



The following are all the amendments to the party constitution and bylaws being proposed by the Provincial Board, and the Constitutional Special Committee of the Provincial Board on behalf of private members who submitted proposals.

Each amendment shows what that section of the constitution or bylaws currently says, with the proposed changes following. Proposed deletions are struck out and proposed additions are bolded. The amendments in this document have been sorted by subject matter. The number of each amendment has not been changed from the original document sent to members on January 24, 2013, which is why it is not sequential.

Size and Members of the Provincial Board

Amendment 1 – Size and Members of Provincial Board of Directors

****NOT PASSED****

Article 6(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers) broken down as follows:
 - (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, who shall be a non-voting member;
 - (ii) the Provincial Executive;
 - (iii) one Director from each Regional Zone in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;
 - (iv) Directors at large;
 - (v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and
 - (vi) up to three (3) members of Caucus, who shall be appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.

The proposed changes to Article 6(b) are:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of up to a maximum of ~~twenty-five (25)~~



fifteen (15) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers) broken down as follows:

- (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, who shall be a non-voting member;
- (ii) the Provincial Executive;
- ~~(iii) one Director from each Regional Zone in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;~~
- (iv) Directors at large;
- (v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and
- (vi) up to three (3) members of Caucus, who shall be appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

It is hoped that reducing the size of the Provincial Board will improve its effectiveness because it is easier to coordinate the efforts of a smaller group. Removing the requirement for one Director from each Regional Zone will prevent the membership from being put in a position where they have no choice but to elect a person to the board simply because they are the only person running from their zone. Removing this would give the membership the freedom to elect whomever they please to the board.

Amendment 24 – Size and Members of Provincial Board of Directors

NOTE: THIS IS LINKED TO AMENDMENT 28 & 25

*****NOT PASSED*****

Article 6(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers) broken down as follows:
 - (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, who shall be a non-voting



- member;
- (ii) the Provincial Executive;
- (iii) one Director from each Regional Zone in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;
- (iv) Directors at large;
- (v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and
- (vi) up to three (3) members of Caucus, who shall be appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.

The proposed changes to Article 6(b) are:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of ~~up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers)~~ broken down as follows:
 - (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, who shall be a non-voting member;
 - (ii) the Provincial Executive;
 - ~~(iii) one Director from each Regional Zone in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;~~
 - (iii) one Constituency President or alternate Constituency Association Executive Member from each Alberta Party Constituency Association that is registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;**
 - ~~(iv) Directors at large;~~
 - ~~(v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and~~
 - ~~(v) up to three (3) all members of Caucus, who shall be~~



~~appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.~~

Rationale for proposed amendment:

This change would allow the Constituency Associations to have a more direct role in decisions made at the Provincial Board level.

Amendment 28 – Size of Board

NOTE THIS IS LINKED TO AMENDMENT 24

****NOT PASSED****

Article 2.03 of the party bylaws currently reads:

2.03 Number, Tenure and Qualifications

New Directors as elected or appointed shall become directors as provided for in these Bylaws. The number of Directors shall not exceed twenty-five (25). Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Party and shall hold office until replaced at the next following annual general meeting.

The proposed changes to Article 2.03* are:

****NOTE THIS WAS “4.04” IN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT SENT TO MEMBERS ON FEBRUARY 23, 2013, HOWEVER THAT WAS AN ERROR.***

2.03 Number, Tenure and Qualifications

New Directors as elected or appointed shall become directors as provided for in these Bylaws. ~~The number of Directors shall not exceed twenty-five (25).~~ Directors shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Party and shall hold office until replaced at the next following annual general meeting.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

If Amendment 24 is passed, this clause will need to be amended to match.

Amendment 5 – Members of Provincial Board of Directors

****PASSED WITH AMENDMENT****

Article 6(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers) broken down as follows:



- (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, who shall be a non-voting member;
- (ii) the Provincial Executive;
- (iii) one Director from each Regional Zone in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;
- (iv) Directors at large;
- (v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and
- (vi) up to three (3) members of Caucus, who shall be appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.

The proposed changes to Article 6(b) are:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers) broken down as follows:

- (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, who shall be a non-voting member;
- (ii) the Provincial Executive;
- (iii) one Director from each Regional Zone, **if possible, in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta; who shall act as liaison with the Constituency Associations from that Regional Zone.**
- (iv) Directors at large;
- (v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and
- (vi) up to three (3) members of Caucus, who shall be appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.



Rationale for proposed amendment:

These proposed changes are to increase the contact between the board and representatives of the Constituency Associations, and ensure they have voting rights.

Amendment 34 –Members of Provincial Board of Directors

****PASSED****

Article 6(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers) broken down as follows:
 - (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, who shall be a non-voting member;
 - (ii) the Provincial Executive;
 - (iii) one Director from each Regional Zone in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;
 - (iv) Directors at large;
 - (v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and
 - (vi) up to three (3) members of Caucus, who shall be appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.

