

## **CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY OF CANADA (ONTARIO)**

(As amended at the LPC(O) Annual General Meeting on May 6, 2012)

### **ARTICLE I - DEFINITIONS**

In addition to the terms of the LPC constitution , in this Constitution:

- (a) "LPC" means Liberal Party of Canada;
- (b) "LPC(O)" 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) "APLCO" means the Aboriginal People's Liberal Commission of Ontario;
- (g) "National Constitution" means the constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada
- (h) "Party Headquarters" means, as the context requires, either:
  - (a) the staff employed by LPC(O) at its administrative headquarters;
  - (b) the place designated by the Executive Board as the location of the Party Headquarters.

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTS**

The objects of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) are the same as the purposes of LPC as set out in Article 2 of the National Constitution

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

Every member of the Liberal Party of Canada who lives in Ontario shall be a member of LPC(O).

### **ARTICLE IV –RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

The rights of members of LPC and LPC(O) are set out in Section 10 of the National Constitution.

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. All decisions of the Management Committee shall be recorded in minutes which shall be distributed to Executive Board members within one calendar month. Minutes of the previous Executive Board and all intervening Management Committee meetings shall be tabled 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 Immediate Past President of the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario), the Executive director of LPC(O) 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 General Meetings, 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 overseeing the keeping of the books of record and of a bank account and shall present a written financial report at the General Meetings 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).

- (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 a General Meeting, the Executive Board may appoint a person to fill such vacancy until the next General 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 a General 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 General 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 a 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:

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

Manage Affairs

(a) Subject to the decision of the General 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 two (2) times per calendar year at regular intervals, in

two (2) different Regions, and one of such meetings shall be held in conjunction with a General Meeting or Policy Rally of LPC(O), if any, held within the year. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called by the Secretary upon the direction of the President or upon written direction of twenty (20) 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.

Rules, etc.

(d) 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.

(d.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.

(d.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

(e) 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

(f) It shall have the authority to appoint representatives to Standing Committees of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Review of  
Executive  
Board  
Quorum

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

(h) 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.

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| Appointment of Campaign co-chair      | (i) | It shall have the authority to appoint a provincial Co-chair to sit on the National Election Readiness Committee   |
| Notice of Proposed Material Decisions | 7.  | <p>(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.</p> <p>(b) A material decision shall mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any budget or material financial decision;</li> <li>(ii) any policy resolution;</li> <li>(iii) any enactment, amendment or revocation of the rules, regulations or procedures as authorized by the Constitution; and</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> |

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| 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. | <p>The Policy Committee shall be responsible for organizing the work of LPC(O) with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) National Policy formation;</li> <li>(b) Local Policy formation;</li> <li>(c) Communication to the Liberal Parliamentary Caucus and Cabinet (where applicable), the viewpoint of LPC(O);</li> <li>(d) Conducting accountability sessions of the Ontario Parliamentary Caucus with members of LPC(O); and</li> <li>(e) The assembling of resolutions that may be passed by Electoral District Association, regions, Executive Board and resolutions passed by delegates</li> </ul> |

at policy rallies and ensuring that all such resolutions are forwarded to the appropriate body for implementation.

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| Vice-President of Policy: Reports         | 3. | The Vice-President of Policy shall submit a written report to the General Meetings 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 Committee: Responsibilities | 5. | The Communications Committee shall be responsible for organizing the work of the LPC(O) with respect to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the regular LPC(O) newsletter;</li> <li>(b) media contacts, publicity and promotion;</li> <li>(c) special promotional events with the Party and Parliamentary Caucus and Cabinet (where applicable);</li> <li>(d) local communications policy formation.</li> </ul>   |
| 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) preparing LPC(O) for election;</li> <li>(b) working with ridings in organization preparations.</li> </ul>   |
| 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) It shall appoint the Coordinator;</li> <li>(ii) It shall set the terms of reference of the Committee;</li> <li>(iii) It shall appoint the members, authorize the Coordinator to appoint the</li> </ul> |

- 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.

