

CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA (ONTARIO)

(As amended at the LPC(O) Annual General Meeting on February 6, 2010)

ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS

In this Constitution:

- (a) "LPC" means Liberal Party of Canada;
- (b) "LPC(O)" or "Party" means Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario);
- (c) "OYL" means Ontario Young Liberals;
- (d) "OLP" means Ontario Liberal Party;
- (e) "OWLC" means Ontario Women's Liberal Commission;
- (f) "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:
 - (i) "its electoral district" means the electoral district which corresponds to the EDA; and
 - (ii) "its members" or "members of the EDA" means the members of the Party who live in its electoral district or are deemed to live pursuant to Article III.2 or Article III.3 of this Constitution;
- (g) "APLCO" means the Aboriginal People's Liberal Commission of Ontario;
- (h) "National Constitution" means the constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada as adopted and amended at the 2006 Biennial Convention and as further amended from time to time;
- (i) "Party Headquarters" means, as the context requires, either:
 - (a) the staff employed by the Party at its administrative headquarters;
 - (b) the place designated by the Party Executive as the location of the Party Headquarters.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

The objects of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) shall be:

1. To advocate and support Liberal political principles;
2. To advance the interests of and participate as a member of the Liberal Party of Canada;
3. To develop and determine policy;
4. To organize LPC(O);
5. To promote the election of Liberal candidates in Ontario to the Parliament of Canada; and
6. To respect the principle of equal division between men and women in the structure and operations of the Liberal Party to the greatest extent possible.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Every member of the Liberal Party of Canada who lives in Ontario shall be a member of the Party.
2. For all purposes of this Constitution, a member of the Party will be considered to live at the place of their ordinary residence, which must be determined in accordance with section 8 of the *Canada Elections Act*. If the rules set out in section 8 are not sufficient to determine the place of ordinary residence, it must be determined by the appropriate returning officer by reference to all the facts. Each member of the House of Commons (an "M.P."), each candidate at a general election or a by-election and each member of the Party living with the M.P. or candidate who would move, or has moved with the M.P. or candidate to continue to live with that person, is entitled to be deemed to have a place of ordinary residence in the electoral district represented by the M.P. or in which the candidate seeks to be elected, as the case may be.
3. Despite anything else in this Constitution, every member of the Party who, in accordance with the constitution of an EDA, would have been entitled to vote at a meeting (including a candidate selection meeting and a delegate selection meeting) of that EDA held on December 3, 2006, even though the member did not live in the electoral district represented by that EDA, is deemed for all purposes of this Constitution to live in that electoral district until the person ceases to be a member of the Party or votes at a meeting of an EDA that represents another electoral district.

4. In relation to a member of the Party, “their EDA” means the EDA for the electoral district in which the member lives or is deemed to live under Article III .2 or Article III.3 of this Constitution.

5. The procedures for applying for membership and renewing membership and the rules regarding the expiry of membership are set out in the National Membership Rules enacted pursuant to section 11 of the National Constitution.

ARTICLE IV –RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

1. A member has the right to receive newsletters, information, membership services and notice of conventions, general meetings and other activities from the Party, their EDA and any EDA of which they are an associate member.

2. Subject to the relevant provisions of this Constitution, a member in good standing has the right to:

- (a) attend, speak, and vote at a general meeting of their EDA;
- (b) attend and speak (but not vote) at a general meeting of any EDA of which they are an associate member;
- (c) in accordance with the National Constitution, be selected as a delegate or an alternate delegate to any national convention of the Liberal Party of Canada;
- (d) be selected as a delegate or an alternate delegate to any convention of LPC(O);
- (e) in accordance with the National Constitution, be elected to any office in the Liberal Party of Canada;
- (f) be elected to any office in the Party or in any EDA;
- (g) in accordance with the National Constitution, vote on the Leadership Vote and on the Leadership Endorsement Ballot (as those terms are defined in the National Constitution);
- (h) appeal to the Board of Arbitration;
- (i) in accordance with the National Constitution, appeal to the Permanent Appeal Committee;

- (j) in accordance with the National Constitution, communicate with, and to receive available services from, the National Office in English or French.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD

Officers

1. The officers of LPC(O) shall be:
- (a) The President;
 - (b) The Executive Vice-President;
 - (c) The Treasurer;
 - (d) The Secretary;
 - (e) The Vice-President of Policy;
 - (f) The Vice-President of Communications;
 - (g) The Vice-President of Organization.

Management
Committee

2. (a) There shall be a Management Committee consisting of the seven (7) Officers, the President of OYL, the President of the OWLC and the President of APLCO, and the six (6) Regional Presidents which may act between meetings of the Executive Board. Any decision of the Management Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Board and a full report of the activities of the Management Committee shall be made at the beginning of each Executive Board Meeting.
- (b) The President of each Commission may designate a single individual, who shall be that President's alternate for the duration of his or her term. A Commission President's alternate may, in the absence of the Commission President, attend meetings of the Management Committee and vote on behalf of his or her Commission President.
- (c) The Vice-President, Ontario, of the Liberal Party of Canada and the Co-ordinator of the Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee shall be non-voting members of the Management Committee.

Officers'
Duties

3. (a) The President shall preside over the Annual Meeting, meetings of the Executive Board, and meetings of the Management Committee;
- (b) The Executive Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President;
- (c) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the keeping of the books of record and of a bank account and shall present a written financial report at the Annual Meeting and at meetings of the Executive Board;

- (d) The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing all notices of meetings of the Executive Board, and the LPC(O). The Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and circulating the minutes of the meetings of the Management Committee and the Executive Board of the LPC(O). The Secretary shall be responsible for the preparation and the maintenance of a list of the members of the LPC(O);
- (e) The Executive Board has the power to direct EDA on matters arising from the redistribution of federal electoral district boundaries.

Vacancies

4. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any offices of the President, Executive Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-President of Policy, Vice-President of Communications, Vice-President of Organization, Director, or Regional President within nine months after the conclusion of an Annual Meeting, the Executive Board may appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next Annual Meeting, provided such appointment of a Regional President is not subject to any contrary provision of the constitution of the Region whose presidency is vacant. In the event that such a vacancy arises more than nine months after the conclusion of an Annual Meeting, the appointment may be made by the Management Committee or the Executive Board.

