p> <p>13.6 A person who has been suspended or expelled by the Executive Council may appeal the decision to the next annual meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p>	<p>13.3 <u>A member subject to a disciplinary hearing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) shall be provided with written notice of the disciplinary hearing <u>no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the disciplinary hearing</u>b) shall be provided with a summary of allegations against themc) may attend the disciplinary hearing and address the hearing panel, and may be represented by counsel at the disciplinary hearing. <p><u>13.4 A decision by a panel of the Arbitration Committee to expel a member shall be subject to ratification vote by the Executive Council with support of a two-third majority of the vote cast, and will take effect upon ratification. The membership of the member pending expulsion shall be suspended upon the decision of the panel.</u></p> <p><u>13.5 The Executive Council may seize any disciplinary matters prior to the commencement of the disciplinary hearing and act as a hearing panel of the Arbitration Committee. Disciplinary decisions by the Executive Council sitting as a disciplinary hearing panel shall require two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Executive Council who are present and voting at the meeting, and are not subject to further appeal.</u></p>
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2 - Conventions

Proposer: Governance Review Committee, Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Executive Council

Explanatory Note

This is the second of the seven amendment proposals resulting from the Governance Review, which set out to comprehensively update and streamline the Party's Constitution to make it more user friendly and better reflect the actual practices and operational reality on the ground.

This proposal retitles the "Annual Meeting" of the party to "Convention", using a familiar colloquial political term to distinguish the highest authority of the party from annual meetings of affiliated associations.

It also proposes changing the frequency from "annual" to a more flexible range of 18 to 24 months, reflecting long standing practices. Since 1999, OLP has held an AGM on average every 536 days, or, every 18 months. Increasing the time between gatherings slightly will allow for greater continuity of the Executive Council and free up significant staff resources associated with planning these large-scale events.

Changes to the makeup of ex officio delegates are also being proposed. While delegate composition receives much less attention now that the delegated leadership convention has been eliminated, updating the composition remains a priority to ensure our conventions, the highest governing authority of the party, properly reflect the growing diversity of our party and our province, while also signal our seriousness in acknowledging the contribution of younger current activists.

For ease of comparison, the ordering of the sub-sections in the current text was re-arranged for some sections to allow comparable/corresponding sections to be presented next to each other.

Substantive changes

In addition to housekeeping changes as outlined, this proposal contains the following substantive changes:

- Explicitly states the supremacy of the convention and outlines its specific power
- Changes the frequency of annual general meetings from "annual" to between 18 and 24 months
- Eliminates separate election of delegates for Ontario Young Liberal riding clubs
- Deems all registrants who have not secured delegate positions as alternate delegates
- Removes provision for extension of nomination period for office with no nominations
- Explicitly requires secret, ranked ballots for the election of executives
- Eliminates specific requirements for regional meetings, removes the Leader as a part of the Executive Council accountability sessions
- Removes the entitlement for ex officio (automatic) delegate from the following groups
 - former Liberal MPPs, current and former federal Liberal MPs representing Ontario electoral districts
 - former OLP leaders, former federal Liberal party leaders
 - past presidents of OLP and its predecessor organizations, LPC(O), OYL

- Removes the following procedural matters, pending their inclusion in the Rules of Procedure for Conventions
 - Content of the notice of the convention
 - How votes are conducted at the convention
 - Content of Notice of intention to stand for office
 - Fee schedule

Current Text

Proposed Amendment

8. Conventions
(formerly **8. Annual Meeting**)

<p>8.2 Executive Council shall set the date, time and location for the annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>8.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party in each year.</p> <p>8.3 Executive Council may postpone the date for the annual meeting for a period of no more than eighteen (18) months after the date of the previous annual meeting.</p> <p>8.4 The location of the annual meeting shall be in Ontario.</p> <p>Notice</p> <p>8.5 The Secretary shall give notice of the annual meeting at least forty-five (45) days in advance of the day the meeting is to be held to:</p>	<p><u>8.1 The convention of the Party is the highest authority of the Party, with specific power to</u> <u>a) to amend this Constitution;</u> <u>b) to elect officers of the Executive Council enumerated in s. 4.2 (a);</u> <u>c) to direct the governance and management of the Party; and</u> <u>d) to call a leadership contest following an Ontario general election.</u></p> <p>8.2 The Executive Council shall set the date, time and location for the convention. <u>The first day of the convention shall be no earlier than eighteen (18) months and no later than twenty-four (24) months since the first day of the previous convention.</u></p> <p><u>8.3 In the case of the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, or the call of a leadership contest, or where other extraordinary circumstances exist that make it significantly impractical to hold a convention, the Executive Council may further postpone a convention by up to four (4) months.</u></p> <p>8.4 The location of the convention shall be in Ontario.</p> <p>Notice</p> <p><u>8.5 Notice of the convention shall be provided to all members at least forty-five (45) days prior to the first day of the convention.</u></p>
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- a) every person entitled to attend the meeting as a delegate;
- ~~b) the President and Secretary of each constituency association; and,~~
- ~~c) the President and Secretary of each affiliated association that is entitled to send a delegate to the annual meeting.~~

~~8.6 Notice of the annual meeting shall include the following:~~

- ~~a) the day, time and location that the annual meeting will be held; and,~~
- ~~b) an agenda of the business to be considered at the meeting, as far as is known to the Secretary at the time.~~

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

~~8.8 Executive Council shall determine the manner and form of notice to be given.~~

Procedure

8.9 One hundred (100) delegates shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting, ~~except where this Constitution provides otherwise.~~

8.10 Every question considered at the annual meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.

~~8.11 Votes shall be cast by a show of hands or such other means as may be permitted in accordance with rules of procedure adopted by the delegates at the commencement of the Annual Meeting.~~

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

Procedure

8.9 One hundred (100) voting delegates shall constitute a quorum at a convention.

8.10 Every question considered at the annual meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes by voting delegates, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.

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8.12 ~~Only a person who is present at the annual meeting and who has been accredited as a delegate by the Ontario Liberal Party shall be entitled to vote on a question considered by the members at the meeting.~~

Delegates

- 8.13 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as elected delegates:
- a) fifteen (15) delegates elected by each constituency association, of whom:
 - i) at least three (3) shall be under the age of twenty-six (26) and, ~~if there is an Ontario Young Liberal riding club affiliated with the constituency association, these three (3) delegates shall be elected by the Ontario Young Liberal riding club; and, in addition,~~
 - ii) at least three (3) shall be women; ~~and, in addition,~~
 - iii) at least three (3) shall be men; and, in addition,
 - iv) no more than five (5) may be associate members of the constituency association. For greater 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;
 - b) five (5) delegates elected by each Ontario Young Liberal Student club; and
 - c) two (2) delegates elected by each Women’s Liberal Club recognized by the Executive Council, provided that the delegate and electors are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party.
 - d) ~~three (3)~~ delegates elected by each Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committee recognized by the Executive Council, provided that the delegate and electors are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party.

Delegates

- 8.11 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as elected voting delegates:
- (a) fifteen (15) delegates elected by each constituency association, of whom:
 - (i) at least (3) shall be under the age of twenty-six (26);
 - (ii) at least (3) shall be women;
 - (iii) at least (3) shall be men;
 - (iv) no more than five (5) may be associate members of the constituency association. For greater 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;
 - b) five (5) delegates elected by each Young Liberal Student Club; and
 - c) two (2) delegates elected by all other affiliated associations recognized by the Executive Council.
- 8.12 All members who sought election to be a delegate but were not elected, and all members who register to attend the convention after the deadline to express intent to stand as

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Proposed Amendment

<p>8.14 For each delegate elected, the association or organization that elected the delegate may also elect an alternate delegate.</p> <p>8.15 Each of the following shall be entitled to accreditation as delegates ex-officio if he or she is a member in good standing of an affiliated association:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the President of each constituency association; b) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Riding club; c) the President of each Ontario Young Liberal Student club; d1) the President of each Women’s Liberal Club; d2) the Regional Vice-President of each Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committee; e) every member of Provincial Council, who is not otherwise accredited; f) the members of the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals; g1) the five Table Officers of the Ontario Women’s Liberal Commission; g2) the five (5) Table Officers of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission; h) every Liberal member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario; i) every former Liberal member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time when he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly; j) every Liberal Member of the House of Commons elected from an Ontario electoral district; k) every former Liberal Member of the House of Commons elected from an Ontario electoral district who was a member of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time when he or she ceased to be a Member of the House of Commons; l) the Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, where there is no candidate, the immediate past candidate; m) every past Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she resides in Ontario; n) every past Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada if he or she resides in Ontario; 	<p><u>delegate, shall be eligible for accreditation as non-voting alternates delegates, and shall be eligible to be promoted to voting delegate status depending on the attendance at the convention of the elected voting delegates.</u></p> <p>8.13 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as ex officio voting delegates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the members of Executive Council; b) the president of each constituency association; c) the members of the Ontario Liberal Caucus; d) the <u>nominated</u> Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, where there is not a <u>nominated</u> candidate, the immediate past candidate. <u>e) the president of each recognized affiliated association that are not constituency association;</u> <u>f) five table officers of each recognized commission;</u>
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- ~~e) — every past President of each of the following, if he or she resides in Ontario:~~
- ~~i) — Ontario Liberal Association;~~
- ~~ii) — Liberal Party in Ontario;~~
- ~~iii) — Ontario Liberal Party;~~
- ~~iv) — Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario); and,~~
- ~~v) — Ontario Young Liberals.~~

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

Notice of intention to stand for office

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

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

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

Election of Officers

8.14 Any person who wishes to seek election as an officer listed in section 5.1 (a) must submit written notice to the Executive Director at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the first day of the convention.

8.15 Election of the officers at the convention shall be conducted by secret, ranked ballots.

Regional meetings and accountability session held at the annual meeting

~~8.19.1 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.~~

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 4.1, and the Leader.~~

Fees

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

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

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

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

~~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.~~

All members may attend

8.24 Every member of the Ontario Liberal Party who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to attend the meeting.

Accountability Session

8.16 At each convention there shall be a session of no less than thirty (30) minutes for delegates to pose questions to all elected members of Executive Council.

Fees

8.17 For each convention, Executive Council shall establish a schedule of registration fee for all attendees.

All members may attend

8.18 Every member who has paid the registration fee shall be entitled to attend the convention.

3 - Membership

Proposer: Governance Review Committee, Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Executive Council

Explanatory Note

This is the third of the seven amendment proposals resulting from the Governance Review, which set out to comprehensively update and streamline of the Party’s Constitution to make it more user friendly and better reflect the actual practices and operational reality on the ground.

This proposal updates the section of the Constitution on party membership, a section that has been reduced substantially over the last three AGMs as procedural and administrative details gradually moved to the various Rules of Procedure. In the past few years, the party has made conscious decisions and deliberate efforts toward simplifying the structure and the process through which memberships are maintained, so activists can spend more time engaging people in their community without having to navigate through a complicated web of membership rules. This proposal set out to further standardize the system.

For ease of comparison, the ordering of the sub-sections in the current text was re-arranged so equivalent sections are present next to each other.

Substantive changes

In addition to housekeeping changes as outlined, this proposal contains the following substantive changes:

- Eliminate the irregular membership period for Ontario Young Liberals student clubs (already in Membership Rules)
- Eliminate the membership renewal grace period between January 1 and March 31, and the corresponding “immediate past member” status
- Explicitly enumerate rights of membership

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3. Membership

<p>3.11 Any individual may apply for a new or renewed membership in the Ontario Liberal Party if he or she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) has attained the age of 14;b) is resident in Ontario;c) supports the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party; and,	<p><u>3.1 The membership of the Ontario Liberal Party is open to any person who:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) has attained the age of fourteen (14);(b) is resident in Ontario;(c) supports the purposes of the Party;
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Proposed Amendment

<p>d) is not a member of any other provincial political party in Ontario.</p> <p>Members</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Membership periods</p> <p>3.2 The Ontario Liberal Party membership period shall be the date of the membership application being submitted, to December 31 of the following year, inclusive, unless this Constitution provides otherwise.</p> <p>3.3 Subject to section 3.5, membership shall expire at midnight on December 31 of the year after the membership is granted, provided that, where an applicant becomes a member on or after October 1 of a given year, the membership will expire at midnight on December 31 of the second year following the year in which membership was granted.</p> <p>3.4 There shall be no limitation upon the number of constituency associations in respect of which a person may become an associate member.</p> <p>3.5 (Repealed)</p> <p>3.6 An Ontario Young Liberal student club may adopt a special one-year membership period of September 1 to August 31, inclusive.</p> <p>3.7 If an Ontario Young Liberal student club has adopted a special membership period, then every membership in it shall expire at midnight on August 31 of the year in which the membership is granted, provided that, where an applicant becomes a member on or after April 1 of a given year, the membership will expire at midnight on August 31 of the following year.</p>	<p>(d) abides by the Constitution and principles of the Party; and</p> <p>(e) is not a member of any other provincial political party in Ontario.</p> <p>Membership Periods</p> <p>3.2 <u>A membership shall begin the date the membership application submission is completed and accepted by the Party.</u></p> <p>3.3 A membership shall expire at midnight on December 31 of the year after the membership is granted, provided that, where an applicant becomes a member on or after October 1 of a given year, the membership will expire at midnight on December 31 of the second year following the year in which membership was granted.</p>
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<p>3.8 — A member in good standing may renew his or her membership at the end of each membership period by submitting a membership application in accordance with the requirements of this Constitution.</p> <p>3.9 A member in good standing who is participating in any pre-authorized monthly giving plan as designated by the Executive Council shall automatically have his or her membership renewed on the October 1 prior to the expiry date without the need to submit a membership application.</p> <p>3.10 — (Repealed)</p> <p>Free membership</p> <p>3.25 Membership in the Ontario Liberal Party and its affiliated associations is free.</p> <p>Membership applications</p> <p>3.17 — The Ontario Liberal Party shall determine, from time to time, the form of the membership application to be used by the Ontario Liberal Party and affiliated associations.</p> <p>3.18 The Executive Council may determine, from time to time, rules and procedures for the processing membership applications.</p> <p>Applications for membership</p> <p>3.12 In order to become a member of the Ontario Liberal Party, a new applicant shall submit a completed membership application to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party through the Ontario Liberal Party's website.</p> <p>3.13 — In order to renew a membership in the Ontario Liberal Party, a member in good standing or an immediate past member shall submit a completed membership application to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party through the Ontario Liberal Party's website.</p>	<p>3.4 A member who is participating in a pre-authorized monthly giving plan shall automatically have their membership renewed on October 1 of each year.</p> <p><u>Administration of membership</u></p> <p>3.5 There shall be no fee for membership.</p> <p><u>3.6 The executive council shall establish Rules of Procedure to prescribe the rules and process governing the administration of membership, and any additional membership requirements and limitation for membership of affiliated associations.</u></p> <p>3.7 <u>A membership application shall be submitted through the Party website.</u></p>
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Current Text

Proposed Amendment

<p>3.14 An Immediate Past Member who renews his or her membership on or prior to March 31 of a particular year shall be deemed for all purposes to have been a current member throughout that year.</p> <p>3.15 Upon receiving a membership application, the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party shall forward a copy of the application to the Secretary of the appropriate affiliated association as soon as practicable.</p> <p>3.16 A new membership is effective on the date of electronic submission of an on-line membership application.</p> <p>3.19 (Repealed)</p> <p>3.20 (Repealed)</p> <p>3.21 (Repealed)</p> <p>3.22 (Repealed)</p> <p>List of members</p> <p>3.28 The Ontario Liberal Party shall maintain a current list of all members indicating the name of each member, his or her membership status and the affiliated association in which each membership is held.</p> <p>Membership of constituency association</p> <p>3.23 All members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party are automatically voting members of the constituency association in which they currently reside.</p> <p>3.24 If a member's residency changes during the membership period, the member shall notify the Ontario Liberal Party of any such change in residency. Their membership shall automatically transfer to the constituency association in which they reside as of the date of the notification.</p>	<p>3.8 The Party office shall maintain the membership list of record of the Party and all affiliated associations.</p> <p>Membership of constituency association</p> <p>3.9 A member of the Party is automatically a member of the constituency association for the electoral district in which they reside.</p> <p>3.10 If a member's residency changes during the membership period, the member shall notify the Party. The membership shall automatically transfer to the constituency association in which they reside.</p>
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Proposed Amendment

<p>3.26 (Repealed)</p> <p>3.27 (Repealed)</p> <p>3.30 Despite the foregoing, a person who was, on November 18, 2016, a Member of a constituency association but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district shall have the right to vote at such general meetings of the association, but only as long as the person remains an Associate Member of the association without interruption subsequent to November 18, 2016. For greater certainty, in determining continuity of membership, section 3.14 shall apply.</p> <p>3.32 In order to become an Associate Member of a constituency association, a member shall submit a separate membership application to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party through the Ontario Liberal Party’s website specifically for the constituency association.</p> <p>3.29 An associate member of a constituency association shall have all of the rights and privileges of a member of that constituency association, except that he or she shall not be entitled to vote at a general meeting of the association, including but not limited to, its annual meetings, nomination meetings and leadership votes.</p> <p>3.31 An Associate Member may hold any office on the Executive Committee of the constituency association with all voting rights attached to the position, and may be elected as a full voting delegate representing the Association to an Annual Meeting, Policy Conference or Leadership Convention.</p>	<p>3.11 Despite the foregoing, a person who was, on November 18, 2016, a member of a constituency association but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district shall have the right to vote at such general meetings of the constituency association, but only as long as the person remains an associate member of the association without interruption subsequent to November 18, 2016.</p> <p>3.12 <u>A person may become an associate member of a constituency association in which they do not reside by submitting a completed membership application specifying the constituency association.</u></p> <p><u>Rights of membership</u></p> <p><u>3.13 A member has rights to the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><u>(a) receive information of activities for any constituency association in which they are a member, including notices of general meetings, delegate election meetings, nomination meetings, and leadership election votes;</u><u>(b) attend and speak at a general meeting or delegate election meeting of a constituency association in which they are a member;</u><u>(c) vote at a general meeting, delegate election meeting, nomination meeting or Leadership Election Vote of the constituency association in which they reside;</u><u>(d) stand for election to be an elected officer of any constituency association in which they are a member, provided they meet the eligibility criteria for the office;</u><u>(e) stand for election to be a delegate representing any constituency association in which they are a member;</u>
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Current Text

Proposed Amendment

	<p><u>(f) all rights in subsection (a) to (e) for any other affiliated association that are not constituency association in which they are a member, subject to any additional requirement and limitation prescribed by any applicable Rules of Procedures and commission constitution.</u></p> <p><u>(g) attend a convention, provided they pay the relevant fee and register by the prescribed deadline; and</u></p> <p><u>(h) stand for election to be an officer of the Party, provided they meet the eligibility criteria for the office.</u></p>
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4 - Constituency Associations

Proposer: Governance Review Committee, Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Executive Council

Explanatory Note

This is the fourth of seven amendments proposals resulting from the Governance Review, which set out to comprehensively update and streamline of the Party's Constitution to make it more user friendly and better reflect the actual practices and operational reality on the ground.

