

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

Section 76 of the National Constitution provides that it may be amended by a Special Resolution of the members of the Party at a convention. A “Special Resolution” is a resolution passed by two-thirds of the votes cast. Amendments to the National Constitution may be proposed by the Council of Presidents, the National Board of Directors, any provincial or territorial association (PTA) or any Commission. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the National President at least 27 days before the convention of the Party at which they are to be considered. In relation to the 2012 Biennial Convention, this deadline was December 16, 2011.

The following proposed amendments have been submitted to the National President in accordance with the National Constitution for consideration by the members of the Party at the 2012 Biennial Convention from January 13 to 15, 2012. Where an amendment is presented with underlined or struck-out words, these indicate proposed additions or deletions respectively. Unless otherwise noted, all references to sections, subsections, paragraphs or subparagraphs are references to such subdivisions of the constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada as adopted and amended at the Biennial Convention of the Party on November 30 and December 1, 2006 (referred to as the “National Constitution”) and all terms have the same meaning as in the National Constitution.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Elimination of the National Revenue Committee and Appointment of Chief Revenue Officer

Background: The Party intends to proceed with the development of the National Liberal Fund as a professionally managed popular fundraising operation accountable to the Board – a decision for which no resolution from the Convention is required. A Chief Revenue Officer will be appointed, on the consent of the Leader and the President, to oversee the National Liberal Fund, and shall serve as a non-voting member of the National Board of Directors and a voting member of the National Management Committee.

Proposed amendment:

- 1.1 Delete Section 31 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections accordingly.**
- 1.2 In Subsection 19(5) and Paragraph 22(1)(c), delete the words “National Revenue Chair” and replace them with the words “Chief Revenue Officer”.**
- 1.3 Amend Paragraph 30(1)(a) so that it reads as follows:**
 - (1) The National Management Committee consists of:

(a) the following voting members:

The National President
The Leader
The National Vice-President (English)
The National Vice-President (French)
The National Policy Chair
The National Membership Secretary
The Chief Financial Officer
The Chief Revenue Officer

Two of the PTA Presidents elected among themselves from time to time for a term determined by them; one of whom must be capable of expressing themselves in French, and the other of expressing themselves in the English language

One of the four chairs of the Commissions who are members of the National Board of Directors elected among themselves from time to time for a term determined by them on an annual basis

One of the National Campaign Co-Chairs

1.4 Add the following as Subparagraph 23(1)(d)(viii):

(viii) the chief fundraising officer of the Party (to be known as the “Chief Revenue Officer”)

1.5 Add the following as Subsection 24(5):

(5) The Chief Revenue Officer is responsible to:

- (a) recommend to the National Board of Directors a comprehensive annual revenue plan for the Party; and
- (b) oversee the effective implementation of the annual revenue plan approved by the National Board of Directors.

1.6 Add the following to Section 79:

“Chief Revenue Officer” has the meaning assigned in subparagraph 23(1)(d)(viii).

2. Registration of supporters of the Liberal Party of Canada

Background: The Party must create a new opportunity for engagement for individuals who do not wish to become full members of the Party, leading to a new, more open and more flexible framework for active engagement as a Liberal partisan.

Proposed amendment:

2.1 Add the following sections as “Chapter 3 – Supporters”, and renumber the remaining chapters and sections accordingly:

(12) Qualification as a supporter

To be eligible as a supporter of the Party, a person must be either a member of the Party or a person who:

- (a) is at least 18 years of age;
- (b) supports the purposes of the Party;
- (c) is qualified as an elector who may vote in accordance with part 11 of the *Canada Elections Act* or ordinarily live in Canada; and
- (d) is not a member of any other federal political party in Canada.

(13) Application and admission

- (1) A person may apply to become a supporter of the Party by completing an application form and delivering it to an office designated by the National Board of Directors or submitting it electronically in a manner prescribed by the National Board of Directors.
- (2) The Party must promptly admit as a supporter of the Party each person who has applied in accordance with Subsection 13(1) and meets the requirements of Section 12.
- (3) Despite Subsection 13(2), the Party may refuse to admit any person as a supporter of the Party if it has reasonable grounds to believe that a person does not meet the requirements of Section 12.

(14) National register of supporters

- (1) The National Office is responsible to maintain a national register of the supporters of the Party.

(2) Subject to reasonable procedures prescribed by the National Board of Directors to ensure compliance with applicable privacy legislation, each Constituent Body is entitled to timely access to all information concerning the identification of the supporter contained in the national register of supporters about all supporters of the Party who are entitled to participate in the affairs of the Constituent Body and each member of the House of Commons who is also a member of the Caucus is entitled to timely access to the information contained in the national register of supporters about all supporters of the Party who are entitled to participate in the affairs of the EDA for the electoral district represented by that member of the House of Commons.

(15) Term of registration as a supporter

(1) Registration as a supporter of the Party takes effect on the date prescribed by the National Board of Directors that is no later than the next business day after the application to become a supporter is delivered or submitted in the province or territory in which the applicant lives.

(16) Deregistration of supporters

A person ceases to be a supporter of the Party:

- (a) when the supporter no longer meets all the requirements of Section 12;
- (b) when the supporter's registration is terminated by the National Board of Directors;
or
- (c) when the supporter presents to the Party a request to be no longer registered as a supporter.