The proposed changes to Article 6(b) are:

- (b) The Provincial Board shall consist of up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) Directors (excluding the non-voting Directors and Observers) broken down as follows:
 - (i) the Leader or Acting Leader, ~~who shall be a non-voting~~



- member;**
- (ii) the Provincial Executive;**
 - (iii) one Director from each Regional Zone in which five (5) or more Constituency Associations are registered with the Chief Electoral Officer of Alberta;**
 - (iv) Directors at large;**
 - (v) the immediate past President, who shall be a non-voting member; and**
 - (vi) up to three (3) members of Caucus, who shall be appointed by members of Caucus, and who shall be non-voting members.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

This amendment is intended to give the Leader, who should be a Member in Good Standing, the opportunity to have his/her voice heard in the direction of the party on equal standing with other party leadership who are members in good standing.

Amendment 29 – Board Positions

****REFERRED BACK TO BOARD FOR FURTHER WORK****

Article 3 of the party bylaws outlines the mandatory positions on the Executive.

The proposed changes to Article 3 are:

3.08 Regional Representatives

Regional Representatives who is elected by the Recognized Constituency Associations of the Region and represent the Associations on the Provincial Executive of the Alberta Party, or are appointed.

The Regions are Alberta North West, Alberta North East, Alberta North Central, Alberta South Central, Alberta South West, Alberta South East, Calgary and Edmonton for a total of 8 Regions.

~~3.08~~ 3.09 Compensation of Officers

The Officers of the Party shall not be compensated for the work performed as a result of being elected into their respective offices or the work they do in service of the Party.



Rationale for proposed amendment:

This change would allow the Constituency Associations to have a more direct role in decisions made at the Provincial Board level.

Election of the Provincial Board

Amendment 2 – Election of Provincial Board of Directors

****PASSED WITH AMENDMENT****

Article 6(e) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (e) The Provincial Board shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, as set out in Article 10. Each Director must be elected by a Majority Vote. If more than the maximum number of members permitted by Article 6(b) receive a Majority Vote then the twenty five (25) members of the Board shall be those Members who received the highest number of votes.

The proposed changes to Article 6(b) are:

- (e) The Provincial Board shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, as set out in Article 10. ~~Each Director must be elected by a Majority Vote. If more than the maximum number of members permitted by Article 6(b) receive a Majority Vote then the twenty five (25) members of the Board shall be those Members who received the highest number of votes.~~ The 25 candidates that receive the highest number of votes will be deemed elected.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

As the party grows and board elections become more contested (especially with 10 fewer seats on the board), the likelihood of enough candidates receiving 50% plus one votes will shrink. Changing this requirement will prevent deadlocks at future Annual General Meetings.

Amendment 20 – Election of Provincial Board of Directors

****NOT PASSED****



Article 6(d) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (d) No less than sixty (60) days prior to an Annual General Meeting of the Party, the current Provincial Board shall create a Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to recruit and nominate candidates for membership to the Provincial Board, to be filled at the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall report to the Board prior to the notice of the Annual General Meeting being sent to all Members, and a list of proposed candidates shall be included in the notice of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may also be made by any Party Member on the floor of the Annual General Meeting, in a manner determined by the Provincial Board and set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

The proposed changes to Article 6(d) are:

- (d) No less than sixty (60) days prior to an Annual General Meeting of the Party, the current Provincial Board shall create a Nominating Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to recruit and nominate candidates for membership to the Provincial Board, to be filled at the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall report to the Board prior to the notice of the Annual General Meeting being sent to all Members, and a list of proposed candidates **with one-page biographies of each candidate** shall be included in the notice of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations may also be made by any Party Member on the floor of the Annual General Meeting, in a manner determined by the Provincial Board and set out in the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

It would be nice to have more opportunity for members to get to know the candidates running for the Provincial Board before the Annual General Meeting.

Amendment 7 – Director Term Limits

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 6(f) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (f) The term of office for all voting members of the Provincial Board shall run from their election until the next election for Directors to the Provincial Board.

The proposed changes to Article 6(f) are:



- (f) **The term of office for all voting members of the Provincial Board shall run from their election until the next election for Directors to the Provincial Board. No member of the Provincial Board shall serve more than four consecutive terms.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Prior to 2010, the term limit for a director was 3 years. That was removed by the new constitution. Having a term limit would create room for new board members who will bring new ideas, while also providing a constitutional out for board members who are not working. The limit relating only to consecutive terms would mean someone can always return to the board after taking at term off.

Amendment 26 – Election of Executive

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 6(e) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (e) **The Provincial Board shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, as set out in Article 10. Each Director must be elected by a Majority Vote. If more than the maximum number of members permitted by Article 6(b) receive a Majority Vote then the twenty five (25) members of the Board shall be those Members who received the highest number of votes.**

The proposed changes to Article 6(e) are:

- ~~(e) The Provincial Board shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, as set out in Article 10. Each Director must be elected by a Majority Vote. If more than the maximum number of members permitted by Article 6(b) receive a Majority Vote then the twenty five (25) members of the Board shall be those Members who received the highest number of votes.~~
- (e) **The Provincial Executive, with the exception of the Regional Representatives, is elected at the Annual General Meeting by the Members who are in attendance as set out in Article 10.**

The Provincial Executive shall be composed of the following members:

- (i) **President, Vice President, Secretary, Chief Financial Officer;**



(ii) **certain Officers, namely: Vice-President Fundraising, Vice-President Policy, Vice-President Membership, Vice-President Communications and up to four (4) additional Officers, as the Provincial Board deems appropriate; and**

(iii) **the Regional Representatives who are elected by the Executive of recognized Constituency Associations of a Regional Zone as set out in Article 4. If no recognized Constituency Associations exist in a Regional Zone, one can be appointed by the Provincial Executive to facilitate the building of Constituency Associations.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The Constituency Associations need some representation on the Executive and the Executive should be elected by the members, not determined by the Provincial Board in camera.