This particular proposal updates the two sections in the Constitution that regulate constituency associations.

Substantive changes

In addition to housekeeping changes as outlined, this proposal contains the following substantive changes:

15 - Constituency Associations

- Statement of purpose for riding associations
- Removes obsoleted provision on membership
- Removes provisions previously migrated to the Rules of Procedures for Constituency Associations
- Removes procedural provisions for trusteeship hearings that are already covered by the Rules of Procedure for Arbitration
- Substitutes Executive Council with the Trustee as the executive committee of the constituency association under trusteeship

18 - Redistribution

- Lowers the threshold to maintain a constituency association during redistribution from 85% to 80% of the registered voters
- Removes obsolete provisions on membership and founding meeting procedures
- Removes procedural provisions for transfer of assets and liabilities, to be transferred to Rules of Procedure

15. Constituency Associations

<p>Definitions</p> <p>15.1 — In this section, the following definitions shall apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) — “applicant” means a person who subscribes to the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party and the objects contained in a local constitution and who has applied for members in the constituency association; b) — “local constitution” means the constitution adopted by a constituency association; c) — “local executive list” means the list of the Executive members of a constituency association. <p>Constituency association in each electoral district</p> <p>15.2 There shall be a constituency association in each provincial electoral district.</p> <p>Constituency association constitution</p> <p>15.3 Each constituency association shall adopt a local constitution.</p> <p>15.4 — A local constitution shall be in the form and include any provisions that Executive Council may require from time to time.</p> <p>15.5 — A local constitution shall conform to any requirement of this Constitution, and shall contain any provision required by this Constitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) — A local constitution shall be deemed to include any provision that is necessary for the local constitution to be consistent with the provisions of this Constitution. 	<p>15.1 There shall be a constituency association for each Ontario electoral district. <u>The purpose of each constituency association is to engage in organization, outreach and fundraising within that electoral district, to endorse and support the Ontario Liberal candidate for that electoral district, and to facilitate input into the policy process.</u></p> <p>15.2 A constituency association <u>may</u> adopt a local constitution <u>that prescribes the composition of its executive committee</u>. Any provision of a local constitution that is inconsistent with this Constitution or any Rules of Procedure shall be null and void to the extent of the inconsistency.</p>
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- b) Any provision of a local constitution that is inconsistent with a provision of this Constitution shall be null and void to the extent of the inconsistency.

Amendments to local constitution

~~15.6—A local constitution may be amended in accordance with any provision it includes for that purpose, except that a provision required by Executive Council shall not be amendable.~~

Membership

~~15.7—(Repealed)~~

~~15.8—(Repealed)~~

~~15.9—(Repealed)~~

~~15.10—The President of a federal Liberal Riding Association for a federal electoral district that shares territory with a constituency association shall be an ex-officio member of the constituency association's Executive Committee.~~

Offices and external representatives

15.11 A member or Associate Member of a constituency association who is in good standing and who has attained the age of fourteen (14) shall be entitled to hold office in the constituency association, in the Ontario Liberal Party, and to represent the constituency association to a delegated meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party.

~~15.12—At least one elected member of the Executive of a constituency association shall be a member of the constituency association who has not yet attained the age of twenty-six (26), and who is not a member of the Executive ex-officio.~~

~~15.13—In addition to the elected members of the Executive of a constituency association, the President of the Young Liberal Riding Club, if one has been established and is affiliated with a constituency association, shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive of the constituency association.~~

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~~15.14 If an Ontario Women's Liberal Commission Club has been established in a manner that strictly conforms to the boundaries of the electoral district corresponding to the constituency association, and the Club is affiliated with that constituency association, then the President of such Club shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive of the constituency association.~~

~~15.15 The Executive of the constituency association shall appoint a Chief Financial Officer and an Auditor for the association at its first meeting following the Association annual meeting, and, if applicable, shall complete the notice of change and submit it to Elections Ontario without delay.~~

~~Local membership list~~

~~15.16 A constituency association shall maintain a local executive list of its Executive.~~

~~15.17 A constituency association shall forward its local executive list to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party no later than four weeks after the constituency association holds an annual meeting.~~

~~15.18 An affiliated association shall provide the names and contact information of the members of its Executive to the Ontario Liberal Party following an annual meeting, and following any changes to its Executive, as a condition of being recognized.~~

~~Annual meetings~~

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

Annual General Meeting

15.3 A constituency association shall hold an annual general meeting (AGM) every year to elect members of its executive committee from among its members.

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<p>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, unless the Executive Committee requested a confirmation vote for all uncontested positions in its request to hold an annual meeting pursuant to section 15.27. 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>15.24 The annual meeting shall be held no later than one year following the previous annual meeting.</p> <p>15.25 If a constituency association fails to hold an annual meeting within one year following the previous annual meeting, the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may call and conduct an annual meeting for that constituency association.</p> <p>15.26 An annual meeting of a constituency association that is called and conducted by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be held at any time and location in the constituency association's electoral district as may be determined by the Executive Council.</p> <p>15.27 A constituency association shall submit a request to the Executive Director to hold an annual meeting not later than twenty eight (28) days before the intended meeting date. The request shall include a copy of the local constitution and the proposed date, time, and location of the annual meeting. The Executive Director shall provide a response to the request in a timely fashion.</p> <p>15.28 The Executive Director shall ensure that notice of an annual meeting of a constituency association is provided to all members of the constituency association and all immediate past members of the constituency association.</p>	<p>15.4 The annual general meeting shall be called no later than one year following the previous annual general meeting.</p> <p>15.4.1 If a constituency association fails to call an annual general meeting within one year following the previous annual general meeting, the Executive Council may call and conduct an annual general meeting for that constituency association.</p> <p>15.4.2 An annual general meeting called by the Executive Council shall be held at any time and location in the constituency association's electoral district as may be determined by the Executive Council.</p> <p>15.5 The Executive Director shall ensure that notice of an annual general meeting of a constituency association is provided to all members of the constituency association.</p>
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~~Meetings to elect delegates to meetings or conventions of the Ontario Liberal Party~~

~~15.29 Each constituency association shall hold general meetings to elect delegates and alternate delegates to a duly called meeting or convention of the Ontario Liberal Party. The procedure for electing delegates and alternates is as follows:~~

- ~~a) One ballot shall be cast for all positions.~~
- ~~b) The persons receiving the highest number of valid votes shall be delegates up to the required number and the persons receiving the next highest number of valid votes shall be alternates up to the required number, provided that if the required women's or youth's or men's positions are not thus filled, the women, youth or men respectively receiving the highest number of valid votes shall be elected to their respective positions as delegates and alternates.~~
- ~~c) In the event that delegates fail to register at the meeting or convention to which they were elected, alternates present shall fill the vacancies in the order of valid votes received, provided that the women, youth and men positions shall be filled only by women, youths or men respectively if present.~~
- ~~d) To be a constituency association delegate to a meeting or convention of the Ontario Liberal Party, a person must be a Member or Associate Member in good standing of the constituency association.~~

~~Impartial membership and steering committees~~

~~15.30 At the written request of ten (10) members of a constituency association, the President of the Ontario Liberal Party may establish an impartial membership committee and/or an impartial steering committee for the constituency association.~~

~~15.31 The cost of an impartial committee established by the President of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be borne by the constituency association for which it was established.~~

~~Voting eligibility~~

~~15.32 A member of a constituency association who has attained the age of fourteen (14) shall be entitled to vote on any question to be decided at a meeting of the constituency association if the member is a member in good standing at the time the~~

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~~meeting is held, except where this Constitution provides otherwise.~~

~~15.33 Where a person is a member of more than one constituency association, the person shall vote at meetings of only one of those constituency associations.~~

15.34 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.

~~15.35 An immediate past Member of a constituency association may renew his or her membership to become a member in good standing 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, and shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.~~

President of the Ontario Liberal Party may attend meetings

15.19 The President of the Ontario Liberal Party or his/her designate may attend any meeting of a constituency association.

15.20 The President of the Ontario Liberal Party or his/her designate shall conduct any general meeting of the constituency association.

Procedure

~~15.21 A constituency association shall adhere to the rules of procedure and any by-law established from time to time by Executive Council.~~

15.22 A Nomination Convention, an annual meeting, or a delegate election meeting held by a constituency association may be declared null and void by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party or by a Board of Arbitration if it is

15.6 A member of a constituency association shall be entitled to vote at general meetings of the constituency association, except for nomination meetings and leadership election votes, if the member is a member seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Authority of the Party

15.7 The President or their designate may attend any meeting of a constituency association, including any meeting of its executive committee.

15.8 The President or their designate shall conduct any general meeting of a constituency association.

15.9 A nomination meeting, an annual general meeting, or a delegate election meeting held by a constituency association may be declared null and void by the Executive Council or by a panel of the Arbitration Committee if it is determined that

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determined that the meeting was not conducted in accordance with the procedures required by this Constitution, the local constitution, or any applicable rules of procedure.

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~~Compliance with legislated requirements~~

~~15.36 A constituency association and its Chief Financial Officer shall comply with the provisions of all applicable legislated requirements.~~

~~15.37 A Liberal candidate for election in an electoral district, and his or her Chief Financial Officer shall comply with all applicable legislated requirements.~~

~~Compliance by affiliated association~~

15.38 Where an affiliated association is found to be in contravention of any Act of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, the Executive Council may take direct action to bring the affiliated association into compliance with the Act.

15.10 Where a constituency association is found to be in contravention of any applicable law, the Executive Council may take direct action to bring the constituency association into compliance with the law. The cost of any action taken by the Executive Council to bring an constituency association into compliance with an Act shall be borne by the constituency association.

15.39 The cost of any action taken by the Executive Council to bring an affiliated association into compliance with an Act shall, at the discretion of the Executive Council, be borne by the affiliated association.

~~Nomination of candidates for election~~

~~15.40 A constituency association shall appoint a Candidate Search Committee to recruit and review potential nomination contestants.~~

15.41 A member of the Ontario Liberal Party shall not stand as a candidate for election in an electoral district unless nominated as the Ontario Liberal Party candidate pursuant to section 11.1 or 11.9 of the Constitution.

15.11 A member shall not stand as a candidate for election in an electoral district unless nominated as the Ontario Liberal Party candidate pursuant to section 11.

~~15.42 (Repealed)~~

~~15.43 A constituency association may hold a Nomination Meeting at more than one location in the electoral district with the prior~~

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~~consent of the Nomination Commissioner, and where geographic circumstances warrant.~~

Miscellaneous

~~15.44 The year end of a constituency association shall be December 31.~~

15.45 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may declare that a constituency association is in trusteeship through the following procedure:

- d) The Executive Council may thereafter adopt a resolution placing the constituency association in Trusteeship and setting out the grounds upon which such a determination was made. The resolution to declare the constituency association in Trusteeship shall require two-thirds of the votes cast to be in favour of the resolution and shall name a person or persons (henceforth "the Trustee") who shall act on behalf of the Ontario Liberal Party.
- a) The President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the affected constituency association shall be given not less than seven (7) days' notice of a special Executive Council meeting held to consider the placing of the constituency association under Trusteeship. Such notice shall contain all of the grounds to be relied upon, and the particulars thereof. Such grounds are limited to the following:
 - i) That the constituency association or its Executive Committee has failed to support or has contravened the objectives of the Ontario Liberal Party ~~or of the constituency association as set forth in the Constitution of the Ontario Liberal Party or of that constituency association;~~
 - ii) That the constituency association or its Executive Committee has failed to support or has indicated an intention to withhold support from a duly nominated Liberal candidate for

Trusteeship

15.12 The Executive Council may, by resolution supported by two-third vote, place a constituency association in trusteeship on the following grounds:

- a) That the constituency association or its executive committee has failed to support or has contravened the purposes of the Party;
- b) That the constituency association or its executive committee has failed to support or has indicated an intention to withhold support from the nominated or appointed candidate for the constituency association;

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<p>election to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;</p> <p>iii) That the constituency association or its Executive Committee has failed to comply with motions regarding its financial obligations to the Ontario Liberal Party, duly passed by the Provincial Council; or</p> <p>iv) That the constituency association, its Executive Committee or its Chief Financial Officer under the Election Finances Act has failed in a material manner to meet obligations placed upon any of them under that legislation.</p> <p>b) (Repealed)</p> <p>c) The President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the affected constituency association shall be given an opportunity to make submissions and to submit evidence to the meeting of the Executive Council held to consider this action, and the Executive Council may grant standing to such other parties as it may deem appropriate.</p> <p>15.46 Forthwith upon adoption of the resolution to declare the constituency association to be in Trusteeship, and the naming of the Trustee:</p> <p>a) All assets of the constituency association shall vest in the Trustee, in trust for the constituency association;</p> <p>b) The term of office for every member of the Executive Committee of the constituency association shall end;</p> <p>c) All further revenue of the constituency association shall be paid to the Trustee;</p> <p>d) All assets and revenue of the constituency association shall be dealt with and disposed of by the Trustee, for appropriate purposes of the constituency association, as the Ontario Liberal Party Executive Council may from time to time direct by resolution;</p> <p>e) The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be the Executive Committee of the constituency association; and</p>	<p>c) That the constituency association or its executive committee has failed to comply with its financial obligations to the Party; or</p> <p>d) That the constituency association, its executive committee or its Chief Financial Officer has failed in a material manner to meet their obligations prescribed by the law.</p> <p>15.13 The Executive Council shall convene a special meeting to consider placing a constituency association in trusteeship. The constituency association's president, executive vice-president, secretary, treasurer and chief financial officer shall be given not less than seven (7) days' notice of a special meeting setting out the grounds to be relied upon, and shall be given an opportunity to make submissions and to submit evidence to the special meeting. The Executive Council may grant standing to such other parties as it may deem appropriate.</p> <p>15.14 Upon placing a constituency association in trusteeship and the naming of the trustee:</p> <p>a) All assets of the constituency association shall vest in the Trustee, in trust for the constituency association;</p> <p>b) The term of office for all members of the executive committee of the constituency association shall end;</p> <p>c) All further revenue of the constituency association shall be paid to the trustee;</p> <p>d) All assets and revenue of the constituency association shall be dealt with and disposed of by the trustee, for appropriate purposes of the constituency association, as the Executive Council may from time to time direct by resolution;</p> <p>e) The <u>trustee</u> shall be the executive committee of the constituency association; and</p>
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<p>f) The Trustee shall be registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Ontario as the Chief Financial Officer of the constituency association.</p> <p>15.47 A constituency association placed in Trusteeship may appeal the decision of the Executive Council to the Arbitration Committee through the following process:</p> <p>a) The President of the constituency association shall provide written notice of such appeal, to the President of the Ontario Liberal Party and the Chair of the Arbitration Committee within seven (7) days after the declaration of Trusteeship;</p> <p>b) The Chair of the Arbitration Committee shall assemble a panel of the committee consider the appeal.</p> <p>15.47.1 Notwithstanding section 7.12 of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedures of the Arbitration Committee, the decision of Arbitration Committee shall be final.</p> <p>15.48 Where a constituency association placed in Trusteeship has appealed the decision of the Executive Council, it remains in Trusteeship until the appeal has been disposed of, and all actions of the Trustee undertaken during such time shall remain in full force and effect.</p> <p>15.49 The Executive Council shall call a new Annual Meeting of a constituency association that is in Trusteeship notwithstanding that an Annual Meeting may have been held during the current year, not more than 12 months after the date on which it declared the constituency association to be in Trusteeship. At such Annual Meeting, the voting members of the constituency association shall elect an Executive Committee for the Association. The Trustee shall transfer to the constituency association all assets then held by the Trustee in trust for the constituency association and the Ontario Liberal Party Executive Council shall cease to be the Executive Committee of the constituency association.</p>	<p>f) The trustee shall be registered with Elections Ontario as the Chief Financial Officer of the constituency association.</p> <p>15.15 The decision to place a constituency association in trusteeship may be appealed to the Arbitration Committee. Where a constituency association placed in Trusteeship has appealed the decision of the Executive Council, it remains in Trusteeship until the appeal has been disposed of, and all actions of the Trustee undertaken during such time shall remain in full force and effect. Notwithstanding section 7.8 of this Constitution and the Rules of Procedures of the Arbitration Committee, the decision of Arbitration Committee shall be final.</p> <p>15.16 The Executive Council shall call a new annual general meeting of a constituency association that is in Trusteeship notwithstanding that an annual general meeting may have been held during the current year, not more than 12 months after the date on which it placed the constituency association in Trusteeship. <u>The trusteeship shall end upon the election of a new executive committee at said annual general meeting.</u></p>
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18. Redistribution

