

CONSTITUTION

LIBERAL PARTY

OF

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

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Preamble

The Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador is committed to fundamental human rights and freedoms under the law; and recognizes that human dignity in a democratic system requires that all citizens in the Province have an equal opportunity and equal access to fundamental human services and economic, social and cultural development.

The Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador believes in a strong and united Province within a strong and united Canada, and subscribes to a dynamic Federalism in which the same principles of equality of opportunity shall apply to our country as a whole.

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The Name of the Party shall be the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador.

ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS

In the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning indicated;

- “Aboriginal” means a member who is a recognized status aboriginal, or an Aboriginal member of the Innu Nation, or the Labrador Inuit Association.
- “Area Vice -President” means the Vice-president of a Provincial District Association.
- “Association” means Provincial District Association, Federal Riding Association, Commission of Young Liberals, Women’s Liberal Commission or Aboriginals’ Liberal Commission.
- “Day” when expressed as a number of days means clear days. (Multiple of 24 hours, i.e. 7 days expressed as 168 hours, 21 days expressed as 504 hours).
- “District” means a Provincial Electoral District established under the Electoral Boundaries Act, R.S.N.L.
- “District Association” means a Provincial District Association.
- “Executive” means the Executive of the District or Riding Association, Commission or Club as indicated by the context.

- “Executive Board” means the Executive Board of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- “Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Executive Board of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- “Executive Vice-President” means the person elected Vice-President of the Party.
- “Party” means the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- “Post-Secondary” means a post high school educational institution recognized by the Province.
- “Province” means the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.
- “Resident/Residence” means the ordinary place of permanent residence within the boundaries of a District or Riding. Where dispute or doubt exists the definition contained in the Canada Elections Act, R.S.C. shall prevail.
- “Riding” means a Federal Riding established under the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, R.S.C.
- “Riding Association” means a Federal Riding Association.
- “Rules of Order” means “Roberts Rules of Order”, the standard guide to parliamentary procedure.
- “Senior” means a member who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older.

- “Youth” means a member who is between the ages of fourteen (14) and twenty-five (25) inclusive.

ARTICLE III - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. The Aims and Objectives of the Party shall be:
 - (a) To advocate and support Liberal political philosophies, principles, and policies.
 - (b) To develop Party policies.
 - (c) To organize the Party in each District and Riding in the Province.
 - (d) To promote the election of Party candidates in Provincial and Federal elections.
 - (e) To ensure the opportunity for fair and equitable participation by members in the structure and operation of the Party.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Party shall be open to any resident of the Province who is a Canadian citizen and supports the aims and objectives of the Party and satisfies any membership requirements which the Party may establish.

ARTICLE V - MANAGEMENT

The Party shall be managed by an Executive Board who shall be responsible for the Affairs of the Party and who may delegate such responsibility.

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ARTICLE XIV - COMMITTEES

The Executive Board may establish such Standing Committees and Select Committees as it deems necessary.

ARTICLE XV - CONVENTIONS

1. (a) The Plenary Authority of the Party shall be vested in the Party in Convention, and Conventions shall be held at such times and places and for such purposes as the Executive Board may determine, provided there shall be at least one (1) Convention annually.
- (b) The Policies of the Party, other than policies adopted by policy rallies, shall be established by the Party assembled in Convention.
2. The Executive Board may call a Leadership Convention when there is a vacancy, or about to be a vacancy, in the leadership of the Party and at which convention the leader of the Party shall be elected.

ARTICLE XVI POLICY RALLIES

General Policy Rallies may be held at such times and in such places as determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE - XVII - PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS

1. There may be established Campaign Committees to conduct Provincial and Federal Election Campaigns.
2. Party Candidates shall be nominated and, where more than one has been nominated for a district or riding, the Executive Board shall approve the calling of one or more nominating meeting(s) for that district or riding.

ARTICLE XVIII - STANDING RULES

1. The Standing Rules of the Party, which are to be appended to the By-Laws and approved by a vote of at least seventy-five (75) percent of the total Executive Board, shall provide the regulating procedure for various activities of the Party.
2. Amendments to the Standing Rules shall be adopted by a vote of at least a seventy-five (75) percent of the total Executive Board.

ARTICLE XIX - BY LAWS

1. The By-Laws of the Party which are to be appended to the Constitution, and approved by a vote of at least seventy-five (75) percent of the total Executive Board and ratified by the Party in Convention, shall provide for the management and organization of the Party and the means by which the activities of the Party are directed and the aims and objectives

attained.