Election of the Party Leader

Amendment 3 – Election of Party Leader

****PASSED****

Articles 9(e) and (f) of the party constitution currently read:

- (e) **A Leadership Vote shall be called if: (i) more than 50% of the votes cast in Article 9(e) are in the affirmative; or (ii) a written declaration demanding a Leadership Vote is submitted to the Corporate Secretary, which has been signed by a Super Majority, counted separately, of each of the Caucus and the Provincial Board.**
- (f) **Where a Leadership Vote is to be called, the Provincial Executive shall within fifteen (15) days, announce the date on which the Leadership Vote will be held. Notice shall be provided to all Members of the Party by the Provincial Executive within a further twenty-one (21) days of the announcement. The Leadership Vote must be held not sooner than three (3) months and not later than nine (9) months from the date of the event that triggered the Leadership Vote.**

The proposed changes to Articles 9(e) and (f) are:



- (e) **A Leadership Vote shall be called if: (i) more than 50% of the votes cast in Article 9(e) (d) are in the affirmative; or (ii) a written declaration demanding a Leadership Vote is submitted to the Corporate Secretary, which has been signed by a Super Majority, counted separately, of each of the Caucus and the Provincial Board.**

- (f) **Where a Leadership Vote is to be called, the Provincial Executive shall within fifteen (15) days, announce the date on which the Leadership Vote will be held. Notice shall be provided to all Members of the Party by the Provincial Executive within a further twenty-one (21) days of the announcement. The Leadership Vote must be held not sooner than three (3) months and not later than nine (9) months from the date of the event that triggered the Leadership Vote.**

Where extraordinary circumstances make it necessary, a Leadership Vote can be suspended beyond nine (9) months from the date of the event that triggered the Leadership Vote by a Super Majority Vote at a meeting of the Provincial Board. The suspension of the Leadership Vote must then be ratified by a Super Majority Vote at the next Annual General Meeting of the party, and every subsequent Annual General Meeting of the party, until a Leadership Vote is called. If a suspension is not ratified, the timeline in Article 9(f) cannot be suspended again and must be followed starting from the date of the Annual General Meeting where the suspension was not ratified.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

At the last Annual General Meeting, the membership voted to continue without a leader for more than nine months, largely because a leadership vote is not feasible at this point due to the size and limited resources of the party. The addition of Article 9(f)(i) would allow the board to wait until a better time to call a Leadership Vote, while still giving the membership final control over the decision to operate without a leader.

The amendment to Article 9(e) is simply to correct a typographical error and does not change the substance of the article.

Amendment 37 – Election of Party Leader

****NOT VOTED ON****

Articles 9(e), (f) and (h) of the party constitution currently read:



- (e) A Leadership Vote shall be called if: (i) more than 50% of the votes cast in Article 9(e) are in the affirmative; or (ii) a written declaration demanding a Leadership Vote is submitted to the Corporate Secretary, which has been signed by a Super Majority, counted separately, of each of the Caucus and the Provincial Board.
- (f) Where a Leadership Vote is to be called, the Provincial Executive shall within fifteen (15) days, announce the date on which the Leadership Vote will be held. Notice shall be provided to all Members of the Party by the Provincial Executive within a further twenty-one (21) days of the announcement. The Leadership Vote must be held not sooner than three (3) months and not later than nine (9) months from the date of the event that triggered the Leadership Vote.
- (h) The Provincial Board shall establish the procedures and mechanisms whereby the Leadership Vote shall be conducted.

The proposed changes to Articles 9(e), (f) and (h) are:

- (e) A Leadership Vote shall be called if:
 - [format] (i) more than 50% of the votes cast in Article 9(e d) are in the affirmative; or
 - (ii) a written declaration demanding a Leadership Vote is submitted to the Corporate Secretary, which has been signed by a Super Majority, counted separately, of each of the Caucus and the Provincial Board.

and the Leadership Vote shall be held not sooner than three (3) months and not later than nine (9) months from the date of the event that triggered the Leadership Vote, unless otherwise directed through a Super Majority of a Special Meeting as per Article 10, or through a Super Majority of an Annual General Meeting.

- (f) Where a Leadership Vote is to be called, the Provincial Executive shall within fifteen (15) days, announce the date on which the Leadership Vote will be held. Notice shall be provided to all Members of the Party by the Provincial Executive within a further twenty-one (21) days of the announcement. ~~The Leadership Vote must be held not sooner than three (3) months and not later than nine (9) months from the date of the event that triggered the Leadership Vote.~~ **The announcement shall include the procedures and mechanisms whereby the Leadership Vote shall**



be conducted, as determined by the Provincial Board.