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<p>Definitions</p> <p>18.1 In this Section 18:</p> <p>18.1.1 “Chief Redistribution Officer” means the senior official of the Ontario Liberal Party with responsibility for the oversight and management of the process of electoral district boundary changes.</p> <p>18.1.2 “component electoral district” in relation to an overlapping electoral district means an old electoral district, any part of which forms a part of that overlapping electoral district. “Component constituency association” has a corresponding meaning.</p> <p>18.1.3 “effective date” means the date upon which the Chief Redistribution Officer determines that the electoral boundaries upon which the next provincial general election will be conducted,</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) — will be different from those in effect at the immediately previous general election, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) — may be determined with reasonable certainty.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">In the event that a legislated change to electoral boundaries is pending or has recently been adopted, the effective date shall coincide with the effective date set out in the legislation.</p> <p>18.1.4 “founding meeting” means a general meeting of the members of a new constituency association held for the purpose of constituting the new constituency association, adopting a constitution and electing its officers and/or Executive Committee.</p> <p>18.1.5 “new electoral district” means an electoral district as constituted immediately following redistribution. “new constituency association” has a corresponding meaning.</p>	<p>Definitions</p> <p>18.1 In this Section 18:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>All terms associated with electoral districts have the corresponding meaning when being associated with constituency associations.</u></p> <p>“component electoral district” means an old electoral district any part of which forms a part of that overlapping new electoral district.</p> <p>“effective date” <u>means the date upon which the new electoral boundaries upon which the next provincial general election will be conducted shall take effect for the internal administration of the Party.</u></p>

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- ~~18.1.6 “old electoral district” means an electoral district as constituted immediately prior to redistribution. “old constituency association” has a corresponding meaning.~~
- ~~18.1.7 “overlapping electoral district” in relation to a component electoral district means a new electoral district that contains any portion of that component electoral district. “overlapping constituency association” has a corresponding meaning.~~
- ~~18.1.8 “redistribution” means the process of determining new electoral boundaries for the purposes of representation in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.~~

Unchanged electoral districts and electoral districts not substantially changed

- 18.3.1 Immediately following the effective date, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall prepare and distribute a list of:
- those old electoral districts the boundaries of which are not changed by redistribution, and
 - those overlapping electoral districts having **a population of which at least 85% appears to him or her to have been resident in** a single component electoral district.
- 18.3.2 **Old constituency associations for the old electoral districts referred to on the list described in subsection 18.3.1(a)** shall be deemed, on the effective date, to have become new constituency associations and shall be registered as such, pursuant to the *Election Finances Act*. Such new constituency associations shall not be required to conduct a founding meeting
- 18.3.3 **The old constituency association for each component electoral district referred to on the list described in subsection 18.3.1(b)** shall be deemed, on the effective date, to have become the new constituency association for the overlapping electoral district and shall be registered as such, pursuant to the *Election Finances Act*. **Such new constituency associations shall not be required to conduct a founding**

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Transition of constituency associations

- 18.2 In the event of a change in provincial electoral boundaries through redistribution, the following should govern the transition of all constituency associations.
- Unchanged constituency association - For an electoral district that experienced no change to its boundaries, its constituency association shall continue to function without interruption, and shall update its registration as appropriate.
 - Inherited constituency association – For a new electoral district where 80% or more of its registered voters were from a single component electoral district, the constituency association of that component electoral district shall be deemed, on the effective date, to have become the constituency association for new constituency association and shall be registered with Elections Ontario as such.
 - New constituency association – For any new electoral district to which no single component electoral district has contributed more than 80% of its registered voters, a constituency association shall be formed through a founding meeting, and shall register with Elections Ontario upon the conclusion of its founding meeting.

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~~meeting, but shall within 90 days of registration or such longer time as the Chief Redistribution Officer may allow, conduct an Annual General Meeting in order to permit the full participation of new residents in the management of the Association.~~

Meetings and membership

18.4.1 ~~In the case of each overlapping electoral district not referred to in Section 18.3, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall, upon consultation with the relevant Regional Vice-President and the Presidents of each of the Component constituency associations, call and have conducted a founding meeting of a new constituency association for the new electoral district.~~

~~18.4.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date upon which it is to be held, determine the date and location of the founding meeting of each new constituency association.~~

~~18.4.3 The Ontario Liberal Party shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice of the founding meeting of an overlapping constituency association to each current member and immediate past member of each Component constituency association. Expenses incurred by the Ontario Liberal Party in giving notice of or conducting a founding meeting may be charged by the Ontario Liberal Party to the new constituency association. The notice of the founding meeting shall provide that each Member and Associate Member shall become a Member of the new constituency association corresponding to the electoral district in which such person's residence is located.~~

~~18.4.4 The following rules shall apply to the transfer of memberships from Component constituency associations to overlapping constituency associations:~~

~~18.4.4.1 Each member and immediate past member of a Component constituency association is a provisional member of all of the overlapping constituency associations related to it.~~

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18.3 All inherited constituency associations must call an annual general meeting for a date within six (6) months after the effective date.

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- ~~18.4.4.2 Subject to subsection 18.4.4.3, the list of persons eligible to vote at the founding meeting of a new constituency association shall consist of all of the provisional members of that new constituency association, provided that a person who is an immediate past member of a Component constituency association must renew his or her membership as a necessary condition of being issued a ballot.~~
- ~~18.4.4.3 A provisional member of a new constituency association who is issued a ballot at the founding meeting of that new constituency association forthwith becomes a member of that new constituency association, ceases to be a provisional member of any other new constituency association, and is not eligible to vote at the founding meeting of any other constituency association.~~
- ~~18.4.4.4 Upon the conclusion of the last founding meeting held in respect of any of the overlapping constituency associations associated with a particular Component constituency association, and at the direction of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the members and immediate past members of that Component constituency association who were not issued ballots at a founding meeting shall become members and immediate past members of the new constituency association for the electoral district in which they reside.~~
- ~~18.4.4.5 Any Member of a Component constituency association whose membership has been transferred to a new constituency association pursuant to subsection 18.4.4 shall be deemed to have been a Member of the new constituency association during the time that he or she was a member of the Component constituency association.~~

The Chief Redistribution Officer

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

The Chief Redistribution Officer

18.3 The Leader in consultation with the Executive Council shall appoint the Chief Redistribution Officer, when they deem it appropriate to do so, to administer the redistribution process and to serve until a replacement is appointed or the redistribution process is completed, whichever comes first. In the event of the incapacity or vacancy of the office of the Chief Redistribution Officer before the completion of the

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<p>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>18.2.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall act in consultation with the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Presidents of the Riding Associations, and others as he or she deems appropriate.</p> <p>18.2.4 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall act as the senior administrative and electoral official of the Ontario Liberal Party with respect to all aspects of the redistribution process. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall, in particular:</p> <p>18.2.4.5 Have responsibility to oversee the entire redistribution process for the Ontario Liberal Party and to ensure that the process is, at all times carried out fairly and in the best interests of the Party.</p> <p>18.2.4.4 Have authority to set the date of founding meetings for new constituency associations and to appoint the Chairs and Returning Officers to preside at such meetings; and</p> <p>18.2.4.1 Have authority, on behalf of the Ontario Liberal Party, to approve the registration of a new constituency association pursuant to the Election Finances Act and to advise the Chief Election Officer of Ontario of such approval;</p> <p>18.2.4.2 Have authority, on behalf of the Ontario Liberal Party, to request that the Chief Election Officer of Ontario dissolve an old constituency association prior to the date upon which it would otherwise be automatically dissolved;</p> <p>18.2.4.3 Have authority, on behalf of the Ontario Liberal Party, to issue a written direction to an old constituency association requiring it to transfer its assets and liabilities to one or more overlapping constituency associations or to the Ontario Liberal Party in such proportion as the</p>	<p><u>process, the Executive Director shall discharge its function on an acting basis.</u></p> <p>18.4 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall <u>have charge of the redistribution process and is responsible for ensuring the process is at all times carried out fairly and in the best interests of the Party.</u> The Chief Redistribution Officer shall</p> <p>a) determine the effective date, subject to the ratification by the Executive Council</p> <p><u>b) regulate the timing of founding meetings of constituency associations for new electoral districts in the best interest of the Party, and to appoint the chair and returning officers of such meetings. In determining the timing of each founding meeting, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall consult the relevant Regional Vice-President and the presidents of each of the component constituency associations</u></p> <p>c) have the authority to, on behalf of the Party, request Elections Ontario to register a constituency association for a new riding or to dissolve a constituency association for an old riding</p> <p>d) have the authority to determine any dispute over transfer of assets and liabilities from any old constituency association to any new constituency association, including the authority to fix any retroactive or future date for which the assets and liabilities of a component constituency association will be determined upon.</p> <p>e) have the authority to, on behalf of the Party, issue a written direction to an old constituency association requiring it to transfer its assets and liabilities to one or more new constituency associations or to the Ontario Liberal Party in such proportion</p>
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~~Chief Redistribution Officer may determine, and to file such direction with the Chief Election Officer, provided that any such overlapping constituency association has been registered under the Election Finances Act;~~

18.2.3 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall, upon the request of the Executive Council, report to it on his or her activities.

Transfer of assets and liabilities

~~18.5.1 The assets and liabilities of the old constituency associations referred to in subsections 18.3.2 and 18.3.3 shall be transferred without division to the new constituency associations that replace them in accordance with those subsections.~~

~~18.5.2 In the case of all other Component constituency associations:~~

18.5.2.1 The assets and liabilities of each Component constituency association shall be transferred to its overlapping constituency associations in the proportion that the number of registered voters in the polls of that part of the component electoral district which forms part of the overlapping electoral district bears to the total number of registered voters in the component electoral district.

~~18.5.2.2 Subject to the authority of the Chief Redistribution Officer under subsection 18.2.4.3 to make a direction, no assets of any Component constituency association shall be transferred to an overlapping constituency association until the Executive Committee of such overlapping constituency association has agreed to assume the liabilities of all Component constituency associations which such new constituency association is required to assume.~~

corresponding to the transfer of the populations between the old electoral district and the new electoral districts

f) upon the request of the Executive Council, report to it on their activities.

18.5 The Executive Council shall approve or amend Rules of Procedure setting out any additional rules or processes for the redistribution process.

Transfer of assets and liabilities

18.6 The assets and liabilities of each component constituency association shall be transferred to overlapping new constituency associations in the proportion that the number of registered voters of that part of the component electoral district which forms part of the overlapping new electoral district bears to the total number of registered voters in the component electoral district.

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- ~~18.5.2.3 — In order to facilitate agreement on the transfer of assets and liabilities from Component constituency associations to overlapping constituency associations, the Chief Redistribution Officer may, at the request of the Executive Committees of the affected Component constituency associations, appoint a mediator or mediators to assist in the resolution of any disputes.~~
- ~~18.5.2.4 — Despite the foregoing, the Ontario Liberal Party Executive Council may, with the unanimous consent of the Executive Committees of the relevant Component constituency associations, direct how the assets and liabilities of the Component constituency association shall be transferred between the Component constituency associations and the relevant overlapping constituency associations.~~
- ~~18.5.2.5 — The Chief Redistribution Officer shall determine any dispute which is not resolved in accordance with the foregoing, and his or her decision is final and is not subject to arbitration. In such case, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall, pursuant to the Election Finances Act, issue a direction on behalf of the Ontario Liberal Party in exercise of his or her authority under subsection 18.2.4.3, and file it with the Chief Election Officer.~~

Electoral urgency

- 18.6 If following a founding meeting of a new constituency association:
- a) a by-election is held or;
 - b) the Legislative Assembly is dissolved and a General Election is called;

and the by-election or General Election is to be conducted on the boundaries of the component electoral districts, the Campaign Chair or Co-Chairs shall have the authority to enact such directives as he, she or they may consider to be required to conduct the General Election or by-election effectively on the component electoral district boundaries. If no Campaign Co-Chairs have been appointed, the President of the Ontario Liberal Party shall exercise their powers as contained in this provision.

Electoral urgency

- 18.7 If following a founding meeting of a new constituency association:
- a) a by-election is called or;
 - b) the Legislative Assembly is dissolved and a General Election is called;

and the by-election or General Election is to be conducted on the boundaries of the component electoral districts, the Campaign Chair or Co-Chairs shall have the authority to enact such directives as he, she or they may consider to be required to conduct the General Election or by-election effectively on the component electoral district boundaries. If no Campaign Co-Chairs have been appointed, the President of the Ontario Liberal Party shall exercise their powers as contained in this provision.

6 - Policy Development Process

Proposer: Governance Review Committee, Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Executive Council

Explanatory Note

This is the sixth of seven amendments proposals resulting from the Governance Review, with the objective of updating and streamlining of the Constitution. This proposal specifically updates section 10 of the Constitution regarding the policy development Process.

Substantive changes

10 Policy Development Process

- Adopts the delegated structure of Party conventions for policy development conferences to be held
- Specifically prescribes the content areas of the Rules of Procedure for Policy Development
- Removes the provisions for form of policy conference, and procedural matters for policy resolution process, which are to be transferred to the Rules of Procedure for Policy Development

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10. Policy Development Process

<p>10.1 The Ontario Liberal Party Annual Policy Development Conference shall include at least one day dedicated to the deliberation and development of Ontario Liberal Party policy.</p> <p>Policy delegates</p> <p>10.2 The following shall be policy delegates and shall be entitled to vote on any question under consideration at the conference:</p>	<p><u>10.1 The Executive Council shall establish Rules of Procedures for a policy development process, which must provide for the following:</u></p> <p><u>a) communication and discussion between members;</u> <u>b) engagement of members;</u> <u>c) reporting and accountability to members;</u> <u>d) flexibility to accommodate changing technology, conditions and electoral cycles;</u> <u>e) input into the platform development process.</u> <u>f) form of policy development conference</u> <u>g) policy resolution process</u></p> <p><u>10.2 The delegate composition of a policy development conference shall be the same as the delegation of a convention as prescribed in sections 8.11, 8.12 and 8.13.</u></p>
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- ~~a) — every member of Provincial Council;~~
- ~~b) — every member of the Standing Committee on Policy Development;~~
- ~~c1) — five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each constituency association;~~
- ~~c2) — five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committee recognized by Executive Council;~~
- ~~d) — every Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;~~
- ~~e) — every past Liberal Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus at the time he or she ceased to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;~~
- ~~f) — the Liberal candidate in each electoral district or, if there is no Liberal candidate, the immediate past Liberal candidate;~~
- ~~g) — five (5) members elected to be policy representatives by each affiliated association recognized by Executive Council; and,~~
- ~~h) — every Past President of:

 - ~~i) — the Ontario Liberal Association;~~
 - ~~ii) — the Liberal Party in Ontario; and,~~
 - ~~iii) — the Ontario Liberal Party.~~~~

Form of conference

~~10.3 — For each Annual Policy Development Conference, the Executive Council shall determine the form of the Conference, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the day on which it is to commence. In general terms, the form of the Conference shall be one of the following:~~

- ~~a) — an ideas generation conference comprised of any or all of:~~

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- ~~i) presentations by knowledgeable individuals or groups;~~
 - ~~ii) workshops;~~
 - ~~iii) resolution development sessions, with or without subsequent adoption procedures; and~~
 - ~~iv) such other process as may be adopted by the Executive Council in order to facilitate the inception, development or implementation of policy initiatives designed to further the best interests of the people of Ontario and advance the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party.~~
- ~~b) a resolution-based process focused upon one or more compelling sets of issues or themes, and in accordance with the policy resolution process set out in sections 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 of this Constitution.~~
- ~~c) a hybridization of subsections (a) and (b), above.~~

Policy resolutions

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

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

Leader and Caucus

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<p>10.5 The Leader and the Liberal Caucus shall give due consideration to Ontario Liberal Party policy when developing an election platform and during the day-to-day management of policy issues.</p>	<p>10.3 The Leader and the Liberal Caucus shall give due consideration to Party policy when 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>10.4 The Leader, or a member of the Liberal Caucus designated by the Leader, shall present a report on policy action to each convention and <u>each policy conference</u> to <u>outline how the policy development process relates to policy positions</u> taken by the Leader and the Liberal Caucus, including the development of an election platform. The report shall specifically report on decisions made and actions taken in response to policy formally adopted at policy conferences.</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>	

7 - Updating and Streamlining Constitution

Proposer: Governance Review Committee, Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Executive Council

Explanatory Note

This is the last of six amendment proposals resulting from the Governance Review, with the objective of updating and streamlining of the Constitution. This proposal applies document-wide updates to the following sections of the Constitution.

1. Purposes (currently “Objects”)
2. Definitions
10. Policy Development Process
12. Campaign Committee
14. Regions
16. Amendments to the Constitution
17. General (currently “Parliamentary Authority”)

These sections are being put forward together as few or no substantive changes are being proposed for each section, and the changes are mainly made to reflect current processes to be updated or already updated.

Substantive changes

In addition to housekeeping changes as outlined, this proposal contains the following substantive changes:

1. Purposes

- Removes promotion of municipal candidates who are Liberals as a purpose of the Party

12 Campaign Committee

- Explicitly states the Campaign Committee’s exclusive authority to approve and amend Rules of Procedures for Candidate Nomination

14 Regions

- Specifies that the authority to change the numbers and compositions of regions are to be exercised by the Executive Council, and that changes will take effect at the subsequent convention. Furthermore, removes the provisions for Regional VP duty reassignment, which would be rendered moot by the change.

