

What is the Board of Directors and Provincial Council?

In the new constitution, the Board of Directors replaces the old Executive. Provincial Council replaces the old Board of Directors, comprising the old Executive and every Constituency President. The name change is to make roles clearer, as the Board is the primary operating body of the Party and Provincial Council is the overseeing body for review of the Party across the province. Like the old Board, Provincial Council maintains its position as the highest level of review outside of an AGM.

Why are Regional Chairs on the Board of Directors?

Under the new organizational structure, the Party is now creating a clear path for individual members to get involved at the constituency level while allowing constituencies to have a dedicated ‘go to’ person at all times. Previously, all 87 constituencies were managed by the Vice-President Constituencies and Regional Chairs played a nominal role. Now, each region has its own chair who will host regular meetings to see what’s going on in each constituency and report back to the Board. If there are problems, constituency presidents can contact their Regional Chair who will address the problem. The Vice-President Constituencies is now just the Vice-President and will focus on individual member outreach.

Provincial Council only meets twice a year, the old Board met four times

The meeting times were changed for two reasons, new powers and practicality. Provincial Council now has specific powers that it must exercise over the Board, but because of the devolved structure, the new Board does not require as much ‘day-to-day’ oversight as it used to. Because of that, the number of meetings of Provincial Council were reduced. Practically, getting every Constituency President in a room has always been difficult. By reducing the mandatory number of meetings from four to two, more people can attend each meeting because it’s less strain on their schedules. While the number of meetings have been reduced, Provincial Council still has the important task of reviewing decisions and actions of the Board.

What if I want to change something?

Both our old By-Laws and the new Constitution have an amending formula included that complies with the Societies Act, which our governing document must comply with. If you see something in this Constitution you would like to amend, come to the January 20 meeting and propose the amendment to the room.

I have a question that isn’t answered here

Contact Graeme Maitland at gkmaitland@outlook.com with the subject “Constitutional Question” before January 19 and he will try and get back to you as soon as he can.