(17) Bylaws

(1) The National Board of Directors may make any bylaw in accordance with the procedure set out in Section 26 to regulate the procedures of applying to become a supporter, but any bylaw that the National Board of Directors makes must be consistent with this Constitution.

(2) Bylaws anticipated by Subsection 17(1) may include but are not limited to:

- (a) the delegation of authority for processing applications to the PTAs and the designation of PTA and other offices as the offices where applications for to become a supporter may be delivered;
- (b) the manner in which applications to become a supporter may be submitted electronically;

- (c) the forms to be completed for applications to become a supporter;
- (d) the designation of supporters as “inactive” in cases where the mailing address for a supporter in the records maintained by the *National Office* is no longer current;
- (e) additional requirements applicable only to supporters in provinces in which the PTA is also a provincial party.

2.2 Add the following as Subsection 10(3) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (3) A member of the Party is deemed to be a supporter of the Party and has all the rights of a supporter.

2.3 Amend the definition of “EDA” in Section 79 so that it reads as follows:

“EDA” or “Electoral District Association” means an association certified by a leader of the Party as an electoral district association of the Party under the *Canada Elections Act* in respect of which no application for deregistration has been made under the *Canada Elections Act* and, in relation to an EDA:

- (a) “its electoral district” means the electoral district in respect of which the EDA is certified under the *Canada Elections Act*;
- (b) “its members” or “members of the EDA” means the members of the Party who live in its electoral district;
- (c) “its supporters” or “supporters of the EDA” means the supporters of the Party who live in its electoral district;
- (ed) “its PTA” means the PTA of the province or territory in which its electoral district is located;

and, in relation to a member or a supporter of the Party, “their EDA” means the EDA certified under the *Canada Elections Act* for the electoral district in which the member or supporter lives or is deemed to live under Subsection 77(10).

2.4 Amend the definition of “PTA” in Section 79 so that it reads as follows:

“PTA” or “Provincial and Territorial Association” means one or more of the provincial or territorial associations that compose the federation of the Liberal Party of Canada under this Constitution and, in relation to a PTA, “its province or territory” means the province or territory represented by the PTA, and, in relation to a member or a supporter of the Party, “their PTA” means the PTA in the province or territory in which the member or supporter lives.

3. Participation of supporters in Leadership Vote

Background: The Party must extend rights and privileges to its supporters, in order to not only attract a large number of Canadians to become engaged with the Party, but also to provide them with a meaningful voice in the affairs of the Party.

Proposed amendment:

3.1 Add the following as Section 17 and renumber the remaining sections accordingly:

(17) Rights of supporters

(1) Subject to the relevant provisions of this Constitution, a supporter of the Party has the right to:

(a) vote on the Leadership Vote conducted in their EDA;

3.2 Amend Subsection 54(2) so that it reads as follows:

(2) If the Leader publicly announces an intention to resign or if the Leader delivers to the National President a written resignation or a written request to call a Leadership Vote, then the Leader ceases to be the Leader on the earlier of the appointment of an Interim Leader and when a new Leader is elected by the supporters ~~members~~ of the Party.

3.3 Amend Subsection 54(7) so that it reads as follows:

(7) The person appointed as the Interim Leader may exercise all the powers of the Leader under this Constitution until a new Leader is elected by the supporters ~~members~~ of the Party.

3.4 Amend Subsection 56(1) so that it reads as follows:

(1) The Leadership Vote is a direct vote of all supporters ~~members~~ of the Party who have a right to vote on the Leadership Vote weighted equally for each electoral district in Canada and counted in accordance with this Section.

3.5 Amend Subsection 56(2) so that it reads as follows:

(2) Every supporter member of the Party who ordinarily lives in Canada has the right to vote on the Leadership Vote, if that supporter member has:

(a) been a supporter member of the Party for the 41 days immediately preceding the day of the Leadership Vote;

- (b) paid the registration fee (if any) for the Leadership Vote established by the National Board of Directors; and
- (c) complied with the registration procedures established by the National Board of Directors or by the Leadership Vote Committee.

3.6 Amend Subsection 56(4) so that it reads as follows:

- (4) Each ~~supporter member~~ of the Party who has a right to vote on the Leadership Vote may vote by a preferential ballot on which the voter indicates their preference for leadership contestants. A ballot is not spoiled because the voter has not indicated a preference for all leadership contestants.

3.7 Amend Subparagraph 56(5)(b)(i) so that it reads as follows:

- (i) for each electoral district, the first preference votes recorded in favour of leadership contestants on the ballots cast by the ~~supporters members~~ of the Party who live in that electoral district are counted and then the 100 points allocated to the electoral district are allocated to each leadership contestant on the basis of the ratio the number of the first preference votes received by that leadership contestant bears to the total number of votes counted;

4. Participation of supporters in candidate selection meetings of their EDA

Background: The Party wishes to extend rights and privileges to its supporters, in order to not only attract a large number of Canadians to get engaged with the Party, but also to provide them with a meaningful voice in the affairs of the Party.

Proposed amendment:

4.1 Add the following as Paragraph 17(1)(b):

- (b) attend and vote at a candidate selection meeting held in their EDA.