2. (a) Amendments to the By-Laws, as proposed by the Executive Board, shall be adopted by a vote of at least seventy-five (75) percent of the total Executive Board and ratified by the Party in Convention at the next Annual General Meeting. Otherwise, amendments to the By-Laws shall be adopted by a vote of at least 50% plus one of the delegates present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Notice of proposed amendments shall be provided in writing to the Secretary of the Party at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall refer forthwith all such proposed amendments to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Legal Affairs who shall provide all amendments to be considered at the Annual General Meeting to all registered delegates at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XX – CONSTITUTION

1. The Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Rules shall govern the affairs of the Party and in the event of conflict between the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules or any Constitutional document of any of the Party's constituent bodies, this Constitution shall prevail insofar as the provincial affairs of the Party are concerned. In National or Federal matters, the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada shall prevail.
2. (a) Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Notice of proposed amendments shall be provided in writing to the Secretary of the Party at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. The

Secretary shall refer forthwith all such proposed amendments to the Standing Committee on Constitution and Legal Affairs who shall provide all amendments to be considered at the Annual General Meeting to all registered delegates at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XXI - INTERPRETATIONS

Unless there is something in the subject matter or context inconsistent therewith, words importing the singular or plural, a person or corporation, or the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall include the other or others of them respectively as the context indicates, or requires.

ARTICLE XXII - EFFECTIVE DATE

This amended constitution shall come into effect upon adoption by the Party in Convention, May 1, 1998, with the exception of Article I(c) which shall come into effect August 1, 1998.

ARTICLE XXIII - CORRECTIONS TO MATTERS OF FORM

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, the Standing Committee on Constitution and Legal Affairs may make such corrections and alterations to this constitution and to the By-Laws as it considers necessary, provided that such corrections and changes relate only to matters of form and not to matters of substance, and provided further that any such corrections or alterations shall be reported to the next Annual General Meeting and may be set aside by a majority of the members present and voting.

BY LAWS

Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador

Amended July, 2006
By: AGM and Convention

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ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

1. The Party shall be open to all who desire to support the Party and who wish to be known as Liberals. To this end, all individuals who are resident of the Province and are Canadian Citizens, aged fourteen (14) years of age or older shall be eligible for membership in the Party without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age or mental or physical disability, provided that they are not members of any other political party.
 - (a) Any eligible person who wishes to join the Party may do so by making application, along with any prescribed membership fee, in writing on the prescribed form to the Party office or at a Provincial meeting of the Party, convened for the purpose of selecting delegates, candidates, officers, or Party Leader.
 - (b) Members fourteen (14) years of age and older shall be entitled to vote at all proceedings of the Party to which they have been delegated or otherwise qualified. Members who are qualified as youth delegates are entitled to vote at all proceedings of the Commission of Young Liberals to which they are delegated or otherwise qualified.
 - (c) Subject Article I(b), at any meeting convened for the purpose of selecting delegates, candidates, officers, or Party Leader, only those who are members of the Party as per the following requirements.
 - (i) For Provincial Party activities in the province, any eligible person who resides in the district and provides suitable residency identification, shall be eligible to vote;
 - (ii) For Federal Party activities in the province, any eligible

person whose membership has been registered at the Party office for at least fourteen (14) days prior to the issuance of the Writ of election or the Notice of such meeting, whichever comes first, shall be eligible to vote;

- (d) Federal Membership shall commence from the date on which the membership application is approved by the Executive Committee.
 - (e) Following approval of the application, a Federal membership card in a form approved by the Executive Board which shall bear the name of the Riding to which the member belongs, may be issued and forwarded to the member.
 - (f) The Executive Board may establish a Federal membership renewal policy.
2. Membership shall expire on the earliest of;
- (a) The date of expiry of a current membership term.
 - (b) The date a member's written resignation is received at the Party Office.
 - (c) The date of death of the member.
 - (d) The date of suspension or expulsion of the member.
3. A member in good standing may vote, make proposals, propose resolutions, nominate, second, seek delegate status, or seek office at any level of the Party.
4. Subject to the provisions of the Elections Act, 1991 R.S.N.L. and/or the Canada Elections Act, R.S.C. a member may seek candidacy and election as the Liberal Candidate at a Provincial and/or a Federal General Election or by-election.
5. Where a member, including a member of the Executive Board, is required to reside in a

district or region or be a member of an association in order to hold an office and subsequently ceases to reside in that district or region or ceases to be a member of that association, he or she shall be deemed to have resigned from that office immediately upon that contingency.

6. (a) Any person of whom the removal from office or the suspension or expulsion from membership is proposed shall be given (10) days notice of the right to be heard at the Meeting of the Executive Board at which the removal, suspension, or expulsion is considered.
 - (b) The Executive Board, after ten (10) days written notice to the person affected and by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Board present at the meeting and voting, may remove from office any officer, and/or suspend or expel any person from membership in the Party.
 - (c) Any person removed from office or suspended or expelled from membership in the Party shall be entitled to appeal to the next Annual General Meeting of the Party, upon giving written notice to the Secretary of the Party, with a copy to the Executive Director at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Provision shall be made for the appeal to be heard at a Plenary Session. The removal, suspension or expulsion shall only be overturned by a majority of delegates attending and voting at the said plenary session.
7. The Executive Board may establish a membership fee.
 8. The Executive Board shall have the power to award voting status Honorary membership in the Party.