~~(h) — The Provincial Board shall establish the procedures and mechanisms whereby the Leadership Vote shall be conducted.~~

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The purpose of the Article 9 Section (e) Subsection (i) amendment is to make appropriate reference to Article 9 Section (d) as opposed to Section (e) as it currently does. The purpose of the final portion of the Article 9 Section (e) amendment is to make clear that a Leadership Vote is to be announced in a timely fashion, barring the will of the membership of the party as was the case at our last AGM. The purpose of the final sentence in the Article 9 Section (f) amendment is to make clear what the announcement should include.

Amendment 38 – Election of Leader

****PASSED****

Article 9(i) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (i) In order for a person to be considered as a candidate for the Leader of the Party, the individual must:
 - (i) be a Member in good standing of the Party at the close of nominations to be a candidate in the Leadership Vote, as determined by the Provincial Board pursuant to Article 9(i);
 - (ii) complete an application form as provided by the Provincial Executive, which form shall include but not be limited to the signatures of thirty (30) Members who are eligible to participate in the Leadership Vote, with at least five (5) Member signatures from each of the Regional Zones; and
 - (iii) meet any requirements for qualification as set out in all applicable legislation, including the Election Act as of the close of nominations for the position of Leader.

The proposed changes to Article 9(i) are:



- (i) In order for a person to be considered as a candidate for the Leader of the Party, the individual must:
- (i) be a Member in good standing of the Party at the close of nominations to be a candidate in the Leadership Vote, as ~~determined by the Provincial Board pursuant to Article 9(i);~~
 - (ii) complete an application form as provided by the Provincial Executive, which form shall include but not be limited to the signatures of thirty (30) Members who are eligible to participate in the Leadership Vote, with at least five (5) Member signatures from each of the Regional Zones; and
 - (iii) meet any requirements for qualification as set out in all applicable legislation, including the Election Act as of the close of nominations for the position of Leader.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The purpose of this amendment is to remove the self-referencing nature of the current clause.

Quorum at Meetings

Amendment 4 – Quorum at Special and Annual General Meetings

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 4.04 of the party bylaws currently reads:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings

All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is 25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing.

The proposed changes to Article 4.04 is:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings

All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. ~~Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is 25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing.~~ **Fifty (50) Party Members in good standing will constitute a quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:



As the party has grown, 25% of the membership has become an unreasonable number for quorum (the bylaw in its current form requires a quorum of almost 800 people).

Amendment 19 – Quorum at Special and Annual General Meetings

****PASSED****

Article 4.04 of the party bylaws currently reads:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings

All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is 25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing.

The proposed changes to Article 4.04 is:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings

All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. ~~Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is 25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing.~~ **One hundred and fifty (150) or 1% of Party Members in good standing, whichever is less, will constitute a quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Quorum needs to be a more achievable number.

Amendment 30 – Quorum at Special and Annual General Meetings

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 4.04 of the party bylaws currently reads:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings

All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is 25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing.

The proposed changes to Article 4.04 is:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings



All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is ~~25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing.~~ **51% of all members who are initially in attendance at the meeting.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Obviously the people who show up for meetings are committed members and symbolically represent a quorum. However if over half the people leave the meeting then you lose your quorum.

Amendment 41 – Quorum at Special and Annual General Meetings

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 4.04 of the party bylaws currently reads:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings

All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is 25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing.

The proposed changes to Article 4.04 is:

4.04 Quorum at Member Meetings

All Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of Party members must have quorum in order to proceed. Quorum for Special Meetings or Annual General Meetings of the Party is ~~25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing~~ **shall be 100 or 25% of the total number of Party Members in good standing, whichever is least.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The intention of this amendment is to reflect that, should the Party achieve a membership in the thousands, having a quorum of thousands of people is unrealistic. A quorum of 100 for Annual General Meetings is very realistic as a minimum unless at any given time membership falls below 400 members.

Amendment 11 – Committee Quorum



****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 8 of the party constitution currently reads:

- (a) The Provincial Board may establish and delegate decision making authority to any committee deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Party, including those committees specifically provided for in this Constitution. Any such committee shall be established by a resolution or other motion of the Board, which resolution or motion shall define the role, purpose, powers, authority and operational parameters of the committee.
- (b) In order to serve on a committee of the Party, an individual must be a Member in good standing.
- (c) Each committee shall be accountable directly to, and report to, the Provincial Board.
- (d) The Provincial Board may, by a Majority Vote, overrule any decision made by a committee.

The proposed changes to Article 8 are:

- (a) The Provincial Board may establish and delegate decision making authority to any committee deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Party, including those committees specifically provided for in this Constitution. Any such committee shall be established by a resolution or other motion of the Board, which resolution or motion shall define the role, purpose, powers, authority and operational parameters of the committee.
- (b) In order to serve on a committee of the Party, an individual must be a Member in good standing.
- (c) Each committee shall be accountable directly to, and report to, the Provincial Board.
- (d) The Provincial Board may, by a Majority Vote, overrule any decision made by a committee.
- (e) **Before commencement of a committee meeting there shall be quorum.**
- (f) **A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum.**



Rationale for proposed amendment:

Not provided by member.