Procedural Note

As part of the question for this amendment proposal, if adopted,

- all amendments in this proposal are to take effect upon the adjournment of this AGM/convention.
- the current Schedule "A" to this Constitution shall be deemed to have been incorporated into *Rules No. 2 – Rules of Procedure for Constituency Associations*, and approved as of the date Rules No. 2 was most recently approved.

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1. Purposes

<p>The objects of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be:</p> <p>1.1 To advocate and support liberal political principles;</p> <p>1.2 To develop and determine provincial policy;</p> <p>1.3 To organize the Ontario Liberal Party;</p> <p>1.4 To promote the election of Liberal candidates to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;</p> <p>1.5 To promote the election of Liberals to municipal and local elected offices;</p> <p>1.6 To encourage and facilitate participation in the Ontario Liberal Party by individuals from all demographic groups in Ontario.</p>	<p>1. The purposes of the Ontario Liberal Party (the “Party”) are to:</p> <p>(a) elect Ontario Liberal candidates to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario;</p> <p>(b) advocate for and support liberal political principles;</p> <p>(c) develop provincial policy; and</p> <p>(d) encourage and facilitate participation in the Party by individuals from all demographic groups in Ontario.</p>
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2. Definitions

<p>Unless otherwise defined by this Constitution, the following definitions shall apply:</p> <p>2.1 “affiliated association” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a constituency association; b) an Ontario Young Liberal Riding club recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party; e) an Ontario Young Liberal Student club recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party; d) a Women’s Liberal Club recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party; e) any other club or association in Ontario recognized as an affiliated association from time to time by the Executive Council. <p>2.2 “associate member” means a person who has complied with all requirements to become a Member of a constituency association, but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district.</p> <p>2.3 “candidate” means the person nominated by a constituency association to be the Ontario Liberal Party’s official candidate in the constituency association’s electoral district;</p> <p>2.4 “constituency association” means an association in an electoral district means the association endorsed by the Ontario Liberal Party as its official association in that electoral district;</p> <p>2.5 “electoral district” means an electoral district as set out in the Representation Act or any Act which has been passed to replace it, notwithstanding that such Act has not been proclaimed;</p> <p>2.6 “electoral urgency” means the state existing following issuance of an Election Writ or following the declaration</p>	<p>2. Unless otherwise defined by this Constitution, the following definitions shall apply:</p> <p>“affiliated association” means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a constituency association; b) <u>a club or association of a recognized commission and recognized by the Executive Council;</u> c) any other club or association <u>specifically</u> recognized as an affiliated association by the Executive Council. <p>“associate member” of a constituency association means a member who has specifically completed membership application for a constituency association for which they do not reside within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district.</p> <p>“candidate” means the person nominated by a constituency association to be the Ontario Liberal Party’s official candidate in the constituency association’s electoral district;</p> <p><u>“commission” means a subsidiary organization consists of member of the Party that meets specific criteria and with the objective to advance the equitable representation of a specific demographics that would otherwise be under-represented within the provincial government or the Party, and to support the Party’s engagement, mobilization of said demographics.</u></p> <p>“electoral district” means an electoral district as set out in the Representation Act or any Act which has been passed to replace it, notwithstanding that such Act has not been proclaimed;</p>
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<p>thereof at any other time by resolution of the officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, provided that in the event of a by-election an electoral urgency exists for only the electoral district in which the by-election is to be held;</p> <p>2.7 — “Executive Council” means the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party as established by this Constitution;</p> <p>2.8 — “Executive Director” means the most senior employee of the Ontario Liberal Party at the relevant time, and in cases of doubt, the Executive Council shall designate the title of the employee who shall execute the functions of the Executive Director.</p> <p>2.9 — “immediate past member”, during the period from January 1 to March 31 of a particular year, and only during that period, means a person who is a member of a constituency association or a Women’s Liberal Club and whose membership expired on December 31 of the immediately preceding year;</p> <p>2.10 — “member” means a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party, and in respect of an affiliated association that is a constituency association, is a person whose residence is within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district;</p> <p>2.11 — “Ontario Young Liberals” means the association recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party as its youth organization;</p> <p>2.12 — “Ontario Young Liberal club” means either an Ontario Young Liberal riding club or an Ontario Young Liberal student club;</p> <p>2.13 — “Ontario Young Liberal riding club” means an association of Young Liberals established in conformity with the geographical boundaries of an electoral district;</p> <p>2.14 — “Ontario Young Liberal student club” means an association of Young Liberals established in relation to a post-secondary educational institution, or a physically distinct campus thereof, and in which membership is limited</p>	<p>“Liberal Caucus” means</p>
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<p>exclusively to students currently registered at that institution or campus;</p> <p>2.15 “past candidate” means a person nominated by a constituency association to be the Ontario Liberal Party’s official candidate in the most recent election in the constituency association’s electoral district;</p> <p>2.16 “policy development process” means the process that is utilized by the Ontario Liberal Party to set the goals, objectives, and specific proposals that guide decision making for the Party as government as well as opposition;</p> <p>2.17 “Provincial Council” means the Provincial Council of the Ontario Liberal Party as established by this Constitution;</p> <p>2.18 “residence” or any similar expressions used in relation to a person means residence as defined in the Election Act;</p> <p>2.19 “Women’s Liberal Club” means an association recognized by the Ontario Liberal Party and the Ontario Women’s Liberal Commission as;</p> <p>an electoral district Ontario Women’s Liberal Club, or an area Women’s Liberal Club.</p>	<p>“past candidate” means a person nominated by a constituency association to be the Ontario Liberal Party’s official candidate in the most recent election in the constituency association’s electoral district;</p> <p>“residence” or any similar expressions used in relation to a person means <u>the ordinary and permanent lodging place of the person.</u></p>
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12. Campaign Committee

<p>12.1 A Campaign Committee shall be established to conduct the Provincial Election Campaign.</p> <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>12.1 The Campaign Committee shall be established to conduct the provincial election campaign.</p> <p>12.2 The Chair of the Campaign Committee shall be appointed by the Leader.</p> <p><u>12.3 The Campaign Committee shall consist of members appointed from time to time by the Chair in consultation with the Leader.</u></p>
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<p>12.4 The Campaign Committee shall include five members appointed by the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party from amongst its members.</p>	<p>12.4 The Campaign Committee shall include five members appointed by the Executive Council from amongst its members.</p> <p><u>12.5 The Campaign Committee shall have the exclusive authority to approve and amend the Rules of Procedure for candidate nomination.</u></p>
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14. Regions

<p>14.1 There shall be up to nine (9) Regions of the Ontario Liberal Party. The number of Regions and the electoral districts to be included in each region shall be determined from time to time <u>by the Provincial Council.</u></p> <p>14.2 The boundaries of the Regions shall align with the boundaries of provincial electoral districts and shall be as <u>set out in Schedule "A" to this Constitution.</u> Schedule "A" may be amended by simple majority vote of the Provincial Council, not more than once during the period between two Annual Meetings. The Provincial Council shall not amend Schedule "A" between the date of the call of an Annual Meeting and the conclusion of that Annual Meeting.</p> <p>14.3 Where the Provincial Council amends Schedule "A":</p> <p>a) Each Regional Vice-President shall be assigned by the Provincial Council to the Region that most closely corresponds to the Region represented by that person prior to the amendment;</p> <p>b) If the number of Regions is increased, the Executive Council shall, in accordance with section 5.10, appoint such number of individuals as Regional Vice-Presidents as are required to fill the vacancy or vacancies so created;</p> <p>c) If the number of Regions is decreased, a Regional Vice-President who no longer represents a Region continues to serve as an officer of the Ontario Liberal</p>	<p>14.1 There shall be <u>a minimum of six (6),</u> and a maximum of nine (9) regions, in order to facilitate regional organization, policy development, and communication between members.</p> <p>14.2 The number of regions and the electoral districts to be included in each Region shall be determined <u>by the Executive Council, in consultation with the Provincial Council.</u></p> <p>14.2.1 The number of regions and the electoral districts to be included in each Region may be amended not more than once during the period between two conventions, and may not be amended between the date of the call of a convention and the conclusion of that convention.</p> <p><u>14.2.2 Such amendment shall take effect at the convention following the adoption of the amendment, with election of Regional Vice Presidents to take place with the new arrangements at the convention.</u></p> <p>14.3 The boundaries of the Regions shall align with the boundaries of provincial electoral districts and shall be as <u>set out in the Rules of Procedure.</u></p>
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<p>Party for the balance of the term for which he or she was elected or appointed, and shall continue as a member of the Executive Council and the Provincial Council in the capacity of "Vice-President at large", but if he or she resigns, the vacancy shall not be filled.</p> <p>14.4 The Executive Council may subdivide any Regions into areas and may appoint individuals to act as Area Coordinators to assist with organization and with communications between constituency associations within an Area and the Region and the Party itself.</p> <p>14.4.1 The Executive Council may delegate the powers in 14.4 to the Regional Vice-President for that region.</p> <p>Constituency Association Presidents Meeting with the Leader</p> <p>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</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Constituency association presidents meeting with the Leader</p> <p>14.4 The Leader shall convene a meeting with the Presidents of all constituency associations in each Region at least once every twelve (12) months</p>
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16. Amendments to the Constitution

<p>16.1 An amendment to the Constitution may only be proposed in accordance with the process set out in this section 16.</p> <p>16.2 This Constitution may only be amended if adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting at an Annual Meeting convened in accordance with Section 8.</p> <p>16.3 Subject to the following, an amendment to the Constitution that is adopted takes effect upon the adjournment of the meeting at which it is adopted:</p> <p>a) If an amendment to this Constitution contains an express provision with respect to the time at which it</p>	<p></p> <p>16.1 <u>This Constitution may be amended by a resolution supported by two-thirds (2/3) of delegates voting at a convention.</u></p> <p>16.2 Where an amendment is adopted at a convention, the amendment will take effect upon the adjournment of the convention at which it was adopted, <u>unless a different date is specified in the motion.</u></p>
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- is to take effect, that express provision prevails over this provision;
- b) If an amendment to this Constitution alters the title or role of an existing position that is to be filled at the meeting at which the amendment is adopted, the person elected to fill the pre-existing position shall be deemed to have been elected to fill the position that has been altered;
 - c) If an amendment to this Constitution creates a new position that was not previously in existence, ~~that amendment takes effect immediately upon the adoption of the amendment, and a provisional election may be conducted at the meeting, contingent upon the adoption of the amendment;~~
 - d) If an amendment to this Constitution eliminates an existing position, a person elected to fill such position at that meeting shall be deemed not to have been so elected and shall not assume office;

Amendments to be considered

- 16.4 Amendment proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director or the Chair of the Constitution Committee at least forty-two (42) days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be considered.
- 16.5 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:
- a) the Executive Council;
 - b) the Leader;
 - c) ~~the Ontario Young Liberals, acting upon a resolution adopted at a General Meeting of that organization, or by its Executive;~~
 - d) ~~the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, acting upon a resolution adopted at a General Meeting of that organization, or by its Executive;~~
 - e) at least three (3) constituency associations, jointly, and each acting upon a resolution adopted either at a

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- 16.3 Where an amendment adopted at a convention impacting an officer elected at that convention,
- a) if the amendment alters the title or role, the person elected to fill the pre-existing position shall be deemed to have been elected to fill the position that has been altered.
 - b) if the amendment creates a position that was not previously in existence, the incoming Executive Council may make an appointment to fill the office pursuant to section 5;
 - c) if the amendment eliminates an existing position, the person elected at the convention to the eliminated position shall be deemed not to have been elected and shall not assume office.

Amendments to be considered

- 16.4 Amendment proposals shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Director or the Chair of the Constitution Committee at least forty-two (42) days prior to the first day of the convention at which the amendment proposals are to be considered.
- 16.5 For an amendment proposal to be accepted and for consideration at the annual meeting, it must be **sponsored** in writing by one of the following:
- a) the Executive Council;
 - b) the Leader;
 - c) a recognized commissions, acting upon a resolution adopted at a General Meeting of that organization, or by its Executive;
 - d) 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;

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<p>general meeting of each such association, or by its executive committee;</p> <p>g) at least seven (7) current members of the Provincial Council, jointly; or</p> <p>h) 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.</p>	<p>g) at least seven (7) current members of the Provincial Council, jointly; or</p> <p>h) 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.</p>
<p>Amendments proposed by the Constitution Committee</p>	
<p>16.6 The Constitution Committee shall, in consultation with Executive Council and Provincial Council, prepare a report setting out, with such explanations as it considers appropriate, any proposed amendment(s) that it intends to advance, as well as any amendments proposed in accordance with section 16.4. With the consent of the member who proposed such an amendment, the Constitution Committee may modify the amendment in a manner consistent with the member’s intention.</p>	<p>16.6 At least fifteen (15) days prior the first day of the convention, the Constitution Committee shall publish on the Party website a report setting out, with such explanations as the Constitution Committee considers appropriate, amendment proposals from the Constitution Committee and all amendment proposals duly submitted to the Constitution Committee. The Constitution Committee may modify or merged amendment proposals in a manner consistent with the substance of the submitted proposal.</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>16.8 The amendments contained in the Constitution Committee’s report shall be deemed to have been moved and seconded when brought forward for consideration at the meeting.</p>	<p>16.7 The proposed amendments contained in the Constitution Committee’s report shall be deemed to have been moved and seconded when brought forward for consideration at the convention</p>
<p>16.9 After each Annual Meeting at which this Constitution is amended, the Constitution Committee shall oversee the publication of this Constitution as amended, and may, in doing so:</p> <p>a) renumber any provisions to accommodate the changes that have been made;</p>	<p>16.8 After each convention where the Constitution is amended, the Constitution Committee shall oversee the publication of the Constitution as amended, and may, in so doing:</p> <p>a) renumber any provisions to accommodate changes that have been made;</p>

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<p>b) correct errors that are purely typographical; c) correct spelling errors; and d) replace gender-biased language with gender neutral language, unless doing so will change the substantive meaning or intent of a provision.</p>	<p>b) correct typographical errors, spelling errors, and cross-references between provisions which are no longer accurate; and c) replace gender biased language with gender neutral language.</p>
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17. General

(was **17. Parliamentary Authority**)

<p>17.1 The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Ontario Liberal Party to the extent that they are applicable, and except where they are inconsistent with this Constitution or with a procedure or by-law adopted from time to time by Executive Council.</p> <p>17.2 Executive Council may adopt rules from time to time for the conduct of meetings of constituency associations.</p> <p>17.3 At an annual meeting, the members present may adopt rules for the conduct of all or any part of that meeting.</p>	<p>17.1 The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the Party to the extent that they are applicable, and except where they are inconsistent with this Constitution or with the Rules of Procedure in effect.</p>
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15 - Creation of the Ontario Liberal Seniors Commission

Proposers: Sheila Bryan (Orleans PLA); Eden Garaj (Scarborough North PLA); Mary McDermott (Scarborough-Guildwood PLA)
Sponsors: Orleans PLA, Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes PLA, Scarborough-Agincourt PLA, Algoma Manitoulin PLA, Carleton PLA, Hastings, Lennox & Addington PLA
(plus others, only listing the first six PLA that has adopted endorsement resolutions)

Explanatory Note

This proposal, if adopted, 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 a large voting demographic with reliably high turnout, success in engaging senior voters would yield a disproportionate electoral advantage. As the federal party's seniors' commission has demonstrated, senior volunteers are uniquely effectively in engaging other senior voters due to rapid development of connection of trust through discussion of shared interests and values. The commission created by this proposal would aim to replicate that outreach success. The objective is to create an organization capable of effectively mobilize Ontario senior voters across the province; to represent the interests and concerns of Seniors through platform and policy development; and collaborate to elect an Ontario Liberal majority government.

Procedural Note

Should this proposal be adopted, formal general meeting of the new commission would need to take place to elect officers and adopt governing documents. Accordingly per past practice with proposal for new commissions, this proposal is deemed to include the following resolution, that

- a) Executive Council strikes 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 officers
- c) This amendment is to take effect at start of the next OLP annual meeting.