4.2 Amend Section 59 so that it reads as follows:

Every ~~supporter member~~ of the Party has the right to attend a candidate selection meeting of their EDA and has the right to vote at that meeting if that ~~supporter member~~:

- (a) is present at the meeting;
- (b) has been a ~~supporter member~~ of the Party for the period established by the National Election Readiness Committee;

- (c) has not voted at another candidate selection meeting held for the same election (except when the results of a candidate selection meeting are declared invalid).

4.3 Amend Subsection 60(2) so that it reads as follows:

(2) Rules anticipated by Subsection 60(1) may vary from province to province or territory and may include but are not limited to:

- (a) criteria to be satisfied before a candidate selection meeting may be called;
- (b) length of notice for the meeting;
- (c) length of ~~membership~~ member and/or supporter status to be eligible to vote;
- (d) access to membership and/or supporter application forms;
- (e) access to membership and/or supporters lists;
- (f) joint candidate mailings to members and/or supporters of the Party;
- (g) special procedures in the case of the apprehension of an imminent election;
- (h) voting procedures (including preferential balloting, Internet balloting and electronic balloting);
- (i) the form of the meeting (including meetings in more than one location, meetings on one or more days, meetings by telephone and meetings with video conference facilities);
- (j) the terms for the appointment of officials to conduct the meeting and the rules under which the meeting must operate;
- (k) nomination criteria including requirements that any member of the Party who wishes to be selected as a candidate of the Party for election to the House of Commons must:
 - (i) fully and frankly complete a questionnaire in the form approved by the National Election Readiness Committee and provide that questionnaire to the National Election Readiness Committee or its designate;
 - (ii) provide to the National Election Readiness Committee or its designate, an undertaking in writing that they agree to be bound by this Constitution and any rules adopted by the National Election Readiness Committee; and that they will submit all disputes concerning any matter relating to the Party's candidate selection process and the construction or application of this

Constitution, any Constituent Body Constitution and any rules adopted by the National Election Readiness Committee to, and abide by the decision of, the Permanent Appeal Committee;

- (l) candidate deposit requirements;
- (m) candidate spending limitations, the disclosure by candidates of contributions and expenditures and allowing them to make appropriate use of the federal tax credits; and
- (n) penalties and sanctions for any violation of the rules.

5. Annual strategic plan and annual report tabled by the National Board of Directors

Background: In order to enhance the transparency and accountability of the Party generally, the National Board of Directors should submit every year to the Council of Presidents for its review an annual strategic plan.

Proposed amendment:

5.1 Add the following as Paragraph 23(1)(g) and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

- (g) submit each year an annual strategic plan to the Council of Presidents for its review;

Background: In order to ensure the strategic plan is implemented by the Party, the National Board of Directors will table every year an annual report indicating the progress that has been made in meeting the objectives of the plan.

5.2 Add the following as Paragraph 23(1)(h) and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

- (h) submit an annual report to all members of the Party, to be posted on the public website of the Party and otherwise published in the discretion of the National Board of Directors no later than June 30 of each year, that shall contain:
 - (i) audited financial statements for the preceding year;
 - (ii) an assessment of the Party's progress in relation to the annual strategic plan; and
 - (iii) the historic and comparative financial and organizational status of the Party at each of the EDA, provincial or territorial and national levels.

STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF PARTY MEMBERS

Background: The Party wishes to strengthen the role of members, especially in relation to the selection of candidates, Executive Officers of the Party and the development of the Party's policy and platform.

6. Proposed amendment: Add the following as Paragraph 49(1)(d):

- (d) have been nominated in writing by at least 100 members of the EDA or at least 15% of the members of the EDA on the date set by the National Election Readiness Committee, whichever is less.

7. Removing the Leader's veto over the content of the Policy Platform

Proposed amendment:

7.1 Amend Paragraph 33(2)(b) so that it reads as follows:

- (b) coordinate the policy development process in all provinces and territories with a view to maintaining a current written statement of the policies of the Party (the "Party policies") that will, together with contributions from the Leader and the Caucus ~~and subject to the approval of the Leader~~, form the basis for the platform of the Party for use in the next general election (the "Party platform");

7.2 Amend Paragraph 33(2)(e) so that it reads as follows:

- (e) ~~subject to the veto in whole or in part (including a veto line by line) by the Leader~~, draft the Party platform and, upon its release during an election, publish the Party platform on the public website of the Party.

7.3 Add the following as Paragraph 48(j):

- (j) propose policy resolutions for consideration by the biennial convention of the Party.

8. Proposed amendment: Amend Paragraph 33(5)(a) so that it reads as follows:

- (a) a majority of the group consisting of the National President, both National Vice-Presidents, ~~and~~ the National Policy Chair and the National Policy Vice-Chair (the "Policy Approval Subcommittee"); or

9. Election of Executive Officers using a weighted “one member, one vote” system

Proposed amendment:

9.1 Amend Subsection 22(3) so that it reads as follows:

- (3) ~~At each biennial convention of the Party, the Party must elect the Executive Officers by secret ballot.~~ The election of the Executive Officers is a direct vote of all members of the Party who have a right to vote, weighted equally for each electoral district in Canada, and is conducted according to the procedures set out in the Party Bylaws.

