Constitutional Proposal #1

Current Article:

2. PRINCIPLES

2.1. The Party is founded on and will be guided in its policy formation by the following principles.
2.2 ....

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that the following article be inserted as the new Section 2, and the remaining sections be renumbered:

2. OBJECT
2.1 The object of Wildrose is to provide open, honest and effective government for the people of Alberta.

Rationale:
The Wildrose Party Constitution is currently not in compliance with the Societies Act, which requires that a Constitution include its “OBJECTS”. This resolution addresses that requirement (see Article 16 of the Societies Act for Alteration of OBJECTS).

This Article also complies with the Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised recommended form and order for a constitution.

The OBJECT captures the important Party concepts of transparency and accountability but in a very simple and memorable statement.
Constitutional Proposal #2

**Current Article:**

2.3 The Role and Function of Government

2.3.1 Provincially, to reflect, strengthen and efficiently serve the common sense values of Albertans:

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 2.3.1 be amended as follows:

2.3. The Role and Function of Government

2.3.1 *Provincially, The Provincial Government to should* reflect, strengthen and efficiently serve the *common-sense* values of Albertans, *including, but not limited to:**

**Rationale:**

“Common sense” is a subjective term, which is not well defined and should be deleted from WRP policy statements.

Rather than begin section 2.3.1 with *“Provincially (to)”*, which is implicit for the Wildrose Party, we propose to state *“The Provincial Government should”*

The list of values following Section 2.3.1 is not an exhaustive list, but instead is a representative list of core values held by Albertans that would elect a Wildrose government. The addition of *“including, but not limited to:”* ensures that the reader does not perceive this list as exhaustive.

Readability and grammar are also improved.

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Constitutional Proposal #3

**Current Article:**

2.3 The Role and Function of Government
2.3.1 Provincially, to reflect, strengthen and efficiently serve the common sense values of Albertans:
2.3.1.1. civic responsibility
2.3.1.2. the lowest possible taxation
2.3.1.3. a strong and enterprising work ethic
2.3.1.4. stable families and a growing population
2.3.1.5. self directed communities;
2.3.1.6. prudent provision for Alberta’s future;
2.3.1.7. sensible assistance for the sick and disabled;
2.3.1.8. respect for the rule of law;
2.3.1.9. respect for traditional fundamental freedoms; and
2.3.1.10. secure ownership and benefit from private property

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:
CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 2.3 be amended as follows:

2.3 The Role and Function of Government
2.3.1 Provincially, to reflect, strengthen and efficiently serve the common sense values of Albertans:
2.3.1.1. civic responsibility
2.3.1.2. the lowest practical taxation
2.3.1.3. a strong and enterprising work ethic
2.3.1.4. stable families and a growing population
2.3.1.5. self directed communities;
2.3.1.6. prudent provision for Alberta’s future;
2.3.1.7. sensible assistance for the sick and disabled;
2.3.1.8. respect for adherence to the rule of law;
2.3.1.9. respect for traditional fundamental rights and freedoms; and
2.3.1.10. secure ownership and benefit from private property

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Rationale:

Vague, ill-defined or subjective terms should be eradicated from the WRP Constitution. Specifically:

2.3.1.2. “lowest possible taxation” might be seen as approaching zero, whereas “lowest practical taxation” has regard for the essential roles of government.

2.3.1.7 “sensible” is a vague, qualitative and ill-defined term (similar to “common sense”) and should be deleted.

2.3.1.8 “respect for” the rule of law should be strengthened to state “adherence to” the rule of law.

2.3.1.9 “traditional” is not well defined and should be deleted.

2.3.1.9 “fundamental freedoms” should be changed to “fundamental rights and freedoms”.
Constitutional Proposal #4

**Current Article:**

2. PRINCIPLES

2.3.5. We believe that the government should provide for the basic needs of those who are genuinely unable to do so themselves.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 2.3.5 be amended by inserting a new Article 2.3.5 as follows and the rest renumbered:

2.3.5 We believe that the government should be transparent and accountable to Albertans.

**Rationale:**

This has been an ongoing principle of the Party and needs to be officially acknowledged in our Constitution.
Constitutional Proposal #5

**Current Article:**

3.2. To qualify for membership, an Albertan shall:

3.2.1. Either hold an official current membership card of the Party issued in his or her name, or be on the official party membership list.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 3.2 be amended as follows:

3.2. **To qualify for As proof of** membership, an Albertan shall:

3.2.1. Either hold an official current membership card of the Party issued in his or her name, or be on the official party membership list.*

**Rationale:**

This corrects the wording to capture the intent of the Article.

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Constitutional Proposal #6

**Current Article:**
3.3. Subject to minimum periods of membership which may be set out in this Constitution or otherwise by Executive Committee, every member is exclusively entitled to:

3.3.1. attend and participate in any General or Special meeting of their Constituency Association and attend any portion of their Constituency Association Board of Directors meeting that is not in-camera; and

3.3.2. vote for the board of directors of their Constituency Association; and

3.3.3. attend and participate at any Party General Meeting upon payment of the prescribed fee.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:
CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 3.3 be amended as follows:

3.3. Subject to minimum periods of membership, which may be set out in this Constitution, or otherwise by Executive Committee, every member is exclusively entitled to:

3.3.1. attend and participate in any General or Special meeting of their Constituency Association; and

3.3.2. attend any portion of their Constituency Association Board of Directors meeting that is not in-camera; as a guest observer and

3.3.3. stand for election to their Constituency Association board; and

3.3.4. vote for the board of directors of their Constituency Association; and

3.3.5. attend and participate at any Party General Meeting upon payment of the prescribed fee.

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Rationale:

Constitution article 3.3.1 was approved at the 2014 AGM but it is in conflict with article 4.3.3 of the CA Bylaws which states:

“4.3. Subject to minimum periods of membership set out by the Party Constitution and these Bylaws, every Member is entitled to:

4.3.1. attend and participate in any General Meeting of the CA, including voting on motions and in CA Board elections;

4.3.2. stand for election to the CA Board;

4.3.3. attend any CA Board meeting as a guest observer; and

4.3.4. receive a copy of these Bylaws from the CA Board upon request.”

To eliminate this conflict between the Constitution and the CA Bylaws we propose to (a) split Constitution article 3.3.1 into Constitution article 3.3.1 and 3.3.2; and (b) change new Constitution article 3.3.2 to the same wording as CA Bylaws article 4.3.3.

In order to achieve conformance between these two documents, we have removed the phrase “that is not in camera” which was adopted at the 2014 AGM.

We propose this to achieve conformance between the Constitution and the CA Bylaws, but not because we believe that “in camera” sessions should be forbidden. In camera sessions are allowed under Roberts Rules, represent a good governance practice, and should not be prohibited as long as they are used in a limited fashion under appropriate circumstances.