Executive Board: Composition

5. There shall be an Executive Board consisting of:
- (a) The Officers and the immediate Past President of LPC(O);
 - (b) The six (6) Regional Presidents;
 - (c) Eighteen (18) directors, three (3) of which are to be elected for each of the six (6) regions at the Annual Meeting of the LPC(O). Each Director shall be elected in respect of each Area within a Region.
 - (d) The following members of the OYL Executive:
 - President;
 - Executive Vice President;
 - Vice President Provincial ;
 - Vice President Federal;
 - Treasurer;
 - Student Director;
 - Riding Director;
 - Communications Director;
 - Recruitment Director;
 - Policy Director;
 - Eastern Regional Coordinator;

Northern Regional Coordinator;
 Toronto Regional Coordinator;
 South Central Regional Coordinator;
 South Western Regional Coordinator;
 Central Regional Coordinator; and
 Past President.

- (e) The Executive Director of LPC(O) , who shall be non voting member
- (f) The President of OLP;
- (g) The Leader of LPC;
- (h) The President of LPC;
- (i) The following members of the OWLC Executive:
 President;
 Executive Vice-President ;
 Recording Secretary;
 Membership Vice-President;
 Treasurer;
 Policy Vice-President;
 Organization Vice-President;
 Communications Vice-President;
 Constitution and Legal Affairs Vice- President;
 5 Regional Vice-Presidents;
 Fundraising Vice-President;
 Vice-President, Provincial;
 Vice-President, Federal;
 Vice-President, Young Women;
 Past President; and
 NWLC Ontario Vice-President.
- (j) Committee Coordinators duly appointed under the provisions of this Constitution who shall be non voting members.
- (k) The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the APLCO.
- (l) The President of each Federal EDA in Ontario or such person as he or she may from time to time designate in writing;
- (m) The Chairperson of the Ontario Liberal Caucus of Members of Parliament or such other Member of Parliament as he or she may from time to time designate in writing;

- (n) Elected members of the National Executive of the LPC who reside in Ontario;
- (o) Ten (10) Members of the Executive Board of the APLCO, elected by the members of the Executive Board of the APLCO, to serve from one Annual Meeting of the APLCO to the next.

Executive Board:
Authority
Manage Affairs

6. The Executive Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities in addition to any others set forth in this Constitution:

- (a) Subject to the decision of the Annual Meeting, it shall manage the affairs of LPC(O) and shall approve budgets and expenditures; it may authorize a remuneration up to \$10,000 for the President;

Delegate Authority

- (b) It shall have power to delegate such authority and responsibilities as it sees fit to the Management Committee;

Meetings

- (c) It shall meet at least three (3) times per year at regular intervals, in three different Regions, and one of such meetings shall be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting or Policy Rally of LPC(O). Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the Secretary upon the direction of the President or upon written direction of ten (10) members of the Executive Board. Notice of each meeting shall be given each member in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. If an election or Leadership Convention is called or there is an electoral emergency, the thirty (30) day notice requirement may be waived by one-half of the members of the Executive Board. However, the provisions of Article V.7 of this Constitution, with respect to material decisions, continue to apply.

Recognition

- (d) It shall have power to refuse or grant recognition to the Liberal Federal Electoral District Associations, and such other organizations as are referred to in Article III, paragraphs (c), (d), (g) and (h) of this Constitution;

Rules, etc.

- (e) It shall have the authority to enact rules, regulations and procedures not inconsistent with this Constitution, including, with respect to all meetings held under the authority of this Constitution by Electoral District Associations, recognized Clubs, APLCO Associations and Women's Associations with respect to the following:
 - (i) the calling of meetings;
 - (ii) the eligibility to vote;

- (iii) the conduct of meetings;
- (iv) appeals from meetings; and,
- (v) all other matters.

(e.1) It shall have the power to pass policy resolutions, provided that notice in writing of the proposed policy resolution has been circulated to Riding Presidents in advance of any meeting where the resolution will be debated.

(e.2) It shall have the authority to enact rules respecting the redistribution of memberships, funds and debts where electoral district boundaries are altered.

LPC
Convention
Delegates

(f) It shall have the authority to elect or select by election such delegates to meetings or conventions of the Liberal Party of Canada as may be chosen by the Executive of LPC(O) in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of the Liberal Party of Canada.

LPC
Committees

(g) It shall have the authority to appoint representatives to Standing Committees of the Liberal Party of Canada. However, the representative to the LPC Standing Committee on Multiculturalism shall be elected by the delegates at each Annual Meeting to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

Review of
Executive
Board
Quorum

(h) It shall have the authority to review the actions of the Management Committee.

(i) Thirty (30) voting members shall constitute a quorum and all resolutions must be approved by a majority vote of all persons voting, excluding those who abstain from voting.

Notice of
Proposed
Material
Decisions

7. (a) Notice of any material decisions proposed to the Executive Board shall be provided in writing to all members of the Executive Board no less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of the Executive Board at which the material decision is to be made.

(b) A material decision shall mean:

- (i) any budget or material financial decision;
- (ii) any policy resolution;
- (iii) any enactment, amendment or revocation of the rules, regulations or procedures as authorized by the Constitution; and
- (iv) any resolution of the Executive Board which has the same de facto consequences as an enactment or amendment or revocation of rules, regulations or procedures.

- (c) The proposer of any material decision that does not provide thirty (30) days written notice must establish to the satisfaction of the Executive Board, by a 75% vote of those present and voting, that exigent circumstances require the decision to be voted upon notwithstanding the lack of provision of such notice.
- (d) Upon a vote of 75% in favour of a finding of exigent circumstances in such a case, the proposed material decision may be put forward for full debate and such dispensation as the Board sees fit under its normal decision-making processes.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Policy
Committee:
Structure

1. There shall be a Policy Committee consisting of the Vice-President who shall act as chair and not less than 10 other members appointed by the Vice-President with the approval of the Management Committee and selected so as to represent the various interests within LPC(O).

Policy
Committee:
Responsibilities

2. The Policy Committee shall be responsible for organizing the work of LPC(O) with respect to:

- (a) National Policy formation;
- (b) Local Policy formation;
- (c) Communication to the Liberal Parliamentary Caucus and Cabinet (where applicable), the viewpoint of LPC(O);
- (d) Conducting accountability sessions of the Ontario Parliamentary Caucus with members of LPC(O); and
- (e) The assembling of resolutions that may be passed by Electoral District Association, regions, Executive Board and resolutions passed by delegates at policy rallies and ensuring that all such resolutions are forwarded to the appropriate body for implementation.

Vice-President
of Policy:
Reports

3. The Vice-President of Policy shall submit a written report to the Annual Meeting reporting on action taken in each of his or her four (4) areas of responsibility, and report regularly to the Executive Board.

Communication
Committee:
Structure

4. There shall be a Communications Committee consisting of the Vice-President and not less than ten (10) other members appointed by the Vice-President with the approval of the Management Committee. The Committee shall elect a Vice Coordinator and Secretary from among themselves and the Vice-President shall endeavour to appoint persons representative of the various interests within LPC(O).