9.2 Amend Subsection 22(4) so that it reads as follows:

- (4) The Executive Officers serve until new officers are elected ~~at the next biennial convention of the Party.~~ The vote for the election of Executive Officers shall be held no earlier than 24 months and no later than 30 months after the previous election of Executive Officers, in accordance with the Party Bylaws. No person may serve in the same office for more than two terms.

9.3 Add the following as Subsection 22(5) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (5) The National Board of Directors must appoint, with the consent of the National President and the Leader, a Chief Electoral Officer who will be responsible to plan, organize, and make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of the balloting on the vote for the election of Executive Officers and adjudicate all disputes over accreditation and the right to vote in the vote for the election of Executive Officers.

9.4 Delete Paragraph 61(4)(a) and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.

10. Prioritization of policy resolutions using a weighted “one member, one vote” system

Proposed amendment:

10.1 Delete Paragraph 33(2)(a) and replace it with the following:

- (a) plan, organize and carry out the vote on the consideration of policy resolutions;

10.2 Add the following as Subsection 33(3) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (3) The vote on the consideration of policy resolutions shall be held no earlier than 24 months and no later than 30 months after the previous vote on the consideration of

policy resolutions, is a direct vote of all members of the Party who have a right to vote, weighted equally for each electoral district in Canada, and is conducted according to the procedures set out in the Party Bylaws.

10.3 Add the following as Subsection 33(4) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (4) The National Policy and Platform Committee and the National Board of Directors must jointly appoint a Chief Electoral Officer who will be responsible to make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of the vote on the consideration of policy resolutions and adjudicate all disputes over accreditation and the right to vote in the vote on the consideration of policy resolutions.

10.4 Delete Paragraph 61(4)(d) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly.

10.5 If Proposed amendment 7 is passed, amend Paragraph 48(j) so that it reads as follows:

- (j) propose policy resolutions for consideration by the ~~biennial-convention~~members of the Party.

Background: In order to enable top-down accountability from the National Board of Directors, the National Board of Directors has to have in place some bottom-up accountability mechanisms.

11. Proposed amendment: Add the following as Paragraph 23(1)(i):

- (i) place an EDA under trusteeship of the Party if that EDA has consistently failed to meet its obligations, in accordance with this Constitution, the constitution of its PTA or the *Canada Elections Act*, provided that such a decision is first approved by that PTA, in accordance with any rules and procedures that PTA has adopted.

12. Electing a Leader using a system of staggered regional voting days

Background: In order to raise the interest of the public and build momentum while selecting a Leader, the Party would use a modified version of the current Leadership Vote procedure that would enable entire regions to cast their vote on different days, and for the first preference results of a region to be published on the day that region holds its vote. This would also provide candidates with a better idea of how they are performing, and whether or not they wish to remain as a candidate in anticipation of the next regional vote.

Proposed amendment:

12.1 Amend Paragraph 54(3)(b) so that it reads as follows:

- (b) set a Leadership Vote period to commence within five months, consisting of no more than six specific voting dates no less than 10 days apart during which voting may take place in regions, each consisting of one or more PTAs specified by the Leadership Vote Committee, between a first day and a final day that are no less than 70 days apart~~date for a Leadership Vote to be held within five months;~~

12.2 Amend Subsection 54(8) so that it reads as follows:

- (8) If a ~~date~~Leadership Vote period has been set for a Leadership Vote under Paragraph 54(3)(a) and the National Board of Directors, by resolution passed by three-quarters of its voting members, determines that political circumstances require that the ~~date~~Leadership Vote period be reset to an earlier ~~date~~period, then the National Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast, reset the ~~date for the Leadership Vote~~Leadership Vote period to an earlier ~~date~~period and may review and alter any arrangements already made for the Leadership Vote.

12.3 Amend Paragraph 55(1)(c) so that it reads as follows:

- (c) deliver to the National President, at least 90 days before the first day of the Leadership Vote period, a written nomination (which may be in one or more counterparts) signed by at least 300 members of the Party including at least 100 members of the Party from each of three different provinces or territories;

12.4 Amend Paragraph 56(2)(a) so that it reads as follows:

- (a) been a member [supporter if proposed amendment 3 is passed] of the Party for the 41 days immediately preceding the day ~~of that~~ the Leadership Vote is held in their PTA;

12.5 Amend Subsection 56(3) so that it reads as follows:

- (3) At least 27 days before the first day of the Leadership Vote period, the National Board of Directors must publish on the public website of the Party the registration procedures for the Leadership Vote.

12.6 Add the following as Subsection 56(1) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (1) Subject to the Leadership Vote period referred to in Paragraph 54(3)(b), the Leadership Vote Committee may decide to hold the Leadership Vote on one date in one region, consisting of one or more PTAs, and on a different date in another

region, consisting of another or other PTAs. The number of regions that will vote on different days shall be left to the discretion of the Leadership Vote Committee, but there shall be no more than six regions.