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<p>2. Definitions</p> <p>(insert)</p>	<p>2. Definitions</p> <p><u>"Ontario Liberal Seniors' 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 seniors' communities;</u></p>
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<p>4. Officers</p> <p>4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) the President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission, or a designate in the President's place; f) A Caucus Liaison designated by the Liberal Caucus <p>4.25 Within one month after the conclusion of each Annual Meeting, the Operational Vice-President (Engagement), the Operational Vice-President (Organization) and the Secretary shall convene a panel that shall consult with the Executive Director and appoint Engagement Coordinators of the Ontario Liberal Party, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Franco-Ontarian Engagement Coordinator b) Indigenous and Métis Engagement Coordinator c) Rural and Small Communities Engagement Coordinator d) LGBTQ+ Engagement Coordinator e) Multiculturalism Engagement Coordinator <p>The work of these Engagement Coordinators will be monitored and mandated by the Operational Vice-President (Engagement);</p>	<p>4. Officers</p> <p>4.2 The following shall be officers of the Ontario Liberal Party ex-officio:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) the President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission, or a designate in the President's place; <u>e2) the President of the Ontario Liberal Seniors' Commission, or a designate in the President's place;</u> <u>and</u> f) A Caucus Liaison designated by the Liberal Caucus <p>4.25 Within one month after the conclusion of each Annual Meeting, the Operational Vice-President (Engagement), the Operational Vice-President (Organization) and the Secretary shall convene a panel that shall consult with the Executive Director and appoint five (5) <u>six (6)</u> Engagement Coordinators of the Ontario Liberal Party, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Franco-Ontarian Engagement Coordinator b) Indigenous and Métis Engagement Coordinator c) Rural and Small Communities Engagement Coordinator d) LGBTQ+ Engagement Coordinator e) Multiculturalism Engagement Coordinator <u>f) Seniors' Engagement Coordinator</u> <p>The work of these Engagement Coordinators will be monitored and mandated by the Operational Vice-President (Engagement);</p>
<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>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>

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<p>...</p> <p>m) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place.</p> <p>n) President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission, or a designate in the President's place, unless its constitution designates one its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on Executive Council in the place of its President.</p> <p>5.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Executive Council shall:</p> <p>...</p> <p>d) annually consider the request for recognition of Women's Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission. The Executive Council shall ensure that no electoral district has more than one club recognized as an electoral district Women's Liberal Club and no Region has more than five (5) clubs recognized as Area Women's Liberal Clubs;</p> <p>d1) annually consider the request for recognition of Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committees, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission of those Regional Committees that are in compliance with the constitution of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission;</p> <p>...</p>	<p>...</p> <p>m) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place.</p> <p>n) President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission, or a designate in the President's place, unless its constitution designates one its officers elected at its most recent annual meeting to serve on Executive Council in the place of its President.</p> <p><u>x) President of the Ontario Seniors' Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place.</u></p> <p><u>5.3b The Ontario Seniors' 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.</u></p> <p>5.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Executive Council shall:</p> <p>...</p> <p>d) annually consider the request for recognition of Women's Liberal Clubs, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission of those Clubs that have complied with the constitution of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission. The Executive Council shall ensure that no electoral district has more than one club recognized as an electoral district Women's Liberal Club and no Region has more than five (5) clubs recognized as Area Women's Liberal Clubs;</p> <p>d1) annually consider the request for recognition of Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committees, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission of those Regional Committees that are in compliance with the constitution of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission;</p>
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	<p><u>d2) annually consider the request for recognition of Ontario Liberal Senior Regional Committees, based on a report prepared by the Ontario Liberal Senior Commission of those Regional Committees that are in compliance with the constitution of the Ontario Liberal Senior Commission and have been approved by resolution of the Executive of the Ontario Liberal Senior Commission;</u></p> <p>...</p>
<p>6. Provincial Council</p> <p>6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:</p> <p>...</p> <p>g) five (5) table officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council.</p> <p>h) four (4) table officers of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission and the President, as recognized by the Executive Council; and.</p>	<p>6. Provincial Council</p> <p>6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:</p> <p>...</p> <p>g) five (5) table officers of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and the President, as recognized by Executive Council.</p> <p>h) four (4) table officers of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission and the President, as recognized by the Executive Council; and.</p> <p><u>i) 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>...</p> <p>e) The President of the Ontario Women's' Liberal Commission or her designate;</p> <p>e1) The President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission or the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission's Vice-President Policy as designate in the President's place;</p> <p>f) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed);</p> <p>...</p>	<p>7. Committees</p> <p>7.7 The Policy Committee shall be comprised of the following members:</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) The President of the Ontario Women's' Liberal Commission or her designate;</p> <p>e1) The President of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission or the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission's Vice-President Policy as designate in the President's place;</p> <p><u>e2) The President of the Ontario Liberal Seniors' Commission or the Ontario Liberal Seniors'</u></p>

	<p><u>Commission's Vice-President Policy as designate in the President's place;</u></p> <p>f) The Chair of the Platform Committee for the next forthcoming general election (if appointed);</p>
<p>8. Annual Meeting</p> <p>Delegates</p> <p>8.13 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as elected delegates:</p> <p>e) three (3) delegates elected by each Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committee recognized by the Executive Council, provided that the delegate and electors are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party;.</p> <p>8.15 Each of the following shall be entitled to accreditation as delegates ex-officio if he or she is a member in good standing of an affiliated association:</p> <p>... d) the Regional Vice-President of each Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committee; ... i1) the five (5) Table Officers of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission;</p>	<p>8. Annual Meeting</p> <p>Delegates</p> <p>8.13 The following persons shall be entitled to accreditation as elected delegates:</p> <p>e) three (3) delegates elected by each Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committee recognized by the Executive Council, provided that the delegate and electors are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party;.</p> <p><u>ei) three (3) delegates elected by each Ontario Liberal Seniors' Commission Regional Committee recognized by the Executive Council, provided that the delegate and electors are members in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party.</u></p> <p>8.15 Each of the following shall be entitled to accreditation as delegates ex-officio if he or she is a member in good standing of an affiliated association:</p> <p>... <u>d1)</u> the Regional Vice-President of each Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission Regional Committee; <u>d2) the Vice President Regions & Representatives Regional Vice-President of each Ontario Liberal Seniors' Commission Regional Committee;</u> ... i1) the five (5) Table Officers of the Ontario Liberal Rural and Northern Commission; <u>i2) the five (5) Table Officers of the Ontario Liberal Seniors' Commission;</u></p>

10. Policy Development Process

Policy delegates

10.2 The following shall be policy delegates and shall be entitled to vote on any question under consideration at the conference:

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8 - Ending Immediate Past Membership Status

Proposer: Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This amendment proposal will sunset the existing membership renewal grace period between January 1 and March 31, and remove all references to the corresponding “immediate past members” membership status.

The renewal grace period served a meaningful purpose in the past for three reasons.

1. As recently as 2019, the membership process was still heavily reliant on paper forms and physical mail. In days when there were many legitimate reasons for a membership renewal to go awry during its travel from the member to the party office, the renewal grace period provided some relief for such situations beyond the member’s control. The ability and requirement to apply for membership online significantly decreases the need for a renewal grace period.
2. There are no longer non-resident member voting rights that was granted in order of members length of continual membership tenure.
3. Administering a model with immediate past members draws substantial additional resources. For the first three months of the year, staff must service substantially larger lists for party meetings and conduct onsite verifications of renewals. With tens of thousands of memberships from last year’s leadership contest expiring this year and many contested nominations expected in the coming months, this legacy provision will make it harder to run fair and orderly nomination contests. With the elimination of paper forms lessening the need for a grade period, the need for this provision is greatly diminished, and its elimination would allow resources to be redirected to core election readiness functions

Procedural Note

This proposal will be withdrawn if proposals 3 – *Membership* and 4 – *Constituency Associations* as the substance of this proposal was incorporated into those proposals.

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2. Definitions

2.9 “ immediate past member ”, during the period from January 1 to March 31 of a particular year, and only during that period, means a person who is a member of a constituency association or a Women's Liberal Club and whose membership expired on December 31 of the immediately preceding year;	2.9 — “immediate past member”, during the period from January 1 to March 31 of a particular year, and only during that period, means a person who is a member of a constituency association or a Women's Liberal Club and whose membership expired on December 31 of the immediately preceding year;
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3. Membership

<p>3.13 In order to renew a membership in the Ontario Liberal Party, a member in good standing or an immediate past member shall submit a completed membership application to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party through the Ontario Liberal Party’s website.</p> <p>3.14 An Immediate Past Member who renews his or her membership on or prior to March 31 of a particular year shall be deemed for all purposes to have been a current member throughout that year.</p>	<p>3.13 In order to renew a membership in the Ontario Liberal Party, a member in good standing or an immediate past member shall submit a completed membership application to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party through the Ontario Liberal Party’s website.</p> <p>3.14 An Immediate Past Member who renews his or her membership on or prior to March 31 of a particular year shall be deemed for all purposes to have been a current member throughout that year.</p>
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9. Leadership Election & Review

<p>9.8 Location and notice of Leadership Election Votes</p> <p>9.8.6 Notice, in the prescribed form, of the date, time and location of the Leadership Election Vote for each affiliated association, shall be provided by the relevant affiliated association to all current members and immediate past members, if applicable, of the affiliated association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election Vote.</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 Leadership Contest.</p> <p>9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Vote:</p> <p>a) of a constituency association, members in good standing of who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.</p>	<p>9.8 Location and notice of Leadership Election Votes</p> <p>9.8.6 Notice, in the prescribed form, of the date, time and location of the Leadership Election Vote for each affiliated association, shall be provided by the relevant affiliated association to all current members and immediate past members, if applicable, of the affiliated association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election Vote.</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 Leadership Contest.</p> <p>9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Vote:</p> <p>a) of a constituency association, members in good standing of who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.</p>
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<p>b) of a constituency association, immediate past members who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election Vote.</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) of a Women's Liberal Club, members of the club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club was recognized by the Executive Council sixty (60) days prior to the call of the Leadership Contest.</p> <p>f) of a Women's Liberal Club, immediate past members of the Women's Liberal Club who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election Vote, provided that the Women's Liberal Club was recognized by the Executive Council sixty (60) days prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Contest.</p>	<p>b) of a constituency association, immediate past members who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election Vote.</p> <p>...</p> <p>e) of a Women's Liberal Club, members of the club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club was recognized by the Executive Council sixty (60) days prior to the call of the Leadership Contest.</p> <p>f) of a Women's Liberal Club, immediate past members of the Women's Liberal Club who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election Vote, provided that the Women's Liberal Club was recognized by the Executive Council sixty (60) days prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Contest.</p>

15. Constituency Associations

<p>Annual meetings</p> <p>15.28 The Executive Director shall ensure that notice of an annual meeting of a constituency association is provided to all members of the constituency association and all immediate past members of the constituency association.</p> <p>Voting eligibility</p> <p>15.35 An immediate past Member of a constituency association may renew his or her membership to become a member in good standing 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, and shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.</p>	<p>Annual meetings</p> <p>15.28 The Executive Director shall ensure that notice of an annual meeting of a constituency association is provided to all members of the constituency association and all immediate past members of the constituency association.</p> <p>Voting eligibility</p> <p>15.35 An immediate past Member of a constituency association may renew his or her membership to become a member in good standing 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, and shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.</p>
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18. Redistribution

Meetings and membership	Meetings and membership
<p>18.4.1 In the case of each overlapping electoral district not referred to in Section 18.3, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall, upon consultation with the relevant Regional Vice-President and the Presidents of each of the Component constituency associations, call and have conducted a founding meeting of a new constituency association for the new electoral district.</p>	<p>18.4.1 In the case of each overlapping electoral district not referred to in Section 18.3, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall, upon consultation with the relevant Regional Vice-President and the Presidents of each of the Component constituency associations, call and have conducted a founding meeting of a new constituency association for the new electoral district.</p>
<p>18.4.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date upon which it is to be held, determine the date and location of the founding meeting of each new constituency association.</p>	<p>18.4.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date upon which it is to be held, determine the date and location of the founding meeting of each new constituency association.</p>
<p>18.4.3 The Ontario Liberal Party shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice of the founding meeting of an overlapping constituency association to each current member and immediate past member of each Component constituency association. Expenses incurred by the Ontario Liberal Party in giving notice of or conducting a founding meeting may be charged by the Ontario Liberal Party to the new constituency association. The notice of the founding meeting shall provide that each Member and Associate Member shall become a Member of the new constituency association corresponding to the electoral district in which such person's residence is located.</p>	<p>18.4.3 The Ontario Liberal Party shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice of the founding meeting of <u>the new constituency association of an overlapping constituency association</u> to each current member <u>residing in the new electoral district</u> and <u>the president and secretary immediate past member</u> of each Component constituency association. Expenses incurred by the Ontario Liberal Party in giving notice of or conducting a founding meeting may be charged by the Ontario Liberal Party to the new constituency association. The notice of the founding meeting shall provide that each Member and Associate Member shall become a Member of the new constituency association corresponding to the electoral district in which such person's residence is located.</p>
<p>18.4.4 The following rules shall apply to the transfer of memberships from Component constituency associations to overlapping constituency associations:</p> <p>18.4.4.1 Each member and immediate past member of a Component constituency association is a provisional member of all of the overlapping constituency associations related to it.</p> <p>18.4.4.2 Subject to subsection 18.4.4.3, the list of persons eligible to vote at the founding meeting of a</p>	<p>18.4.4 The following rules shall apply to the transfer of memberships from Component constituency associations to overlapping constituency associations:</p> <p>18.4.4.1 Each Members and immediate past member residing in a new electoral district shall become of a Component constituency association is a provisional members of <u>all of the overlapping its new constituency associations upon the call to order of its founding meeting related to it.</u></p>

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<p>new constituency association shall consist of all of the provisional members of that new constituency association, provided that a person who is an immediate past member of a Component constituency association must renew his or her membership as a necessary condition of being issued a ballot.</p> <p>18.4.4.3 A provisional member of a new constituency association who is issued a ballot at the founding meeting of that new constituency association forthwith becomes a member of that new constituency association, ceases to be a provisional member of any other new constituency association, and is not eligible to vote at the founding meeting of any other constituency association.</p> <p>18.4.4.4 Upon the conclusion of the last founding meeting held in respect of any of the overlapping constituency associations associated with a particular Component constituency association, and at the direction of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the members and immediate past members of that Component constituency association who were not issued ballots at a founding meeting shall become members and immediate past members of the new constituency association for the electoral district in which they reside.</p> <p>18.4.4.5 Any Member of a Component constituency association whose membership has been transferred to a new constituency association pursuant to subsection 18.4.4 shall be deemed to have been a Member of the new constituency association during the time that he or she was a member of the Component constituency association.</p>	<p>18.4.4.2 Subject to subsection 18.4.4.3, the list of persons eligible to vote at the founding meeting of a new constituency association shall consist of all of the provisional members of that new constituency association, provided that a person who is an immediate past member of a Component constituency association must renew his or her membership as a necessary condition of being issued a ballot.</p> <p>18.4.4.3 A provisional member of a new constituency association who is issued a ballot at the founding meeting of that new constituency association forthwith becomes a member of that new constituency association, ceases to be a provisional member of any other new constituency association, and is not eligible to vote at the founding meeting of any other constituency association.</p> <p>18.4.4.4 Upon the conclusion of the last founding meeting held in respect of any of the overlapping constituency associations associated with a particular Component constituency association, and at the direction of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the members and immediate past members of that Component constituency association who were not issued ballots at a founding meeting shall become members and immediate past members of the new constituency association for the electoral district in which they reside.</p> <p>18.4.4.5 Any Member of a Component constituency association whose membership has been transferred to a new constituency association pursuant to subsection 18.4.4 shall be deemed to have been a Member of the new constituency association during the time that he or she was a member of the Component constituency association.</p>
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9 - Ending Voting Rights of All Associate Members

Proposer: Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This amendment proposal would standardize members' voting eligibility at meetings of the constituency association for the electoral district where they reside by sunseting a legacy provision currently enjoyed by less than 200 members. The legacy provision in question preserved the voting right of members who has continually maintained an associate membership (formerly "out-of-riding membership") in a particular constituency association since 2016. The provision gives a special status to a handful of people who were party members before 2016 – a status that is unavailable to new members. This disparity is inequitable at a time when we seek to grow our party and sign up new members. Existing associate members would retain the right to vote in the constituency association for the electoral district in which they live, and share the same voting rights as all other party members.

Of the over 100,000 members who were eligible to vote in the leadership contest last year, only about 100 members enjoyed this unique privilege, and only about 40 members exercised their right to use it. The inequality of entitlement under this legacy provision will be even further heightened after the next electoral redistribution, as the process will render some members to be associate members of associations they have been associated with since much earlier than 2016 and they will not have access to the special privilege.

From an operational perspective, the proper upkeep and enforcement of this unique legacy provision requires disproportionate administrative resources to preserve the special privileges of less than 0.2% of our current members. Sunseting it would allow us to redirect such resources to more meaningful organizational ends.

This amendment proposal does not affect associate members' other rights to participate in the association, such as their right to attend, speak, and stand for election as officer or delegate for the association.

Procedural Note

~~This proposal will be withdrawn if proposal 3—*Membership* tabled by the Governance Review Committee is adopted, as the substance of this proposal was incorporated into that proposals~~

3. Membership

Associate members	Associate members
<p>3.29 An associate member of a constituency association shall have all of the rights and privileges of a member of that constituency association, except that he or she shall not be entitled to vote at a general meeting of the association, including but not limited to, its annual meetings, nomination meetings and leadership votes.</p>	<p>3.29 An associate member of a constituency association shall have all of the rights and privileges of a member of that constituency association, except that he or she shall not be entitled to vote at a general meeting of the association, including but not limited to, its annual meetings, nomination meetings and leadership votes.</p>
<p>3.30 Despite the foregoing, a person who was, on November 18, 2016, a Member of a constituency association but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district shall have the right to vote at such general meetings of the association, but only as long as the person remains an Associate Member of the association without interruption subsequent to November 18, 2016. For greater certainty, in determining continuity of membership, section 3.14 shall apply.</p>	<p>3.30—Despite the foregoing, a person who was, on November 18, 2016, a Member of a constituency association but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district shall have the right to vote at such general meetings of the association, but only as long as the person remains an Associate Member of the association without interruption subsequent to November 18, 2016. For greater certainty, in determining continuity of membership, section 3.14 shall apply.</p>
<p>3.31 An Associate Member may hold any office on the Executive Committee of the constituency association with all voting rights attached to the position, and may be elected as a full voting delegate representing the Association to an Annual Meeting, Policy Conference or Leadership Convention.</p>	<p>3.31 An Associate Member may hold any office on the Executive Committee of the constituency association with all voting rights attached to the position, and may be elected as a full voting delegate representing the Association to an Annual Meeting, Policy Conference or Leadership Convention.</p>

10 - Updating Membership Provisions for Redistribution Process

Proposer: Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Constitution Committee

Explanatory Note

This housekeeping amendment proposal will remove or update membership provisions in the section governing the redistribution process that are obsolete and directly conflict with other sections of the Constitution. Specifically, this proposal brings the membership aspect of the redistribution process up to date and in line with the rest of the constitution. It does not propose any other change to the process.