Amendment 14 – Quorum for Constituency Associations

****PASSED WITH AMENDMENT****

Article 6(3) of the constituency constitution currently reads:

- (3) A quorum at General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting shall be the lesser of: (a) ten (10) Association Members; or (b) 50% of the Association Membership, all of whom must be entitled to vote.

The proposed changes to Article 6(3) are:

- (3) A quorum at General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting shall be the lesser of: (a) ~~ten (10)~~ **three (3)** Association Members; or (b) ~~50%~~ **25%** of the Association Membership, all of whom must be entitled to vote.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The smaller quorum is more realistic for new and small Constituency Associations.

Regional Representation

Amendment 6 – Regional Representation

****NOT VOTED ON – DUE TO BOARD REFERRAL OF AMENDMENT 29****

Article 6(c) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (c) The Constituency Associations within each Regional Zone may select a Regional Representative, who is a member of a Constituency Association within the Regional Zone, to act as a liaison with the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may act as an Observer and attend all meetings of the Provincial Board (except in camera sessions) and may be invited or allowed to speak to any issue, at the sole discretion of the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may not vote at Provincial Board Meetings.



The proposed changes to Article 6(c) are:

- (c) The Constituency Associations within each Regional Zone ~~may~~ **shall** select a Regional Representative, who is a member of a Constituency Association within the Regional Zone, to act as a liaison with the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may act as an Observer and attend all meetings of the Provincial Board (~~except in camera sessions~~) and ~~may~~ **shall** be invited or allowed to speak to any issue, ~~at the sole discretion of the Provincial Board.~~ **The Regional Representative shall provide a report to the Board at each meeting.** The Regional Representative may ~~not~~ vote at Provincial Board Meetings.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Regional Representatives should not be left out of in camera sessions, should be able to speak to any issue, and should report regularly to the board.

Amendment 10 – Regional Representation

****NOT VOTED ON – DUE TO BOARD REFERRAL OF AMENDMENT 29****

Article 6(c) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (c) The Constituency Associations within each Regional Zone may select a Regional Representative, who is a member of a Constituency Association within the Regional Zone, to act as a liaison with the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may act as an Observer and attend all meetings of the Provincial Board (except in camera sessions) and may be invited or allowed to speak to any issue, at the sole discretion of the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may not vote at Provincial Board Meetings.

The proposed changes to Article 6(c) are:

- (c) The Constituency Associations within each Regional Zone may select a Regional Representative, who is a member of a Constituency Association within the Regional Zone, to act as a liaison with the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may act as an Observer and attend all meetings of the Provincial Board (except in camera sessions) and may be invited or allowed to speak to any issue, at the sole discretion of the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may



not vote at Provincial Board Meetings. **Where Constituency Associations have not designated a Regional Representative, the Provincial Board may do so. All Constituency Associations in the affected Regional Zone shall be notified of the decision in writing.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Not provided by member.

Amendment 25 – Regional Representation

NOTE THIS IS LINKED TO AMENDMENT 24

****NOT VOTED ON – DUE TO BOARD REFERRAL OF AMENDMENT 29****

Article 6(c) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (c) The Constituency Associations within each Regional Zone may select a Regional Representative, who is a member of a Constituency Association within the Regional Zone, to act as a liaison with the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may act as an Observer and attend all meetings of the Provincial Board (except in camera sessions) and may be invited or allowed to speak to any issue, at the sole discretion of the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may not vote at Provincial Board Meetings.

The proposed changes to Article 6(c) are:

- ~~(c) — The Constituency Associations within each Regional Zone may select a Regional Representative, who is a member of a Constituency Association within the Regional Zone, to act as a liaison with the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may act as an Observer and attend all meetings of the Provincial Board (except in camera sessions) and may be invited or allowed to speak to any issue, at the sole discretion of the Provincial Board. The Regional Representative may not vote at Provincial Board Meetings.~~

Rationale for proposed amendment:

If Amendment 24 is passed, this clause will become unnecessary and can be removed.

Tie Votes at Meetings



Amendment 8 – Tie Votes

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 2(d) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (d) Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution, any vote required by this Constitution or the Party Bylaws, including any motions or resolutions, shall be passed on a Majority Vote. In the event of a tie vote, the meeting chair shall cast the deciding vote, which vote shall be in addition to the vote of the chair, set out in Article 2(e).

The proposed changes to Article 2(d) are:

- (d) Unless otherwise specified in this Constitution, any vote required by this Constitution or the Party Bylaws, including any motions or resolutions, shall be passed on a Majority Vote. In the event of a tie, **the vote fails to pass whatever was being considered.** ~~vote, the meeting chair shall cast the deciding vote, which vote shall be in addition to the vote of the chair, set out in Article 2(e).~~

Rationale for proposed amendment:

In its current form, this provision gives one person a double vote. Motions should simply fail if they do not receive a majority of support.

Amendment 13 – Voting Procedures for Constituency Associations

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 5(2) of the constituency constitution currently reads:

- (2) In order to pass and unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution, resolutions require a majority vote of persons present at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting eligible to vote, which number shall not be less than ten (10). In the event of a tie vote, the meeting chair shall cast the deciding vote.