ARTICLE II - EXECUTIVE BOARD - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. (a) There shall be an Executive Board consisting of:

- (i) Executive Committee;
 - (ii) Seven (7) Provincial Regional Directors as per Appendix “A”;
 - (iii) The President of the Commission of Young Liberals;
 - (iv) The President of the Women’s Liberal Commission;
 - (v) The President of the Seniors’ Liberal Commission;
 - (vi) One representative from, and to be elected by the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Caucus in the Parliament of Canada;
 - (vii) One representative from, and to be elected by, the Liberal Caucus in the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly;
 - (viii) The Immediate Past President;
 - (ix) A post-secondary student; and
 - (x) The President of the Memorial University Liberal Club.
- (b) The Executive Board in addition to any other powers and responsibilities otherwise referred to shall:
- (i) Promote the objectives of the Party and when the Party is not in Convention, be responsible for the affairs of the Party, develop plans and administrative policies for the Party, make administrative decisions in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Rules and policies of the Party, and oversee their implementation;
 - (ii) Have power to delegate such authority and responsibility to the Executive Committee or to Standing Committees , or to such other Committees as may be determined;
 - (iii) Meet at least once each year at such time and place as shall be determined by the Secretary upon direction of the President, Acting President or written direction of seven (7) or more members of the Executive Board, ten (10) days

notice of which shall be given to each member, except with respect to meetings of an emergency nature which may be called with twenty-four (24) hours notice to each member..

- (iv) Have a quorum constituted by a majority of its Members;
 - (v) Unless otherwise provided by the Constitution, decide any question coming before it by a majority vote of those present and voting;
 - (vi) Fill any Executive Board office or position that becomes vacant, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution, by appointment for the lesser of the balance of the term thereof, or until the next Annual General Meeting of the Party when a by-election shall be held;
 - (vii) Establish rules and regulations of fundraising activities; and
 - (viii) Be responsible for the financial management of the Party.
2. (a) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice President (Provincial), Vice President (Federal) Treasurer, Secretary, and Party Leader; all of whom, except the Party Leader, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Party in years which end in even numbers. The Provincial Regional Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Party in years which end in uneven numbers.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall;
- (i) Implement the decisions of the Executive Board and shall administer the day-to-day affairs of the Party;
 - (ii) Meet at the Call of the President, Vice-President or any two (2) members;
 - (iii) Have a quorum of three (3) members; and
 - (iv) Decide any question coming before it by majority vote of members present and voting.

- (c) The President shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
 - (i) Be the Chief Operating Officer of the Party;
 - (ii) Be the official spokesperson for the Party for all matters relating to Party and management;
 - (iii) Preside at Conventions of the Party and meetings of the Executive Board and Executive Committee; and
 - (iv) Be an ex officio member of all Committees of the Party.

- (d) The Vice-President (Provincial) shall:
 - (i) Assist the President as required;
 - (ii) Assume the duties and responsibilities of the President in the President's absence, and in the event of the President's resignation, expulsion or demise, assume the office of President for the lesser of the balance of the term thereof, or until the next Annual General Meeting of the Party, when a by-election shall be held;
 - (iii) In the event of the Executive Vice-President assuming the office of President, the office of the Executive Vice-President shall be declared vacant; and
 - (iv) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Board.

- (e) The Vice President (Federal) shall:
 - (i) Be informed on all federal matters and to foster and coordinate relations between the Party and the Liberal Party of Canada, and between the Party and Federal Riding Associations;

- (ii) Provide leadership for policy development by the Party in respect of federal policy matters;
 - (iii) Attend all Executive meetings of the Liberal Party of Canada as an observer and in the absence of the President of the Party represent the President at all meetings of the Liberal Party of Canada;
 - (iv) With the Treasurer of the Party, authorize any expenditure for the Liberal Party of Canada activities; and
 - (v) In consultation with the Federal Riding President call Federal Riding Association meetings for the purpose of electing Riding Association executives.
- (f) The Treasurer shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- (i) Be the Chief Financial officer of the Party with responsibility for the financial administration of the Party;
 - (ii) Ensure that all income of the Party is deposited forthwith to the Party's bank account at a financial institution authorized by the Executive Board and further ensure that no disbursement is made without authorization of the Executive Committee;
 - (iii) Serve as the Executive Board's representative on the Standing Committee on Fund-raising;
 - (iv) Liaise with the Liberal Party of Canada on fund-raising and other financial matters, and with District and Riding Associations, and with the Commission of Young Liberals, Women's Liberal Commissions, Aboriginals' Liberal Commission, Seniors' Liberal Commission and with election financing committees at all levels and generally liaise on all matters concerning fund-raising and financing;
 - (v) Have available at all appropriate times and present to the

