

CONSTITUTION

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

AS AMENDED NOVEMBER 2023

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CONSTITUTION

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

(AMENDMENTS PASSED AT CONVENTION NOVEMBER 2023)

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the Party shall be “The New Democratic Party of Newfoundland and Labrador”.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Party shall be to promote the principles of social democracy. These principles can be briefly described as:

- 2.1 As a Party we acknowledge the island of Ktaqmkuk (Newfoundland) as the unceded, traditional territory of the Beothuk and the Mi'kmaq. We acknowledge Labrador as the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Innu of Nitassinan, the Inuit of Nunatsiavut, and the Inuit of NunatuKavut. We are committed to building respectful relationships with all the peoples of this province as we search for collective healing and true reconciliation.
- 2.2 A belief that the social, economic, and political progress of Newfoundland and Labrador can be assured only by the application of social and egalitarian principles to the governance and administration of public affairs;
- 2.3 That the production of goods and services shall be directed to meeting the social and individual needs of people within a framework of economic and environmental sustainability;
- 2.4 That the dignity and freedom of the individual is a basic right that must be maintained and extended to all persons regardless of race, ethnic background, ability, religion, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation;
- 2.5 That the abolition of poverty and the elimination of exploitation are achievable goals and must be a priority of any thinking and compassionate government;

- 2.6 That the people have a right to a meaningful voice in public policy through consultation and participation at all levels of public decision-making; and
- 2.7 That voters have a right to representative and participatory democracy through proportional representation.

ARTICLE 3: INTERPRETATION

Section 1:

In this Constitution:

- 3.1.a “Party” means the New Democratic Party of Newfoundland and Labrador;
- 3.1.b “Representation” means that members of all committees and executives of the Party should reflect the diversity of our population in terms of gender identity and expression, demographics, region, and equity-seeking groups;
- 3.1.c “Member of the House of Assembly” means a member of the Party who has been duly elected and is currently serving in the Newfoundland and Labrador legislature and is sitting as a part (member) of the NDP caucus.

Section 2:

This Constitution will include any and all appendices.

Section 3:

In this Constitution words in the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and words in the plural shall be deemed to include the singular unless the contrary intention appears.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

Individual membership in the Party is open to every person who:

- 4.1.a is a resident of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for at least six months of the year;
- 4.1.b is at least fourteen (14) years of age or other such minimum age as may be established by the New Democratic Party of Canada;
- 4.1.c undertakes to accept and abide by the Constitution and principles of the party and;

- 4.1.d is not, or ceases to be, a member or supporter of any other political party.

Section 2: Individual Membership

- 4.2.a An application for membership shall be subject to the approval of the Provincial Executive. The Provincial Executive may reject any application for membership that it deems detrimental to the interests and principles of the Party.
- 4.2.b All approved applications shall be processed by the Membership Secretary. A membership fee (if applicable) may be required along with an annual renewal.
- 4.2.c An individual shall remain a member of the Party until one of the following events occurs:
- 4.2.c.i *the individual requests in writing (including by electronic mail) sent to the Membership Secretary, or another Officer so delegated, that their membership be withdrawn;*
 - 4.2.c.ii *the individual has, as a result of discipline by the Provincial Executive under Article 17, had their membership terminated through expulsion; or*
 - 4.2.c.iii *has failed to renew their membership and pay any required fee (if applicable); or*
 - 4.2.c.iv *the Membership Secretary has received information that the member has died.*
- 4.2.d Notwithstanding subsections a-c of this section, the Federal Party may accept membership fees upon which the Provincial Executive may approve membership.

Section 3: Affiliated Membership

- 4.3.a Affiliated membership shall be open to trade unions, farm groups, co-operatives, labour councils, women's organizations or any other groups and organizations which by an official act, undertake to accept and abide by the Constitution and principles of the Party, and are not associated or identified with any other political party.
- 4.3.b Members of an affiliated organization must apply for individual membership in order to become full members.

Section 4:

Every individual member shall automatically be a member of the District Association in the provincial district in which they reside. However, if a person wishes to transfer to a District Association other than the one in which they reside, an application must then be made in writing to the Executive of the Provincial District Association to which they wish to transfer. All transfers are subject to District and Provincial Executive approval. If approved, the executive of the Provincial District to which the transfer is made shall inform the transferee's former District Association of such a transfer.