Should the Executive Committee instead commit to change article 4.3.3 of the CA Bylaws to achieve conformance between it and the Constitution (and in so doing, explicitly state “4.3.3. attend any portion of their CA Board meeting that is not in camera as a guest observer; and”), this proposed resolution would be unnecessary.
Constitutional Proposal #7

**Current Article:**
4.3. Recognition may be granted by Executive Committee to one Constituency Association in each constituency. Members may form a Constituency Association in a constituency in which at least fifteen (15) members of the Party reside. To obtain recognition as the Constituency Association of the Party, the Constituency Association shall:

4.3.1. actively support and promote the Principles and Member Approved Policies of the Party and abide by the articles of this Constitution;

4.3.2. adopt the Constituency Bylaws as specified by the Executive Committee; and

4.3.3. apply in writing to the Executive Committee for recognition, including a copy of the minutes of the meeting in which the Constituency Bylaws were approved and a list of the Officers and Directors of the Constituency Association.

**Proposal:**
NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:
CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 4.3 be amended as follows:

4.3. Recognition may be granted by the Executive Committee to one Constituency Association in each constituency. Members may form a Constituency Association in a constituency in which at least fifteen (15) members of the Party reside. To obtain recognition as the Constituency Association of the Party, the Constituency Association shall:

4.3.1. actively support and promote the Principles and Member Approved Policies of the Party and abide by the articles of this Constitution;

4.3.2. adopt the Constituency Association (CA) Bylaws as specified by the Executive Committee or as amended by the Executive Committee under CA Bylaws Article 22.1; and

4.3.3. apply in writing to the Executive Committee for recognition; the application shall include a copy of the minutes of the meeting in which the Constituency Association Bylaws were approved and a list of the Officers and Directors of the Constituency Association.*

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Rationale:

a) **Removal of the words ‘Principles and’**
There is no such document called *Principles and Member Passed Policies*. At the 2014 AGM, the resolution to combine the Principles within the Constitution with the Member Approved Policies failed to pass so the document was never created.

b) **Addition of ‘or as amended by the Executive Committee under CA Bylaws Article 22.1’**
CA Bylaws Article 22.1 states: ‘22.1 These [CA] Bylaws may be amended from time to time by the Party Executive Committee. The CA Board does not have the authority to alter the CA Bylaws. However, the CA Board may apply to the Executive Committee to modify the CA Bylaws if special circumstances exist in the CA that warrant such modification.’
Constitutional Proposal #8

**Current Article:**

4.4. Subject to 4.3 above and the other provisions of this Constitution, the affairs of each Constituency Association shall be under the control of its members, acting through the Constituency Association Board of Directors who shall be responsible to ensure that said affairs are conducted in a manner consistent with the Principles and Policies of the Party, this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Constituency Association, and not prejudicial to the interests or well-being of any other Party Constituency Association, or of the Party.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 4.4 be amended as follows:

4.4. Subject to 4.3 above and the other provisions of this Constitution, the affairs of each Constituency Association shall be under the control of its members, acting through the Constituency Association Board of Directors who shall be responsible to ensure that the affairs are conducted in a manner consistent with the Principles and Member Approved Policies of the Party, this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Constituency Association. The affairs are to be conducted in a manner not prejudicial to the interests or wellbeing of any other Party Constituency Association, or of the Party.

**Rationale:**

There is no such document called Principles and Polices. At the 2014 AGM the resolution to combine the Principles within the Constitution with the Member Approved Policies failed to pass so the document referred to was never created. Readability has been improved.

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Constitutional Proposal #9

Current Article:

4.6 Lists of Constituency Association Presidents shall be made available to any President of a recognized Constituency Association who makes a request for such list in writing to the Party.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE and EDMONTON-GLENORA move that Article 4.6 be amended as follows:

4.6 Lists of Constituency Association Presidents shall be made available to any President of a recognized Constituency Association who makes a request for such list in writing to the Party. Lists of Constituency Association Officers’ names, titles, email addresses, phone numbers, and the Constituency Association they represent shall, at least once per calendar quarter, be sent in electronic form by the Party to all Officers of recognized Constituency Associations who have executed the ‘CA Board Member Code of Conduct & Confidentiality Undertaking’ appended to the Wildrose Constituency Association Bylaws. *

Rationale:

Coordinating any programs and promotions between and among constituencies is rendered extremely difficult when communication between CAs is restricted. This amendment will proactively enable communication between CAs allowing cross-CA collaboration as we grow our Party and prepare for the next General Election.

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Constitutional Proposal #10

Current Article:

4. CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS
4.1. ...

4.8. The prescribed membership fee shall be split equally between recognized Constituency Associations and the Party.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EDMONTON-GLENORA moves that Article 4.9 be added as follows:

4.9. No employee or contractor of the Party may act as an officer or voting Board member of a Constituency Association.

Rationale:

1. This is consistent with Clause 7.11.3 of this Constitution as it applies to the Executive of the Party.

2. A paid employee may find himself or herself in a situation where their relationship with their immediate supervisors conflicts with the interests of the Constituency and general membership or vice versa in the same way as is anticipated by the Party in Clause 7.11.3

3. Maintaining the fact, and perception, of the Constituency Boards answering only to their constituency and the Party.
Constitutional Proposal #11

Current Article:

5. GOVERNANCE

5.1. The governance of the Party shall reflect the following principles:
5.1.1. authority within the Party resides in its members.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

DRUMHELLER-STETTLER moves that the following sub-articles be added to Article 5.1.1:

5.1.1.1 Any alterations, waivers or amendments to any rule, or bylaw by the Executive Committee between General Meetings must have the approval of a simple majority of registered active CAs.

- 5.1.1.1.1 Such alterations, waivers, or amendments shall be submitted to the CA Presidents and CFOs for discussion with their respective CA Board.

- 5.1.1.1.2 CA Boards will have 5 business days after the alteration, waiver or amendment is sent to respond to an approval request. If no response is received Executive Committee will consider it a vote of confidence in the tabled motion.

- 5.1.1.1.3 An Active CA is defined as having quorum with an elected President that must be registered with Elections Alberta.

- 5.1.1.1.4 Rule: is defined as all; procedural rules, CA rules and Disciplinary rules, prerequisite rules.

- 5.1.1.1.5 A Bylaw is defined as all current Member Approved bylaws that exist within the Constitution of the Wildrose Party and/or the Member Approved CA bylaws.
Rationale:

In reference to: 5.1.1 From the Wildrose Constitution “authority within the Party resides in its members.”