Communication

5. The Communications Committee shall be responsible for organizing the work of the

LPC(O) with respect to:

- Committee:
Responsibilities
- (a) the regular LPC(O) newsletter;
 - (b) media contacts, publicity and promotion;
 - (c) special promotional events with the Party and Parliamentary Caucus and Cabinet (where applicable);
 - (d) local communications policy formation.

Organization
Committee:
Structure

6. There shall be an Organization Committee consisting of the Vice-President and not less than ten (10) other members appointed by the Vice-President with the approval of the Management Committee. The Committee shall elect a Vice Coordinator and Secretary from amongst themselves and the Vice-President shall endeavour to appoint persons representative of the various interests within LPC(O).

Organization
Committee:
Responsibilities

7. The Organization Committee shall be responsible for organizing the work of the LPC(O) with respect to:

- (a) preparing LPC(O) for election;
- (b) working with ridings in organization preparations.

Constitution &
Legal Affair
Committee

8. There shall be a Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee, which shall have the authority and responsibilities, described in this Constitution and whose Coordinator shall be appointed by the Management Committee.

Committees of
the Executive
Board

9. The Management Committee may establish such additional committees from time to time as it deems necessary or desirable. Each Committee shall have a Coordinator. The Management Committee shall have the following powers with respect to these Committees:

- (i) It shall appoint the Coordinator;
- (ii) It shall set the terms of reference of the Committee;
- (iii) It shall appoint the members, authorize the Coordinator to appoint the members or otherwise provide rules for the selection of members;
- (iv) It may terminate the appointment of the Coordinator or of any or all of the members of the Committee; and
- (v) It may disband the Committee.

The Management Committee shall endeavour to appoint persons representative of the various interests within LPC(O) when appointing Committee Coordinators and members of committees and when authorizing others to appoint or select members of committees.

Committee
Meetings

10. Each Committee shall meet at the call of its Coordinator or upon the written request of at least four (4) members thereof made to the members of the Committee, or upon the request of the Management Committee.

- Notice of Committee Meetings
11. Notice of each meeting of any Committee shall be sent to each member thereof at least seven (7) days prior thereto unless such notice is waived by one-half of the members of the Committee.
- Committee Reports
12. Each Committee shall present a written report at the Annual Meeting through its Coordinator, and report regularly to the Management Committee and Executive Board.
- Arbitration Committee: Structure
13. (a) The LPC(O) Executive Board shall appoint a Chair of the Arbitration Committee. After consultation with the Chair, the Executive Board of LPC(O) shall appoint a Permanent Committee consisting of no less than ten (10) members and having due regard to regional representation. Boards of Arbitration shall be comprised of three members drawn from the Permanent Committee by the Chair of the Arbitration Committee or if necessary appointed ad hoc for a particular arbitration.
- Arbitration: Scope
- (b) The Board shall decide disputes arising with respect to:
- (ii) any decision by the Management Committee of LPC(O) to place an EDA in receivership.
- (iii) any other matter referred to it by the Management Committee or Executive Board of LPC(O);
- Arbitration: Deposit; Time Limits; Procedure
- (c) Subject to any rules made pursuant to this article, a fee together with a written statement of complaint with full particulars, filed with the Secretary of the LPC(O), at the LPC(O) offices, within 72 hours of the events complained of, is required to invoke Article VI (13)(b). The fee, payable to the LPC(O) in the form of a certified cheque, cash or money order, as set
- (d) from time to time by the Executive Board, is retained by the LPC(O) unless waived or reduced by the Board of Arbitration or the Management Committee. The 72 hour time limit may be extended at the discretion of the Board of Arbitration or the Management Committee.
- Arbitration: Appeals
- (d) If any person affected by a decision of the Board of Arbitration wishes to appeal that decision, that person may apply to do so by delivering a written notice setting out the particulars of the decision of the Board of Arbitration appealed from and the grounds for objection, along with a deposit. The deposit is payable to the LPC(O) in the form of a certified cheque, cash or money order, and shall be in such amount as set from time to time by the Management Committee. The 72 hour time limit may be extended at the discretion of the President and the Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the LPC(O).

With the written consent of the President and Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the LPC(O), an appeal may be made from the decision of the Board of Arbitration to the Permanent Appeal Committee of LPC (other than the decision of the Board of Arbitration in an appeal of a decision of the Management Committee to place an EDA in receivership). The President and Chair of the Arbitration Committee of the LPC(O) shall decide whether the request for appeal merits an appeal and if the appeal is rejected, they shall render a decision with reasons within forty-eight (48) hours.

Appeals shall be heard by the Permanent Appeal Committee of LPC who shall not hear matters of fact but shall only determine if the Constitution and Rules have been properly interpreted and applied by the Board of Arbitration.

Arbitration:
Rules

- (e) The Executive Board of LPC(O) may, from time to time enact rules for conducting Arbitrations and Appeals therefrom.

ARTICLE VII - ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETINGS

Call of
Meeting;
Notice;
Authority

1. The Annual Meeting of LPC(O) shall be held each year at a time and place to be fixed by the Executive Board or in an electoral emergency the Management Committee, provided such date is no later than eighteen (18) months from the date of the prior Annual Meeting. The Executive Board may direct the President to call a special meeting of LPC(O) upon ninety (90) days notice at any time for such purpose as it may consider advisable. Those eligible to attend and vote at a special meeting shall be selected in the same manner as those who may attend and vote at an Annual Meeting. If an election or a Leadership Convention is called or there is electoral emergency after the time and place for the Annual Meeting or a special meeting is fixed, the Management Committee may postpone the Annual Meeting or the special meeting for such reasonable period of time as is required to enable LPC(O) to participate in the election or Leadership Convention or to deal with the electoral emergency even if as a result of the postponement, an Annual Meeting is held more than eighteen (18) months after the prior Annual Meeting . However, an Annual Meeting shall not be postponed to a date more than 24 months after the prior Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting or a special meeting may review, and by majority vote, amend or revoke any act or regulation passed, taken or made by the Management Committee or the Executive Board, provided such act shall not apply retroactively.

Notice

2. Notice in writing shall be sent at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting to all persons entitled to attend as delegates, other than those to be elected under paragraph 3 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), and to the secretaries of all Electoral District Associations and to the President and Secretary of all other organizations entitled to send delegates to the Annual Meeting.

