



The Atlantica Party

Membership in the Atlantica Party of Nova Scotia

This policy sets out the Membership Program referred to in the Constitution. It is subject to oversight by the Executive Committee and is the responsibility of the Provincial Organizer.

Version 1.00 – Adopted 20160105

1. Membership Criteria

Membership in the Atlantica Party (Party) is open to every citizen or permanent resident of Canada who meets the following criteria:

1. Is at least fourteen years of age.
2. Actively supports the aims and principles of the Party.
3. Signifies their intention to join the Party by signing a prescribed membership form, or by submitting a personal cheque for the amount of the membership fee where the prospective member has signed the cheque, or by use of a personal credit card for payment of the membership fee where the prospective member is the card holder.
4. Has paid the Party's non-refundable membership fee as set out in policy.
5. Is not a member of another registered party in Nova Scotia.

2. Membership Purchase

The membership fee is \$15.00 for one year; \$25.00 for two years; \$35.00 for three years; \$45.00 for four years; and \$55.00 for five years.

1. A membership for a period of years can be purchased provided that the individual is not at any time a paid-up member for more than five years.
2. A membership in the Party is not valid until it is received in good order with payment at the Head Office in Halifax.
3. Payment by corporate cheque or corporate credit card is not permitted.
4. The Leader at his or her discretion may grant a free lifetime membership called an Old Fighter Membership to an existing member for special services rendered to the Party.
5. Three Founder lifetime memberships have been given to the founders of the Party.

3. Family Memberships

The same credit card or cheque may be used by an individual for payment of more than one membership sold or renewed as long as the Provincial Organizer or his or her designate is satisfied that:

1. All the new/renewing members live at the same address and they are all stated to be related to one another and to the payor.
2. The individual making the payment is one of the new/renewing members.
3. Each member complies with the conditions of membership set out in this policy.
4. The individual making the payment indicates that each membership fee is being paid by that individual with funds belonging to each of the new/renewing members and with the consent of the other person(s).

4. Rights of Membership



The Atlantica Party

Twenty-one days after entry into the Membership Program, or such other period as may be set by Executive Committee in rules or otherwise for a particular event or series or class of events, every member is entitled to:

1. Participate in any Party meeting.
2. Vote for, and stand for election to, the board of directors of the electoral district association in which that person holds membership.
3. Attend any provincial convention upon payment of the prescribed fee.
4. Vote for, and stand for election as, a delegate or alternate delegate at any meeting called by an electoral district association of which that person holds membership, for the selection of delegates to any national convention of the Party.
5. Stand for selection as a candidate for election to the Provincial Legislature.
6. Stand for selection to serve on the Executive Committee.

5. Membership Lists

The membership list shall be certified by the President or his or her designate before the holding of any meetings at which the election of delegates or nomination contestants is to take place.

1. Only certified members shall be allowed to vote at such meetings.
2. Only those memberships which are received at the Head Office in Halifax within the time set out may be certified.
3. No use of any list generated from Membership Program may be made for any purpose external to the Party without the prior written approval of the President.

6. Membership Expiry

1. Memberships will expire at the end of the month of the anniversary date of membership purchase in the year of expiry, depending on how many years of membership are purchased.
2. Membership in the Party may only be cancelled at the request of the member, or as provided by the revocation procedure.
3. Lifetime memberships do not expire.

7. Membership Revocation

The Party seeks to cultivate a healthy organizational culture. We strive for promotion of an atmosphere of mutual respect within our membership and our organization. Our party is only as strong as its membership and how effectively we can work together. In a large, diverse organization, circumstances may arise where the status of a member must be reviewed. This section addresses such instances and is enacted under the Constitution.

- The Executive Committee may revoke membership for singularly damaging, or persistent conduct it judges improper, or action(s) detrimental to the interests of the Party, or for compliance offenses, or unbecoming of a member of the Party. In its discretion the Executive Committee may also reinstate memberships.
- The process for revocation of a membership in the Party is instituted by a request of a voting member of the Executive Committee to review whether there are grounds to revoke the membership of one or more members.



The Atlantica Party

- Any such request shall be sent in writing to the attention of the President and shall set out the basis for the request specifically, succinctly and without inflammatory language.
- Upon receipt of a request, the President shall open a private file and refer the request to the Secretary, unless the request is clearly irrational, sets out no grounds, or is otherwise an obvious abuse of the revocation process.
- Upon referral of a request to the Secretary, the President shall transmit the request to the member(s) affected and to the Executive Committee with a request for their written response within seven (7) days.
- The Secretary shall call a meeting of the Executive Committee to take place within seven (7) days of the deadline for receiving the responses.
- The Executive Committee shall consider the original request for a review, the responses and any other documentation or information it wishes to examine or consider, as long as the member affected is reasonably informed of such other documentation or information and is allowed a reasonable opportunity to comment on it. The Executive Committee may hear further from the member(s) affected on such terms and conditions as the Executive Committee deems appropriate.
- The rules of the review are at the sole discretion of the Executive Committee. In particular, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive Committee may:
 - Meet and communicate with anyone separately or collectively.
 - Determine whether a written record of the proceedings is to be kept, or not.
 - Require any representations to be held in confidence by all parties.
 - Obtain technical assistance or independent expert advice, subject to consideration of the costs to be incurred.
 - Call any person, in the presence of all parties to the dispute or matter by way of telephone or video conference facilities or otherwise, to make representations on the issue in dispute or matter to be determined.
 - Consider such written and/or oral representations as it may determine in its sole discretion.
- The member(s) affected may be represented by legal counsel or another member of the Party.
- Where the request originated from a member of Executive Committee that member shall not participate in any of the deliberations of the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee may close the file where it is of the view that the request is trivial, vexatious, made for an improper purpose, manifestly without substance, detrimental to the interests of the Party or does not warrant further consideration.
- A membership may only be revoked upon two-thirds majority vote of those present and entitled to vote on the matter at Executive Committee. Where Executive Committee revokes a membership, the President shall inform the former member immediately in writing.



The Atlantica Party

Automatic Reviews

The Executive Committee has determined that the following activities merit an automatic initiation of the membership review process:

- Initiating legal proceedings against the Party.
- Running against the Party's approved candidate in an election or byelection.
- Assuming any role in another candidate's campaign against the Party's approved candidate in an election or byelection.
- Obtaining a membership in another provincial party.

A member whose membership is under review is considered to be "not in good standing." Pending completion of the review the Executive Committee may choose to suspend one or more of the following membership rights of a member who is "not in good standing":

- Standing for election.
- Serving on the Executive Committee.
- Attending a Provincial Convention.
- Standing for election as, or serve as, a delegate to Provincial Convention.

The President shall maintain a registry of former members whose membership has been revoked. That registry, at a minimum, shall list the name and last known address for each former member whose membership has been revoked.

No member or former member of the Party shall make a claim against any member of the Executive Committee for any act or omission in the exercise of their duties in good faith under this policy. Members of the Executive Committee shall be indemnified by the Party for any costs or expenses incurred as a result of any action taken against any member of the Executive Committee arising from acting in good faith as a member of the Executive Committee hereunder.