12.7 Add the following as Subparagraph 56(5)(b)(ii) and renumber the remaining subparagraphs accordingly:

- (ii) the total number of points allocated to each leadership contestant from all electoral districts in a region, as defined by the Leadership Vote Committee, are added to produce a total for the “regional count”, and the regional count for a region shall be published on the public website of the Party on the day the electoral districts in that region hold their Leadership Vote;

12.8 Add the following as Subparagraph 56(5)(b)(iii) and renumber the remaining subparagraphs accordingly:

- (iii) If, at any time following the Leadership Vote held in the first region to hold such a vote, but before the Leadership Vote to be held in the only remaining region, a leadership contestant ceases to be a leadership contestant, then that leadership contestant’s ballots are distributed in each electoral district among the remaining leadership contestants according to the next preferences indicated and counted according to the procedure set out in Subparagraph 56(5)(b)(i) as if they were first preference votes;

12.9 Amend the Subparagraph designated 56(5)(b)(ii) in the existing Constitution (but re-designated as 56(5)(b)(iv) if this Proposed amendment 12 is passed) so that it reads as follows:

- (~~iv~~) Once all electoral districts in Canada have held their Leadership Vote, the total number of points allocated to each leadership contestant from all electoral districts in Canada are added to produce a total for the “national count”.

12.10 Amend Paragraph 82(1)(b) so that it reads as follows:

- (b) at the meeting referred to in Paragraph (a), the National Board of Directors, in consultation with the Caucus and the Council of Presidents and on five months’ notice to the Party, shall set a date-period for a Leadership Vote between March 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013.

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE
LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA (ONTARIO)**

13. Officers of the Council of Presidents

Proposed amendment:

13.1 Delete Subsection 18(1) and replace it with the following:

(1) The Chair of the Council of Presidents shall be a sitting President of an EDA or a President of a commission, elected by the Council of Presidents, in accordance with the Bylaws of the Council of Presidents.

13.2 Amend Subsection 18(2) so that it reads as follows:

(2) The Council of Presidents may ~~elect appoint~~ a Deputy Chair who shall be a President of an EDA or a President of a Commission to assist the Chair.

13.3 Amend Subsection 18(3) so that it reads as follows:

(3) The ~~National President as the~~ Chair of the Council of Presidents is responsible to:

- (a) preside at meetings of the Council of Presidents;
- (b) after consultation with the Leader, establish an annual schedule of meetings of the Council of Presidents and set the date and place for each meeting of the Council of Presidents;
- (c) send notice of the date and place of each Council of Presidents meeting to all members of the Council of Presidents and publish the notice on the public website of the Party at least 41 days before the meeting; and
- (d) send a tentative agenda for each Council of Presidents meeting to all members of the Council of Presidents at least 27 days before the meeting.

13.4 Amend Subsection 19(2) so that it reads as follows:

(2) An extraordinary meeting of the Council of Presidents may be called at any time, on at least six days notice, by:

- (a) the ~~Chair~~Chair~~National President~~;
- (b) the Leader; or
- (c) any 50 members of the Council of Presidents including at least 10 members from each of three different provinces or territories.

13.5 Amend Subsection 19(7) so that it reads as follows:

(7) The ~~Chair~~ ~~National President~~ may permit any member of the Party to attend any meeting of the Council of Presidents.

14. Chair of the Council of Presidents as a member of the National Board of Directors

Background: The Council of Presidents is representative of all EDAs. We believe that feedback to the National Board of Directors on the state of all EDAs, from the perception of riding presidents and their respective executive committees, is fundamental to the renewal of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Proposed amendment: Amend Subsection 22(1)(c) so that it reads as follows:

- (c) the following non-voting members who have the right to attend and speak, but may not vote, at meetings of the National Board of Directors:

The Chair of the Council of Presidents

The Chief Financial Officer

The chief executive officer of the Federal Liberal Agency of Canada

The National Revenue Chair

Two of the National Campaign Co-Chairs

The National Director of the Party

The two Constitutional and Legal Advisers.

15. Meetings of the Council of Presidents

Proposed amendment:

15.1 Amend Paragraph 18(3)(b) so that it reads as follows:

- (b) after consultation with the Leader, establish an annual schedule of virtual and/or teleconference meetings of the Council of Presidents and set the date ~~and place~~ for each meeting of the Council of Presidents;

15.2 Amend Paragraph 18(3)(c) so that it reads as follows:

- (c) send notice of the date ~~and place~~ of each Council of Presidents meeting to all members of the Council of Presidents and publish the notice on the public website of the Party at least 41 days before the meeting; and

15.3 Amend Subsection 19(1) so that it reads as follows:

- (1) The Council of Presidents must meet at least once in each calendar year and ~~not more than 18 months after the previous meeting. In a calendar year when there is biennial convention of the Party, the meeting must be held~~ must meet in person in conjunction with ~~that~~ each biennial convention of the Party.

15.4 Amend Subsection 19(2) so that it reads as follows:

- (2) An extraordinary in-person, virtual and/or teleconference meeting of the Council of Presidents may be called at any time, on at least six days notice, by:
 - (a) the National President [Chair is Proposed amendment 13 is passed];
 - (b) the Leader; or
 - (c) any 50 members of the Council of Presidents including at least 10 members from each of three different provinces or territories.

15.5 Amend Subsection 19(6) so that it reads as follows:

- (6) The Party is not responsible for all of the travel and accommodation expenses of EDA Presidents (or their alternates) or the chairs of the provincial or territorial section of the Commissions for attending the in-person meetings of the Council of Presidents at a biennial convention but the Party, by decision of the National Management Committee, must provide a reasonable subsidy for part of such expenses, for at least some of those attending, having regard to the expected costs to be incurred by such presidents or chairs.