- Representation : 3. The following shall be entitled to attend as delegates and vote at the Annual Meeting:
- Presidents (a) The President of each EDA and the President of each duly recognized OYL Electoral District and student club;
- EDA Delegates (b) i. Eighteen (18) persons who shall be elected by each EDA in Ontario, four (4) of the whom shall be twenty-five (25) years of age or under. At least four (4) of the remaining persons shall be women over the age of twenty-five years, and at least four (4) of the remaining persons shall be men over the age of twenty-five (years). Where an OYL Association for the Electoral District is recognized by the Executive Board pursuant to Articles V.8.(d) and III.(d), members of that club shall be considered to be members of the EDA for the purposes of notice of meeting, voting or standing for election for these positions.
ii. In the event that a general meeting of the EDA has been held, and such meeting does not elect 18 delegates, the EDA executive shall be empowered to fill the vacancies by ordinary resolution.
- OYL Delegates (c) Five (5) persons from each duly recognized OYL student club;
- OWLC Delegates (d) Two (2) persons from each Women's Liberal Association or Club recognized by the Executive Committee of the OWLC and the Executive Board of LPC(O), one of whom shall be the President of the Association or Club;
- APLCO Delegates Alternates (e) Five (5) persons from each duly recognized APLCO association;
(f) An equal number of persons described in paragraph (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall be elected as alternates subject to the men, women, and youth requirements. Where a delegate fails to register by the close of registration at the LPC(O) Annual Meeting, he or she may be replaced by the first listed of the following persons who applies to replace the non-registrant no later than one hour after the time set for the close of delegate registration:
(i) the alternate who would have been elected as a delegate, if neither the non-registrant nor any alternate who has not applied to replace the non-registrant had stood for election as a delegate; and
(ii) the alternate who applied to replace the non-registrant and who received the most votes.
- LPC(O) Executive Ex-Officio (g) The persons described in paragraphs (a) to (k) of Article V.5;
(h) The following persons, provided they are current members of an EDA in

Ontario shall be ex officio delegates:

- (i) Liberal Privy Councillors residing in Ontario;
- (ii) Liberal Members of the Senate from Ontario and former Liberal Members of the Senate from Ontario, provided that they were members of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time they ceased to be senators.
- (iii) Liberal Members of the House of Commons from Ontario;
- (iv) Liberal candidates for Ontario electoral districts residing in Ontario from the last general election or by-election provided that if a new Liberal candidate has been nominated since the last general election or by-election, then such new Liberal candidate shall be the delegate;
- (v) Former Liberal members of the House of Commons residing in Ontario provided they were members of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time they ceased to be members of the House of Commons;
- (vi) Liberal Members in the Ontario Legislature;
- (vii) Past leaders of the Liberal Party in Ontario, the OLP, and past leaders of the LPC who reside in Ontario;
- (viii) Past presidents of the Ontario Liberal Association, Liberal Party in Ontario, OLP, and LPC(O);
- (ix) Members of the LPC National Executive resident in Ontario.

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| Ex-Officio Eligibility | 4. Only members of LPC(O) as set forth in Article III hereof shall be eligible to become ex officio delegates to the Annual Meeting. |
| Credentials | 5. LPC(O) shall issue credentials to all delegates and alternates. |
| Quorum | 6. One hundred (100) delegates present at any general session of the Annual Meeting shall constitute a quorum subject to subsection 7 of Article VIII. |
| Voting Eligibility | 7. Only delegates present shall be entitled to vote for Officers and Directors of LPC(O). |
| Manner of Voting | 8. Voting at the Annual Meeting shall be by open signification by each delegate present, except for the election of Officers and Directors and any item for which a resolution calling for a secret ballot has been carried by majority vote. |
| Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors | 9. Persons elected as officers of LPC(O) as listed in Article V.1 and Regional Presidents shall hold office for a two (2) year term. Such terms shall be staggered, so that four of the seven officers and three of the Regional Presidents are elected at one Annual Meeting, and three of the seven officers and three of the Regional Presidents are elected at the next. The Officers to be elected at the 2007 Annual Meeting shall be the Executive Vice-President, the Secretary, the Vice-President, Communications, and the |

Vice-President, Policy. The Officers to be elected at the first Annual Meeting following the 2007 Annual Meeting shall be the President, the Treasurer, and the Vice-President, Organization. In order to make this transition with respect to Regional Presidents, at the 2007 Annual Meeting the Regional Presidents for the Central, Southwestern and Northern Regions shall be elected for a one year term to serve until the next Annual Meeting following the 2007 Annual Meeting and the Regional Presidents for the Toronto, Eastern and Golden Horseshoe shall be elected for a two year term to serve until the second Annual Meeting following the 2007 Annual Meeting. Subject to the foregoing, the Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting as follows and, subject to the provisions of Articles V (3)(b) and (c), the Regional Presidents and Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting as follows:

- (a) The Management Committee shall appoint an Annual Meeting Nominations Committee which in turn shall advise the Annual Meeting whether at least one (1) person seeks each of the positions of Officer, Regional President and director;
- (b) No one shall be eligible for nomination as a candidate for Officer, Regional President or Area Director, who has not filed with the Annual Meeting Nominations Committee at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the Annual Meeting, a notice in writing of that person's intention to be a candidate for the specific position. In circumstances which the Nominations Committee considers appropriate, the Committee may waive this requirement in respect of any particular office, or may substitute a shorter notice period, as it sees fit. In the case of a person seeking nomination as an Officer or Regional President, the notice in writing shall be accompanied by the signatures of not less than 25 members of LPC(O) who support the nomination of that person.
 - ii. Where an Officer who would be entering the second year of his or her term of office at the next forthcoming Annual Meeting files a notice of intention to seek a different office at that Annual Meeting, such notice shall not be accepted by the Nominations Committee, unless that officer has also tendered his or her resignation from his or her current position, effective no later than the end of the Annual Meeting.

Where a vacancy exists or has been filled pursuant to Article V.4 in respect of a position that would not otherwise be due for election at a particular Annual Meeting, the delegates to the Annual Meeting shall elect a person to serve in that position for the balance of the uncompleted term.

- (c) Candidates for the Officer positions shall be nominated and seconded by registered delegates present at a plenary session of the Annual General

Meeting.

- (d) Candidates for the positions of Regional President and Area Director shall be nominated and seconded by registered delegates present at a separate meeting for each region, to be held in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting. Each Regional President and Area Director shall reside in the Region or Area in respect of which that person seeks election, or shall be a member of an EDA in that Area, as of the opening of registration for the Annual Meeting at which he or she is elected, or, if appointed to fill a vacancy, at the time of the appointment.
- (e) All registered delegates shall be eligible to vote for Officer positions. Only delegates resident in a region or area may vote for the President and Directors for that region or area.
- (f) In the event that there are two (2) nominees for any position, a secret ballot shall be conducted, and the candidate who receives the most votes shall be elected.
- (g) In the event that there are more than two (2) nominees for any position, balloting for that position shall be conducted by one ballot only, and shall be by secret preferential ballot in accordance with rules enacted for that purpose by the Annual General Meeting.