In keeping with the spirit of a member driven organization, we feel that the authority to alter or amend any rules, bylaws or nomination rules by issuing waivers or amendments should not happen without the direct authority of all members of the party. Altering any of these without the consent of the whole membership completely undermines the authority the membership is intended to have in the Wildrose party.
Constitutional Proposal #12

Current Article:

6.4. General Meetings have the power and responsibility to:
   6.4.1. amend this constitution;
   6.4.2. amend and adopt Party policy; and
   6.4.3. elect the Executive Committee by secret ballot

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 6.4.1 be amended by inserting a new Article 6.4.1 as follows and the rest renumbered.

6.4.1 undertake activities proposed and supported by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of members present and voting at the General Meeting;

Rationale:

Article 6.1. states “The control and governance of the activities (emphasis added) of the Party are vested in the members at General Meetings.” Thus, there must be a means for members to provide this control and governance at a General Meeting, but none is provided in Article 6.4. This resolution addresses that deficiency.

Member proposed activities will require the same support threshold as Constitution amendments (75%) in order to ensure that such proposals carries the same broad-based support amongst the membership as Constitution amendments.
Constitutional Proposal #13

Current Article:

6.4.3. elect the Executive Committee by secret ballot.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 6.4.3 be amended as follows:

6.4.3. elect the eligible Executive Committee members by secret ballot.*

Rationale:

Some EC members are not eligible for election at a General Meeting. These include the Past President, the two Caucus members and, with the new two year terms for EC members, those who have not completed their term. The Leader is normally not eligible except under certain circumstances as provided for in the Constitution. Thus only eligible EC members may be elected at a General Meeting.

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Constitutional Proposal #14

Current Article:

6.9.4. a Nominating Committee (if necessary), which must be created not less than ninety (120) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Party.

6.9.4.1. The Nominating Committee, shall consist of three (3) members, none of whom are seeking election to the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall notify the members not less than ninety (90) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting of which positions on the Executive Committee will be elected that year and that nominations are open. Nominations shall close seventy (70) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall ensure all proposed nominees are members in good standing of the Party and that they have collected at least ten (10) signatures of members in good standing of the Party who support their candidacy. The Nominating Committee shall disqualify any proposed nominee who not a member in good standing or who has not collected the required signatures. The Nominating Committee shall, at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, notify the members of the candidates standing for election to the Executive Committee.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 6.9.4 be amended as follows:

6.9.4. a Nominating Committee (if necessary), which must be created not less than
ninety one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Party.

6.9.4.1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, none of whom are seeking election to the Executive Committee nor are Staff or Caucus members. The Nominating Committee shall notify the members not less than ninety (90) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting of which positions on the Executive Committee

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will be elected that year and that nominations are open. Nominations shall close seventy (70) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall ensure all proposed nominees are members in good standing of the Party and that they have collected at least ten (10) signatures of members in good standing of the Party who support their candidacy. The Nominating Committee shall disqualify any proposed nominee who not a member in good standing or who has not collected the required signatures. The Nominating Committee shall, at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, notify the members of the candidates standing for election to the Executive Committee.

**Rationale:**

“Article 5 Governance” ensures that ultimate authority in the Party resides with the Party members. To avoid a perception of other vested interests influencing the nomination of the EC candidates, we have added “Staff and Caucus members” from being eligible for the Nominating Committee.
Constitutional Proposal #15

Current Article:
6.9.4.1. The Nominating Committee, shall consist of three (3) members, none of whom are seeking election to the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall notify the members not less than ninety (90) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting of which positions on the Executive Committee will be elected that year and that nominations are open. Nominations shall close seventy (70) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall ensure all proposed nominees are members in good standing of the Party and that they have collected at least ten (10) signatures of members in good standing of the Party who support their candidacy. The Nominating Committee shall disqualify any proposed nominee who not a member in good standing or who has not collected the required signatures. The Nominating Committee shall, at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, notify the members of the candidates standing for election to the Executive Committee.

Proposal:
NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:
The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 6.9.4.1 be amended as follows:

6.9.4.1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members, none of whom are seeking election to the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee shall notify the members not less than ninety (90) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting of which positions on the Executive Committee will be elected that year and that nominations are open. Nominations shall close seventy (70) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Nominations shall close thirty-five (35) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall ensure all proposed nominees are members in good standing of the Party, eligible to sit on the Executive Committee and that they have collected at least ten (10) signatures of members in good standing of the Party who support their candidacy. The Nominating Committee shall disqualify any proposed nominee who not a member in good standing, who is not eligible to sit on the Executive Committee or who has not collected the required signatures. The Nominating Committee shall, at least sixty (60) days thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, notify the members of the candidates standing for election to the Executive Committee.*

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Rationale:

Many members have expressed that giving more time to apply for Executive Committee openings would give them enough time to properly weigh the decision, thus resulting in more participation.

The addition of the eligibility verbiage is to ensure that the Nominating Committee is able to prevent ineligible applicants from being accidentally elected.
Constitutional Proposal #16

**Current Article:**

7.2. Subject to this article, the officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Party for a two year term. A member may not seek election for more than one position on Executive Committee at a time. Their term of office shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected and shall conclude at the close of the Annual General Meeting where their successors are elected.

7.2.1. The President, the Vice-President-Fundraising, the Secretary, and one Provincial Director from each of the five (5) regional zones, shall be elected in odd numbered years.

7.2.2. The Vice-President-Membership, the Vice-President-Policy, the Vice-President-Communications, the Treasurer and one Provincial Director from each regional zone, shall be elected in even numbered years.

7.2.3. Provincial Directors shall be elected by members in good standing of the Party from the regional zone in which the Director resides.

7.2.4. The Executive Committee may, with the approval of two-thirds of its members present and voting, appoint members to fill the term of office of any vacancy on the Executive Committee between Annual General Meetings, provided that the person is a member in good standing and, in the case of a vacancy in a Provincial Directors position, that the person appointed shall reside in the regional zone that has the vacancy.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 7.2 be amended as follows:

7.2. Subject to this article, the officers shall be elected by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Party for a maximum two-year term. A term automatically ends at the AGM after the member has served six (6) years on the Executive Committee or if

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the member has been appointed by the Executive Committee. A member may not seek election for more than one position on Executive Committee at a time. Their term of office shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected and shall conclude at the close of the Annual General Meeting where their successors are elected.

7.2.1. The terms of the President, the Vice-President-Fundraising, the Secretary, and one Provincial Director from each of the five (5) regional zones, shall be elected in conclude in odd numbered years.

7.2.2. The terms of the Vice-President-Membership, the Vice-President-Policy, the Vice-President-Communications, the Treasurer and one Provincial Director from each regional zone, shall be elected in conclude in even numbered years.

7.2.3. Provincial Directors shall be elected by members in good standing of the Party from the regional zone in which the Director resides.

7.2.4. The Executive Committee may, with the approval of two-thirds of its members present, and voting by secret ballot, appoint members to fill the term of office of any vacancy on the Executive Committee, provided that the person is a member in good standing and, in the case of a vacancy in a Provincial Directors position, that the person appointed shall reside in the regional zone that has the vacancy.

