

Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) 2010 Annual General Meeting February 5th to 7th, Windsor Ontario

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Welcome to Windsor, and the 2010 LPC(O) Annual General Meeting.

There has been much activity, both in the Toronto region, and in our party, since our last AGM. We've participated in Executive Board meetings, training days, two Regional Days, a national convention, Victory Fund events, and so much more.

To the riding presidents, your executives and members, M.P.s, candidates, and Area Directors, I'd like to extend my thanks and appreciation for the good will and cooperation you have extended to me. You have invited me to your association, executive and election readiness meetings, welcoming me warmly. You've allowed me to attend and often chair your meetings, offer updates from the party, work with your committees and in several instances, you've invited me to give presentations and workshops. I can't begin to tell you how much I've enjoyed working with you and I look forward to continuing our work together.

Thanks are extended to Judi Longfield, her entire staff, and my colleagues on the Management Committee, for their constant and continued support, and for all they do behind the scenes.

As mentioned, there have been many meetings, workshops and events. Our focus in the Toronto region has been training, or stating it more broadly, preparation. We want to ensure that all of our associations are prepared, ready to fight and win the next election. To that end, training has focussed on increasing skills.

The Toronto team has been busy developing new workshops that address the specific needs of our associations. I'd like to thank both Alasdair Robertson and Meredith Caplan for their invaluable input and assistance. They've worked with me, as part of the Toronto team, to create many of our workshops, such as: "Winning on the Doorstep", "Winning with Membership", "Winning with Fundraising", and more. It takes experienced and creative volunteers to develop workshops and presentations and I've been very lucky to work with a superb team.

To that end, there are more workshops being developed. Association presidents and members have told me and others what you need at the association level, and we are listening. We are working hard to develop more workshops that will address your specific needs in the Toronto region. Please keep the feedback coming.

On behalf of the Toronto region, I'd like to thank Chris Drew and Mano Kanagamany for serving as Area Directors. I'd also like to thank Ryan Ward who has capably served as an Area Director (area one) for several years, and who has decided to continue to serve in that role. Finally, please join me in welcoming two new Area Directors to the Toronto Region: Gabe De Roche (area two) and Ken Lister (area three).

Again, my thanks to everyone in the Toronto region. Thank you for your participation, your commitment to our party, and your ongoing efforts. It takes a team and we're very lucky in Toronto to have so many dedicated Liberals. I look forward to the year ahead!

Enjoy the 2010 Annual General Meeting!

Warmest regards,

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