Section 5:

Affiliated organizations shall be entitled to participate in the activities of the District Association on a basis to be negotiated jointly by the Party and the affiliated organization and approved by the Provincial Executive.

Section 6:

No person shall be eligible to act as an officer of the Party, a leadership candidate, a member of a District Executive, a delegate to any Convention, or a candidate unless they are an individual member of the Party whose membership is in good standing.

ARTICLE 5: FEES

Section 1:

The membership conditions and fees shall be set by the Provincial Executive.

Section 2:

The affiliate membership conditions and fees shall be set by the Provincial Executive.

Section 3:

The Provincial share of the per capita fee for affiliated organizations shall be retained by the Provincial Executive.

ARTICLE 6: PROVINCIAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1:

The Provincial Executive may initiate the establishment of District Associations.

Section 2:

Each such association shall function within the terms of this Constitution and may adopt such by-laws that are not inconsistent with this Constitution as the successful operation of the organization may require; provided, however, that such by-laws shall be subject to approval of the Provincial Executive.

Section 3:

Each member of the House of Assembly shall be a member of the executive and all other committees of their District Association.

Section 4:

Each District Association shall consist of an executive of not less than three persons, including the Officers of the Association. The executive shall be elected at the District Association annual general meeting.

Section 5:

The District Executive shall be responsible for the general administration of the affairs of the District Association at all times.

Section 6:

The District Association Executive shall decide, in consultation with the Provincial Executive, on the calling of a nomination meeting.

Section 7:

Each District Association shall prepare a financial statement prior to each annual general meeting and after each election, and a copy of each statement shall be sent to the Provincial Executive Treasurer.

Section 8:

Each District Association shall hold an annual general meeting, ensuring that such a gathering is held prior to the Provincial Convention.

Section 9:

When an annual general meeting is to be held under the provisions of Section 8 hereof, the executive of the Association shall give at least two weeks' notice to all members and affiliated

organizations entitled to attend.

Section 10:

At the annual general meeting, only those individual members of the Party in good standing and who are residing in the District at the time, or who have become members in accordance with ARTICLE 4, Section 4 shall have the right to vote.

Section 11:

The business of the Provincial District Association Annual General Meeting shall be:

- 6.11.a to receive and vote on the report of the executive;
- 6.11.b to receive and vote on the financial statement;
- 6.11.c to review and prepare amendments to the policies and Constitution of the Provincial Party, and to submit such proposals and amendments to the biennial Convention of the party;
- 6.11.d To pass and amend by-laws;
- 6.11.e To elect an executive of the District Association;
- 6.11.f To elect delegates to the Provincial Convention;
- 6.11.g To lay plans for the political and economic education of the electors and for the organization of the district;
- 6.11.h To elect a representative to each of the active caucuses.

Section 12:

Should a District Association not have an executive, or where for any reason a District Executive has failed to fulfil duties outlined in Section 11, the Provincial Executive shall be empowered to fulfil these duties prior to the Provincial Convention.

ARTICLE 7: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Section 1:

- 7.1.a Any individual or any affiliated organization entitled to membership may forward the name of a prospective candidate to the District Association and the Secretary of the Provincial Executive, along with the written consent of the proposed nominee.

- 7.1.b All other guidelines for the candidate search and nomination of candidates shall be set down by the Provincial Executive and sent to the District Associations.

Section 2:

No person shall be eligible to accept nomination as a candidate unless they:

- 7.2.a are an individual member of the Party as defined by ARTICLE 4, Section 2;
- 7.2.b are eligible to be a candidate as defined by the Elections Act of Newfoundland and Labrador or the Canada Elections Act, as applicable; and
- 7.2.c have completed a Candidate Disclosure Questionnaire, in the form set out by the Provincial Executive.

Section 3:

No candidate and no District Association shall have the authority to change the Provincial Policies of the Party.

Section 4:

On request of the executive in the district with problems of communication or transportation, the Provincial Executive may arrange for and conduct a ballot by mail or any other acceptable method for the purpose of nominating a candidate.

Section 5:

In districts where there are no organizations as provided for in ARTICLE 6, the Provincial Executive shall have the responsibility for the nomination of candidates.

Section 6:

All nominations of candidates to represent the Party in a provincial election shall be subject to a candidate vetting process as implemented by the Provincial Executive and the approval of the Leader, in accordance with the Provincial Elections Act.