Rationale:

Election of EC members is the responsibility of Party members at an AGM while EC appointments are intended as a temporary means of maintaining the continuity of the EC when there is a vacancy. Filling positions that became vacant and were filled pursuant to 7.2.4 at the earliest AGM through a vote of Party members restores the accountability of the EC to the membership (see 5.1.1 and 5.1.2).

Approval of this resolution ensures that the term of office for a member appointed to the EC to fill a vacant position concludes at the next AGM.
Constitutional Proposal #17

**Current Article:**

7.2. Subject to this article, the officers shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the Party for a two year term. A member may not seek election for more than one position on Executive Committee at a time. Their term of office shall commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which they were elected and shall conclude at the close of the Annual General Meeting where their successors are elected.

7.2.1. ...

7.2.4. The Executive Committee may, with the approval of two-thirds of its members present and voting, appoint members to fill the term of office of any vacancy on the Executive Committee between Annual General Meetings, provided that the person is a member in good standing and, in the case of a vacancy in a Provincial Directors position, that the person appointed shall reside in the regional zone that has the vacancy.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EDMONTON-GLENORA moves that Article 7.2.5 be added to Article 7.2 as follows:

7.2.5. Any members of the Executive Committee appointed by the Executive to the Committee shall stand for election by the general membership at the first Annual General Meeting after their appointment, if they seek to renew their appointment.

**Rationale:**

1. People representing the members need to be elected by the members to have true legitimacy.

2. Appointments are emergency actions to fill a temporary gap only and should not be considered permanent.

3. The reward for volunteering for an appointment to the Executive and being selected gives the person appointed a distinct advantage when seeking election to it, as they are then recognized and will be rewarded if they have done a good job of acting in that
position.

4. Permanent appointments by the Executive for Executive positions can create a nepotistic situation ~ i.e. elected people stepping down and favored friends of the Executive being appointed without ever having to be accountable to the membership.
Constitutional Proposal #18

**Current Article:**

7. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7.1. The officers of the Party shall be a President, a Vice-President – Membership, a Vice-President – Policy, a Vice-President – Fundraising, a Vice-President – Communications, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and (10) representatives to be referred to as Provincial Directors, two (2) from each of the five (5) regional zones who are residents within one of the Constituency Associations within that regional zone. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed in this Constitution.

7.2. The Vice-President – Membership, the Vice-President – Policy, the Vice-President – Communications, the Treasurer and one Provincial Director from each regional zone, shall be elected in even numbered years.

7.4. The Vice-President – Membership shall be the first vice-president, and shall be first to act for the President in the President’s absence or the President’s inability or refusal to act. The Vice-President – Membership shall be responsible for the growth of the Party, and in co-operation with the Party Office shall be involved with the maintenance of the membership lists and renewals, and for Constituency development and organization. The Vice-President Membership shall chair the Provincial Directors’ Committee.

**Proposal:**

EDMONTON – MCCLUNG moves that a new Article 7.8 be added as follows and the rest renumbered:

7.8 The Vice-President – CA Development will be responsible for the supervision and leadership, for the ten (10) Provincial Directors. They will solicit and co-ordinate support for the Provincial Directors from the Administration staff and the other members of the Executive Committee.

EDMONTON - MCCLUNG also proposes that existing Articles 7.1 and 7.4 be amended as follows:

7.1. The officers of the Party shall be a President, a Vice-President – Membership, a Vice-President – Policy, a Vice-President – Fundraising, a Vice-President – Communications, a **Vice-President – CA Development**, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and (10)
representatives to be referred to as Provincial Directors, two (2) from each of the five (5) regional zones who are residents within one of the Constituency Associations within that regional zone. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed in this Constitution.

7.2.2. The officers of the Party shall be a President, a Vice-President – Membership, a Vice-President – Policy, a Vice-President – Fundraising, a Vice-President – Communications, a Vice-President – CA Development, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and (10) representatives to be referred to as Provincial Directors, two (2) from each of the five (5) regional zones who are residents within one of the Constituency Associations within that regional zone. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed in this Constitution.

7.4. The Vice-President – Membership shall be the first vice-president, and shall be first to act for the President in the President’s absence or the President’s inability or refusal to act. The Vice-President – Membership shall be responsible for the growth of the Party, and in co-operation with the Party Office shall be involved with the maintenance of the membership lists and renewals, and for Constituency development and organization. The Vice-President Membership shall chair the Provincial Directors’ Committee.

Rationale:
With the objective of forming Alberta’s Government following the next Election, we have four years to strengthen our position with the Alberta voters. We cannot rely on telling them whom not to vote for, but “rather why they should vote for us.” We need to solidify our Grassroots strength. A strong base must start with a committed and knowledgeable membership. They are the ones that can provide and support the CA Boards.

To make this successful, as a Party, we need to provide the support, training and leadership, for the development of strong, member driven Boards.

This is so important to our success as a Party, that we need a Vice President who can devote their full time and efforts to accomplish this.

Each C.A. Board would meet with their members twice per year, one meeting would be for the discussion of our Policies, and the second meeting would be for Constitutional amendments and the CA Board AGM, and election. These meetings would include the Provincial Directors and allow the Boards to keep their Members involved and provide

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current information to our Provincial Directors to take to the Executive Committee and establish the two way communication that has been lacking.

1. The Vice President of C. A. Development will be responsible for the supervision and leadership, for the ten (10) Provincial Directors. They will solicit and co-ordinate support for the Provincial Directors from the Administration staff and the other members of the Executive Committee.

2. The Provincial Directors will be responsible for the ‘hands on’ working relationship to assist with the Board establishment, and to provide the leadership and training to the C. A. Presidents through monthly training meetings, that would also include training for the other Board Executive when appropriate.

We know that you cannot build from the top down, so let’s establish a strong foundation, so that we can build strong Boards, that will attract and allow us to support worthy Candidates for the next election.
Constitutional Proposal #19

**Current Article:**

7.10. During the first three meetings of the Executive Committee after an Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee may, with the approval of two-thirds of its members present and voting, appoint the immediate Past President of the Party as a full voting member of the Executive Committee. The absence of the Past President at an Executive Committee Meeting shall not count in determining a quorum, but if the Past President is present, the presence shall count in fulfilling quorum requirements.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 7.10 be amended as follows:

7.10. During any of the first three meetings of the Executive Committee after an Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee may, with the approval of two-thirds of its members present and voting by secret ballot, appoint the immediate Past President of the Party as a full voting member of the Executive Committee. *This appointment shall remain in effect until the next Annual General Meeting or the Past President has served six (6) years on the Executive Committee.* The absence of the Past President at an Executive Committee Meeting shall not count in determining a quorum, but if the Past President is present, the presence shall count in fulfilling quorum requirements.

