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Welcome to the Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario) Annual General Meeting (AGM). It's exciting to be here this weekend and to see the many positions being contested. Democracy is alive and well in the Liberal Party of Canada and especially in Ontario. Congratulations to Jason Cherniak, who has served on the Management Committee as Central Region Coordinator with me, on his acclamation into the role of VP Communications. His knowledge and experience will be invaluable in moving forward. I am sure he will bring his own skill set and enthusiasm to his new position. I have confidence that his experience and efforts will further advance communications within the LPC(O) and its members. Congratulations to other acclaimed candidates as well. I would like to further extend congratulations to all volunteers that have offered a commitment to strengthening the Liberal Party and putting their names forward or by helping on a campaign. I encourage each of you to remain involved as each of us has a role to play.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the LPC(O) membership for allowing me to serve on the Management Committee. As many of you know, I have decided not to seek re-election this year. I have spent the last 5½ years on the LPC(O) Management Committee, prior to these, I spent 13 years in various roles on the riding level. I look forward to continuing to work with LPC(O) and working with our local membership on the riding and regional levels. In November 2011, I was elected President of the Kitchener-Waterloo Federal Liberal Association and am looking forward to continue working with you at the Council of Presidents.

Overall, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on LPC(O) Management Committee and it has been both a pleasure and an honour to serve the membership of LPC(O). We have experienced a lot in our time together and I have learned even more. The results of the previous election were disconcerting. But the one thing I know for sure is that the support and interest of the Liberal Party of Canada membership is great and will continue to inspire future boards and the shaping of our nation. This was evident at the Liberal Party of Canada Biennial Convention, early in the 2012 year. I have had the opportunity to work closely with phenomenal people, each passionate to the strengthening of the Liberal Party and I believe my presence on the Committee has made a difference. I am very proud to have worked with you and of the many accomplishments the Management Committee has achieved during these years.

In closing, I would like to thank Judi and the staff at LPC(O) for all of the hard work it takes to make these events happen and especially in the daily answering of questions and the providing of information to our general membership. And to the general membership, thank you for the support and time you offer our Party. It is great to work with you and I look forward to more opportunities to do so.

Thank you kindly,

Bardish Chagger