Note

The LPC(O) Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee (the “Committee”) has determined that the cross reference to Articles V(3)(b) and (c) in the preamble to

Article VII.9 is no longer meaningful. The Committee proposes to amend Article VII.9 to delete the words “subject to the provisions of Articles V (3)(b) and (c)”.

- 10. At each Annual Meeting of LPC(O) the Treasurer shall provide a written report to the delegates reporting on the immediately preceding Annual Meeting. In particular, this report shall give the following information:

The name of any corporation, partnership or individual who directly or indirectly paid in whole or in part for delegate fees an amount equivalent to the fees for 5 or more delegates, and the number of delegates such corporation, partnership or individual paid for in whole or in part.

- 11. Upon making payment, each delegate for an Annual Meeting shall be required to state on their registration form the name of any corporation, partnership or individual who directly or indirectly paid for their delegate fee, and the amount contributed to

their fee by such person.

ARTICLE VIII - POLICY RALLIES

1. A Policy Rally may be a General Policy Rally or a Special Policy Rally. General Policy Rallies are described in Article VIII (3) to Article VIII (7). Special Policy Rallies are Policy Rallies other than General Policy Rallies.
2. A Policy Rally may take place at
 - (a) the Annual Meeting of LPC(O),
 - (b) a special meeting of LPC(O),
 - (c) a meeting of one or more Regions of LPC(O),
 - (d) a meeting of the Executive Board
 - (e) a meeting described in Article VIII (6)
 - (f) a meeting of an EDA, or
 - (g) any other meeting designated by the Executive Board as a Policy Rally.
3. A General Policy Rally shall be convened for the purpose of debating and passing resolutions for submission by LPC(O) to the LPC National Policy Convention.
4. LPC(O) shall convene a General Policy Rally
 - (a) at least every two (2) years, and
 - (b) at such other times as may be appropriate in order to ensure LPC(O)'s representation at LPC National Policy Conventions
5. Voting delegates at a General Policy rally shall be chosen on the same basis as for an Annual Meeting as set out in Article VII hereof and if the General Policy Rally is held in conjunction with an Annual Meeting the delegates to each meeting shall be the same.
6. The Executive Board of LPC(O) shall decide whether the resolutions passed at the General Policy Rally shall be prioritised at the General Policy Rally or at a second meeting following the General Policy rally, such meeting to be held at a time and place set by the Executive Board.
7. In the event that the Executive Board, in its discretion, requires such a second meeting, the voting delegates at the meeting shall consist of:
 - (a) the members of the Executive Board, and
 - (b) two additional delegates, or such larger number of additional delegates as may be specified by the Executive Board, from each EDA.

8. Policy Rallies may include, but are not restricted to the following:
 - (a) debating, approving or rejecting, and prioritising of policy positions,
 - (b) training for policy developments,
 - (c) conducting policy and informational forms on topical issues, and
 - (d) discussing the reaction of the Ontario Liberal Caucus, where there is a Liberal Government, to Policy resolutions passed at previous Policy Rallies.

9. The Executive Board may enact rules, regulations and procedures, consistent with this Constitution, with respect to (i) Policy Rallies, and (ii) the passing of policy resolutions by Electoral Districts Associations, regions, the Executive Board and delegates at policy rallies. The rules which may be passed by the Executive Board may include, but are not restricted to the following:
 - (a) who is to receive notice of a policy Rally, how much notice is to be given and the manner in which notice is to be given,
 - (b) defining which entities (the "Submitting Entities") may submit resolutions to a Policy Rally,
 - (c) setting number of resolutions which may be submitted by each of the Submitting Entities,
 - (d) the length of and format of resolutions to be submitted,
 - (e) the manner in which resolutions must be approved internally by the Submitting Entities before submitting resolutions to the Policy Rally,
 - (f) the circumstances under which the Policy Committee may decline to put forward resolutions submitted by one or more Submitting Entities for consideration at a Policy Rally provided that those circumstances are consistent with the furthering of Liberal political principles, are consistent with the manner in which a political party should develop policy in a free and democratic society and do not unreasonably restrict the development of policy by LPC(O),
 - (g) the manner in which resolutions approved at one or more Special Policy Rallies may be put forward at a General Policy Rally,
 - (h) the manner in which resolutions passed at Policy Rallies are to be prioritised,
 - (i) the submission of resolutions passed at Policy Rallies to National Policy Rallies of LPC,
 - (j) the rules of procedure and the rules of debate to be followed at Policy Rallies
 - (k) the rules for determining the selection of voting delegates to Special Policy Rallies, and
 - (l) setting the quorum required to approve or prioritise a resolution.

10. The Policy Committee may convene Special Policy Rallies to be held at such times and places as in the opinion of the Policy Committee would be best meet the mandate and the objectives of LPC(O).

11. The Policy Committee shall submit all policy resolutions passed at a General Policy

Rally and any subsequent prioritisation meeting to the LPC National Policy Convention in accordance with the rules set out by LPC.

12. The Chair of the Ontario Liberal Caucus and the member of the Cabinet responsible for Ontario, where there is a Liberal Government, shall attend each General Policy Rally. They shall report, in writing, the decisions made and the reasons for these decisions with respect to policy restrictions passed at the previous General Policy Rally.

ARTICLE IX - DISCIPLINE

1. The Executive Board may, upon the recommendation of the Management Committee, and upon written notice to the person affected specifying all its grounds, subject to a right of a hearing at the Executive Board meeting with counsel, by a vote at which at least fifty (50) voting members thereof present at such meeting at which two thirds (2/3) of the votes are in favour, remove any Officer, Director or member of LPC(O) and by simple majority appoint a replacement to act in his or her stead (if applicable).

ARTICLE X - REGIONS

1. LPC(O) shall be organized in the following Regions:
 - (a) Metropolitan Toronto Region
 - (b) Eastern Region
 - (c) Northern Region
 - (d) Southwestern Region
 - (e) Central Region
 - (f) Golden Horseshoe
2. Each Region shall be subdivided into three Areas, and the assignment of Electoral District Associations into respective Regions and Areas shall be as set out in Appendix I. Each Area Director shall be responsible for the Electoral District Associations in the Area in respect of which he or she has been elected.
3. A Regional President shall coordinate LPC(O) activities and communications, in his or her Region. Regional Presidents shall be assisted by the LPC(O) Area Directors who reside in the Region.
4. The Regional President may call meetings from time to time in respect of his or her Region and shall call at least one meeting in each calendar year. The focus of the regional meetings shall be organization, election readiness, policy development and training.
5. Each region may pass policy resolutions in accordance with the rules established by

the Executive Board.