Annual General Meeting, audited financial statements, including a Statement of Income and Expenses with a Balance Sheet for the preceding fiscal year, and an up-dated accounting with a Statement of Income and Expenses with Balance Sheet to the end of the month preceding the Annual General Meeting;

- (vi) Report to the Executive Board and Executive Committee on the finances of the Party as required but not less than quarterly;
 - (vii) Prepare an Annual Budget for presentation to and approval by the Executive Board not later than December 15th each year; and
 - (viii) Preside at meetings of the Party, Executive Board and Executive Committee in the absence or inability of the President and Executive Vice-President.
- (g) The Secretary shall have the following duties and responsibilities;
- (i) Keep a record of all proceedings of the meetings of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee, and other meetings as directed by the Executive Committee;
 - (ii) Make available for viewing by the Executive Board minutes of all such meetings within fifteen (15) days of such meeting(s); and
 - (iii) Be responsible for the records and correspondence of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee and carry out such other duties as the Executive Board and the Executive Committee may from time to time direct.
- (h) The Regional Directors shall:

- (i) To attend the meetings of each of Federal and Provincial Liberal Riding Associations contained wholly or predominantly within the boundaries of the region for which the Regional Director has been elected;
- (ii) To act as a liaison between the Federal Liberal Riding Association in the region for which the Regional Director has been elected and the Executive Board of the Party; and
- (iii) To carry out such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President of the Party or the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III- PROVINCIAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

1. There shall be an association of Members of the Party residing in each of the Districts established by the Electoral Boundaries Act, R.S.N.L. District Association Executive Officers shall consist of the Immediate Past President and the following Executive officers who shall be elected for a two (2) year term at its Annual General Meeting in years which end in even numbers;
 - (a) President.
 - (b) First Vice President.
 - (c) Treasurer.
 - (d) Secretary.
 - (e) Six (6) Directors, one of whom is to be a director of membership.
 - (f) A person, fourteen (14) years or older, eligible for Membership in the Young Liberals Commission.

- (g) A woman eligible for membership in the Women's Liberal Commission.
 - (h) A person sixty-five (65) years of age or older who is eligible for membership in the Seniors' Commission.
 - (i) A person who is eligible for membership in the Aboriginals Commissions.
2. (a) In the event of the President being unwilling or unable to act, or upon the President's resignation, expulsion or demise, the first Vice President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.
 - (b) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the position of any office, except the President, such vacancy shall be filled by the Executive of the District Association after consultation with the Liberal Member of the House of Assembly for the District, and ratification by the Executive Board.
3. District Associations may establish a membership co-ordinator in various communities within the District.
 4. Each District Association shall, upon at least five (5) days public notice, hold its Annual Meeting between March 1st and May 1st, after consultation with the Liberal member of the House of Assembly for the district and written notification to the Liberal Party Office, with Officers being elected for a two year term in years ending in even numbers, failing which, the Executive Board shall arrange for the calling of such Annual Meeting for no later than June 30th. In the event such Annual General Meeting, in years when election of Officer is to take place, fails to elect persons to any or all positions then such positions may be filled by appointment by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV - FEDERAL RIDING ASSOCIATIONS

1. There shall be an association of members of the Party residing in each Riding in the

Province established under the Canada Elections Act, R.S.C. Each Riding Association Executive shall consist of the Immediate Past President, and the following Executive officers who shall be elected for a two (2) year term at the Annual General Meeting of the Riding Association in years which end in uneven numbers, by delegates in attendance and voting who are residents of the Riding:

- (a) President.
 - (b) First Vice-President.
 - (c) Two (2) Vice-Presidents elected from two (2) different geographic areas of the Riding so as to provide the broadest possible representation.
 - (d) Treasurer.
 - (e) Secretary.
 - (f) Up to three (3) Directors, one of whom is to be a director of membership.
 - (g) A person, fourteen (14) years of age or older, eligible for membership in the Young Liberals Commission.
 - (h) A woman eligible for membership in the Women's Liberal Commission.
 - (i) A person sixty-five (65) years of age or older who is eligible for membership in the Seniors' Commission.
2. (a) In the event of the President being unable or unwilling to act, or upon the president's resignation, expulsion or demise, the First Vice-president shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.