Procedural Note

This proposal will be withdrawn if proposal 5 – *Constituency Associations* tabled by the Governance Review Committee is adopted, as the housekeeping updates in this proposal are incorporated into that proposal.

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<p>Meetings and membership</p> <p>18.4.1 In the case of each overlapping electoral district not referred to in Section 18.3, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall, upon consultation with the relevant Regional Vice-President and the Presidents of each of the Component constituency associations, call and have conducted a founding meeting of a new constituency association for the new electoral district.</p> <p>18.4.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date upon which it is to be held, determine the date and location of the founding meeting of each new constituency association.</p> <p>18.4.3 The Ontario Liberal Party shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice of the founding meeting of an overlapping constituency association to each current member and immediate past member of each Component constituency association. Expenses incurred by the Ontario Liberal Party in giving notice of or conducting a founding meeting may be charged by the Ontario Liberal Party to the new constituency</p>	<p>Meetings and membership</p> <p>18.4.1 In the case of each overlapping electoral district not referred to in Section 18.3, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall, upon consultation with the relevant Regional Vice-President and the Presidents of each of the Component constituency associations, call and have conducted a founding meeting of a new constituency association for the new electoral district.</p> <p>18.4.2 The Chief Redistribution Officer shall, not less than 15 days prior to the date upon which it is to be held, determine the date and location of the founding meeting of each new constituency association.</p> <p>18.4.3 The Ontario Liberal Party shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice of the founding meeting of <u>the new constituency association of an overlapping constituency association</u> to each current member <u>residing in the new electoral district</u> and <u>the president and secretary immediate past member</u> of each Component constituency association. Expenses incurred by the Ontario Liberal Party in giving notice of or</p>

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<p>association. The notice of the founding meeting shall provide that each Member and Associate Member shall become a Member of the new constituency association corresponding to the electoral district in which such person's residence is located.</p> <p>18.4.4 The following rules shall apply to the transfer of memberships from Component constituency associations to overlapping constituency associations:</p> <p>18.4.4.1 Each member and immediate past member of a Component constituency association is a provisional member of all of the overlapping constituency associations related to it.</p> <p>18.4.4.2 Subject to subsection 18.4.4.3, the list of persons eligible to vote at the founding meeting of a new constituency association shall consist of all of the provisional members of that new constituency association, provided that a person who is an immediate past member of a Component constituency association must renew his or her membership as a necessary condition of being issued a ballot.</p> <p>18.4.4.3 A provisional member of a new constituency association who is issued a ballot at the founding meeting of that new constituency association forthwith becomes a member of that new constituency association, ceases to be a provisional member of any other new constituency association, and is not eligible to vote at the founding meeting of any other constituency association.</p> <p>18.4.4.4 Upon the conclusion of the last founding meeting held in respect of any of the overlapping constituency associations associated with a particular Component constituency association, and at the direction of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the members and immediate past members of that Component constituency association who were not issued ballots at a founding meeting shall become members and immediate past members of the new</p>	<p>conducting a founding meeting may be charged by the Ontario Liberal Party to the new constituency association. The notice of the founding meeting shall provide that each Member and Associate Member shall become a Member of the new constituency association corresponding to the electoral district in which such person's residence is located.</p> <p>18.4.4 The following rules shall apply to the transfer of memberships from Component constituency associations to overlapping constituency associations:</p> <p>18.4.4.1 Each Members and immediate past member residing in a new electoral district shall become of a Component constituency association is a provisional members of all of the overlapping its new constituency associations upon the call to order of its founding meeting related to it.</p> <p>18.4.4.2 Subject to subsection 18.4.4.3, the list of persons eligible to vote at the founding meeting of a new constituency association shall consist of all of the provisional members of that new constituency association, provided that a person who is an immediate past member of a Component constituency association must renew his or her membership as a necessary condition of being issued a ballot.</p> <p>18.4.4.3 A provisional member of a new constituency association who is issued a ballot at the founding meeting of that new constituency association forthwith becomes a member of that new constituency association, ceases to be a provisional member of any other new constituency association, and is not eligible to vote at the founding meeting of any other constituency association.</p> <p>18.4.4.4 Upon the conclusion of the last founding meeting held in respect of any of the overlapping constituency associations associated with a particular Component constituency association, and at the direction of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the members and immediate past members of that Component constituency association who were not issued ballots at a founding meeting shall become</p>
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<p>constituency association for the electoral district in which they reside.</p> <p>18.4.4.5 Any Member of a Component constituency association whose membership has been transferred to a new constituency association pursuant to subsection 18.4.4 shall be deemed to have been a Member of the new constituency association during the time that he or she was a member of the Component constituency association.</p>	<p>members and immediate past members of the new constituency association for the electoral district in which they reside.</p> <p>18.4.4.5 Any Member of a Component constituency association whose membership has been transferred to a new constituency association pursuant to subsection 18.4.4 shall be deemed to have been a Member of the new constituency association during the time that he or she was a member of the Component constituency association.</p>
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11 - Automatic Designation of Annual Policy Conferences

Proposer: Stefan Klietsch (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA)

Sponsors: Bay of Quinte PLA, Carleton PLA, Markham-Thornhill PLA, Niagara Fall PLA

Explanatory Note

The OLP Constitution provides for "Annual Policy Development Conferences", yet no policy conference had taken place for over a decade. This proposal prescribes a mechanism to ensure policy conferences would actually happen. The amendments, if adopted, will automatically designate the Party's next annual general meeting/convention as a policy development conference if no such conference has taken place since the annual general meeting/convention before the prior one.

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10. Policy Development Process

<p>(new)</p> <p>Form of conference</p> <p>10.3 For each Annual Policy Development Conference, the Executive Council shall determine the form of the Conference, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the day on which it is to commence. In general terms, the form of the Conference shall be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) an ideas generation conference comprised of any or all of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) presentations by knowledgeable individuals or groups; ii) workshops; iii) resolution development sessions, with or without subsequent adoption procedures; and 	<p><u>10.1.1 The next Annual Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party to be scheduled shall be jointly designated as the Annual Policy Development Conference wherever a timeframe elapses in which two or more Annual Meetings have occurred without any Provincial Council meetings being designated as Annual Policy Development Conferences.</u></p> <p>Form of conference</p> <p>10.3 For each Annual Policy Development Conference, the Executive Council shall determine the form of the Conference, not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the day on which it is to commence. In general terms, the form of the Conference shall be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) an ideas generation conference comprised of any or all of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) presentations by knowledgeable individuals or groups; ii) workshops; iii) resolution development sessions, with or without subsequent adoption procedures; and
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<p>iv) such other process as may be adopted by the Executive Council in order to facilitate the inception, development or implementation of policy initiatives designed to further the best interests of the people of Ontario and advance the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>b) a resolution-based process focused upon one or more compelling sets of issues or themes, and in accordance with the policy resolution process set out in sections 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 of this Constitution.</p> <p>c) a hybridization of subsections (a) and (b), above.</p>	<p>iv) such other process as may be adopted by the Executive Council in order to facilitate the inception, development or implementation of policy initiatives designed to further the best interests of the people of Ontario and advance the objects of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p> <p>b) a resolution-based process focused upon one or more compelling sets of issues or themes, and in accordance with the policy resolution process set out in sections 10.4, 10.5 and 10.6 of this Constitution.</p> <p>c) a hybridization of subsections (a) and (b), above.</p> <p><u>10.3.1 Any omission of an Executive Council vote on the form of an Annual Policy Development Conference within the above timeframe shall be deemed as adoption of a resolution-based process in accordance with subsection 10.3(b), above, and shall be deemed as adopting the same procedures of the prior Annual Policy Development Conference which was in accordance with subsection 10.4(b), below. The Secretary may issue an invitation to all members of the Ontario Liberal Party to submit policy resolutions for a pending unscheduled Annual Policy Development Conference that is due to be jointly designated as an Annual Meeting.</u></p>
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12 - Accountability for Policy Development Process

Proposer: Stefan Klietsch (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA)

Sponsors: Endorsed by 20 or more OLP members

Explanatory Note

The OLP Constitution provides for "Annual Policy Development Conferences". However, the Executive Council has the discretion to perpetually decline formal policy resolutions processes for said conferences in favour of alternative specified "forms" such as workshops. This amendment would require an explanation from the Executive Council via a report every four years wherever policy resolutions are perpetually not accepted at Annual Policy Development Conferences.

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10. Policy Development Process

(none)	<u>10.X For every four years (48 months) that there is no Annual Policy Development Conference in either the forms described in subsection 10.3(b) or subsection 10.3(c), above, Officers of the Executive Council shall issue a report accounting for the continuous absence of resolution-based processes.</u>
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13 - Remote Participation in Annual Meetings

Proposer: Stefan Klietsch (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA)
Sponsors: Bay of Quinte PLA, Carleton PLA, Markham-Thornhill PLA

Explanatory Note

This constitutional amendment proposes to explicitly grant online attendance options for OLP Annual General Meetings. Such attendance options however would be subject to suspension or regulation at the discretion of the Executive Council.

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8. Annual Meeting

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<p>Procedure</p> <p>8.11 Votes shall be cast by a show of hands or such other means as may be permitted in accordance with rules of procedure adopted by the delegates at the commencement of the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All members may attend</p> <p>8.24 Every member of the Ontario Liberal Party who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to attend the meeting.</p>	<p>Procedure</p> <p>8.11 Votes shall be cast by a show of hands or such other means as may be permitted in accordance with rules of procedure adopted by the delegates at the commencement of the Annual Meeting.</p> <p><u>8.11.1 Votes cast by remote means may be counted as fractions of the value of on location votes on questions of adopting constitutional amendments, in accordance with rules of procedure adopted by the delegates at the commencement of the Annual Meeting.</u></p> <p>8.12 Only a person who is present <u>on location or by remote means</u> 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.</p> <p>All members may attend</p> <p>8.24 Every member of the Ontario Liberal Party who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to attend the meeting <u>on location.</u></p>

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	<p><u>8.25</u> <u>Every member of the Ontario Liberal Party who has paid the meeting fee shall be entitled to request remote voting on a question considered by the members at the meeting, except where the Executive Council has voted to exclude an Annual Meeting from remote voting.</u></p>
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14 - Creation of a Membership Discussion Forum

Proposer: Stefan Klietsch (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke PLA)

Sponsors: Endorsed by 20 or more OLP members

Explanatory Note

An online all-members' discussion forum would allow for a free-flowing internal party discussion that would be accessible to the general membership on a perpetual basis, but there are technical and monetary issues that can potentially complicate the immediate establishment or perpetual maintenance of such a forum. Thus, this amendment proposes that for every full year that there is the absence of an official members' forum, a notice is to be sent to the membership reminding them of Executive Council inaction, so that voting members may judge the Executive Council accordingly.

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10. Policy Development Process

(none)	<p>10. POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS</p> <p><u>Membership Discussion Forum</u></p> <p><u>10.X The Executive Council may approve or revise an official continuous discussion forum exclusive to Ontario Liberal Party members in good standing.</u></p> <p><u>10.X For every twelve months (365 days) without the implementation of a functioning membership discussion forum, notice of the forum's absence shall be sent to the membership.</u></p> <p><u>10.X The Executive Director, or staff or members chosen by the Executive Director, may designate a member to be in violation of the Code of Conduct and may therefore suspend said member from the forum until a date not exceeding the next scheduled Executive Council Meeting.</u></p>
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5 - Leadership Election & Candidate Nomination

Proposer: Governance Review Committee, Constitution Committee

Sponsors: Executive Council

Explanatory Note WITHDRAWN – included for information only

This is the fifth of seven amendments proposals resulting from the Governance Review, which set out to comprehensively update and streamline of the Party's Constitution to make it more user friendly and better reflect the actual practices and operational reality on the ground.

This particular proposal updates the two sections in the Constitution that regulate leadership election and candidate nomination.

Substantive changes

In addition to housekeeping changes as outlined, this proposal contains the following substantive changes:

9 Leadership Election & Review

- Mandates the use of ranked ballot in an election for interim Leader, disallows any interim Leader from running for the permanent leadership while in holding the position of interim Leader
- Prescribes specific wording and threshold for any leadership review question
- Removes provisions regulating location of leadership election votes, moving them to Rules of Procedures
- Extends the period during which leadership election votes can be held from two to four days
- Formalizes delegation of Executive Council's oversight authority to a smaller committee of members who are required to declare and commit to neutrality; specifies that the committee may not overrule decision of the Chief Returning Officer.

11 Nomination of Candidates

- Empowers the Leader to appoint an interim Nomination Commissioner with specific limited term
- Clarifies that decisions by the Nomination Commissioner are not subject to appeal to the Arbitration Committee
- Adds references to the vetting process and clarifies that all nomination contestants must complete the process before being placed on a nomination ballot
- Removes provisions for membership administration and provisions prescribing the required elements of a nomination plan that have been standardized and consolidated to the Rules of Procedure for Membership
- Explicitly states the Leader's authority to revoke a candidate's nomination
- Removes provisions outlining the common understanding of rank ballots

9. Leadership Election & Review

(formerly 9. Leadership Review and Leadership Contest)

<p>9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be chosen by a direct vote of all members, with points allotted to each affiliated association and awarded to each Leadership Candidate 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.</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 Contest, and any provision relating thereto contained in the Constitution of any affiliated association shall be of no force or effect.</p> <p>9.4 The time requirements in this section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.</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</p>	<p>Authority</p> <p>9.1 The Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party shall be selected by a direct vote open to all members, with points allotted to each affiliated association <u>eligible for point allocation</u> and awarded to each leadership candidate to directly reflect the support they received in that affiliated association.</p> <p>9.2 Section 9 of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the leadership contest. Any provision contained in the constitution of any affiliated association shall be of no force or effect.</p> <p>9.3 The time requirements in section 9 are not subject to modification in the event of electoral urgency.</p> <p>Interim Leader</p> <p>9.4 In the event that the position of Leader becomes vacant, the President shall, at the earliest possible opportunity, arrange for the election, by <u>ranked ballot and</u> simple plurality of votes, of an interim Leader to be elected by 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>9.5 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</p>
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Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected through a Leadership Contest.

Leadership Review

- 9.5 A resolution calling for a Leadership Contest 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 through a Leadership Contest 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, call a Leadership Contest that shall be held not later than one (1) year subsequent to the said Annual Meeting vote.

Call of Leadership Contest

- 9.2 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party shall by resolution call a Leadership Contest at such time and place as it may deem appropriate:
- a) upon the request of the Leader;

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Ontario Liberal Party, until such time as a Leader is elected through a leadership contest.

- 9.6 The interim Leader shall be ineligible to be a candidate in a leadership contest while holding the office of Leader.

Leadership Review

- 9.7 At the convention following an Ontario general election a leadership review vote shall take place where the delegates shall be asked by secret ballot the following:

“Leadership Endorsement Ballot

Do you endorse [name of incumbent Leader] to continue serving as Ontario Liberal Party Leader?”

- 9.7.1 Despite the foregoing, a leadership review vote is not required at such a convention if the Party formed a majority government, and the Party’s seat count in that majority government was not reduced by more than 15% compared to the Party’s seat count at dissolution.

- 9.7.2 A leadership review vote is not required at such a convention if a leadership contest has been started or held between the general election and the convention, or if the Leader has announced an irrevocable intention to resign.

- 9.8 In the event that less than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast endorse the Leader remaining in office, the Executive Council shall call a leadership contest that shall be concluded not later than one (1) year following said convention.

Start of leadership contest

- 9.9 The Executive Council shall forthwith commence the preparation toward a call of a leadership contest upon the occurrence of any one of the following triggering events:
- (a) the request of the Leader;

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

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

9.6 Subject to the one (1) year limitation referred to in section 9.5, the date of the Leadership Contest, 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 contest pursuant to section 9.2.**

9.2.2 The Executive Council shall, in consultation with constituency association presidents, establish a committee (“Leadership Vote Committee”).

9.2.4 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:

- a) voting procedures;
- b) leadership candidate nomination criteria;
- c) leadership candidate registration fees and procedures; and
- d) leadership candidate deposit requirements.

9.2.5 ~~At least 30 days before the first vote for Leader,~~ the Executive Council must publish on the website of the

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- (b) the death or resignation of the Leader; or
- (c) less than fifty percent (50%) of the votes cast endorse the leader in a leadership review vote.

9.10 Subject to the one (1) year limitation referred to in section 9.8, the date of the leadership contest, as determined by the Executive Council, shall be completed not less than one hundred and forty (140) days and not more than one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of the official call determined by the Executive Council.