ARTICLE 8: PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Section 1:

The Provincial Convention shall be the governing body of the Party and shall have the sole power to alter or amend the Constitution.

Section 2:

- 8.2.a The Party shall meet in Convention at least every other year at a time and place to be determined by the Provincial Executive.
- 8.2.b There shall be a leadership review held at each Convention excepting a Leadership Convention.
- 8.2.c Specially called Conventions shall be held at the call of:
 - 8.2.c.i *at least two thirds of the provincial executive.*
 - 8.2.c.ii *at least 100 members or 25% of the current membership of the Party in good standing, whichever is greater, by petition to the president.*
- 8.2.d The Party shall provide to the party membership 90 days' notice of the date and place of a regular Convention and 30 days' notice of the date and time of a specially called Convention.

Section 3:

The following shall be seated as delegates:

- 8.3.a the members of the Provincial Executive;
- 8.3.b the Members of the House of Assembly;
- 8.3.c those candidates nominated for elections in provincial districts;
- 8.3.d ten delegates elected by each Provincial District Association and when membership in the district reaches 500 members, an additional delegate for each 50 members or major fraction thereof above 500 members;
- 8.3.e ten delegates from each of the active caucuses;
- 8.3.f ten delegates from each District Labour Council and ten delegates from the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour;
- 8.3.g one delegate from each affiliated organization for the first 100 members for whom membership fees are paid, and one for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof up to a maximum of 5 (five) delegates.
- 8.3.h No individual shall have more than one delegate vote.

Section 4:

- 8.4.a Resolutions, except those submitted by the Provincial Executive or emergency resolutions, must be received by the Provincial Secretary no less than 30 days prior to the Convention date and may be submitted by:

- 8.4.a.i *a Provincial District Association,*
- 8.4.a.ii *the Provincial Executive,*
- 8.4.a.iii *each of the active caucuses,*
- 8.4.a.iv *an affiliated group or organization entitled to representation,*
- 8.4.a.v *the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour.*
- 8.4.a.vi *In cases where a Provincial District Association is not in existence, and a member of the party in said district does not belong to the groups listed in Section 4 a), the Regional Representative shall submit any resolutions to Convention on behalf of said member.*
- 8.4.b The Resolutions Committee of Convention may, with consent of Convention, present emergency resolutions to Convention.
- 8.4.c Resolutions shall be passed by a majority vote. Those resolutions that are not decided at Convention shall be reviewed by a committee of the Provincial Executive. Carried resolutions shall be compiled in a resolution report and made available to the membership.
- 8.4.d The Provincial Executive is empowered, in the interest of clarity and brevity, to make friendly amendments to those resolutions not discussed at Convention. Amendments will not change the overall content nor intent of a resolution.
- 8.4.e In the case of a specially called Convention, the Provincial Executive may reduce the time required for the receipt of resolutions.

Section 5:

Convention shall be called to order by the President, and Convention shall then appoint Convention Chairs, a Credentials Committee, a Resolutions Committee, and such other committees as Convention may decide to elect or appoint.

Section 6:

The business of regular Convention shall be:

- 8.6.a to receive and vote on the financial statement of the Party;
- 8.6.b to receive and vote on the report of the Provincial Executive;

8.6.c to elect Officers as follows:

- 8.6.c.i *A President,*
- 8.6.c.ii *An Associate President who shall not be a cisgender man, if the role of President is a cisgender man,*
- 8.6.c.iii *A second Associate President who shall represent affiliates and the partnership with the Labour Movement,*
- 8.6.c.iv *A Provincial Treasurer,*
- 8.6.c.v *A Federal Liaison Officer,*
- 8.6.c.vi *A Provincial Secretary, and*
- 8.6.c.vii *A Membership Secretary.*

8.6.d to elect other executive members as defined in ARTICLE 9, section 1;

8.6.e to discuss and vote upon resolutions pertaining to organization and the policies of the Party; and

8.6.f to provide training and knowledge in the form of workshops, seminars, speakers and/or panels to instruct the membership in political action.

Section 7:

All adopted resolutions will be recorded in a resolution report and made available to the membership within six months of Convention.

Section 8:

Specially called Conventions may deal with any or all of the business specified above, provided that notice of intention to do so is stated in the Convention call.