- (b) In the event that a vacancy occurs in the position of any office, except the President, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Executive of the Riding Association and ratified by the Executive Board.
3. Each Riding Association shall, upon at least five (5) days public notice, hold its Annual Meeting between September 1st and November 1st, after consultation with the Liberal member of the House of Commons for the riding and written notification to the Liberal Party Office, with Officers being elected for a two year term in years ending in even numbers, failing which, the Executive Board shall arrange for the calling of such Annual Meeting for no later than November 30th. In the event such Annual General Meeting, in years when election of Officer is to take place, fails to elect persons to any or all positions when such positions may be filled by appointment by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V - COMMISSION OF YOUNG LIBERALS, WOMEN'S LIBERAL COMMISSION ABORIGINALS' LIBERAL COMMISSION AND SENIORS' LIBERAL COMMISSION

1. The following Commissions may be established:
- (a) Commission of Young Liberals comprised of Liberals between the ages of fourteen (14) and twenty-five (25) inclusive resident in the Province.
 - (b) Women's Liberal Commission comprised of women Liberals resident in the Province.
 - (c) Aboriginal Liberals' Commission comprised of Aboriginal Liberals resident in the Province.
 - (d) Seniors' Liberal Commission comprised of Liberals sixty-five (65) years of age or older resident in the Province.
2. The Executive Officers of each Commission shall be elected by secret ballot, except for

the Immediate Past President and Committee chairs, for a two (2) year term at Annual General Meetings of the Commission ending in uneven numbers, except for a one (1) year term for the Commission of Young Liberals, the Executive Officers shall comprise of:

- (a) President.
- (b) Vice-President.
- (c) Treasurer.
- (d) Secretary.
- (e) One (1) representative from each Federal Riding.
- (f) Three Committee chairs.
- (g) The Immediate Past President.
- (h) The Commission Executive.

ARTICLE VI - PROVINCIAL DISTRICT CLUBS

1. There may be established Provincial District Liberal Clubs as follows:
 - (a) A Provincial District Women's Club in each Provincial District comprising women members resident in the district.
 - (b) A Provincial District Youth Liberal Club in each Provincial District comprising youth members resident in the district.
 - (c) A Provincial District Seniors' Liberal Club in each Provincial District comprising senior members, sixty-five (65) years of age or older, resident in the district.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. There shall be established an Executive Council of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador which shall act in an advisory capacity consisting of:

- (a) Executive Board.
 - (b) District Association Presidents.
 - (c) Chairs of all Standing Committees.
 - (d) Liberal members of the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly.
 - (e) Liberal members of Parliament and Senators from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.
2. The Executive Council shall meet at least annually, and may be held in conjunction with a Convention.

ARTICLE VIII – FEDERAL COUNCIL

1. There shall be established a Federal Council of the Party which shall act in an advisory capacity consisting of:
- (a) Vice President (Federal), who shall act as Chair and call the annual meeting of the Council.
 - (b) Treasurer.
 - (c) Federal Riding Association or a representative selected by the executive of that Association.
 - (d) Women’s Liberal Commission or her representative;
 - (e) President of the Commission of Young or his/her representative.

- (f) President of the Seniors' Liberal Commission or his/her representative.
- (g) Members of the Executive of each of the Liberal Party of Canada, the National Women's Liberal Commission and the Commission of Young Liberals of Canada who are residing in the Province.
- (h) One representative from, and to be elected by the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Caucus in the Parliament of Canada.
- (i) One representative from, and to be elected by the Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Caucus in the Senate of Canada.
- (j) Federal Campaign Chair(s).

2. The Federal Council shall:

- (a) Appoint, in consultation with the President of the Liberal Party of Canada, the membership of the Federal Election Campaign Committee.
- (b) Approve the calling of one or more nominating meetings for any election of the candidate for the Riding.
- (c) Recommend for approval by the Executive Board any changes to the membership form, the eligibility requirements for members, and the membership fee for the Federal wing of the Party.
- (d) Promote the membership program for the Federal wing of the Party.
- (e) Prepare an operating budget annually for consideration by the Executive Board for inclusion in the Party annual budget.

- (f) Receive reports from those from the Province who were elected or appointed positions pursuant to the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada.
- (g) Review and take steps necessary to ensure that the requirements of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada as they apply to the Party are met, including the maintenance of a membership list in each Federal riding.
- (h) Report to the Executive Board at least once a year and to the AGM of the Party through the Vice President (Federal).

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

1. There may be established by the Executive Board Standing Committees, including;
 - (a) Standing Committee on Constitution and Legal Affairs.
 - (b) Standing Committee on Policy and Research.
 - (c) Standing Committee on Membership, Party Structure and Organization.
 - (d) Standing Committee on Communications and Public Relations.
 - (e) Standing Committee on Finance.
 - (f) Standing Committee on Election Readiness.
2. Each Committee shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee subject to ratification by the Executive Board.
3. Each Standing Committee may appoint up to six (6) additional members, one (1) of

whom shall be a Youth sixteen (16) years of age or older, if nominated-by the Commission of Young Liberals, and one (1) of whom shall be a woman if nominated by the Women's Liberal Commission.