The proposed changes to Article 5(2) are:

- (2) In order to pass and unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution, resolutions require a majority vote of persons **eligible to vote that are present at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting** ~~eligible to vote~~



~~where there is quorum. which number shall not be less than ten (10). In the event of a tie, the vote fails to pass whatever was being considered. vote, the meeting chair shall cast the deciding vote.~~

Rationale for proposed amendment:

This amendment is intended to make Constituency Associations where there are less than 10 members able to have an Annual General Meeting. Additionally, no member should get more than one vote, which is why tie votes should simply fail.

Constituency Associations

Amendment 9 – Size of Constituency Associations

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 4(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) Members may form a Constituency Association in an electoral division in which at least five (5) Members of the Party reside. To obtain recognition as the Constituency Association of the Alberta Party, the Association shall: *[the rest of the article is text not related to amendment]*

The proposed changes to Article 4(b) are:

- (b) Members may form a Constituency Association in an electoral division in which at least ~~five (5)~~ **ten (10)** Members of the Party reside. To obtain recognition as the Constituency Association of the Alberta Party, the Association shall: *[the rest of the article is text not related to amendment]*

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The Constituency Association Constitution states that quorum for constituencies to hold an Annual General Meeting is a minimum of ten people. Allowing a constituency association to form with just five members would mean they could never hold meetings.

Amendment 23 – Size of Constituency Associations

****PASSED****

Article 4(b) of the party constitution currently reads:



- (b) **Members may form a Constituency Association in an electoral division in which at least five (5) Members of the Party reside. To obtain recognition as the Constituency Association of the Alberta Party, the Association shall: [the rest of the article is text not related to amendment]**

The proposed changes to Article 4(b) are:

- (b) **Members may form a Constituency Association in an electoral division in which at least ~~five (5)~~ three (3) Members of the Party reside. To obtain recognition as the Constituency Association of the Alberta Party, the Association shall: [the rest of the article is text not related to amendment]**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

In many rural constituencies, you may only have enough people to get a President, Treasurer and Secretary. If this is that all that is required by Elections Alberta to operate a Constituency Association, it is better to get an association running than to force them to get more people.

Amendment 31 – Definition of Constituency Constitution

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 1 of the party constitution currently reads:

“Constituency Constitution” means the form of constitution adopted by each Constituency Association of the Alberta Party, a copy of which is attached as Schedule “A” to the Constitution;

The proposed changes to Article 1 are:

“Constituency Constitution” means the form of constitution adopted by each Constituency Association of the Alberta Party, ~~a copy of which is as~~ attached as Schedule “A” to the Constitution, **or as approved by the Provincial Board.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

This amendment better reflects how a “Constituency Constitution” is created according to the Constitution, Article 4, Section (b), Subsection (ii).

Amendment 15 – Constituency Association Annual General Meetings

****NOT VOTED ON****



Article 6(6) of the constituency constitution currently reads:

- (6) The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting once every 13 months. Without limitation, the following business shall be conducted at each Annual General Meeting:
- a. a report by the Board of Directors;
 - b. a presentation of financial statements; and
 - c. the election of Directors and Officers.

The proposed changes to Article 6(6) are:

- (6) The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting once every 13 months. Without limitation, the following business shall be conducted at each Annual General Meeting:
- a. a report by the Board of Directors;
 - b. a presentation of financial statements; and
 - c. the election of Directors and Officers.
 - d. an engagement session (such as a Big Listen)

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Not provided by member.

Amendment 16 – Constituency Association Director Terms

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 7(2) of the constituency constitution currently reads:

- (2) The Association Membership shall elect the Association's Directors and Officers from its numbers at the Annual General Meeting for a term of one (1) year.

The proposed changes to Article 7(2) are:

- (2) The Association Membership shall elect the Association's Directors and Officers from its numbers at the Annual General Meeting for a term of ~~one (1) year~~ **two (2) year terms, with half the Directors' terms expiring each year.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:



Not provided by member.

Amendment 17 – Role of Constituency Association Secretary

****PASSED WITH AMENDMENT****

Article 7(10) of the constituency constitution currently reads:

- (10) The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all General Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Board meetings. The Secretary shall also send Notices, as required, and maintain an up-to-date contact sheet for the Association Membership and its affiliates.

The proposed changes to Article 7(10) are:

- (10) The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all General Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Board meetings. The Secretary shall also send Notices, as required, ~~and maintain an up-to-date contact sheet for~~ **by liaising with the Party to help maintain the Party's information about the Association Membership and its affiliates.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The central party and constituency associations should not be keeping separate members lists.

Amendment 18 – Role of Constituency Association Secretary

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 9(3) of the constituency constitution currently reads:

- (3) At any time before starting the Candidate Selection Process, the Board may waive its right to run that process, thereby allowing the Provincial Board to appoint a Candidate.

The proposed changes to Article 9(3) are:

- (3) At any time before starting the Candidate Selection Process, the Board may waive its right to run that process **in writing, by a vote at a duly-called meeting of the association or by a vote through electronic**



mail, thereby allowing the Provincial Board to appoint a Candidate.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Not provided by member.

