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Your policy committee has put their energy to implementing the detailed plan that you approved during the last LPC(O) Annual General Meeting. Since the last federal election we have worked hard to ensure the success of the national biennial convention. It is now time for our members to establish a clear direction through an open national consultation based on local engagement. In Ontario we are ready for the challenge.



Ontario has held regional meetings and a Province wide policy meeting to develop policies that were submitted to the 2012 convention including one on democratic renewal of the Party. Your policy committee also put a process in place to ensure that resolutions that you adopted, though not prioritized remain available to the Party to support future policy consultations.

In terms of communications, we provided timely information to local associations on the policy development and we used both formal and informal methods to distribute information and tools required by EDA and Commission policy committees. It is now time to put even more consistent communications tools in place.

We initiated several on-line initiatives such as enfamille and liberal.ca with varying degrees of success. The lessons learned, and your feedback, have helped us put more rigorous rules of governance and new approaches in place for on-line consultation. I invite you to help us in developing the architecture on the Community Forum of liberal.ca.

While Policy 101 training was delivered to 76 electoral district associations, turnover in the membership of local executive committees makes it imperative that the new policy committee you select during this AGM undertake a new cycle of training. Newly minted master trainers are available to support you and I expect that all 106 LPC(O) Electoral District Associations will have active policy committees and formal policy action plans by the end of 2012.

The voices of Canadians need to be better represented within our Party and we owe it to them to rebuild successfully.

**Thank you for the unforgettable experience of these six years with you and for your continued engagement**