Section 9:

8.9.a A specially called Convention may be held to:

- 8.9.a.i *elect a Leader. Such a Convention shall be called a Leadership Convention and the election of the ~~4~~Leader shall take place at a Leadership Convention.*
- 8.9.a.ii *discuss and implement major changes to the Constitution or policies of the Party;*
- 8.9.a.iii *respond to any emergency in the Party or in the province.*

8.9.b The purpose of the specially called Convention shall be clearly stated in the call to Convention.

Section 10:

8.10.a Election of a Leader of the Party shall take place if:

- 8.10.a.i *the current Leader announces their intention to resign;*
- 8.10.a.ii *the Provincial Executive has received a request for a specially called Convention to elect a Leader, as provided for in ARTICLE 8, Section 2(c);*
or
- 8.10.a.iii *if the current Leader receives less than 50% plus one of the vote as a result of the Convention leadership review vote.*

8.10.b If any of the conditions in (a) above are met, the timing of a Leadership Convention will take place at the discretion of the Provincial Executive.

8.10.c The Provincial Executive shall establish guidelines and procedures for the conduct of the leadership campaign and for the election.

ARTICLE 9: PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

Section 1:

Inclusion, gender diversity, and equity are fundamental values of our Party. In the event that the election of Executive members does not reflect these fundamental values, the Provincial Executive is empowered to appoint additional at large members to achieve this goal. Every effort will be made to ensure that Committees of the Provincial Executive reflect the diversity of the Party.

The Provincial Executive shall be composed of:

- 9.1.a the Officers of the Party;
- 9.1.b a representative elected from the Members of the House of Assembly by said Members;
- 9.1.c six (6) members elected by Convention to represent the regions of Labrador, Western Newfoundland, Central Newfoundland, Eastern Newfoundland, the Northeast Avalon and the South Coast. Regional Representatives must reside in the region they represent;
- 9.1.d three (3) members at large elected by Convention whose roles will include assisting the Provincial Treasurer and the Membership Secretary and assisting with Party fundraising;
- 9.1.e one (1) representative from each of the active caucuses;
- 9.1.f two (2) representatives appointed by the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour;
- 9.1.g the provincial representative to the NDP of Canada Women's Council who is chosen by the Women's Caucus;
- 9.1.h the provincial representative to New Democratic Youth, who is chosen by the Newfoundland and Labrador Young New Democrats.

Section 2: Meetings

- 9.2.a The Provincial Executive shall meet at least 10 times a year.
- 9.2.b Special meetings of the Executive may be held on the call of the President.
- 9.2.c The President shall call a special meeting upon request of three (3) members of the Executive.

Section 3:

- 9.3.a The Provincial Executive shall conduct the affairs of the Party in accordance with the policies of

Convention. The goal of the Provincial Executive is to support the financial and membership growth of the Party.

- 9.3.b The Executive shall have the authority to set up such Committees and appoint such staff as it deems appropriate in order to further the objectives of the Party as provided for in ARTICLE 2.
- 9.3.c A new caucus may be formed at the discretion of the executive upon the petition by any group of at least five (5) members of the party.

ARTICLE 10: OFFICERS

Section 1:

The Officers of the Party shall consist of the Leader, President, Associate President, Second Associate President, Provincial Treasurer, Federal Liaison Officer, Secretary, and Membership Secretary.

Section 2:

- 10.2.a The Leader is the Chief Political Spokesperson of the Party and shall make statements on behalf of the Party, shall enunciate the Policies laid down by its Conventions, and shall, if a member of the House of Assembly, lead the Party Caucus in the House. The Leader shall actively encourage the development and building of the Party in all possible ways.
- 10.2.b The President shall chair meetings of the Provincial Executive and supervise the internal affairs of the Party in general. The President shall call the meetings of the Provincial Executive and other meetings as provided in this Constitution.
- 10.2.c The Associate Presidents shall assist the President and chair meetings of the Party in the absence of the President.
- 10.2.d The Provincial Treasurer shall be responsible for overseeing the handling of all monies, assets, preparation of budgets and financial statements, and maintain such records and correspondence related to same.
- 10.2.e The Provincial Secretary shall co-ordinate all meetings of the Provincial Executive and maintain such records and correspondence as related to the affairs of the Party and shall carry out other such duties and responsibilities as defined by the Provincial Executive.