**Rationale:**

The intent of Article 7.10 is to allow the Executive Committee to add the Past President as a full voting member of the Executive Committee during any of the first three meetings it holds following an Annual General Meeting.

However, as currently written, it could be interpreted that the Past President may only be a full voting member for the first three Executive Committee meetings following an Annual General Meeting. The addition of the words “any of” clarifies that it is the act of adding the Past President as a full voting member of the Executive Committee that must occur during any of the first three (Executive Committee) meetings following the AGM.

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Additionally, voting on all appointments to the Executive Committee should be done by secret ballot. This proposed amendment also ensures that the Past President must conform with the maximum of six years, which is applicable to all members of the Executive Committee.
Constitutional Proposal #20

**Current Article:**

7.11. The following individuals shall not be eligible to be elected or appointed to be voting members of the Executive Committee:

7.11.1. Members of or employees of Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, except the Leader;

7.11.2. Members of, or employees of Members of the Parliament of Canada; and

7.11.3. Employees and contractors of the Party or any other political party.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 7.11 be amended as follows:

7.11. The following individuals shall not be eligible to be elected or appointed to be voting members of the Executive Committee "nor any committee formed by the Executive Committee:"

7.11.1. Members of or employees of Members of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, except the Leader;

7.11.2. Members of, or employees of Members of the Parliament of Canada; and

7.11.3. Employees and contractors of the Party or any other political party.

**Rationale:**

The legitimacy and independence of committees such as the Nominating Committee, Party Policy and Constitution Committee etc. could be undermined if the members identified in 7.11.1 - 7.11.3 were permitted to be included in the committees.

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Constitutional Proposal #21

Current Article:

7.13. No officer shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years in any combination of executive committee positions.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 7.13 be amended as follows:

7.13. No officer shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years in any combination of Executive Committee positions.

Rationale:

Election of EC members is the responsibility of Party members at an AGM while EC appointments are intended as a temporary means of maintaining the continuity of the EC when there is a vacancy. Filling positions that became vacant and were filled pursuant to 7.2.4 at the earliest AGM through a vote of Party members restores the accountability of the EC to the membership (see 5.1.1 and 5.1.2).

Approval of this resolution ensures that the term of office for a member appointed to the EC to fill a vacant position concludes at the next AGM.

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Constitutional Proposal #22

Current Article:

7.14. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of two (2) members of the Executive Committee.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 7.14 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

7.14 Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President and shall be called upon the written request of two (2) members of the Executive Committee. Dates for notice may be altered or waived by a motion supported by two-thirds (2/3) of the current Executive Committee.*

Rationale:

This amendment provides much needed flexibility for the Executive Committee to hold emergency meetings without observing the current requirement of 7 days’ notice for meetings.

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Constitutional Proposal #23

Current Article:

7.17 Minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be provided to Executive Committee members and be made available to Presidents of recognized Constituency Associations upon written request.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 7.17 be amended as follows:

7.17 Approved minutes of the Executive Committee meetings shall be provided simultaneously to Executive Committee members and be made available to Presidents of recognized Constituency Associations upon written request.*

Rationale:

Good governance practices are to distribute meeting minutes in a timely manner to those impacted by the meeting content. The Constitution currently contemplates the Constituency Association Presidents should have access to these minutes. This amendment removes a cumbersome step (written request) and replaces it with an obligation by the Executive Committee to distribute the minutes to all Constituency Association Presidents upon their approval and ensures that the timing for access to these meeting minutes is simultaneous with distribution to the Executive Committee members. Executive Committee transparency and accountability to members and the Constituency Associations should be increased as a result of this amendment.

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Constitutional Proposal #24

**Current Article:**

8.3. The Leader shall be elected by the members of the Party using a preferential ballot, and must receive a majority. To be entitled to vote in a Leadership Vote a member must have been a member in good standing of the Party for the fourteen (14) days immediately prior to the date of the vote.

...

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 8.3 be amended as follows:

8.3 The Leader shall be elected by the members of the Party using a preferential ballot, and must receive a majority. To be entitled to vote in a Leadership Vote a member must have been a member in good standing of the Party for the fourteen (14) days **thirty (30) days** immediately prior to the date of the vote.

**Rationale:**

This amendment increases the time required to be a member from 14 to 30 days in order to vote in a Leadership Vote. The longer timeframe ensures membership processing can be completed timelier and in a manner that allows the Party and candidates to communicate with new members who may have no email in advance of the Leadership Vote.

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Constitutional Proposal #25

Current Article:

8.5. The Executive Committee shall, at least once in every three General Meetings, ask each attending member, “Do you want a Leadership Vote to be called?” Voting shall be by secret ballot. The number of votes cast for and against the question, and the total valid votes cast, shall be announced to the General Meeting before the end of that day’s session.

8.6. If the membership votes in favour of a leadership vote as provided in Article 8.6, or a written declaration demanding a Leadership vote is signed by three-quarters of the Caucus and by three-quarters of the Executive Committee, the office of Leader will be deemed vacant.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:
The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Articles 8.5 and 8.6 be amended as follows:

8.5. The Executive Committee shall, at least once in every three General Meetings, ask each attending member, “Do you want a Leadership Vote to be called?” “Do you approve of the current Leader?” with the voting options being “Yes” and “No.” Voting shall be by secret ballot. The number of votes cast for and against the question, and the total valid votes cast, shall be announced to the General Meeting before the end of that day’s session.

8.6. If the membership votes in favour of a leadership vote disapproval of the Leader as provided in Article 8.5, or a written declaration demanding a Leadership vote is signed by three-quarters of the Caucus and by three-quarters of the Executive Committee, the office of Leader will be deemed vacant.

Rationale:

The current question for Leadership Reviews requires a 'NO' vote in order to express approval for the Leader. This is confusing to members and can lead to members casting unintended ballots. Changing this question will make it clearer for members when they go to vote during Leadership Reviews.

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Constitutional Proposal #26

**Current Article:**

8.9 The Executive Committee shall establish the procedures and mechanisms, including appropriate telephonic and computer technology, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, whereby the Leadership Vote shall be conducted. The Executive Committee is the final authority on any dispute related to the Leadership Vote.

8.10. In order for a person to be considered as a candidate for the leadership of the Party, they must:

8.10.1. be a member in good standing of the Party;

8.10.2. complete and submit an application form as specified by the Executive Committee, and agree that some or all of the contents of the application form as completed and submitted can be disclosed to all members of the Party and the public at large;

8.10.3. provide at least one hundred (100) signatures of eligible Leadership voters;

8.10.4. meet any requirements of qualification under applicable laws;

8.10.5. pay all application fees as specified by the Executive Committee; and

8.10.6. agree to abide by the rules and procedures for the conduct of the Leadership Vote as specified by the Executive Committee.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Articles 8.9, 8.10.2, 8.10.5 and 8.10.6 of the Constitution be amended, and Articles 8.9.1 and 8.9.2 be added as follows:

8.9 In preparation for a Leadership Vote, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Leadership Rules Committee, the members of which must be members in good

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standing of the Party and voting members of which may not be members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall establish the procedures and mechanisms, including appropriate telephonic and computer technology, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, whereby the Leadership Vote shall be conducted. The Executive Committee is the final authority on any dispute related to the Leadership Vote.