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| 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 General 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) any decision by the Management Committee of LPC(O) to place an EDA in receivership.</li> <li>(iii) any other matter referred to it by the Management Committee or Executive Board of LPC(O);</li> </ul>  |
| 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> </ul> |



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

ARTICLE VII - GENERAL MEETINGS

Call of Meeting; Notice; Authority 1. A General Meeting of LPC(O) shall be held every second 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 twenty four (24) months from the date of the prior General 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 a General Meeting. If an election, a national Biennial or a Leadership Convention is called or there is electoral emergency after the time and place for the General Meeting or a Special Meeting is fixed, the Management Committee may postpone the General Meeting or the special meeting for such reasonable period of time as is required to enable LPC(O) to participate in the election, national Biennial or Leadership Convention or to deal with the electoral emergency even if as a result of the postponement, a General Meeting is held more than twenty four (24) months after the prior General Meeting. However, a General Meeting shall not be postponed to a date more than twenty seven (27) months after the prior General Meeting without expressed permission from LPC. The General 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.

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| Notice               | 2.  | Notice in writing shall be sent at least ninety (90) days prior to the General 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 General Meeting.   |
| Delegates:           | 3.  | The following shall be entitled to attend as delegates and vote at the General Meeting:  |
| Presidents           | (a) | The President of each EDA;   |
| EDA Delegates        | (b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul> |
| OYL Delegates        | (c) | Five (5) persons from each duly recognized OYL student club, one of whom shall be the President of the Club;   |
| OWLC Delegates       | (d) | Five (5) 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                | (e) | Five (5) persons from each duly recognized APLCO association, one of who shall be the president of the club  |
| Delegates Alternates | (f) | <p>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) General 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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</li> </ul>  |

- (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.

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 General 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 General 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 General 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 and Area Directors shall hold office from the General Meeting at which they were elected until the following General Meeting.

No person may seek election in any one position if that person has served in that position aggregating 72 months. The Officers, the Regional Presidents and Area Directors shall be elected at the General Meeting as follows:

- (a) The Management Committee shall appoint a General Meeting Nominations Committee which in turn shall advise the General Meeting whether at least one (1) person seeks each of the positions of Officer, Regional President and area 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 General Meeting Nominations Committee at least 30 days prior to the commencement of the General 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.
- (c) Candidates for the Officer positions shall be nominated and seconded by registered delegates present at a plenary session of the 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 General Meeting. Each Regional President and Area Director shall reside in the Region or Area in respect of which that person seeks election, and shall be a member of an EDA in that Area, as of the opening of registration for the General 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 General Meeting.

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) A General 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, or
  - (b) at such other times as may be appropriate in order to ensure LPC(O)'s representation at LPC National Policy Conventions
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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).
10. 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.
11. 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 of LPC(O) or one of its EDAs 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) 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 two(2) regional meeting in each calendar year. The focus of the regional meetings shall be organization, election readiness, policy development and training. Any member of an EDA within a region may attend regional meetings.
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) General 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) General Meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI – DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

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

#### ARTICLE XII ELECTORAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

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.

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| Objects  | 2.  | The objects of each EDA are set out in section 12(1) of the National Constitution.  |
| Constitutional Requirements                          | 3.  | The following provisions, in addition to those found in section 12(2) of the National Constitution 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;   |
| Annual Meeting                                       | (c) | 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 deems reasonable   |
| Notice   | (d) | 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. 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. 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)            | (e) | 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"                                     | (f) | All persons entitled to vote at an Annual or General Meeting of the EDA or at a meeting to elect delegates to a LPC(O) General 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").  |
| LPC and LPC(O) Conventions: Delegates and Alternates | (g) | 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 EDA at the time he or she declares his intention to stand as delegate or alternate;

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| Candidate for Nomination to Resign | (h) | Where a person who is a member of the EDA Executive indicates he or she intends to seek the nomination as a candidate of the EDA in a Federal election or by-election, he or she shall forthwith resign or take a leave of absence as a member of the EDA Executive.  |
| Financial Statements               | (i) | 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 EDA Executive meeting, and setting out the date of such meeting.  |
| Filing of Intent                   | (j) | 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 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 sees fit. |
| Entitlement                        | (k) | A person, who would otherwise be a past president of an EDA, by virtue of serving as president of the EDA shall lose his or her entitlement to be the past president, 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 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         | (b) | 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.   |
| Receivership Process               | 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
  - (i) 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
  - (ii) the LPC(O) Management Committee shall be the Executive Committee of the EDA.
- (g) 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.

- (h) 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 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 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, 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 General 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 General Meeting at the time of registration, and where possible, in advance to all delegates who have pre-registered their attendance at such General Meeting.
  3. A copy of the text of all proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be circulated to all delegates to the 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 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 General Meetings or to a special meeting of LPC(O) shall be available in both official languages.

**APPENDIX I - LPC(O) REGIONS AND AREAS**

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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

**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