- 10.2.f The Federal Liaison Officer shall be the main contact with the Federal Party. All matters and issues pertaining to the Federal Party shall be directed through the Federal Liaison Officer. Final decisions shall be made only after consultation with the Provincial Executive.
- 10.2.g The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the membership list, coordinating membership drives, welcoming new members, and supporting the efforts of the Leader and others in organizing District Associations.

Section 3:

A Member of Parliament or a Member of the House of Assembly may not be President or an Associate President.

ARTICLE 11: QUORUM

A quorum for the conducting of business shall consist of one third of the members of any Executive or Committees of the Party.

ARTICLE 12: VACANCIES

Section 1:

Should the office of President become vacant between Conventions, the Provincial Executive shall elect one of the Associate Presidents to fill the vacancy for the completion of the term.

Section 2:

If the position of Political Leader becomes vacant between Conventions, an acting Leader shall be selected at a joint meeting of the Members of the House of Assembly and the Provincial Executive.

Section 3:

Should any other office become vacant between Conventions, it shall be filled by appointment by the Provincial Executive.

Section 4:

Any Provincial Executive member who fails to attend at least two-thirds (66%) of the executive meetings over a period of a year and/or fails to actively support the activities of the Provincial Executive and the Party may be deemed to have created a vacancy by a motion of the Provincial Executive. Attendance by distance (including electronically) shall be considered attendance.

Section 5:

The term of office of any officer or member of the Provincial Executive shall be automatically terminated when such an officer or member ceases to be a resident of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, provided that this section shall not apply to a Member of the House of Commons.

ARTICLE 13: AUDIT

The Books of the Party shall be audited at the end of each financial year and the financial statements and the Auditor's report shall be laid before the next Provincial Convention. The financial year of the Party shall end on December thirty-first of each year.

ARTICLE 14: CAUCUSES AND COMMITTEES

The Provincial Executive may approve any number of caucuses or committees with the power to meet and to develop their own terms of reference in line with the Party's goals and to provide information and advice to the Provincial Executive.

ARTICLE 15: DISCIPLINE

Section 1:

No member, District Association or affiliated organization shall publish or circulate information purporting to express the views of the Party without same having been approved by the Provincial Executive.

Section 2:

The Provincial Executive may suspend, expel, or otherwise discipline any individual or affiliate Party member, or body with the Party for any conduct which:

- 15.2.a is contrary to this Constitution;
- 15.2.b is contrary to the Objectives of the Party;
- 15.2.c brings discredit to the Party; or
- 15.2.d willfully damages the interests of the Party.

Section 3

- 15.3.a Any five (5) members in good standing may petition the Executive of the District Association, or where there is no active District Association, the Provincial Executive to request that disciplinary action be taken against any member who has violated the policies and Constitution of the Party. The petition shall state the reason for the request and shall be signed by the petitioning members.
- 15.3.b Upon receipt of a petition, the Executive of the District Association or the Provincial Executive shall notify the member named of its receipt and arrange a hearing to take place within 30 days of receipt of the petition. When circumstances warrant, the Executive of the District Association may request that the Provincial Executive respond to the petition and hold a hearing and undertake all duties associated with the petition.
- 15.3.c The Executive of the District Association or the Provincial Executive may, on the evidence submitted or hearing the petitioners and the accused, admonish, suspend, or expel the accused member; or dismiss the case. The petitioners and the accused member shall be notified of the decision.
- 15.3.d Any appeal of the decision may be allowed at the discretion of the Executive of the District Association or the Provincial Executive.
- 15.3.e Any person may forward a complaint about the actions or behaviour of a member of a Party Executive or Committee, or a Party volunteer by writing to the President, one of the Associate Presidents, the Membership Secretary, and any other member of the Provincial Executive.
- 15.3.f All votes taken by the Executive of the District Association or Provincial Executive under this Article shall be by secret ballot, and action to discipline shall not be taken unless two thirds of the members present and voting are in favour of the proposed action.

ARTICLE 16: FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Party and its Officers shall not be responsible for any debt incurred by any District Association or any other organization.

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be received by the Provincial Executive (hard copy, fax, or electronically) 30 days before the start date of Convention. Proposed amendments shall be made available to the general membership no later than 20 days before the start of Convention. Each proposed amendment shall be voted on separately and requires 2/3 majority vote and will come into full force and effect upon adoption.