8.9.1 The Leadership Rules Committee shall establish the rules, procedures and mechanisms according to which the Leadership Vote shall be conducted (“Leadership Selection Rules and Procedures”). These must not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution, but may provide for appropriate telephonic and computer technology for voting.

8.9.2. The Leadership Rules Committee will be the final authority on disputes related to the Leadership Vote and its process, but for certain offences set out in the Leadership Selection Rules and Procedures which shall be subject to an appeal to the Provincial Candidate Selection Committee.

... 8.10.2 complete and submit an application form as specified by the Leadership Rules Committee, and agree that some or all of the contents of the application form as completed and submitted can be disclosed to all members of the Party and the public at large;

... 8.10.5 pay all application fees as specified by the Leadership Rules Committee; and

8.10.6. agree to abide by the rules and procedures for the conduct of the Leadership Vote as specified by the Leadership Rules Committee.

Rationale:

This amendment clarifies the role of the Leadership Rules Committee during a Leadership Vote and will ensure the Executive Committee deals only with the setting of the date of the Leadership Vote.
Constitutional Proposal #27

Current Articles:

8.10. In order for a person to be considered as a candidate for the leadership of the Party, they must:...

8.10.3. provide at least one hundred (100) signatures of eligible Leadership voters;

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 8.10.3 of the Constitution be amended as follows:

8.10.3 provide at least one hundred (100) signatures of eligible Leadership voters; twenty-five (25) signatures from each of the five provincial regions totaling at least two (2%) percent of the Party’s membership as at the date of the announcement of the departure of the Leader or the Leader’s intention to depart. *

Rationale:

This amendment ensures leadership candidates have a small floor of support in each of the five regions of Alberta: Calgary, Central, Edmonton, North and South. The increase from 100 total signatures to 2% also reflects the fact the Party’s membership base has grown considerably from the days when it had less than 1,000 memberships.

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Constitutional Proposal #28

Current Articles:

9. CAUCUS

9.1. ...
9.3. Members of Caucus may only be ordered expelled from Caucus on the initiative of the Leader and supported by a majority vote of Caucus, held by secret vote by ballot.

-and-

11. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

11.1. ...
11.3. The Executive Committee shall notify Constituency Associations of any changes to the Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures. The Executive Committee shall meet between thirty (30) and sixty (60) days after the changes are made, to consider any revisions suggested by Constituency Associations.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-KLEIN moves that the following Articles 9.3 be inserted and the remaining renumbered and 11.4 be added to section 11 as follows:

9.3. Caucus, on initiative of the Leader and through a majority secret ballot vote, may accept an independent Member of the Legislative Assembly into the Wildrose caucus, but only after they have consulted the party membership in that Members' constituency.

Rationale:

This would tie in with our policy additions, which are as follows:

Policy Proposal #9 - ...pass legislation preventing MLAs from crossing from one caucus to another. MLAs must sit as independents or resign and run in a by-election even if that means their constituency is unrepresented for up to six months.
Policy Proposal #10 - pass legislation preventing MLAs from crossing directly from one caucus to another; MLAs must sit at least six months as an independent before being eligible to join another caucus.
Constitutional Proposal #29

Current Article:

9. CAUCUS
9.1. ...
9.6. Caucus may request the Executive Committee to call the Leader to account on any matter by a majority vote of Caucus, held by secret vote by ballot.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

DRUMHELLER-STETTLER and the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE move that Article 9.7 be added to Section 9 as follows:

9.7. In accordance with the Principles and Policies of the Party, Caucus members are entitled to free votes in the Legislature, with the exception of the budget, votes of non-confidence, and Wildrose policy and principles.

Rationale:

The purpose is to allow the caucus Member the authority to act in the best interest of their constituents as stated in the Wildrose policies and principles.
Constitutional Proposal #30

Current Article:

10.3. Notice of the call for proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be sent to all Party members not less than one hundred-twenty (120) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Policy and Constitution Committee in writing as a Notice of Motion at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies submitted on time, in the proper format, and not deemed duplicate by the Policy and Constitution Committee shall be made available to Party members not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 10.3 be amended as follows:

To the end of Article 10.3, add:

10.3. Notice of the call for proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be sent to all Party members not less than one hundred-twenty (120) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Policy and Constitution Committee in writing as a Notice of Motion at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies submitted on time, in the proper format, and not deemed duplicate by the Policy and Constitution Committee shall be made available to Party members not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. Ranking of proposed Policies and Constitution amendments shall be facilitated by members of recognized Constituency Associations, and submitted to the Party Policy and Constitution Committee ("PPCC") prior to the next General Meeting. The PPCC shall use the rankings from each Constituency Association to determine the order in which proposed Policy and Constitution amendments are to be presented to members at the next General Meeting.

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Rationale:

The WRP constitution currently does not require or prescribe a method by which Constituency Associations and members can determine what policy amendments and proposals are tabled for a vote at the next AGM.

The current system takes amendment proposals from Constituency Associations or groups of members, and distributes them to Constituency Associations VPs of Policy who in turn, circulate them to interested members within their Constituency Associations to rank priorities as to which amendments are viewed favourably and which ones they would like to see made a priority for being addressed at the AGM.

The WRP Constitution currently refers to, but does not describe, the ranking system and its timing.
**Constitutional Proposal #31**

**Current Article:**

10. POLICY

10.1. The formulation of the Party’s Policies belongs to the members.

10.2. Any five (5) members in good standing of the Party may propose Policies for consideration by the members.

10.2.1. Any revision or comment by Policy Committee must be approved by the original proposers before that resolution is presented to the membership. In the absence of agreement, Constituency Associations at ranking stage will choose whether the submitted version or the amended version should go to the Annual General Meeting, and equal room for explanation and comment will be granted to both sides.

10.3. Notice of the call for proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be sent to all Party members not less than one hundred-twenty (120) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Policy and Constitution Committee in writing as a Notice of Motion at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies submitted on time, in the proper format, and not deemed duplicate by the Policy and Constitution Committee shall be made available to Party members not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

10.4. Any proposed Policies shall require previous notice and a majority vote at a General Meeting to adopt and/or amend.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:
The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Section 10 be amended as follows with the following additions and deletions:

10. POLICY

10.1. The formulation of the Party’s Policies belongs to the members.

*Note: **Bold and italicized text** identifies additions and changes from the Current Article; Words also stricken out denote deletions (e.g. **deletions**) from the Current Article.*
10.2. Any five (5) members in good standing of the Party may propose Policies to their Constituency Associations for consideration by the members.