The Leadership Vote Committee and the Chief Returning Officer

9.11 The Executive Council shall, in consultation with constituency association presidents, establish a Leadership Vote Committee consisting of five (5) to seven (7) members who have made a written declaration committing to neutrality for the duration of the entire leadership contest. The Executive Council shall, on the recommendation of the Leadership Vote Committee,

- a) approve and publish on the Party website updated Rules of Procedure for Leadership Election. Such Rules of Procedure must include provisions for:
 - i) voting procedures;
 - ii) leadership candidate nomination criteria;
 - iii) leadership candidate registration fees and procedures;
 - iv) leadership candidate deposit requirements;
 - v) the determination of locations of leadership election votes

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<p>Ontario Liberal Party the Rules of Procedure for the Leadership Vote.</p> <p>9.2.6 The Leadership Vote Committee and the Executive Council shall jointly appoint the Chief Returning Officer who shall act as the senior election official in respect of all aspects of the Leadership Contest, and who shall have the authority to appoint local Returning Officers for each Leadership Election Vote to exercise authority on their behalf. The Chief Returning Officer must act independently of the Executive Council and the Leadership Vote Committee and each of the leadership candidates. 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.</p> <p>9.8.5 The Executive Council may, on the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer, direct that Leadership Election Votes 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 Votes for those selected associations.</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>b) appoint the Chief Returning Officer who shall act as the senior official <u>responsible for the organizing and execution</u> of the leadership contest</p> <p>c) determine the date of the official call of the leadership contest within the meaning of the <i>Election Finances Act</i>.</p> <p><u>d) fix a four-day period, which must overlap a weekend, during which all leadership election votes must be held.</u></p> <p><u>9.12 Once the decisions in section 9.11 are made, the Executive Council shall be deemed to have delegated its authorities over the leadership contest to the Leadership Vote Committee, including the authority to replace the Chief Returning Officer. The Leadership Vote Committee shall provide advice and general oversight to the Chief Returning Officer, but shall not interfere with their day-to-day execution. For greater clarity, the Leadership Vote Committee may not overrule any decisions of the Chief Returning Officer.</u></p> <p>9.13 The <u>Leadership Vote Committee</u> may on the recommendation of the Chief Returning Officer,</p> <p>a) direct that leadership election votes for selected affiliated associations, or all affiliated associations, be conducted by online voting or by mail-in ballots.</p> <p>b) enact "Interpretation Bulletins", not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Rules of Procedure, in order to clarify any provision in either document.</p> <p>9.14 Subject to the oversight of the Leadership Vote Committee, the Chief Returning Officer shall act independently <u>and fairly</u> in conducting all aspects of the leadership contest. The Chief Returning Officer shall have the authority to appoint</p>
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<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 Leadership Contest.</p> <p>9.10 In the event that the membership of an individual expires between the Qualifying Date and the date of the Leadership Election Vote, that membership shall be deemed to have continued, for all purposes relating to the Leadership Contest, including the Leadership Election Vote, until the day following the Leadership Election Vote.</p> <p>9.11 No person shall vote at more than one (1) Leadership Election Vote. If a member is eligible to vote at the Leadership Election Vote of a Ontario Young Liberal student club and/or a Women's Liberal Club, they shall vote at the Leadership Election Vote of the constituency association for the constituency in which they reside, unless they elect to vote at the Leadership Election Vote for such an Ontario Young Liberal student club or Women's Liberal Club and inform the Chief Returning Officer of such election in writing.</p> <p>9.12 (Repealed)</p> <p>9.14.1 Each constituency association shall be allotted one hundred (100) points;</p> <p>9.14.2 Each Ontario Young Liberal student club is allotted fifty (50) points;</p> <p>9.14.3 Each Women's Liberal Club is allotted five (5) points;</p>	<p>local returning officers for each leadership election vote to exercise authority on their behalf. Subject to the <u>appeal decisions by the Arbitration Committee</u>, the rulings of the Chief Returning Officer shall, in all instances, be final.</p> <p><u>Members eligible to vote in a leadership election vote</u></p> <p>9.15 <u>The membership cutoff for eligibility to vote shall be 6:00 pm in the Eastern Time Zone on the first Monday, or the Tuesday following a Monday that is a public holiday, that is at least sixty (60) days following the date of the official call of the leadership contest. All members as of the membership cutoff are eligible to vote in a leadership election vote.</u></p> <p>9.16 In the event that a membership expires between the <u>membership cutoff</u> and the <u>completion of the leadership contest</u>, that membership shall be deemed to have continued, for all purposes relating to the leadership contest, including the leadership election vote, until the day following the <u>election of the Leader</u>.</p> <p>9.17 No member shall vote at more than one (1) leadership election vote. <u>All members as of the membership cutoff shall appear on the voters list of the constituency association of the electoral district in which they reside unless they elect, in accordance with procedure prescribed in the Rules of Procedure, to vote at the leadership election vote for another affiliated association in which they are a member as of the membership cutoff.</u></p> <p><u>Leadership election points allocation</u></p> <p>9.18 Points shall be allocated to the following affiliated associations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Each constituency association shall be allotted one hundred (100) points;b) Each Ontario Young Liberal student club is allotted fifty (50) points;c) Each Women's Liberal Club is allotted five (5) points;
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9.9.1—Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Vote:

- a) ~~of a constituency association, members in good standing of who are resident in the constituency as of the Qualifying Date.~~
- b) ~~of a constituency association, immediate past members who are resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election Vote.~~
- c) ~~of an Ontario Young Liberal student club, members of the student club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided, however, that where the Qualifying Date falls between April 15 and September 15, inclusive, the Executive Council, upon consultation with the Executive of the Ontario Young Liberals, may fix a special Qualifying Date which shall apply only to Ontario Young Liberal student clubs. This provision shall only apply to Ontario Young Liberal student clubs, which were recognized by the Executive Council sixty (60) days prior to the call of the Leadership Contest.~~
- d) ~~(Repealed)~~
- e) ~~of a Women's Liberal Club, members of the club in good standing as of the Qualifying Date, provided that the Women's Liberal Club was recognized by the Executive Council sixty (60) days prior to the call of the Leadership Contest.~~
- f) ~~of a Women's Liberal Club, immediate past members of the Women's Liberal Club who renew their memberships at, or prior to, the Leadership Election Vote, provided that the Women's Liberal Club was recognized by the Executive Council sixty (60) days prior to the date of the opening of the Leadership Contest.~~

Leadership Election Votes

9.7 Leadership Election Votes shall be held for each affiliated association on dates to be determined by the **Executive Council** in consultation with the affiliated associations. All

9.18.1 Affiliated associations that are not constituency associations shall be eligible for point allocation only if they were recognized by the Executive Council (60) days prior to the triggering event of the leadership contest.

Leadership election votes

9.19 Leadership election votes shall be held for each affiliated association **eligible for point allocation** on dates to be determined by the **Leadership Vote Committee** in consultation with the affiliated associations.

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~~Leadership Election Votes in any region shall be held on the same date throughout that region.~~

~~9.8 Location and notice of Leadership Election Votes~~

~~9.8.1 The location of the Leadership Election Vote for each affiliated association shall be determined by the Executive Committee of that affiliated association, subject to review by the Chief Returning Officer. The Executive Committee of the relevant affiliated association shall make arrangements for the location.~~

~~9.8.2 The Executive Committee of the affiliated association may, where geographical considerations warrant, propose a Leadership Election Voting location apart from the primary location for the affiliated association.~~

~~9.8.3 Two (2) or more affiliated associations may propose to hold their Leadership Election Votes 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 affiliated association shall be conducted separately.~~

~~9.8.4 Every effort shall be made to ensure that the polling place is conveniently located and every polling place shall have level access.~~

~~9.8.6 Notice, in the prescribed form, of the date, time and location of the Leadership Election Vote for each affiliated association, shall be provided by the relevant affiliated association to all current members and immediate past members, if applicable, of the affiliated association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Leadership Election Vote.~~

Count of Leadership Election Vote

9.13 Voting in a Leadership Election Vote shall be conducted by preferential ballot. For greater certainty, a ballot is not considered spoiled because a voter has not indicated a preference for all Leadership Candidates.

9.14 The ballots for a Leadership Election Vote shall be counted by a Returning Officer, under the direction of the Chief Returning Officer, and points shall be allotted and awarded in accordance with the following procedure:

9.20 Notice of the date, time and location of the leadership election vote for each affiliated association shall be provided by to all members of the affiliated association no later than thirty (30) days prior to the leadership election vote.

Count of leadership election vote

9.21 Voting in a leadership election vote shall be conducted by preferential ballot. For greater certainty, a ballot is not considered spoiled because a voter has not indicated a preference for all leadership candidates.

9.22 The ballots for a leadership election vote shall be counted under the direction of the Chief Returning Officer, and points shall be awarded in accordance with the following procedure.

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<p>9.14.4 On the first count:</p> <p>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 be awarded to the Leadership Candidates in proportion to the number of first preference votes the Leadership Candidates receive.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>9.14.5 On each subsequent count after the first ballot:</p> <p>a) the number of points allotted to the affiliated association remain unchanged.</p> <p>b) the Leadership Candidate who receives the fewest points in the Provincial Total of the previous count is eliminated.</p> <p>c) the valid votes cast for the eliminated Leadership Candidate for each affiliated association shall be distributed among the remaining Leadership Candidates in accordance with the members’ next preferences indicated and counted according to the procedure set above as if they were first preference votes.</p> <p>9.15 The first Leadership Candidate to receive more than 50% of the points of the Provincial Total at any count is elected as the Leader.</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 member, 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</p>	<p>a) <u>The total points available shall be the sum of the points allocated to all affiliated associations across the province.</u></p> <p>b) The number of points allotted to each affiliated association shall remain unchanged <u>through all counts.</u></p> <p>c) On the first count, for each affiliated association, the first preference votes recorded in favour of each leadership candidate shall be counted.</p> <p>d) The affiliated association’s allotted points shall be awarded to leadership candidates in proportion to the number of first preference votes they receive.</p> <p>e) <u>The total number of points awarded to each leadership candidate from all affiliated associations across the province shall be tallied to produce a provincial total for each leadership candidate.</u></p> <p>f) <u>If no leadership candidate’s provincial total exceeds 50% of the total points available,</u> the leadership candidate <u>with the lowest provincial total</u> shall be eliminated <u>and shall not proceed to subsequent counts.</u></p> <p>g) On each subsequent count, and the valid votes cast for the eliminated leadership candidate for each affiliated association shall be distributed among the remaining leadership candidates in accordance with the members’ next preferences indicated and counted according to the procedure set above as if they were first preference votes.</p> <p>e) <u>The process shall continue by repeating sub-sections d) to g) until a leadership candidate’s provincial total exceeds 50% of the total points available.</u></p> <p>f) The first leadership candidate to have been awarded more than 50% of the total points available shall be elected as the Leader.</p> <p>9.23 Candidates for Leader shall</p> <p>a) be nominated in writing over the signatures of not less than two hundred and fifty (250) members</p> <p>b) be a member</p>
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<p>criteria, deposit requirements, if any, and spending limitations as required in the Rules of Procedure or by motion of the Executive Council.</p> <p>9.17 (Repealed)</p> <p>9.18 (Repealed)</p> <p>9.19 (Repealed)</p> <p>9.20 (Repealed)</p> <p>Election by Acclamation</p> <p>9.21 If, at any point after the close of nominations, only one Leadership Candidate remains in the Leadership Contest, the Executive Council may suspend the Leadership Contest and declare the remaining Leadership Candidate elected.</p>	<p>c) be eligible to sit as a member of the Provincial Legislature, (or is willing to meet the necessary criteria), and</p> <p>d) 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>Election by Acclamation</p> <p>9.24 If at any point after the close of nominations, only one leadership candidate remains in the leadership contest, the Executive Council may suspend the leadership contest and declare the remaining leadership candidate elected.</p>
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11. Nomination of Candidates

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<p>Nomination of Liberal candidates</p> <p>11.1 Nomination Meetings to elect the candidate for the Ontario Liberal Party in any electoral district shall be conducted in accordance with section 11 of this Constitution, the procedures set forth in the Rules of Procedure and any further directions issued in accordance with them. Section 11 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution and the relevant section(s) of the Rules of Procedure shall constitute the complete legal authority over the process of nomination of candidates, and shall be deemed to be incorporated into the constitution of each and every constituency association as a necessary condition of its affiliation with the Ontario Liberal Party. Any provision relating to the nomination of candidates contained in the Constitution of any constituency association or any other document, which is inconsistent in any way with these provisions, shall be of no force or effect.</p> <p>Definitions</p> <p>“Alternate” means the person who shall replace the President of a constituency association as a member of a Panel, if he or she is unavailable, unable or unwilling to act. Such person shall be the first available official of the constituency association from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Executive Vice-President b) Treasurer c) General Secretary (if any) d) Membership Secretary (if any) e) such other member of the Executive of the constituency association as may otherwise have been designated by that Executive, or, failing that, such other member of the Executive of the constituency association as may be chosen by the Nomination Commissioner. 	<p>11.1 <u>Ontario Liberal Party candidates in all electoral districts shall be nominated or appointed in accordance with this Constitution and the Rules of Procedure. Section 11 of the Constitution and Rules of Procedure for Candidate Nomination as approved by the Campaign Committee</u> shall constitute the complete authority over the process of nomination of candidates. Any provision relating to the nomination of candidates contained in the Constitution of any constituency association or any other document which is inconsistent in any way with these provisions, shall be of no force or effect.</p> <p>11.2 In this section, the following definitions shall apply:</p>

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~~“Draft Nomination Plan” means a proposed Nomination Plan, prepared by a constituency association in a manner determined by its Executive or otherwise in accordance with its Constitution, for consideration by a Panel.~~

~~“Incumbent Member” means a current member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who is a member of the Ontario Liberal Caucus, or the Speaker of the House, if such person was elected as a Liberal Candidate in the immediately prior election.~~

~~“Nomination Commissioner” means the senior official of the Ontario Liberal Party with responsibility for the oversight and management of the process of nomination of candidates in each electoral district throughout Ontario.~~

~~“Nomination Meeting” means a meeting of the voting members of a constituency association held for the purpose of choosing a Liberal Candidate for the electoral district in the next general election or by-election, as the case may be.~~

~~“Nomination Papers” means the documents prescribed pursuant to the Rules of Procedure which must be duly completed and submitted by a candidate for nomination in order for that candidate to be eligible to seek election.~~

~~“Nomination Plan” means the written plan for the conduct of the nomination process in a particular electoral district, as required to be adopted by a Panel or by the Nomination Commissioner pursuant to this Constitution.~~

~~“Rules of Procedure” means:~~

- ~~a) the Rules of Procedure for the Nomination of Candidates of the Ontario Liberal Party, as adopted by the Provincial Election Campaign Committee from time to time;~~
- ~~b) Despite the foregoing, until such time as the Provincial Election Campaign Committee adopts such Rules in accordance with paragraph (a) of this definition, the provisions of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of Associations Affiliated with the Ontario~~

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“incumbent member” means a current member of the Legislative Assembly who is a member of the Ontario Liberal Caucus, or is the Speaker of the House and was elected as a Liberal candidate in the immediately prior election.

“nomination plan” means the document prescribing the key premise of the nomination meeting and vote of a constituency association, including at a minimum i) the names of the nomination contestants to be included on the ballot, ii) the location, date, and voting time, and iii) the date by which persons must be members in order to be eligible to vote.

“Nomination Rules” means the Rules of Procedure for Candidate Nomination approved by the Campaign Committee.

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Liberal Party, as they read on June 5, 2015, and which relate to the nomination of candidates, shall continue to apply.

- ~~e) Upon the adoption by the Provincial Election Campaign Committee of Rules in accordance with paragraph (a) of this definition, paragraphs (b) and (c) of this definition shall be repealed as spent.~~

The Nomination Commissioner

11.3.1 ~~a) In respect of each general election, the Leader shall appoint the Nomination Commissioner in consultation with the Executive Council, to serve until the date of the next general election. In the event of the incapacity, resignation or death of the Nomination Commissioner, the Leader may appoint an interim replacement to serve until the Nomination Commissioner is able to again fulfil the role, or until such time as the Leader has had an opportunity to consult with the Executive Council and appoint a replacement to serve the balance of the term.~~

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

~~11.14 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.~~

11.3.2 The Nomination Commissioner shall act in consultation with the Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party, the Presidents of the Riding Associations, and others as he or she deems appropriate.

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Nomination Commissioner

11.3 The Leader shall appoint a Nomination Commissioner to administer the nomination process. The Nomination Commissioner shall upon request provide updates on their activities to Executive Council, and shall act in consultation with relevant members of the Executive Council and the presidents of relevant constituency associations as appropriate.

11.3.1 The Nomination Commissioner shall serve until the date of the next general election, or upon the appointment of another Nomination Commissioner by the leader prior to the next general election.

11.3.2 The Leader may at any time appoint an interim or acting Nomination Commissioner, with defined term of office and scope of authority.

11.3.3 In the event that a by-election or general election is called prior to the appointment of a Nomination Commissioner, the previous Nomination Commissioner shall act until such time as an appointment is made. If the previous Nomination Commission is unable or unwilling to act in that capacity, the President shall be the acting Nomination Commissioner until such time as an appointment is made.