APPENDIX A: RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CONVENTION

ARTICLE 1: CHAIRING OF MEETINGS

The President or designate shall take the Chair at the time specified. Any of those Officers, any Officer designated by them, or a Convention Chair or a Chair approved by Convention, shall occupy the Chair and preside over the sessions of Convention.

ARTICLE 2: RULES FOR SPEAKERS

- 2.1 When delegates wish to speak, they shall proceed to the designated area provided and when recognized by the Chair, give their name and the Electoral District or affiliate organization they represent and shall confine their remarks to the question or issue.
- 2.2 Speakers on motions and resolutions shall be limited to three (3) minutes, unless introducing a report on behalf of a committee.
- 2.3 A delegate shall not speak more than once upon a motion, except the person introducing a committee report, who may close debate on it.

ARTICLE 3: POINT OF ORDER

- 3.1 A delegate shall not interrupt another except to call a point of order.
- 3.2 If a delegate is called to order, the floor shall be yielded until the point of order is decided by the Chair.

ARTICLE 4: APPEALING THE DECISION OF THE CHAIR

- 4.1 The decision of the Chair on any motion or resolution can be appealed by two delegates, one of whom may state the reason for the appeal.
- 4.2 When challenged, the Chair must vacate until the appeal is resolved and an Acting Chair will take over the proceedings.
- 4.3 The question shall not be debatable except that the Chair may give reasons for the decision(s).
- 4.4 The Acting Chair shall put the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

ARTICLE 5: VOTING ON MOTIONS

- 5.1 Questions shall be decided by a show of hands or a standing vote.

- 5.2 A standing vote shall be counted upon request from the floor and online where the vote is unclear from a show of hands.
- 5.3 A Chair shall not vote on any question except where there is a tie, in which case the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 6: CALLING THE QUESTION

- 6.1 When the question is called, there is no further discussion or amendments.
- 6.2 If, in the view of the Chair, sufficient debate has taken place, the Chair may exercise the discretion to call the question.
- 6.3 If the majority vote in favour of calling the question, the question shall be called without debate. If that motion is defeated, discussion will continue.

ARTICLE 7: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports shall not be amended directly from the floor, but it shall be in order to refer such report, or any section thereof, back to the Committee for reconsideration in light of the discussion on the floor, or the particular point raised in the Motion to Refer.

ARTICLE 8: MOTION TO REFER

- 8.1 A Motion to Refer is not debatable unless it raises a particular point, in which case debate shall be confined to that point.
- 8.2 A delegate cannot move a Motion to Refer after having spoken on the question in issue.

ARTICLE 9: MOTION TO RECONSIDER

- 9.1 A Motion may be reconsidered provided that the mover of the Motion to Reconsider voted with the majority.
- 9.2 Notice of the Motion to Reconsider must be given at the next session. It must be supported by two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting.

ARTICLE 10: AGENDA

- 10.1 The agenda of Convention shall be established at the first session of the Convention.
- 10.2 The agenda may be changed during Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the delegates present and voting.

ARTICLE 11: SPEECHES BY CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS

- 11.1 Candidates for the office of President shall be allowed five (5) minutes each to address Convention.
- 11.2 Leadership candidates shall be allowed time as scheduled on the agenda.
- 11.3 Persons nominating candidates for President or Leader shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
- 11.4 Candidates for other Officer positions do not have nominators speak.
- 11.5 Candidates running for Provincial Executive positions shall be limited to two (2) minutes.

ARTICLE 12: RULES

- 12.1 In regard to any matter not provided for in these Rules, Bourinot's Rules of Order shall apply.
- 12.2 Any of these Rules may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the delegates present and voting.

ARTICLE 13: VOTING FOR OFFICERS

Officers will be elected in this order:

- 13.1 President;
- 13.2 Associate President (General);
- 13.3 Treasurer;
- 13.4 Federal Liaison.
- 13.5 Provincial Secretary;
- 13.6 Membership Secretary.

ARTICLE 14: VOTING FOR THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

The values of inclusion, gender diversity and equity, as outlined in the Constitution, will be observed when electing the members at large. Such election can be won on a plurality of votes.

ARTICLE 15: BALLOTING PROCEDURE

- 15.1 All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- 15.2 Online delegates will vote electronically.
- 15.3 At the regular Convention, a balloting Committee shall be appointed by the Provincial Secretary to distribute, collect, count ballots, and report the count.
- 15.4 Voting shall begin early on the last day of Convention but may be interspersed with other business.