6. As a result of a change to the number of Regions or Areas or to the composition of Regions or Areas, it may be necessary or desirable to elect one or more Regional Presidents and one or more directors at a time other than an LPC(O) Annual Meeting. The Executive Board shall be authorized to elect Regional Presidents and directors for this purpose. Any Regional President or are director elected by the Executive Board under these circumstances shall remain in office only until the next LPC(O) Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE XI – DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Article XI was repealed at the 2006 Annual General Meeting of LPC(O)

ARTICLE XII ELECTORAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Note

The LPC(O) Constitutional and Legal Affairs Committee (the “Committee”) has determined that Article XII requires certain amendments to bring it into compliance with the National Constitution. The Committee proposed amendments to Article XII at the February 2010 Annual General Meeting of LPC(O) but those amendments were not passed due to time constraints. The Committee will be proposing amendments to Article XII at the next Annual General Meeting. The consolidated text of Article XII, if amended as proposed by the Committee, is set out in bold after Article XII.

The Committee is of the view that the following provisions of existing Article XII are not in compliance with the National Constitution and are therefore not effective:

- XII.3(c)**
- XII.3(d)**
- XII.3(e)**
- XII.3(f)**
- XII.3(g)**
- XII.4(d)**
- XII.4(e)**
- XII.4(f)**
- XII.4(g)**

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| General | 1. There shall be an EDA with a written constitution in and for each electoral district in Ontario, provided that in cases where the boundaries of a federal and a provincial electoral district coincide, there may be one association responsible for the organization of LPC(O) and OLP in that electoral district. |
| Objects | <p>2. The objects of each EDA shall be:</p> <p>(a) to promote and make more widely known and understood Liberal principles and policies;</p> <p>(b) to provide a means of forwarding to the Leader of LPC and the Members of Parliament, and LPC(O), the opinions of the members of the EDA;</p> <p>(c) to elect, promote and assist nominated Liberal Candidates and Members of Parliament for that electoral district, both through membership activities, and through the provision of reasonable financial support in election campaigns, and</p> <p>(d) to pass policy resolutions in accordance with the rules established by the Executive Board.</p> |
| Constitutional Requirements | 3. The following provisions shall be deemed to be included in and form part of each EDA Constitution, notwithstanding any express or other statement therein to the contrary: |
| Copy of Constitution | (a) A copy of this Constitution as amended from time to time shall be sent to the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) (hereinafter "LPC(O)") within ten (10) days of its adoption or amendment; |
| Overlapping Provincial Presidents | (b) The Presidents of those Provincial Liberal Associations whose boundaries overlap those of this EDA shall be ex-officio members of this Association's Executive Committee; |
| Members - Privileges | (c) Subject to paragraph XII 4(d) of the LPC(O) Constitution, all members in good standing in this Association shall be eligible to hold office in this Association or in LPC(O) or represent the Association to any delegated meeting of LPC(O) or Liberal Party of Canada (hereinafter "LPC") as a delegate; |
| Executive Lists | (d) A list of the Executive and all members in good standing, together with their full residential addresses and telephone numbers and an indication as to whether or not they are resident in the electoral district, shall be kept by the Association and a copy of such list shall be sent to LPC(O) within four (4) |

weeks after the holding of each annual meeting of the Association;

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| Admission & Appeal | (e) Subject to the non-residency limitations of this Association elsewhere provided, any person who subscribes to the objects of LPC(O) and to those of this Association and who duly applies for membership and pays the applicable fee, shall be admitted as a member of this Association. If his or her application for membership is not accepted, he or she shall have the right of appeal as provided in the LPC(O) Constitution; |
| Membership Forms | (f) Applications for membership shall be as set out in Appendix II of the LPC(O) Constitution as amended from time to time; |
| Vote once only | (g) Association members may vote in only one (1) EDA; provided where electoral district boundaries overlap as a result of redistribution, Members of Parliament and duly nominated candidates in the immediately preceding election or by-election (provided no subsequent candidate nomination has occurred in the electoral district), and EDA Presidents, may vote in the EDA in which they stood for election and at any EDA with a boundary overlapping such electoral district; |
| Annual Meeting | (h) There shall be an annual meeting of the EDA within fifteen (15) months of the previous annual meeting, failing which, the Management Committee of LPC(O), shall have the authority to call such meeting at such time and place and on such circumstances as it reasonably deems fit; |
| Notice | (i) Notice of any Annual Meeting or General Meeting at which members of the Executive Committee of the EDA may be elected shall be given at least twenty-eight (28) days in advance of such. Notice of any General Meeting at which no officers or members of the Executive Committee shall be elected shall be given at least fourteen (14) days in advance of such. However, notice of meetings to select delegates to any LPC Convention shall be given in accordance with the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada and any rules made thereunder. All notices shall be given to all members of the Association in writing in the manner authorized in rules enacted by the Executive Board. All such notices and a copy of the current Constitution of the Association shall be provided to LPC(O). |
| Copy of Notice and Constitution to LPC(O) | (j) Failure to give such notice and a copy of the current constitution to LPC(O) may render the meeting a nullity if so declared by the LPC(O) Management Committee; |
| Voting-
"Cutoff" | (k) All persons entitled to vote at an Annual or General Meeting of the EDA or at a meeting to elect Electoral District delegates to an LPC Convention, |

except a leadership convention, or an LPC(O) Annual Meeting or Policy rally, shall be members of the Association for not less than seven (7) days prior to such, excluding the date of the notice but including the day of the meeting ("Membership Cutoff Date"). For meetings to select delegates to a leadership convention, the membership cutoff date shall be as determined pursuant to the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada and any rules made thereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an immediate past member of the Association may, subject to the provisions of the LPC(O) Constitution, renew his or her membership at meetings or conventions.