10.2.1. The Policy Committee shall have the authority to revise a policy for grammar and legal accuracy and shall inform the members that it has revised the policy. The movers shall have the opportunity to move an alternative if they disagree with the revision. Any revision or comment by Policy Committee must be approved by the original proposers before that resolution is presented to the membership. In the absence of agreement, Constituency Associations at ranking stage will choose whether the submitted version or the amended version should go to the Annual General Meeting, and equal room for explanation and comment will be granted to both sides.

10.2.2 The Policy Committee shall send the Policies to CAs for ranking. To advance to the AGM for a vote, a Policy must secure a favourable ranking from two-thirds of the CAs who ranked policies.

10.3. Notice of the call for proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be sent to all Party members not less than one hundred-twenty (120) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies shall be submitted to the Chair of the Policy and Constitution Committee in writing as a Notice of Motion at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting. All proposed Policies or amendments to existing Policies submitted on time, in the proper format, and not deemed duplicate by the Policy and Constitution Committee shall be made available to Party members not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

10.4. Any proposed Policies shall require previous notice and a minimum two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting to adopt and/or amend a Policy or a simple majority vote to rescind a Policy.

**Rationale:**

This proposal ensures that only proposals that are grammatically ready to be included in a Policy document reach the members. It also entrenches the rankings process, which has unofficially been part of the Wildrose policy process for years.

A two-thirds majority requires policy changes to have proper merit before being added to our policy document. Maintaining a simple majority for deletions ensures that unnecessary articles can still be easily deleted.
Constitutional Proposal #32

Current Article:

10.4. Any proposed Policies shall require previous notice and a majority vote at a General Meeting to adopt and/or amend.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 10.4 be amended as follows:

10.4 Any proposed Policies shall require previous notice and a minimum two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting to adopt and/or amend a Policy or a simple majority vote to rescind a Policy.*

Rationale:

A two-thirds majority requires policy changes to have proper merit before being added to our policy document. Maintaining a simple majority for deletions ensures that unnecessary articles can still be easily deleted.

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Constitutional Proposal #33

Current Article:
11.1 Executive Committee shall create rules and procedures for the selection of candidates (“Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures”) and these shall be provided to all Constituency Associations. The Executive Committee shall establish the Candidate Selection Committee that shall have the right to disallow the candidacy of any person before or after nomination by the Constituency Association, subject to the appeal of such a decision to Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

Proposal:
NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

DRUMHELLER-STETTLER moves that Article 11.1 be amended as follows and the following articles be added as sub-articles:

11.1 Executive CommitteeActive Constituency Associations shall create rules and procedures for the selection of candidates (“Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures”) and these shall be provided to all Constituency AssociationsExecutive Committee. The Executive Committee shall establish the Candidate Selection Committee (the Committee must be endorsed by a simple majority of Active Constituency Associations) that shall have the right to disallow the candidacy of any person before or after nomination by the Constituency Association, subject to the appeal of such a decision to Executive Committee whose decision shall be final. Appeals decisions must be ratified by 50% +1 of Active Constituency Associations.

11.1.1 CA boards will have 5 business days to respond to an approval request. If no response is received Executive Council will consider it a vote of confidence in the tabled motion.

11.1.2 An Active CA is defined as having quorum with an elected President that must be registered with Elections Alberta.

11.1.3 Rule: is defined as all; procedural rules, CA rules and Disciplinary rules, prerequisite rules.

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11.1.4 A Bylaw is defined as all current Member Approved bylaws that exist within the Constitution of the Wildrose Party and/or the Member Approved CA bylaws.

**Rationale:**

**NOTE: If this proposal is passed, proposal #34 is moot and will not be heard, because they cannot be simultaneously implemented**

In keeping with the spirit of a member driven organization, we feel that the authority to alter or amend any rules, bylaws or nomination rules by issuing waivers or amendments should not happen without the direct authority of all members of the party. Altering any of these without the consent of the whole membership completely undermines the authority the membership is intended to have in the Wildrose party. The final decision on of who is and is not suitable for candidacy should lie with the membership as per; 5.1.1 From the Wildrose Constitution “authority within the Party resides in its members.”
Constitutional Proposal #34

Current Article:
11.1 Executive Committee shall create rules and procedures for the selection of candidates (“Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures”) and these shall be provided to all Constituency Associations. The Executive Committee shall establish the Candidate Selection Committee that shall have the right to disallow the candidacy of any person before or after nomination by the Constituency Association, subject to the appeal of such a decision to Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

Proposal:
NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EDMONTON-GLENORA moves that Article 11.1 be amended as follows:

11.1 Executive Committee shall create rules and procedures for the selection of candidates (“Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures”) and these shall be provided to all Constituency Associations. The Executive Committee shall establish the Candidate Selection Committee that shall have the right to disallow the candidacy of any person before or after nomination by the Constituency Association, subject to the appeal of such a decision to Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

11.1 The Executive Committee shall create a Candidate Selection Committee that shall:

11.1.1 consist of the Leader and two other members from the Executive Committee who request inclusion on the committee; if more than two offer their names for selection, names will be selected by vote and secret ballot of the full Executive.

11.1.2 consist of an additional three members in good standing of the Party selected by vote and secret ballot at the pre-election year AGM from a list of members in good standing who offer their names for selection.

11.1.3 create rules and procedures for the selection of Constituency candidates to represent the Party in an election and provide these rules to the constituency associations at least six months in advance of the date in the year in which an election

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is expected to be called

11.1.4 create a preliminary outline of the qualifications, characteristics, political and social attitudes and philosophies that a potential candidate will need to display in order to be considered as a candidate; list should outline basic criteria and may not be exhaustive

11.1.5 inquire upon and investigate the suitability of all members in good standing who have paid the required fees and submitted the required application paperwork

11.1.6 give each candidate a written response to their application at least ten days prior to the closing of the nomination period, and insure that any formal written appeal to the committee will be heard and adjudicated before the close of the nomination

11.1.7 examine a written appeal from the candidate applicant and render a written response within 48 hours of its submission to the Committee, the results of which shall be final

11.1.8 refund any fees paid by the applicant and/or the Constituency on behalf of the nomination application to the candidate and/or CA, forthwith

11.1.9 be the authority that vets any members applying for nomination to be elected to the Executive and will follow the same rules as outlined above in that process, as well

Rationale:

**NOTE: If this proposal is passed, proposal #33 is moot and will not be heard, because they cannot be simultaneously implemented**

1. The Party must not only give lip service to its grassroots foundations, it should display those values in all of its practices. The legal motto: “Justice should not only be done, but should manifestly and undoubtedly be seen to be done” applies in the case of political parties, the very foundation of democratic principle.