4. Each Standing Committee shall meet at the Call of the Chair or upon written request to the Chair or the Vice-Chair of at least two (2) members thereof, or upon request from the Executive Board.
5. At least three (3) days notice of a meeting of a Standing Committee shall be given by the Secretary of that Committee to each member of that Committee.
6. Each Standing Committee shall meet at least once a year.
7. Each Standing Committee shall present an Annual Report to the Executive Board and to the Annual General Meeting of the Party.
8. The Executive Board may from time to time establish Ad hoc Committees for specific purposes with such powers and duties as the Board may determine. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of such Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee subject to ratification of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE X - CONVENTIONS

1. The plenary authority of the Party is vested in the Party in convention, and conventions shall be held at such times and places within the Province, and for such purposes as the Executive Board may from time to time determine, provided that there shall be at least one (1) convention each calendar year;
 - (a) The policies of the Party, other than policies adopted by policy rallies, shall be established by the Party assembled in Convention and time for consideration of such shall be allocated at all Conventions.

- (b) Except in urgent circumstances, where the provisions of this paragraph may be waived, policy resolutions shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Party at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention opening. The Secretary shall forthwith refer all such policy resolutions to the Standing Committee on Policy and Research who shall ensure that all such policy resolutions to be considered at the Convention are provided to all registered delegates at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Convention.
 - (c) Policy resolutions ratified by the Convention shall be submitted forthwith to the Leader for communication to party members elected to the House of Assembly and the House of Commons. The Provincial Leader or a member of Caucus appointed by the Leader, or where the Party forms the Government, a member of Cabinet appointed by the Leader shall, report to the next Annual General Meeting of the party on the position of Caucus and/or Cabinet on each ratified resolution. Any or all ratified resolutions may at the discretion of the Board, be forwarded to the Liberal Party of Canada for consideration at National Party Policies Rallies.
- 2. Notice in writing stating the location, date and time of a convention shall be sent at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Convention to all Presidents and Secretaries of all Liberal Organizations within the Province.
- 3. Subject to the provisions of Article I, the following shall be delegates entitled to attend and vote at all Conventions of the Party:
 - (a) The Executive Officers from each of the Provincial District Associations, Federal Riding Associations, Women's Liberal Commission, Commission of Young Liberals, Aboriginals' Liberal Commission, and Seniors' Liberal Commission in the Province which have been officially endorsed by the Executive Board. Should any Executive Officer not be able to attend a Convention, the Executive of that Organization may meet and appoint, in writing, a member of the Organization

who is registered with the Party, as an alternate delegate for any such Executive Officer and upon such appointment and notification to the Party office at least ninety-six (96) hours prior to the commencement of the Convention, that member shall become the delegate qualified to attend the Convention.

- (b) Liberal Privy Councilors from the Province.
- (c) Liberal Members of the House of Commons and Senate from the Province and Liberal candidates in the last general election or any subsequent by-election, provided however, that if since the last general election or by-election a new Liberal candidate has been elected to contest the next election or by-election, he or she shall be the qualified delegate.
- (d) Liberal Members of the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly and Liberal candidates in the last general election or subsequent by-election, provided however that if since the last general election or by-election a new Liberal candidate has been elected to contest the next election or by-election, he or she shall be the qualified delegate.
- (e) Former Leaders of the Party and former Leaders of the Liberal Party of Canada who reside in the Province and still support Party principles.
- (f) Former Presidents of the Party who still support Party principles.
- (g) The members of the Executive Board of the Party.
- (h) Members of the Executive of each of the Liberal Party of Canada, the National Women's Liberal Commission and the Commission of Young Liberals of Canada who are residing in the Province.
- (i) Former Liberal Members of the Parliament of Canada from the Province and

former Liberal Members of the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly who still support Party principles.

- (j) Members of Standing Committees, provided they are members of the Standing Committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the Call of the Convention.
 - (k) One member from each of the established Provincial District Women's Liberal Club or, where no such club exist, in an election called by the Provincial District Association.
 - (l) One member from each of the established Provincial District Youth Liberal Club or, where no such club exist, in an election called by the Provincial District Association.
 - (m) One member from each of the established Provincial Seniors' Clubs, or where no such Clubs exists, in an election called by the Provincial District Liberal Association.
4. Only qualified delegates present shall be entitled to vote. For matters pertaining to the Federal Party in the Province, voting shall be by delegates having a valid Federal Membership as per Article I(c)(ii).
 5. All other members of the Party as set forth in Article 1 shall be entitled to attend the Convention as observers and shall have no vote. For matters pertaining to the Federal Party in the Province, observers shall be limited to persons having a valid Federal Membership as per Article I(c)(ii).
 6. A question asking "Do you wish to review the Leadership of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador" shall be placed automatically before the delegates at every Annual General Meeting of the Party. If the question is answered affirmatively by a

majority of the delegates voting, the Executive Board shall call a leadership convention within one (1) year of such vote.