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| LPC and
LPC(O)
Conventions:
Delegates and
Alternates | <p>(l) The Association's candidate for election to the House of Commons in any general election shall be chosen in accordance with the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada and any Rules made thereunder.</p> <p>(m) At a meeting to elect delegates to an LPC(O) or LPC convention, one (1) ballot shall be cast for all positions. Those receiving the highest number of votes shall be delegates up to the required number, and those receiving the next highest number of votes shall be alternates up to the required number, provided the required men, women, and youth positions respectively receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the respective positions as delegates and alternates. A delegate to an LPC(O) or LPC meeting or convention or policy rally, must be a member in good standing of the Association at the time he or she declares his intention to stand as delegate or alternate;</p> |
| Candidate for
Nomination to
Resign | <p>(n) Where a person who is a member of the Association Executive indicates he or she intends to seek the nomination as a candidate of the Association in a Federal election or by-election, he or she shall forthwith as a member of the EDA Executive.</p> |
| Financial
Statements | <p>(o) The EDA shall provide LPC(O) with its complete financial statements within three months of the end of each calendar year. Such statements shall be signed by the President and Treasurer of the EDA, attesting to the fact that the statements have been approved at an Association Executive meeting, and setting out the date of such meeting.</p> |
| Filing of Intent | <p>(p) No person shall be eligible for nomination as a candidate for a position on the Executive of an EDA who has not filed with the Secretary of LPC(O) at least 14 days prior to the commencement Annual Meeting or General Meeting at which the election is to be held, a notice in writing of that person's intention to be a candidate for the specific position. In circumstances in which he or she considers appropriate, the President of LPC(O) may waive this requirement in respect of any particular office at any particular EDA or may substitute a shorter notice period as he or she</p> |

sees fit.

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| Entitlement | (q) | A person, who would otherwise be a past president of an EDA, by virtue of serving as president of the EDA for a period of time (the "Period") shall lose his or her entitlement to be the past president, by virtue of serving as president of the EDA during the Period, if his or her membership in the EDA terminates and he or she does not again become a member of the EDA within six months of the termination of his or her membership. |
| Minimum Requirements | 4. | In addition to the mandatory provisions set out in paragraph 3 above, the following minimum requirements shall be deemed to be included and form part of each EDA Constitution ("Constitution") notwithstanding any express or other statement therein to the Contrary: |
| Youth on Executive | (a) | At least one (1) person twenty-five (25) years Executive of age or under shall be on the Executive Committee of the EDA, plus the President of the Young Liberal Association, if there is one, in the electoral district; |
| Overlapping APLCO President | (b) | The president of an APLCO Association, if any, within the electoral district, shall be on the Executive Committee of the EDA. |
| Overlapping OWLC President | (c) | The president of the Women's Liberal Clubs or Association, if any, within the electoral district, shall be on the Executive Committee of the EDA. |
| Voting Privileges; Residents; Non-Residents 10% Maximum | (d) | All persons entitled to vote at EDA meetings or Conventions shall be residents of the electoral district, provided that any person who has been a member for a period of at least six (6) months prior to the date of a meeting or Convention may vote at same even if he or she is a non-resident. Provided those non-residents qualified to vote at any such meeting or Convention may not exceed ten (10) per cent of the total membership of the EDA at the time of such meeting or Convention; |
| Minimum of 90% of members must be residents | (e) | At least ninety (90%) percent of the EDA's membership, both voting and non-voting, must reside within the electoral district at the time of the last application or renewal of his or her membership; |
| Exception (Grandfather clause) | (i) | All members in good standing or immediate past members (ie. those members whose memberships expired within the previous ninety (90) days) who reside outside the Electoral District shall be permitted to remain as members of the EDA with full voting rights, notwithstanding the percentage of non-resident members is over the |

permitted percentage level but no further non-resident members shall be admitted to the EDA until the percentage of non-resident members has dropped to below the permitted percentage level.

14 years of age
to vote

- (f) All members of the EDA who are otherwise entitled to vote and are at least fourteen (14) years of age, at the date of such meeting or Convention, may vote;

Membership
fee limits

- (h) The membership fee of the EDA shall not exceed such amount as may from time to time to be established by the Executive Board of LPC(O).

5. This provision shall be deemed to be included in and form part of each EDA Constitution, notwithstanding any express or other statement therein to the contrary. The Management Committee of LPC(O) may declare that an EDA is in receivership through the following process:

- (a) Any one of the President, the Executive Vice-President or the Secretary of LPC(O) may request that the Management Committee of LPC(O) consider placing the EDA in receivership and setting out the grounds upon which such a determination shall be made. Such grounds shall be limited to the following:
- (i) That the EDA or its executive committee has not supported the objects of LPC(O) or of the EDA as set forth in the constitution of LPC(O),
 - (ii) That the EDA or its executive committee has acted in a way which contravenes the objects of LPC(O) or of the EDA, or
 - (iii) That the EDA or its executive committee has failed to support a duly nominated Liberal candidate for election to the House of Commons from the relevant Electoral District.
- (b) The President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the affected EDA shall be given not less than 30 days notice of a special Management Committee meeting held to consider such action. Such notice shall contain all of the grounds to be relied upon, and the particulars thereof.
- (c) The president, or his or her designate, and such other members of the affected EDA as are, in the view of the Management Committee appropriate participants, shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to make submissions and to submit evidence to the meeting of the Management Committee held to consider the action.

- (d) The resolution to declare the EDA in receivership, shall, in order to be adopted, require two-thirds of the votes cast to be in favour.
- (e) An EDA placed in receivership may appeal the decision of the Management Committee to the Board of Arbitration in accordance with the provisions of Article VI.13 of this Constitution. The decision of the Board of Arbitration shall be final. There shall not be a further appeal to the LPC Permanent Appeals Committee.
- (f) Forthwith upon adoption of the resolution to declare the EDA to be in receivership, the Executive Board shall name a person (the "Receiver"), who shall act on behalf of LPC(O), and
 - (iv) all assets and revenue of the EDA shall be dealt with and disposed of by the Receiver, for appropriate purposes of the EDA, as the LPC(O) Management Committee may from time to time direct by resolution; and
 - (v) the LPC(O) Management Committee shall be the Executive Committee of the EDA.
- (f) The LPC(O) Management Committee shall call a new Annual Meeting of an EDA that is in receivership 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 EDA to be in receivership. At such Annual Meeting, the voting members of the EDA shall elect a new executive committee for the EDA.
- (i) Forthwith upon the election of the new EDA executive committee, the receiver shall transfer to the EDA all assets then held by the Receiver in trust for the EDA and the LPC(O) Management Committee shall cease to be the Executive Committee of the EDA.

ARTICLE XIII - ONTARIO WOMEN'S LIBERAL COMMISSION

1. There shall be a commission established to represent and promote the interests of women within LPC(O) and to encourage the active participation of women on all levels of LPC(O) activities. This Commission shall be known as the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission and within the structure of the Women's Liberal Commission establish by LPC, and shall at all times conduct its affairs in accordance

with the spirit of the standards set out in this Constitution of LPC(O).