2. Choosing candidates to represent us, and getting them elected, is the most important reason why people join and work for a political party. When the choice of a candidate is taken away from the constituency associations and the general membership they are losing one of the most motivating factors in their decision to be engaged with the Party.

3. These changes do not eliminate the significant amount of influence Party Executive members can have in selecting candidates and Executive members. Adding an equal
component of non-Executive members will simply temper it with some minimal accountability to the members.
Constitutional Proposal #35

**Current Article:**

11. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

11.1. ...
11.3. The Executive Committee shall notify Constituency Associations of any changes to the Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures. The Executive Committee shall meet between thirty (30) and sixty (60) days after the changes are made, to consider any revisions suggested by Constituency Associations.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-KLEIN moves that Article 11.4 be added to Section 11 as follows:

11.4. The rules shall provide that any Wildrose candidate must enter into a standard contract with the Party which commits the candidate to paying the Party $100,000 in liquidated damages should the candidate be elected as a Wildrose Member of the Legislative Assembly and subsequently leave the Wildrose caucus to join another party’s caucus.

**Rationale:**

The candidates must understand that if they are running in an election as a Wildrose candidate there are monetary penalties if they decide to cross the floor to another Party.
Constitutional Proposal #36

Current Article:
No current section.

Proposal:
NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

RED DEER SOUTH moves that the following new section be inserted as Section 12 and the rest renumbered:

12. Party Continuity

12.1 - The Executive Committee must seek the approval of the Wildrose membership to proceed with any planned communication (whether official, or unofficial) regarding any potential merger between the Wildrose Party, and any other provincial party within Alberta.

    12.1.1 - Approval by the Wildrose membership must take place at a regularly scheduled AGM with no exceptions.

        12.1.1.1 The vote will be scheduled as part of the AGM, and will be held precisely on the time as per scheduled.

        12.1.2 - The question “Do you approve for the Wildrose Party Executive to begin communication with “(Insert second party here)” regarding terms and conditions for a potential future merger?” shall be asked by a public hand vote.

        12.1.2.1 – For the question to be approved at least 3/4 (75%) of membership in attendance must vote yes.

Rationale:

This proposal would ensure that the membership has the first say (not simply the last) on whether or not the Wildrose party should go down the road on a pivotal decision such as a merger. The proposal would allow caucus, and the Party Executive to give clear and concise answers to members and the media regarding any potential merger. This of course would allow caucus to focus on building a better Alberta rather than being distracted by internal party affairs. The proposal would also ensure that one or two vocal outliers couldn’t manipulate the party into seeking a formal merger without the direct consent of the membership.
Constitutional Proposal #37

Current Article:

12.1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any Constituency Association or the Executive Committee.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EDMONTON-GLENORA moves that Article 12.1 be amended as follows:

12.1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by any Constituency Association or the Executive Committee or any ten members in good standing of the Party.*

Rationale:

1. With so many non-existent, weak and dysfunctional Constituency Associations, the existing rule renders many members without a voice. There is no reason to strip them of the ability to have an influence on the Constitution, the foundation of the Party they belong to, just because they have no way of bringing their interests to the attention of a Constituency Association.

2. Requiring ten members of the same or diverse Constituency Associations to debate, write, and present Constitutional amendments raises the bar sufficiently so as to insure the seriousness of these members.

3. With the extensive and rigorous vetting process imposed by the Party to get constitutional and policy changes to the floor for member ratification we can be assured that no frivolous or offending amendment will even be considered.

4. The existing rule 12.1 is far too vague and indeterminate. It is not even possible to know what “and CA” means: All, Some, A few. The specific names of ten people who endorse the changes is far more definitive and can, still, mean all members of the same CA.

* Note: Bold and italicized text identifies additions and changes from the Current Article; Words also stricken out denote deletions (e.g. deletions) from the Current Article.
Constitutional Proposal #38

Current Article:

12.3. Any amendment to this Constitution shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of members present at the General Meeting, pursuant to Article 1(d)(i)(b) of the Societies Act.

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 12.3 be amended as follows:

12.3. Any amendment to this Constitution shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of those members who, if entitled to do so, vote in person at the General Meeting, pursuant to Article 1(d)(i)(b) of the Societies Act.*

Rationale:

This amendment is needed to ensure that this section of the Constitution complies with the Societies Act and is not subjected to potential error or abuse in determining whether a special resolution passes a vote of members.

It is intended to make clear that the 75% voting threshold applies to those members present for the vote and who actually cast a vote. Members who are registered for the general meeting but do not attend the policy and constitution amendment session, or who attend the session and choose not to cast a vote, are not to be included in the calculation of whether 75% of the votes are in favour.

Article 1(d)(i)(b) of the Province of Alberta Societies Act states:

1(d) “special resolution” means:

   (i) a resolution passed

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(a) at a general meeting or special meeting of which not less than 21 days’ notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution has been duly given, and
(b) by the vote of not less than 75% of those members who, if entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy.
Constitutional Proposal #39

Current Article:

14.3 Except for any dispute related to a Leadership Vote, any ten (10) members from five (5) Constituency Associations may give notice in writing to the Executive Committee of a dispute…….

Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE moves that Article 14.3 be amended as follows:

14.3 Except for any dispute related to a Leadership Vote, any ten (10) or more members from representing no fewer than five (5) Constituency Associations may give notice in writing to the Executive Committee of a dispute…….

Rationale:

The inference in the current wording is that there must be exactly ten members from exactly five Constituency Associations. The amended wording ensures that the intent of the article is clarified.

* Note: **Bold and italicized text** identifies additions and changes from the Current Article; Words also stricken out denote deletions (e.g. **deletions**) from the Current Article.
Constitutional Proposal #40

**Current Article:**

Section: Multiple Sections as outlined below

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY GLENMORE moves the following constitutional amendment for consideration at the 2015 AGM:

7.1. “...Secretary, a Treasurer, and ten (10) representatives...”

7.13. Capitalization of **executive committee** in the phrase “No Officer shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years in any combination of Executive Committee positions.”

8.6. The phrase “as provided in article 8.6” should be changed to “as provided in article 8.5”

14.3.1. The word “the” should precede “Executive Committee” in this section.

14.3.2. The word “The” should precede “Executive Committee” in this section.

14.3.3. The word “The” should precede “Executive Committee” in this section.

14.4. The word “The” should precede “Executive Committee” in this section.

14.7. The word “the” should precede “Executive Committee” in this section.

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Rationale:

In 7.1., the word “ten” should precede the parenthetical “10”

In 7.13., “executive committee” should be capitalized; “Executive Committee” is mentioned 89 times in the Constitution and is capitalized in every other instance.

Other changes as described above.