

MEMORANDUM

Office of the Wildrose

FROM: Tim Dyck
VP Policy

DATE: October 8, 2015

TO: CA Presidents, CA Policy VPs, and Wildrose Members

RE: **POLICY and CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL and RANKING PACKAGE**

On behalf of the Party Policy and Constitution Committee, I am pleased to provide you with the attached 2015 Policy and Constitutional Proposal and Ranking Package. Attached you will find:

1. 2015 Policy Amendment Proposals
2. 2015 Constitutional Amendment Proposals
3. 2015 Electronic Policy Amendment Ranking Sheet
4. 2015 Electronic Constitutional Amendment Ranking sheet

The Party Policy and Constitution Committee received 40 Constitutional and 33 Policy submissions this year. The Committee sincerely thanks all members who took the time, thought, and effort to submit an amendment proposal.

The next step is to identify which policy and constitutional submissions our grassroots members feel are most important. This will happen through the ranking of all submissions by CAs. This will give the Party Policy and Constitution Committee an understanding of the policy and constitutional submissions that our membership feel are most important to discuss at the AGM.

This ranking process is crucial to our member driven policy and constitutional amendment process so as to enable the Party to focus on what the grassroots wishes to discuss at this year's AGM on November 13 and 14. At the AGM, we will be debating and voting on the proposals in the order they are ranked. As many proposals as possible will be heard in the time allotted for policy and constitution at the AGM; they will be heard in the order they are ranked. Because it is likely that we will not be able to hear all proposals at the AGM, this ranking procedure is very important as it will determine which proposals will be least likely to be heard at the AGM.

We now ask all CA's to please take the time to rank the proposals in this package by reviewing the proposals attached to the package and indicating their preference for each proposal in the attached Electronic Ranking Sheets.

CAs have from **October 8th – November 7th** to review the attached proposal submissions and rank them on a scale from 1-5.

- 1 - You don't want the proposal brought forward to the Plenary session.

5 - You want the proposal to be debated, voted on in the Plenary session and passed.

When ranking, each ranking number from 1-5 must be used a certain number of times. The attached Electronic Ranking Sheets are designed to assist our CAs in tabulating if they have used a certain number too many times or not enough times. How many times each number from 1-5 can be used when you rank is as follows:

Policy Ranking Allotment

7 proposals must receive the rank of '5'.

6 proposals must receive the rank of '4'.

7 proposals must receive the rank of '3'.

6 proposals must receive the rank of '2'.

7 proposals must receive the rank of '1'.

Constitutional Ranking Allotment

All ranking numbers from 1-5 must be used 8 times each.

We encourage you to convene a meeting to review and rank these submissions. It is not necessary to call a special meeting to do so; inviting members to a board meeting will suffice.

At the meeting please review the submissions and record the ranking from the members present on the Ranking Sheet provided. With a little preparation by the meeting chair, this can be done efficiently.

A potential format for discussion is set out below:

- 1) The Chair should state the resolution and immediately ask for a show of hands asking "who is strongly in favour?" and "who strongly opposes?" The Chair should remind participants that they should highly prioritize items that they want to see passed at the AGM - it is counterproductive to rate something highly that you would vote against at an AGM.
- 2) If there are strong disagreements, a short debate should ensue. It is recommended to limit necessary debate to a single view in favour and one dissenting view, as you should be mindful of the total number of proposals to review.
- 3) Conduct another show of hands to see if people's minds have changed.
- 4) The Chair should then announce his/her opinion of the consensus ranking, gauging the support to be between 1 and 5 depending on how many hands are raised. You will find that you can get through most of the submissions very quickly, and that only a small portion of them will consume much debate and discussion time.
- 5) The Chair and/or the VP Policy will perform a final check to determine that the number of proposals receiving each rank match the counts required to ensure that they conform to the ranking procedure then, if necessary and with the input of the membership, adjust the rankings so that the numbers assigned do conform to those numbers stated above.

- 6) The Chair and/or the VP Policy should then compile the votes on the “Constitution Submission Ranking Sheet” and submit it to the Party by the deadline indicated above using the attached Electronic Ranking Sheet.

The VP Policy of the local CA should compile ranks from board members and submit only one completed Electronic Ranking Sheet for each policy and constitutional proposals to the Party Policy and Constitution Committee. Once the deadline date is passed, the Party Policy and Constitution Committee will total the rankings and release the results to the CAs with the agenda order they will be heard in at the AGM.

Once the ranking results are tabulated, the final step in this process is the discussion, debate and voting on the policy and constitution submissions at the AGM Plenary sessions. The membership in attendance will have the opportunity to debate and vote on policy and constitution submissions in rank order based on this ranking exercise. As many proposals as possible will be heard within the time allotted for plenaries, in the order they are ranked by the CAs. This will determine which policy and constitution items are added, amended, or deleted from the Wildrose Constitution and Member Approved Policy documents.

There are some proposals that, if passed, would make other proposals moot. In this case, the proposal that was ranked higher will be heard first at the AGM, and if passed, the moot proposal will be skipped over during the Plenary. If the higher ranked proposal does not pass when it comes through the agenda, then the lower ranked one will still be heard at the Plenary, if time permits.

To summarize, the deadline for submitting your constitution ranking sheets is 5 PM on **Saturday, November 7th**. Completed ranking sheets should be sent to tim.dyck@wildrose.ca and/or policy@wildrose.ca.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at tim.dyck@wildrose.ca, policy@wildrose.ca or at 403-818-0673.

Sincerely,

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