16. Proposed amendment: Add the following as Subsection 18(5):

- (5) The secretary of the Council of Presidents is responsible to:
 - (a) provide input to the National Board of directors prior to the appointment of a Chief Electoral Officer, under Subparagraph 23(1)(d)(vi), who shall plan, organize and make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of a vote for the election of the Officers of the Council of Presidents;
 - (b) administer the records of meetings of the Council of Presidents; and
 - (c) certify bylaws adopted by the Council of Presidents, in accordance with Subsection 21(2).

17. Candidate selection meeting to be held at the request of an EDA

Proposed amendment: Add the following as Subsection 60(3) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (3) the National Election Readiness Committee shall ensure that a candidate selection meeting for an electoral district is held not more than 120 days after a resolution requesting that a candidate selection meeting be held has been adopted by an EDA who has not yet nominated a candidate;

18. Withdrawal of nomination contestant or nominated candidate following criminal charges

Proposed amendment: Add the following as Subsection 60(4) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (4) Any nomination contestant or nominated candidate charged with an indictable criminal offence shall be deemed to have withdrawn as a nomination contestant or a nominated candidate, as the case may be, on the 14th day after being charged, unless the charges are unconditionally dropped before the 14th day.

Background: The National Election Readiness Committee should include representatives elected by the members. Recent national elections have given members reason to doubt the effectiveness of LPC's traditional method of organizing elections without directly involving elected representatives. Adding a small number of elected and accountable representatives to the National Election Readiness Committee will not detract from the Leader's ability to appoint members as well.

19. Election of a National Campaign Co-Chair

Proposed amendment: Delete Paragraph 32(1)(a) and replace it with the following:

- (a) Two National Campaign Co-Chairs:
 - (i) One National Campaign Co-Chair elected pursuant to Section 22(3), and
 - (ii) One National Campaign Co-Chair appointed by the Leader in such a manner so as to ensure that one of the National Campaign Co-Chairs is a man, one is a woman, one is English-speaking and one is French-speaking;

20. Representation of PTAs on the National Election Readiness Committee

Proposed amendment: Add the following as Paragraph 32(1)(c) and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

- (c) One Provincial Campaign Co-Chair from each PTA, elected pursuant to the bylaws of the relevant PTA;

21. Appointment of candidates of the Party for election to the House of Commons

Background: Selection of candidates of the Party for election to the House of Commons is an important right of all members. Unfortunately, the appointment of candidates has been used far too often in recent elections.

Proposed amendment:

21.1 Add the following as Paragraph 10(2)(l):

- (l) subject to Sections 32 and 47, vote in the selection of a candidate of the Party for election to the House of Commons conducted in their EDA.

21.2 Add the following as Subsection 60(3) of the existing Constitution (but Subsection 60(5) is Proposed amendments 16 and 17 are passed) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (3) Where, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Leader, it is in the best interests of the Party that a candidate be appointed in a particular electoral district without a vote in that EDA, no meeting to nominate a candidate need be held in that EDA, and the Leader may instead appoint a candidate, in accordance with the following:
 - (a) For any general election:
 - (i) no more than 20 such candidates may be so appointed; and
 - (ii) in any one province, no more than five candidates or 25% of the candidates in that province, whichever is lower, may be so appointed.

The Leader shall communicate his or her intention to make such an appointment as soon as possible, in writing and before any public or media announcement, to the members of that EDA.

22. Rules of Order for the conduct of a biennial convention

Proposed amendment: Amend Subsection 66(5) so that it reads as follows:

- (5) The National Management Committee is responsible to plan, organize and carry out the convention for which it has been established. The National Management Committee may, in consultation with the National Board of Directors, establish an agenda and rules of order governing the proceedings at the convention, ~~that are binding on all members of the Party at the convention, that may not be amended by the members of the Party at the biennial convention of the Party without the consent of the National Management Committee or the National Board of Directors and that are not subject to suspension.~~ The agenda and rules of order

must be adopted by a majority of the votes cast by delegates before coming into effect.

- (i) Proposed amendments to the agenda or rules of order that are submitted in writing or email to the National President at least 14 days before the convention and supported by at least 25 delegates to the convention shall be debated by the convention as part of the process of adopting the agenda or rules of order, as the case may be, and shall pass when supported by two-thirds of the votes cast by delegates.
- (ii) If the proposed agenda or rules of order are not adopted by the convention, then they shall be treated as an ordinary resolution and amendments may be taken from the floor and passed by a simple majority of votes cast by delegates.
- (iii) This Subsection shall not govern amendments to the agenda or rules of order that are proposed after adoption of the agenda and rules of order by the convention.

23. Policy prioritization process at a biennial convention

Background: The National Constitution does not define a process by which policies of the Party are selected. Biennial convention delegates should have an opportunity to discuss and vote on policies proposed by PTAs, commissions or National Caucus in a manner based on past successes. An online policy process should be open to all members and occur in addition to and not as a replacement for delegated policy voting at a biennial convention.