ARTICLE XI - LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

1. The Leader of the Party shall be elected at a Leadership Convention as hereinafter provided. In the event there is only one candidate for the position, a Leadership convention may be dispensed with and the candidate declared elected, by acclamation, by the Executive Board.
2. Subject to Article XI(1), the Executive Board of the Party shall call a Leadership Convention where there is or is about to be a vacancy in the Leadership of the Party, or when directed to do so under Article X(6).
3. The following shall be delegates entitled to attend and vote at a Leadership convention of the Party:
 - (a) The persons enumerated in Article X (3).
 - (b) Fifteen (15) delegates from each District as per the following:
 - (i) One (1) shall be a female youth;
 - (ii) One (1) shall be a male youth;
 - (iii) One (1) shall be a senior delegate of either gender;
 - (iv) Six (6) shall be male; and
 - (v) Six (6) shall be female.
 - (c) The total number of delegates qualified to attend from each district shall be equal. If vacancies occur on a district association, this number will be added to the number of elected delegates for that district; gender equality shall apply for the

election of these delegates unless there is only one (1) in which case the delegate may be of either gender.

- (d) Such delegates shall be elected by secret ballot at polling stations strategically located within the district. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed so as to limit the number of youth delegates.
 - (e) Notwithstanding Article XI 3(a), only former Liberal Members of the Parliament of Canada from the Province or former Liberal Members of the House of Assembly, who:
 - (i) still support Party principles; and
 - (ii) who have attended at least one (1) of the three (3) preceding conventions of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador, shall be entitled to attend and vote at a leadership convention.
4. Only qualified delegates present shall be entitled to vote for the Leader. Subject to the provisions respecting declared delegates, all votes at the Leadership Convention shall be by secret ballot.
5. Candidates for Leader shall be nominated in writing over the signature of not less than twenty-five (25) duly qualified delegates.
6. In the event that there are more than two (2) candidates for the Leadership, and on the first ballot no candidate receives a majority of the valid votes cast, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes and all candidates receiving less than fifty (50) votes on any one ballot, shall retire and another ballot shall be taken. Voting shall continue in this manner until one of the candidates receives a majority of the valid votes cast. The person receiving a majority of the valid votes cast shall be declared elected.

7. The Call for a Leadership Convention shall be sent out in the same manner as provided for in the Call for an Annual Meeting.
8. Any member qualified under the Election Act, 1991 R.S.N.L. shall be eligible for election as Leader.
9. Members of the Party must vote for the leadership candidate of their choice, and separately for delegates to the leadership convention by secret ballot at polling stations strategically located within each district.
10. All delegates elected for the purposes of the leadership process must declare which leadership candidate they support, but may also run as a undecided delegate.
11. Delegates from each district will be elected in proportion to the support for each leadership candidate in that district.
12. Voting at the leadership convention will be automatic upon registration for each delegate elected during the delegate election process, as per Article XI (10).
13. Delegates elected for the purposes of the leadership process will only be free to support another leadership candidate once the candidate they were elected to support is retired.
14. A qualified delegate may vote for the Leader by mail, by notifying the Secretary of their intention to do so not less than 30 days in advance of the leadership convention, and by paying the registration fee. A delegate by virtue of Article XI (3), or an undecided delegate selected by virtue of Article XI (10) shall indicate their order of preference for the leadership candidates, and on each ballot their vote shall be counted for the highest ranked preferred candidate then remaining. Declared delegates mail-in ballots shall be counted as votes for the named candidate until such time as that candidate is retired, after

which they shall be counted in accordance with the indicated preference on the mail-in ballot, amongst the candidates then remaining.

15. There will be a freeze on delegate eligibility from the date that the leader announces his/her resignation, or from the date upon which a resolution calling for a leadership convention is adopted at an annual general meeting of the Party.
16. All Youth, Women's and Seniors' club delegates, as provided for in Article X (3), Section (k),(l),and (m), shall be elected for that district during the delegate election process, subject to Article X (11), where a club does not exist.

ARTICLE XII - POLICY RALLIES

1. A general policy rally may be held in conjunction with an Annual General Meeting of the Party.
2. Voting delegates at a policy rally shall be those persons enumerated in Article X (3).
3. All resolutions to be considered at a Policy Rally shall be provided to registered delegates at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Rally.
4. Policy resolutions passed at a Policy Rally shall be submitted as provided in Article X (1)(c).

ARTICLE XIII - PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEES

1. (a) There shall be established a select Campaign Committee to conduct each Provincial Election Campaign.
- (b) There may be established a select Campaign Committee to cooperate with the

Liberal Party of Canada in the conduct of each Federal election campaign.

2. The Provincial Campaign Committee shall be comprised of:
 - (a) The Chair to be appointed by the Leader of the Party;
 - (b) The Chief Financial Officer of the Party;
 - (c) Two (2) members of the Executive Board chosen by the Board; and
 - (d) Such other persons as may be added at the discretion of the Leader and the Chair.