Amendment 32 – Constituency Member Lists

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 4(e) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (e) Each Constituency Association shall maintain a current list of its Officers and Directors, including their residential addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, which list shall be provided to the Provincial Executive, upon request.

The proposed changes to Article 4(e) are:

- (e) Each Constituency Association shall maintain a current list of its Officers and Directors, including their residential addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, which ~~list~~ shall be provided to the Provincial Executive, upon request.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

This amendment is for readability and grammar.

Constitutional Amendments

Amendment 27 – Constitutional Amendments

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 12(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by:
 - (i) the Constitutional Committee (if so appointed);
 - (ii) the Provincial Executive;



- (iii) the Executive of a duly registered Constituency Association;
- (iv) the Board of Directors;
- (v) the Board of Directors of a duly registered Constituency Association;
- (vi) a written petition, signed by no less than 300 Party Members.

The proposed changes to Article 12(B) are:

- (b) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by:
 - (i) the Constitutional Committee (if so appointed);
 - (ii) the Provincial Executive;
 - (iii) the Executive of a duly registered Constituency Association;
 - (iv) the Board of Directors;
 - (v) the Board of Directors of a duly registered Constituency Association;
 - (vi) a written petition, signed by no less than 300 Party Members;

(vii) a party member in good standing making the proposed change through the Constitutional Committee (if so appointed).

Rationale for proposed amendment:

All members should be able to put forward proposed changes to the constitution, but in a way that will not tie up the party.

Amendment 40 – Amending the Constitution

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 12(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by:



- (i) the Constitutional Committee (if so appointed);
- (ii) the Provincial Executive;
- (iii) the Executive of a duly registered Constituency Association;
- (iv) the Board of Directors;
- (v) the Board of Directors of a duly registered Constituency Association;
- (vi) a written petition, signed by no less than 300 Party Members.

The proposed changes to Article 12(b) are:

(b) Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by:

- (i) the Constitutional Committee (if so appointed);
- (ii) the Provincial Executive;
- (iii) the Executive of a duly registered Constituency Association;
- (iv) the Board of Directors;
- (v) the Board of Directors of a duly registered Constituency Association;
- (vi) a written petition, signed by no less than ~~300~~ **25%** of Party Members.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

As the party has increased in membership and 300 may not be representative of the party anymore, and a percentage might be a better way to ensure the number grows with the party.

General

Amendment 12 – Rules of Procedure

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 14 of the party constitution currently reads:



The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order or Nathan's Company Meetings, as selected by the chair of the meeting, shall be used to govern meetings of the Party, the Provincial Board, the Provincial Executive and committees in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, the Party Bylaws or any special rules of order that the Party may adopt.

The proposed changes to Article 14 are:

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order or ~~Nathan's Company Meetings, as selected by the chair of the meeting,~~ shall be used to govern meetings of the Party, the Provincial Board, the Provincial Executive and committees in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this Constitution, the Party Bylaws or any special rules of order that the Party may adopt. **The Party may also adopt special standing orders for meetings, provided they are circulated with the agenda of the meeting in accordance with the notice requirements of this constitution.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

Not provided by member.

Amendment 21 – Party Values

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 2(b) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (b) The values underlying all of the Party's policies and procedures are as follows:
 - (i) **Prosperity**
We believe that private enterprise and entrepreneurship are the keys to our economic success. The government should foster an environment which facilitates economic investment, reduces red tape and encourages creativity.
 - (ii) **Fiscal Responsibility**
We believe that government must use public dollars as effectively and efficiently as possible. The government should balance the books and set aside money for a rainy day. This is best accomplished through long-term planning, common sense and transparency.



(iii) Social Responsibility

We believe every Albertan deserves the opportunity to succeed. Our government should aspire to provide excellent and innovative public education, public health care, and infrastructure as well as a compassionate helping hand in times of need. We believe this can be accomplished through responsible use of public funds.

(iv) Sustainability

We believe that sustainability must be a core value of government. Rethinking unsustainable practices, making strategic investments in research and technology, and implementing smart policy choices will protect and enhance our environment in future generations.

(v) Democracy

We believe that public business should be conducted in public. Government should ensure that the legislative process is open, fair, transparent and inclusive of the people it governs. Our government should foster debate, actively engage citizens, and make itself accountable to the people it governs.

(vi) Quality of Life

We believe that a great quality of life requires strong communities. Through support of recreation, sports, arts and culture, government can help to build strong and vibrant communities.

The proposed changes to Article 2(b) are:

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(vi) Quality of Life

We believe that a great quality of life requires strong communities. Through support of recreation, sports, arts and culture, government can help to build strong and vibrant communities.

(vii) Inclusivity

We believe that our government should represent all the citizens of Alberta, including but not limited to First Nations, Metis and visible minorities.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

We should be more specific as to who we represent. When we form government, or even in opposition, we should represent all citizens.