ARTICLE XIV - ABORIGINAL PEOPLE'S LIBERAL COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

1. There shall be a commission established to represent and promote the interest of aboriginal peoples within LPC(O) and to encourage the active participation of aboriginal people on all levels of the LPC(O) activities. This Commission shall be known as the Aboriginal People's Liberal Commission of Ontario APLCO and shall at all times conduct its affairs in accordance with the spirit and standards set out in this Constitution of LPC(O).

ARTICLE XV - ONTARIO YOUNG LIBERALS

1. There shall be a body established to represent and promote the interests of youth within LPC(O) and to encourage the active participation of youth at all levels of LPC(O) activity. This body shall be known as the Ontario Young Liberals and shall operate within the structure of the Young Liberals of Canada as established by LPC, and shall at all times conduct its affairs in accordance with the spirit of the standards set out in this Constitution of LPC(O).

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1.
 - (i) This Constitution may only be amended at any Annual Meeting, or General Meeting called for that purpose. Notice of proposed amendments, including those proposed by the Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee, must be given in writing to the Executive Director of LPC(O) no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual or General Meeting and amendments proposed other than by the Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee must have the written support of five (5) delegates to the Meeting endorsed thereon.
 - (ii) In addition to the foregoing, the Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee may propose such further amendments as may be required so as to assure consistency in this Constitution, in the light of proposed amendments received in accordance with Article XV.1.(i), or with the consent of the sponsors, may modify an amendment so received in a manner consistent with the sponsors' intention.
2. The Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee shall thirty (30) days prior to each Annual Meeting, submit a report reviewing this Constitution for required, desired or intended changes to this Constitution, as the case may be, to the Executive Director of LPC(O). A copy of this report shall be circulated to all delegates to the Annual Meeting at the time of registration, and where possible, in advance to all delegates who have pre-registered their attendance at such Annual Meeting.

3. A copy of the text of all proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be circulated to all delegates to the Annual Meeting or General Meeting for the purposes of amending this Constitution, as the case may be, at the time of registration.
4. Not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast (excluding abstentions) on any constitutional amendment must be in favour in order for the amendment to pass.
5. After each Annual Meeting or General Meeting at which this Constitution is amended, the Constitution and Legal Affairs Committee shall oversee the publication of this Constitution as amended, and may, in so doing:
 - (a) renumber the provisions hereof to accommodate the changes that have been made;
 - (b) correct errors which are purely typographical;
 - (c) correct errors of spelling, and
 - (d) replace gender biased language with gender neutral language, only insofar as such changes will not change the substantive meaning of any provision.

ARTICLE XVII CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICTS

Any conflict between the LPC(O) Constitution or any rules, regulations or procedures passed by the Executive Board (the “Rules”) pursuant to the LPC(O) Constitution and the Constitution of one or more of the constituent bodies of LPC(O) shall be resolved as follows:

- (a) The LPC(O) Constitution shall prevail over the Rules and over the Constitutions of the Electoral District Associations, OYL, OWLC, APLCO and all clubs recognized by OYL, OWLC, or APLCO.
- (b) The Rules shall prevail over the Constitutions of the Electoral District Associations and of all clubs recognized by OYL, OWLC and APLCO.
- (c) The Constitutions of OYL, OWLC and APLCO shall prevail over the Rules except for those situations where the Rules expressly provide that they prevail over the Constitutions of OYL, OWLC and APLCO.

ARTICLE XVIII OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

1. The official languages of LPC(O) are English and French.
2. The Constitution of LPC(O), the Rules of Membership and Procedure, and the notification for the Annual Meeting or a special meeting of LPC(O) shall be available in both official languages.

APPENDIX I - LPC(O) REGIONS AND AREAS**NORTHERN ONTARIO (10 ridings):****Area 1**

Kenora
 Thunder Bay – Rainy River
 Thunder Bay – Superior North

Area 2

Algoma – Manatoulin – Kapuskasing
 Sault Ste. Marie
 Timmins – James Bay

Area 3

Nickel Belt
 Nipissing – Timiskaming
 Parry Sound Muskoka
 Sudbury

EASTERN ONTARIO (15 ridings):**Area 1**

Carleton – Mississippi Mills
 Glengarry – Prescott – Russell
 Leeds – Grenville
 Renfrew – Nipissing – Pembroke
 Stormont – Dundas – South Glengarry

Area 2

Nepean – Carleton
 Ottawa Centre
 Ottawa Orleans
 Ottawa South
 Ottawa – Vanier
 Ottawa West – Nepean

Area 3

Kingston & the Islands
 Lanark – Frontenac – Lennox & Addington
 Northumberland – Quinte West
 Prince Edward – Hastings

METRO TORONTO (22 ridings):**Area 1**

Etobicoke Centre
 Etobicoke – Lakeshore
 Etobicoke North
 Parkdale – High Park
 York Centre
 York South – Weston
 York West

Area 2

Beaches – East York
 Davenport
 Eglinton – Lawrence
 St. Paul's
 Toronto Centre
 Toronto Danforth
 Trinity – Spadina
 Willowdale

Area 3

Don Valley East
 Don Valley West
 Scarborough – Agincourt
 Scarborough Centre
 Scarborough Guildwood
 Scarborough Rouge-River
 Scarborough Southwest

GOLDEN HORSESHOE (19 ridings):

Area 1

Bramalea – Gore – Malton
Brampton – Springdale
Brampton West
Mississauga – Brampton South
Mississauga East – Cooksville
Mississauga – Erindale
Mississauga South
Mississauga – Streetsville

Area 2

Ancaster – Dundas – Flamborough – Westdale
Burlington
Halton
Hamilton Centre
Hamilton East – Stoney Creek
Hamilton Mountain
Oakville

Area 3

Niagara Falls
Niagara – West Glanbrook
St. Catharines
Welland

CENTRAL (18 ridings)

Area 1

Barrie
Simcoe – Grey
Simcoe North
York – Simcoe
Peterborough
Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock

Area 2

Markham – Unionville
Oak Ridges – Markham
Richmond Hill
Thornhill
Vaughan
Newmarket – Aurora
Dufferin – Caledon

Area 3

Ajax – Pickering
Durham
Oshawa
Pickering – Scarborough East
Whitby – Oshawa

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO (22 ridings):

Area 1

Chatham – Kent – Essex
Essex
Middlesex – Kent – Lambton
Sarnia – Lambton

Windsor – Tecumseh
Windsor West

Area 2

Brant
Elgin – Middlesex – London
Haldimand – Norfolk
London – North Centre
London – Fanshawe
London West
Oxford

Area 3

Cambridge
Grey – Bruce – Owen Sound
Guelph
Huron – Bruce
Kitchener Centre
Kitchener – Waterloo
Kitchener – Conestoga
Perth – Wellington
Wellington – Halton