Proposed amendment: Add the following as Section 66 and renumber the remaining sections accordingly:

66 Policy

- (1) The National Board of Directors is responsible to ensure that policy resolutions are prioritized at every biennial convention of the Party, in a manner that is organized by the National Policy and Platform Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, and adheres to the requirements described below.
- (2) The Caucus, each provincial PTA and each Commission shall be allowed to submit up to 10 policy resolutions.
- (3) Each territorial PTA may submit up to an equal number of policy resolutions.
- (4) The Caucus, each PTA and each Commission may select the content of their policy resolutions in any democratic manner that they see fit.

- (5) No other policy resolutions shall be considered unless they are put forward as emergency resolutions by delegates at a biennial convention, according to the rules of order adopted for that biennial.
- (6) All policy resolutions properly submitted shall be considered in issue-based workshops that allow meaningful debate and voting by delegates. The goal of the workshops shall be to adopt resolutions and prioritize them for possible consideration at a plenary session. Any policies adopted in a workshop that are not defeated in a plenary shall become Party policies until the next biennial convention. The National Policy Chair is responsible to advocate for Party policies as the opportunity arises.
- (7) Policy resolutions prioritized by the workshops shall be considered in a plenary session.
- (8) The Caucus, each PTA and each commission may submit up to an equal number of priority resolutions, but not less than one each, which shall be debated in a plenary session at a biennial convention.
- (9) Any policies adopted during a plenary session at a biennial convention shall become priority policies of the Party until the next biennial convention. The National Policy Chair is responsible to advocate for the Caucus to support priority policies of the Party and advocate for the inclusion of priority policies of the Party in the platform of the Party.
- (10) The National Policy and Platform Committee may organize an electronic debate and prioritization of the policies submitted above that is open to all members. Such an electronic policy consultation shall not replace the delegated selection of Party policy at a biennial convention.

24. Amendment to the Preamble of the Constitution

Proposed amendment: At the beginning of the Preamble, add the following:

The Liberal Party of Canada is an association of members who share certain principles, as set out below, and who strive to elect candidates to the House of Commons for the purpose of advancing those principles.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA (BRITISH COLUMBIA)

25. Liberal members' initiative

Proposed amendment: That the Constitution be amended to include the following initiative:

- (a) The members proposing such discussion or amendment (the "Proposing Members") shall register their Liberal Members' Initiative ("LMI") with the LPC;
- (b) The Proposing Members shall have the right to use, at no expense, the software provided by the LPC, for the purpose of attracting support from Liberal Members and Supporters ("Party Voters") for the launching of the proposed LMI;
- (c) if support is obtained from more than 5,000 Party Voters from 20 different EDAs, the LMI shall be added to the agenda at the next Convention for discussion;
- (d) For any LMI which seeks to amend the Constitution, at least (i) 25% of all Members of the Party must have voted in favour of the LMI, AND (ii) 50% plus 1 of the votes cast by all Party Voters must have supported that LMI; and
- (e) The Party Executive shall implement the provisions for the specific procedures and conditions required for such an initiative.

26. Inclusion of priority policy resolutions in Party Platform

Proposed amendment: That the LPC amend its Constitution to provide that a minimum of three (3) Priority Resolutions of the most recent Convention be included in the next Election Platform of the LPC.

27. Election of Executive Officers using an unweighted "one member, one vote" system

Proposed amendment: That the LPC Constitution be amended as follows:

- (a) Add new Section 57A(1): "the Party President, the National Vice-President (English), the National Vice-President (French), the National Policy Chair, the National Membership Secretary, shall be elected by all members of the Party in elections run concurrently with biennial conventions and shall be elected by preferential ballot in an unweighted one-member one-vote election";
- (b) Add new Section 57A(2): "The National Board shall set such other rules for Election of the Party President as are necessary";
- (c) Add to Section 61(4)(a) "except the Executive Officers named in Section 57A, who shall be elected in accordance with that selection."

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE
NATIONAL WOMEN'S LIBERAL COMMISSION**

28. Removal of membership fees specific to the National Women's Liberal Commission

Proposed amendment: Amend Subsection 36(2) so that it reads as follows:

- (2) Every member of the Party who is a woman and who meets any additional membership requirements ~~(including the payment of membership fees in addition to the fees for membership in the Party)~~ established in accordance with the Constitution of the National Women's Liberal Commission is entitled to become a member of the National Women's Liberal Commission.

29. Fundraising plan for the Judy LaMarsh Fund

Proposed amendment: Add the following as Subsection 36(3) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (3) The National Women's Liberal Commission is responsible to prepare fundraising plans for the Judy LaMarsh Fund in consultation with the Chief Revenue Officer [if Proposed amendment 1 is passed] and manage or supervise the management of the implementation of those plans.

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE
SENIORS LIBERAL COMMISSION**

30. Proposed amendment: Add the following as Subsection 10(1) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (1) The Liberal Party of Canada recognizes its members as the basis of its structure and as its ultimate authority. Their primary participation shall be focused at the level of their EDA. In this regard, and notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, members shall take ownership of the values and principles that guide the affairs of the Party and they shall provide leadership in defining the issues, policies and platforms that will define the public positions of the Liberal Party of Canada.

31. Proposed amendment: Amend Section 52 so that it reads as follows:

- (1) The rights of the Caucus set out in this Constitution are in addition to any other rights of the Caucus.