Amendment 22 – Committee Structure

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 8 of the party constitution currently reads:



- (a) **The Provincial Board may establish and delegate decision making authority to any committee deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Party, including those committees specifically provided for in this Constitution. Any such committee shall be established by a resolution or other motion of the Board, which resolution or motion shall define the role, purpose, powers, authority and operational parameters of the committee.**
- (b) **In order to serve on a committee of the Party, an individual must be a Member in good standing.**
- (c) **Each committee shall be accountable directly to, and report to, the Provincial Board.**
- (d) **The Provincial Board may, by a Majority Vote, overrule any decision made by a committee.**

The proposed changes to Article 8 are:

- (a) **The Provincial Board may establish and delegate decision making authority to any committee deemed necessary to carry on the work of the Party, including those committees specifically provided for in this Constitution. Any such committee shall be established by a resolution or other motion of the Board, which resolution or motion shall define the role, purpose, powers, authority and operational parameters of the committee.**
- (b) **The Provincial Board must establish policy committees aligning with the ministries of the government in power to examine existing and future issues, as well as proposed legislation that will impact Albertans on an ongoing basis.**
- (b c) **In order to serve on a committee of the Party, an individual must be a Member in good standing.**
- (c d) **Each committee shall be accountable directly to, and report to, the Provincial Board.**
- (d e) **The Provincial Board may, by a Majority Vote, overrule any decision made by a committee.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:



The party needs a structure that would allow us to openly comment on all proposed legislation.

Amendment 33 – Candidate Selection

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 5(e) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (e) The Provincial Executive may appoint a candidate to run for the Alberta Party, in an electoral division where:
 - (i) no candidate has been duly nominated by a recognized Constituency Association, at the time the Party receives notice that an order will be passed authorizing the issuance of a writ of election, as set out in Part 3 of the Election Act; or
 - (ii) a Constituency Association elects, in writing, to revoke its right to nominate a candidate for its electoral division, and such election shall be demonstrated by a poll of the members of the Constituency Association.

The proposed changes to Article 5(e) are:

- (e) The Provincial Executive may appoint a candidate to run for the Alberta Party, in an electoral division where:
 - (i) no candidate has been duly nominated by a recognized Constituency Association, at the time the Party receives notice that an order will be passed authorizing the issuance of a writ of election, as set out in Part 3 of the Election Act; or
 - (ii) a Constituency Association elects, in writing, to revoke its right to nominate a candidate for its electoral division, and such election shall be demonstrated by a poll of the members of the Constituency Association.
 - (iii) **no Constituency Association recognized by the Provincial Board exists at the time the Party receives notice that an order will be passed authorizing the issuance of a writ of election, as set out in Part 3 of the Election Act.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The purpose of this amendment is to provide opportunity to have Ambassador Candidates.



Amendment 35 – Board Records

****PASSED****

Article 6(n) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (n) The minutes of a meeting of the Provincial Board shall be provided to all Directors, Regional Representatives, and to the Presidents of recognized Constituency Associations.

The proposed changes to Article 6(n) are:

- (n) The minutes of a meeting of the Provincial Board shall be provided to all Directors, Regional Representatives, and to the Presidents of recognized Constituency Associations.
- (o) **The Provincial Board shall make available a summary of business conducted at meetings of the Provincial Board to the general membership and the general public in a form and method deemed appropriate by the Provincial Board.**

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The purpose of this amendment is to provide a great deal of accountability, and opportunity for the general public and membership to have more input into the party as well as a better understanding of the values and beliefs of the party.

Amendment 39 – Party Meetings

****NOT VOTED ON****

Article 10(e), (f) and (g) of the party constitution currently reads:

- (e) Notice of any Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting shall be sent to all Members in good standing of the Party, and the President of each recognized Constituency Association, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.
 - (i) Only Members in good standing with the Alberta Party at least ten (10) days immediately prior to any Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.



- (f) Each voting Member at an Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting shall have one vote only. All votes shall be by secret ballot, in a method to be determined by the Provincial Executive. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- (g) Any Member of the Party who does not qualify to vote in accordance with Article 10(f), shall have the right to attend and speak at all Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting but shall not have voting rights.

The proposed changes to Article 10(e), (f) and (g) are:

- (e) Notice of any Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting shall be sent to all Members in good standing of the Party, and the President of each recognized Constituency Association, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.
 - (i) Only Members in good standing with the Alberta Party at least ten (10) days immediately prior to any Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.
- (f) Each voting Member at an Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting shall have one vote only. All votes shall be by secret ballot, in a method to be determined by the Provincial Executive. Proxy votes will not be accepted.
- (g) Any Member of the Party who does not qualify to vote in accordance with Article 10(F e), shall have the right to attend and speak at all Annual General, General Policy or Special Meeting but shall not have voting rights.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The purpose of this amendment is correct what appears to be an inaccurate reference.

Amendment 36 – Powers of the Executive

****NOT VOTED ON****

The end of Article 7 of the party constitution currently reads:



- (v) carry out the specific duties and roles, as specified in this Constitution; and

take all such other actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and the resolutions of the Provincial Board, and conduct the business of the Party.

The proposed changes to Article 7 are:

- (v) carry out the specific duties and roles, as specified in this Constitution; and
- (vi) take all such other actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and the resolutions of the Provincial Board, and conduct the business of the Party.

Rationale for proposed amendment:

The last clause was likely meant to be a subsection when the constitution was originally passed.

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