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Proposed Amendment

<p>11.3.3 The Nomination Commissioner shall, upon its request, provide a report as to his or her activities to the Executive Council.</p> <p>11.3.4 Role and Responsibilities of the Nomination Commissioner - In addition to any other authority granted to him or her by virtue of this Constitution, the Rules of Procedure or a resolution of the Executive Council or Provincial Council, the Nomination Commissioner or his or her designate shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) regulate the timing of Nomination Meetings in the best overall interest of the Ontario Liberal Party;b) receive the Draft Nomination Plan from each Riding Association;c) have the right to require that any constituency association submit a Draft Nomination Plan;d) have the right to resolve specific issues or terms within the Draft Nomination Plan consistent with fairness and common practice;e) have the right to withhold approval of any proposed Draft Nomination Plan if the constituency association:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) has not met its financial commitments to the Ontario Liberal Party;ii) has not completed and/or had approved all filings required by Elections Ontario;iii) has a membership lower than the membership threshold fixed for that Association in the Rules of Procedure;iv) has not held, or called, an Annual General Meeting in the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the Draft Nomination Plan;v) has not held a minimum of four (4) Riding Executive meetings within the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the Draft Nomination Plan.f) receive Nomination Papers from all prospective candidates;g) on appropriate grounds, have the ability to impose sanctions on candidates, up to and including disqualification;h) have the discretion to waive or postpone the time requirements for the filing of Nomination Papers, if it	<p>11.4 The Nomination Commissioner is vested with the following authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Regulate the timing of nomination meetings in the best overall interest of the Party;b) Receive the draft nomination plan from each constituency association;c) Require that any constituency association submit a draft nomination plan, and approve a nomination plan on such terms as they see fit if the constituency association fails to submit a draft nomination plan within fourteen (14) days of it being requested;d) Resolve specific issues or terms within the nomination plan consistent with fairness and common practice;e) Withhold approval of or pause the consideration of any proposed draft nomination plan if the constituency association:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) has not met its financial commitments to the Party;ii) has not completed and/or had approved all filings required by Elections Ontario;iii) has a membership lower than the membership threshold fixed for that association in the Nomination Rules;iv) has not held, or called, an annual general meeting in the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the draft nomination plan;v) has not held a minimum of four (4) executive committee meetings within the twelve (12) months preceding the submission of the draft nomination plan.f) Receive nomination papers from all prospective <u>nomination contestants</u>;
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<p>is expedient and in the best interest of the Ontario Liberal Party, and</p> <p>i) where requested by a constituency association, to assist that Association in the identification and recruitment of potential candidates.</p> <p>11.8.1 Where a constituency association fails or refuses to propose a Draft Nomination Plan within fourteen (14) days of it being requested pursuant to Section 11.6.1, the Nomination Commissioner may adopt a Nomination Plan for that Association on such terms as he or she may see fit.</p> <p>11.3.5 Without limiting the authority of the Nomination Commissioner to disqualify a candidate on other appropriate grounds in accordance with Section 11.3.4 (g), the following constitute grounds for the disqualification of a candidate for nomination or of a nominated candidate:</p> <p>a) the person is not qualified to be a candidate or sit as a member of the Legislative Assembly under the Ontario Elections Act, the Legislative Assembly Act or any other applicable legislation;</p> <p>b) the person has been convicted of a non-regulatory federal or provincial offence or has been removed from elected office pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act and the nature of the offence and its date are such that, in his or her best judgement, it is not in the best interest of the Ontario Liberal Party that the person be entitled to be a candidate, notwithstanding any other penalty to which he or she has been subject pursuant to law.</p> <p>c) the person has made a material misrepresentation to the Panel;</p> <p>d) the person has made a material misrepresentation in his or her Nomination Papers or campaign literature;</p> <p>e) the person engages in conduct or a pattern of conduct which shows lack of respect for the rule of law, for the rights, dignity and worth of other people, or for fairness in electoral competition, including the nomination process, or which shows breach of trust.</p> <p>f) the person has become unable or unwilling to continue to be the candidate for a constituency.</p>	<p>g) Impose on <u>candidates and nomination contestants appropriate</u> sanctions, disqualification on the following grounds:</p> <p>i) the person is not qualified to be a candidate or sit as a member of the Legislative Assembly under the Ontario Elections Act, the Legislative Assembly Act or any other applicable legislation;</p> <p>ii) the person has been convicted of a non-regulatory federal or provincial offence or has been removed from elected office pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</p> <p>iii) the person has made a material misrepresentation to the nomination panel <u>or the vetting committee</u> or in the nomination papers or campaign literature;</p> <p>iv) the person engages in conduct or a pattern of conduct which shows lack of respect for the rule of law, for the rights, dignity and worth of other people, or for fairness in electoral competition, including the nomination process, or which shows breach of trust.</p> <p>v) the person has become unable or unwilling to continue to be the candidate for a constituency.</p> <p>h) Waive or postpone the time requirements for the filing of nomination papers, <u>or waive the filing of any portion of the nomination papers</u>, if it is expedient and in the best interest of the Party</p>
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Freeze on nominations

~~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.~~

Administration of membership

~~11.5 — A constituency association shall comply with the Rules of Procedure and any directive issued by the Nomination Commissioner relating to the management of the membership process, between the date of the lifting of the freeze (or, in the case of a by-election, the date a vacancy in the Legislature arises) and the date upon which the nomination of its candidate becomes final and not subject to any further appeal. Such rules or directives may include requirements relating to the issuance, completion, and submission of membership applications and renewals, and the payment and receiving of and accounting for membership fees.~~

The Draft-Nomination Plan

~~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~~

11.5 The Nomination Commissioner’s decisions in exercising the authorities in section 11.4 are not subject to appeal to the Arbitration Committee.

Nomination Contestants

11.6 Subject to the Nomination Commissioner’s discretion to waive any requirements, only nomination contestants that have been approved through the vetting process in accordance with the Nomination Rules shall be eligible to be included on any nomination ballot.

Nomination plan & nomination panel

11.7 Each constituency association shall, within fourteen (14) days after being requested to do so by the Nominations

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~~Nomination Plan~~ which shall be consistent with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Ontario Liberal Party and the Constitution of the constituency association. The Draft Nomination Plan shall indicate, but is not limited to, the following:

- ~~a) the membership fee structure as determined by the constituency association's Executive in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Ontario Liberal Party;~~
- 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;
- c) the date, location and start time of the Nomination Meeting, which shall be not less than twenty-one (21) days subsequent to the date of adoption of the Nomination Plan;
- ~~d) the procedure to be used at the Nomination Meeting to determine the identity and qualifications of persons seeking to vote, and in particular, whether or not it is anticipated that all such persons will be required to produce proof of identity;~~
- ~~e) the names, and contact addresses and telephone numbers of candidates eligible to receive Nomination Papers;~~
- ~~f) the proposed form of Notice for the Meeting, its proposed Agenda and the proposed form of the ballot;~~
- ~~g) such other matters not inconsistent with this Constitution, the Constitution of the constituency association or the *Election Finances Act*, as may be desired by the constituency association to enable a fair and open Nomination Meeting to be conducted.~~

11.6.2 Where a constituency association has not submitted a Draft Nomination Plan within thirty days of a general request having been made pursuant to Section 11.6.1, the

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Commissioner, submit a draft nomination plan to the Nominations Commissioner.

11.8 The draft nomination plan shall be in the format prescribed in the Nomination Rules, and at a minimum shall indicate:

- (a) The names of all prospective nomination contestants known
- (b) The location, date, and time, of the nomination meeting, which shall not be earlier than twenty-one (21) days following the date of the adoption of the nomination plan; and
- (c) The date by which persons must be members in order to be eligible to vote at the nomination meeting, which shall not be less than seven (7) days following the date of the adoption of the nomination plan, and not be less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Nomination Meeting.

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Nomination Commissioner may issue a specific request that it do so within fourteen (14) days.

The Panel

11.7.1 The Panel is the group of persons that shall convene for each constituency association for the purpose of considering a Draft Nomination Plan, and shall consist of:

- a) the Nomination Commissioner or his or her designate,
- b) the constituency association President or his or her Alternate, and
- c) the Regional Vice-President for the region to which the constituency association is assigned pursuant to the Rules of Procedure. If the Regional Vice-President is unavailable or unwilling to act, he or she shall be replaced by a member of the Executive Council appointed by the President of the Ontario Liberal Party.

11.7.3.1 If the President of the constituency association has expressed support for a candidate for nomination in that constituency association, or is him/herself such a candidate, he or she shall be replaced on the Panel ~~by his or her Alternate. If the Regional Vice-President has a conflict of interest, as determined by the Executive Council, he or she shall be replaced as outlined above.~~

11.7.2 Once the Nomination Commissioner is in receipt of a Draft Nomination Plan, he or she shall, within fourteen (14) days, convene a meeting of the Panel, set a subsequent date for the Panel to convene, or advise the President of the Association (or ~~his or her Alternate~~) and the President of the Ontario Liberal Party, that a Panel will not be convened to consider the Draft Nomination Plan as submitted.

11.7.3 Conflict of Interest

~~11.7.3.2 No member of the Panel for a particular constituency association may seek nomination in that electoral district unless no other person~~

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11.9 The Nomination Commissioner shall, for each electoral district for the purpose of considering the draft nomination plan, convene a meeting of a panel consisting of:

- (a) the Nomination Commissioner, or their designate;
- (b) the president of the constituency association, or their designate; and
- (c) the applicable Regional Vice-President, or in the alternative, a member of the Executive Council designated by the President.

11.9.1 If the president of the constituency association has expressed support for a nomination contestant or prospective nomination contestant for the nomination, or is a contestant for the nomination, they shall be replaced on the panel by the executive vice president or another executive officer of the constituency association designated by the association's executive committee, provided that such person has neither expressed support for a contestant for the nomination, nor become a prospective contestant for the nomination.

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11.9.2 Once the Nomination Commissioner is in receipt of a draft nomination plan, they shall within fourteen (14) days convene a meeting of the panel, set a subsequent date for the panel to convene, or advise the president of the association (or their alternate on the panel) and

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~~submits Nomination Papers by the required date. In such case, that member shall forthwith resign the position by virtue of which he or she is a member of the Panel.~~

~~11.7.4 The Panel for a particular constituency association may meet in person or by telephone conference call.~~

~~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.

~~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.~~

~~Adoption of the Nomination Plan~~

~~11.8.2 A copy of the Nomination Plan as approved by the Panel or by the Nomination Commissioner, shall be provided forthwith to all candidates named in the Plan, to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party and to the President of the constituency association.~~

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the President that a panel will not be convened to consider the draft nomination plan as submitted.

11.10 Where a nomination plan is not unanimously agreed upon by the panel at its initial meeting, the Nomination Commissioner may adjourn the meeting for no more than fourteen (14) days, and may request a new draft nomination plan be submitted. Upon reconvening the panel, if unanimous agreement is again not reached, the Nomination Commissioner may resolve any outstanding matters in accordance with existing practice or adopt a nomination plan on terms set by the Nomination Commissioner.

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Appointment of candidates

11.9 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 Meeting need be held, and the Leader may instead appoint a candidate, in accordance with the following:~~

- 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;~~
- c) Except where an Incumbent Member has indicated an intention not to seek re- election, no candidate other than the Incumbent Member shall be appointed in any electoral district represented by **such person in the Legislative Assembly**. In the event that the **boundaries of an electoral district have been readjusted pursuant to the Representation Act, 2015**, an electoral district shall be deemed for the purposes of this provision to be represented by an Incumbent Member who declares his or her intention to seek election in that electoral district in the next general election. Such declaration shall be made in writing to the Nomination Commissioner, with a copy to be provided to the president of the affected constituency association. **No Incumbent Member shall declare such an intention for a second electoral district without first revoking all prior such declarations in respect of other electoral districts.**
- b) The Leader shall communicate his or her intention to make such appointment as soon as possible, ~~and in~~

11.11 A copy of the nomination plan as approved by the panel or by the Nomination Commissioner shall be provided forthwith to the nomination contestants **to be included on the ballot, to the members of the panel,** to the Executive Director and to the president of the constituency association.

Appointment of candidates

11.12 The Leader has the sole and unfettered authority to appoint a candidate in an electoral district without holding a nomination meeting of the constituency association.

11.13 For any general election, no more than five (5) such candidates may be appointed by the leader. This limitation does not apply in respect of by-elections;

11.14 Except where an incumbent member has indicated an intention not to seek re-election, no candidate other than the incumbent member shall be appointed in any electoral district represented **by the incumbent member**. In the event of **electoral boundary changes**, a new electoral district shall be deemed for the purposes of this provision to be represented by an incumbent member **if at least 40% of the electoral district's eligible voters were in the electoral district represented by the incumbent member prior to redistribution,** and the incumbent member declares their intention to seek re-election in said new electoral district in writing to the Nomination Commissioner with a copy to be provided to the president of the new constituency association. **Each incumbent member may only declare such an intention for one electoral district.**

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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.

Submission of Nomination Papers

11.10.1 ~~Subject to the Nomination Commissioner's discretion to permit the rectification of minor or strictly technical flaws, no Candidate named in the Nomination Plan shall be eligible to be elected unless he or she submits fully completed and executed Nomination Papers in the form provided in the Rules of Procedure to the Nomination Commissioner or his or her designate, not later than 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on the seventh (7th) day subsequent to the date of approval of the Nomination Plan.~~

11.10.2 ~~Nomination Papers shall be in the form prescribed by the Rules of Procedure of the Ontario Liberal Party, and such papers shall be signed by at least twenty five (25) members in good standing of the constituency association. If, at any time subsequent to the nomination of a candidate, and prior to the date of election, there is a material change in the circumstances of that candidate, as previously reported in the nomination papers, the candidate shall forthwith disclose such changes, in writing, to the Nomination Commissioner.~~

Notice of meeting

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11.15 Where the Leader intends to exercise this authority, they shall communicate their intention to make such appointment as soon as possible to the Nominations Commissioner and the president of the applicable constituency association(s). The president of the constituency association shall communicate the Leader's decision to the executive committee of constituency association and to any nomination contestants and prospective nomination contestants known to them as soon as possible. The Nominations Commissioner shall communicate the Leader's decision to any nomination contestants and prospective nomination contestants known to them.

Authority of Leader

11.16 The Leader retains the discretion to revoke a candidate's nomination, or to withheld endorsement for a candidate's nomination, if it is in the best interests of the Party to do so.

Nomination meeting

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11.11 Notice of a Nomination Meeting, ~~in the form prescribed by the Nomination Plan, and containing such information as may be prescribed by the Rules of Procedure,~~ shall be given by the Ontario Liberal Party to all members and Immediate Past Members of the constituency association ~~either by mail or electronic transmission,~~ at least seven (7) days prior to the ~~date of the~~ Nomination Meeting.

Balloting

11.12.1 Balloting for candidates at a Nomination Meeting shall be by one secret ballot only, and in the event that there are more than two (2) nominees, it shall be a secret preferential ballot, using a form of ballot similar to that prescribed in the Rules of Procedure.

~~11.12.2 On each ballot cast,~~

- a) each eligible member shall vote for at least one nominee, and may vote for more than one nominee by ranking each nominee in order of preference.
- b) If the eligible member votes for only one nominee, then the ballot shall be counted in favour of that nominee for as many tallies as that candidate remains on the ballot.

~~11.12.3 Each ballot cast shall, on the initial tally, be counted in favour of the nominee opposite whose name the voter has indicated the highest preference or a vote.~~

~~11.12.4 If, on the first tally, a nominee obtains a majority of the valid votes cast, he or she shall be declared elected. Otherwise, the returning officer shall conduct additional tallies until such time as one nominee has obtained a majority of the votes counted on a tally, and is thereby declared elected.~~

~~11.12.5 On such further tallies as may be required in order to declare a nominee elected, the returning officer shall declare eliminated the nominee who received the fewest votes on the previous tally.~~

11.17 Notice of a nomination meeting shall be given to all members and associate members of the constituency association at least seven (7) days prior to the nomination meeting.

11.18 Voting at a contested nomination meeting shall be conducted by a single secret, ranked ballot. In the event of a tie between candidates, the tie shall be broken in favour of the candidate receiving the most first preference votes in the earliest of any earlier tallies if possible, or otherwise by the toss of a coin.

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~~11.12.6 The returning officer shall reassign each vote received by a nominee who has been declared eliminated to the remaining nominee whose name remains on the ballot as the voter's highest remaining preference. If all of the remaining nominees whose names are marked as preferences on a ballot have previously been eliminated, that ballot shall not be further counted, either for the purpose of assigning votes to candidates, or for the purpose of calculating a majority.~~

11.12.7 In the event of a tie between candidates, the tie shall be broken
a) in favour of the candidate receiving the most first preference votes, if possible, or
b) otherwise by the toss of a coin.

~~11.12.8 The returning officer shall conduct the appropriate calculations, and shall require such further tallies, in accordance with these provisions and the Rules of Procedure, until a candidate is declared elected.~~

11.15 A panel of the Arbitration Committee shall decide disputes arising with respect to the preparation for or conduct of the Nomination Meeting itself, but shall have no authority to substitute its discretion for that of the Nomination Commissioner or of a Panel acting within the course of their authority.

Electoral Urgency

11.13.1 The Nomination Commissioner may provide a Nomination Plan for any constituency association that, ~~by the time that an Electoral Urgency has been declared,~~ has not nominated a candidate. If a Plan has been submitted, but not approved, the Nomination Commissioner may amend it as to dates and any other items he or she considers appropriate. If a Plan has been approved, but the Nomination Meeting has not been held, the Nomination Commissioner may ~~provide an~~

11.19 A panel of the Arbitration Committee shall decide disputes arising with respect to the preparation for or conduct of voting or the Nomination Meeting itself, but shall have no authority to substitute its discretion for that of the Nomination Commissioner or of a Panel acting within the course of their authority.

Electoral urgency

11.20 Upon a declaration of electoral urgency by the Executive Council or following the issuance of a writ of election, the Nomination Commission may

a) Provide a nomination plan for any constituency association that has not nominated a candidate. If a plan has been submitted but not approved, the Nomination Commissioner may amend it as to dates and any other items he or she considers appropriate. If a plan has been approved, but the nomination meeting has not been held, the Nomination

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<p>alternate Plan revised as to dates and any other items which he or she considers appropriate.</p> <p>11.13.2 If Nomination Papers were not previously due, Section 11.10.1 of this Constitution shall be deemed to specify a filing deadline which is not later than two (2) days after the approval of the Plan, or two (2) days after the declaration of Electoral Urgency, whichever occurs last.</p> <p>11.13.3 The Nomination Commissioner may waive or postpone the time requirements for the filing of nomination papers if it is expedient and in the best interest of the Ontario Liberal Party.</p>	<p>Commissioner may <u>revise the dates and any other items</u> which they consider appropriate;</p> <p>b) <u>Fix a filing deadline for nomination papers for any constituency association that is no earlier than two (2) days after the declaration of Electoral Urgency;</u></p> <p>c) Waive or postpone the time requirements for the filing of nomination papers</p> <p><u>d) Make reasonable adjustment to any timeline or scheduling restriction notwithstanding of the Constitution or the Nomination Rules.</u></p>
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