- (2) The Caucus as a whole is not a Constituent Body, and this Constitution does not impose any responsibilities on the Caucus. However, given that each member of Caucus must continue to be a member of the Party, and retains all rights and responsibilities of members as described in this Constitution, each member of Caucus is expected to seek to balance their rights and responsibilities as a member of Caucus with their individual rights and responsibilities as a member of the Party.
- (3) ~~While~~ the Caucus per se is not subject to the jurisdiction of any convention or general meeting of the Party, the Council of Presidents, the National Board of Directors or the Permanent Appeal Committee, each member of Caucus is expected to respect such jurisdiction as an individual member of the Party.

32. Authority to amend the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada

Proposed amendment:

32.1 Amend Subsection 76(1) so that it reads as follows:

- (1) This Constitution may be amended in accordance with this Section by a *Special Resolution* of the members of the Party ~~either:at a convention:~~
 - a) at a delegated convention, subject to a subsequent, electronically conducted ratification vote in which all members of the Party are eligible to vote; or
 - b) at any convention where electronic participation and voting capability is provided to all members of the Party as part of the convention.

32.2 Add the following as Subsection 76(5) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (5) Constitutional amendments approved at a delegated convention shall not come in effect until they have been ratified by all members in a direct vote to be conducted electronically, or as otherwise deemed appropriate by the National Board of Directors, but the ratification must be conducted as a direct vote of all members of the Party.

33. Policy approval and prioritization process

Proposed amendment:

33.1 Add the following as Paragraph 33(2)(d) and renumber the remaining paragraphs:

- (d) establish written procedures and guidelines that enable EDAs and Commissions to effectively engage their membership in crafting and prioritizing policy;

33.2 Add the following as Paragraph 33(2)(e) and renumber the remaining paragraphs:

- (e) coordinate the establishment of a standardized policy approval and prioritization process in all provinces and territories;

33.3 Add the following as Paragraph 33(2)(f) and renumber the remaining paragraphs:

- (f) establish written accountability procedures that ensure between convention member engagement at the EDA and Commission Club levels in policy development;

33.4 Amend Subsection 33(5) so that it reads as follows:

- (5) No member of the Party (including a member of the Caucus and a candidate for election to the House of Commons) may represent in any way that a policy or platform is a Party policy or part of the Party platform unless the policy or platform is consistent with the guidance provided by the membership through the policy development process and has been approved by:

- (a) a majority of the group consisting of the National President, both National Vice-Presidents and the National Policy Chair (the “Policy Approval Subcommittee”); or
- (b) the Leader after consultation with the Policy Approval Subcommittee.

**AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE
YOUNG LIBERALS OF CANADA**

34. Free of charge membership to the Liberal Party of Canada

Proposed amendment: Delete Section 6 and replace it with the following:

- (1) Membership in the Liberal Party of Canada is free of charge. No PTA, EDA or Commission shall charge any fee as a requirement for a person to become a member of the Party or to exercise any right of membership in the Party, including but not limited to the right to vote in a Leadership Vote, in the selection of a candidate or at any meeting held by an EDA. Nothing in this provision shall, however, be construed so as to prohibit the implementation of a delegate or registration fee as a requirement for participation at an annual meeting or convention of members from more than one EDA.

- (2) The National Board of Directors, in consultation with the President of the Young Liberals of Canada, shall develop and implement within 90 days of the coming in effect of these provisions a plan to mitigate the financial effect of Subsection 6(1) on student clubs recognized in accordance with Section 39.

35. Period of membership required to vote in Leadership Vote

PROPOSED AMENDMENT IF PROPOSED AMENDMENT 12 IS PASSED: Amend Paragraph 56(2)(a) so that it reads as follows:

- (a) been a member [supporter if proposed amendment 3 is passed] of the Party for the 41-14 days immediately preceding the day that the Leadership Vote is held in their PTA, or such longer period as may be determined by the National Board of Directors as being necessary to ensure the integrity of the Leadership Vote;

PROPOSED AMENDMENT IF PROPOSED AMENDMENT 12 IS NOT PASSED: Amend Paragraph 56(2)(a) so that it reads as follows:

- (a) been a member of the Party for the 41-14 days immediately preceding the commencement day of the Leadership Vote or such longer period as may be determined by the National Board of Directors as being necessary to ensure the integrity of the Leadership Vote;

36. Regional Voting Days

36.1 Proposed amendment: Add the following as Subsection 56(5) and renumber the remaining subsections accordingly:

- (5) Voting shall take place on a series of five consecutive Weekends.
 - (a) Each of the Canada's five Regions (the Atlantic, consisting of PEI, NB, NL and NS; Quebec; Ontario; the Prairies, consisting of MB, SK, AB, NWT, Nunavut; and, British Columbia and Yukon) shall conduct voting for Leadership on its Voting Day, according to the following schedule:
 - (i) Week 1: New Brunswick, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island;
 - (ii) Week 2: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut;
 - (iii) Week 3: British Columbia and Yukon;
 - (iv) Week 4: Quebec; and

(v) Week 5: Ontario

36.2 Add the following as Subparagraph 56(5)(b)(iii) in the existing Constitution (but Subparagraph 56(6)(b)(iii) if this Proposed amendment 36 is passed):

- (iii) The National Board of Directors will announce the complete results of the Leadership Vote in a Region no later than 48 hours after that Region's Voting Day.