ARTICLE XIV - NOMINATION OF THE PARTY'S CANDIDATES

1.
 - (a) At any time following approval by the Executive Board of a request from a District Association for the call of nominations in the district to nominate a candidate for the next following general election or by-election, the District Association shall give at least (5) days public notice of the time and date of the close of nominations. If at the close of nominations there is more than one nominee seeking the candidacy, the District Association shall request the Executive Board to approve the calling of a nomination meeting(s). Upon approval by the Executive Board and upon at least (5) days public notice having been given setting out the time, date and place(s), a nomination meeting(s) shall be held.
 - (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article XIV (1)(a) the Executive Board may, where it deems expedient, close nominations and call a nominating meeting(s) prior to a request from the District Association.
2. The nomination may take place at one (1) or more meetings in one (1) or more locations

throughout the District. Voting shall be by secret ballot at polling stations strategically located within the district.

3. Subject to the provisions of Article I, any member qualified to be elected pursuant to the Election Act 1991, R.S.N.L. and who is nominated in writing by not less than twenty-five (25) members eligible to vote at the nomination in a District shall be recognized as a nominee for the Liberal candidacy in that District.
4. Subject to the provisions of Article I, only members resident in the District may vote at the nomination.
5. The candidate for the nomination who receives the highest number of votes cast in a secret ballot by the members present and voting, shall be elected the candidate for that District.
6. In the case of any Federal election, the Executive Board of the Party shall cooperate with the Liberal Party of Canada in the organization and nomination in each Riding.
7. Subject to the Constitution, the Executive Board of the Party shall be responsible for ensuring that the Liberal candidates or nominees are chosen by members resident in the District concerned.
8. In any District where a Writ is issued for a Provincial general election or by- election, and no candidate has been nominated through the District Association, then the Executive Board shall provide for the nomination of a candidate in sufficient time to permit a reasonable election campaign.

ARTICLE XV - APPEALS COMMITTEE

1. There shall be an Appeal Committee of the Party appointed by the Executive Board comprised of a Chair Person and four additional members.

2. The Appeal Committee shall be responsible for establishing rules of procedure related to appeals arising from candidate nominations, leadership selection and delegate selection to conventions.
3. Members of the Appeal Committee shall be responsible for adjudicating appeals arising from candidate nominations, leadership selection and delegate selection to any convention.
4. The Appeal Committee shall, in consultation with the Executive Board, have authority to appoint additional persons to conduct adjudications pursuant to Article XV (3) arising from candidate nominations, leadership selection and delegate selection to any convention.
5. Decisions of the Appeal Committee adjudicators shall be based on rules and regulations adopted in accordance with the Constitution and shall be final and not subject to appeal.
6. Each member of the Appeal Committee, and any adjudicators appointed under the provisions of Article XV (4) shall agree in writing to remain neutral in the nomination of candidates, the election of a leader or the selection of delegates to any convention.

APPENDIX**Regions for the Seven (7) Regional Directors**

DISTRICT	REGION
Bellevue	Avalon
Carbonear-Hr. Grace	Avalon
Conception Bay South	Avalon
Ferryland	Avalon
Hr. Main-Whitbourne	Avalon
Placentia – St. Marys	Avalon
Port de Grave	Avalon
Trinity-Bay de Verde	Avalon
Bonavista North	Central
Exploits	Central
Gander	Central
Grand Falls-Buchans	Central
Lewisporte	Central
Terra Nova	Central
Twillingate & Fogo	Central
Windsor-Springdale	Central
Cartwright-Lanse au Clair	Labrador
Labrador West	Labrador
Lake Melville	Labrador
Torngat Mountains	Labrador
Bonavista South	South Coast/Eastern
Burgeo & LaPoile	South Coast/Eastern

DISTRICT**REGION**

Burin-Placentia West

South Coast/Eastern

Fortune Bay-Cape La Hune

South Coast/Eastern

Grand Bank

South Coast/Eastern

Trinity North

South Coast/Eastern

Cape St. Francis

St. John's East

CBS-Bell Island

St. John's East

Signal Hill-Quidi Vide

St. John's East

St. Johns East

St. John's East

St. John's North

St. John's East

Topsail

St. John's East

Virginia Waters

St. John's East

Kilbride

St. John's West

Mount Pearl

St. John's West

St. John's Centre

St. John's West

St. John's South

St. John's West

St. John's West

St. John's West

Waterford Valley

St. John 's West

Baie Verte

West Coast

Bay of Islands

West Coast

Humber East

West Coast

Humber Valley

West Coast

Humber West

West Coast

Port au Port

West Coast

St. Barbe

West Coast

St. Georges-Stephenville East

West Coast

The Straits-White Bay North

West Coast