

# 2016 Constitution Resolutions Book

## 2016 CONSTITUTION RESOLUTIONS BOOK

**NOTE:** This book of constitutional proposals is currently ordered in the order each resolution appears in the Party Constitution document. The agenda order these proposals will be heard in at the AGM is currently being determined by a ranking of the proposals currently underway by our Constituency Associations.

The results of the ranking process and subsequent agenda order for the AGM will be distributed after the ranking deadline of 5 PM on October 22, 2016. At that time, these proposals will be re-ordered in their agenda order using the original proposal numbers found in this document.

# Constitution Proposal #1

## Current Article:

New Article 2.

## Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EDMONTON-SOUTHWEST, CALGARY-GLENMORE, RED DEER – SOUTH, DRUMHELLER-STETTLER, and LEDUC-BEAUMONT Constituency Associations jointly move that a new Article 2 be inserted as follows and all subsequent sections renumbered:

### **2. OBJECT**

***2.1 The Object of the Wildrose Party is to promote, form, and maintain a Government of Alberta that:***

***2.1.1 Nominates and promotes candidates who advance the principles and policies adopted by the Party membership in accordance with this Constitution;***

***2.1.2 Advances the development of compassionate and self-reliant citizens;***

***2.1.3 Protects individual freedoms for all citizens; and***

***2.1.4 Establishes trustworthy, accountable, effective and prudent government\*.***

## Rationale:

A political party in Alberta is commenced by registering a Society with Alberta's corporate registry, and then filing necessary documents with Elections Alberta. The *Societies Act and Regulation* requires that a Society state its Object, being its reason for existence, or in other words, its Mission Statement.

The original Alberta Alliance Party was commenced by the registering of the "Alberta Alliance Political Association" ("the Alliance Society") on June 5, 2002. The Objects filed with the corporate registry for the Alliance Society were:

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### **Objects:**

1. To provide all necessary equipment and furniture for carrying on it's various objects.
2. To sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with the property of the society.
3. To establish, promote and carry on the necessary elements of a political party in Alberta.

On August 13, 2007, the Wildrose Political Party Association was registered ("the Wildrose Society"), with the intent to register the Wildrose Party with Elections Alberta. Its Object was:

### **ARTICLE II – OBJECT AND PRINCIPLES**

- (a) The object of the Party shall be to form the Government of Alberta by nominating and promoting candidates who advance the principles and policies adopted by the Party membership in accordance with this Constitution.

The Alliance Society and the Wildrose Society amalgamated to form the Wildrose Alliance Political Association, and the amalgamated Society opted to retain the Objects of the Alliance Society rather than the Object of the Wildrose Society. An Object was not included in the Wildrose Alliance Party Constitution. (Historical documents are available for review upon request). It is proposed that the Objects of the current Society be updated, replaced, and included in the Constitution of the Party.

The proposed Object captures the important Party concepts of reduced reliance on government involvement in the lives of Albertans balanced by support for those in need. They act as a compass for the development of Party policies and help define the direction and intent of the Party. They clearly and simply define the Party's philosophy and leadership structure that is fundamentally distinct from traditional political parties. They explain the true nature of the Party's democratic and grassroots commitment, and are intended to capture the essential elements of a principled conservative political party in Alberta.

## Constitution Proposal #2

### **Current Article:**

New Article 2

### **Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and CALGARY-NORTH WEST Constituency Association jointly move that a new Article 2 be inserted as follows and all subsequent sections renumbered:

### ***2. Mission Statement***

***2.1 To form and maintain government by uniting Albertans on a foundation of conservative grassroots principles.***

### **Rationale:**

We haven't had a mission statement in our Constitution. There have been ebbs and flows as to our purpose: Are we principled first or do we want to win first? We think this combines both while respecting each and makes it clear and simple. In the past, Dave Yager had the clear Mission Statement simply iterated as: To form government. However, this created a lot of consternation and backlash amongst Constituency Association Boards that believe what we stand for is just as important as winning, (as Danielle Smith and the floor crossers found out when they sold out principles for power). There needs to be a balance between both. Also, this may quiet down those that constantly point out we have no Mission Statement. We believe this also defines in a simple sentence who we are as a party and plants a flag as to what we stand for as opposed to those who are late to the party or pretending to. We can claim this resides in our Constitution instead of on the lips of the selfishly politically ambitious.

## Constitution Proposal #3

### Current Article:

2.3.2 Federally, to encourage and support earned prosperity among all provinces, equal treatment of all provinces by the federal government, and the full exercise of Alberta's constitutional rights and responsibilities.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

ST ALBERT Constituency Association moves that Article 2.3.2 be amended as follows:

2.3.2 Federally, to encourage and support earned prosperity among all provinces ***and territories***, equal treatment of all provinces by the federal government, and the full exercise of Alberta's constitutional rights and responsibilities. \*

### Rationale:

Canada includes provinces and territories so adding territories makes this section all inclusive.

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## Constitution Proposal #4

### Current Article:

New Article 2.9.2

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-HAYS Constituency Association moves that a new Article 2.9.2 be inserted as follows:

***2.9.2 We believe in universal timely delivery of all physician-prescribed surgeries.\****

### Rationale:

Wait times for many important surgeries, particularly but not only relating to orthopaedic procedures such as hip and knee replacements, are unconscionably too long in Alberta. Timely access to specialists who might prescribe such surgeries is already an issue in itself, and then is further aggravated by the lengthy delay in completion of these surgeries. This leaves patients to suffer with prolonged pain and misery, situations that seem at odds with Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Effecting the solution to timely delivery will not be easy or quickly implemented, but the cause is readily apparent – Alberta's self-imposed rationing of health care. By approving this proposed principle, we can then adopt an 'out-of the-box' open mind to reforming the existing system and reducing the patients' suffering, a stance that will clearly differentiate a compassionate Wildrose Party from the other political parties' positions.

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## Constitution Proposal #5

**Current Article:**

New Article 2.13

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

ST ALBERT Constituency Association moves that a new Article 2.13. be inserted as follows:

***2.13 Economic Development***

***2.13.1 We believe in Economic Growth that provides employment, business development, incomes and tax revenue resulting in community sustainability and prosperity***

**Rationale:**

Highlight the importance of Economic Development to community prosperity as one of the sustainability pillars; the others being environment, social and heritage already mentioned in the constitution.

## Constitution Proposal #6

### Current Article:

#### 3. MEMBERSHIP

##### 3. Membership

3.1 Membership in the Party shall consist of all Albertans who:

3.1.1 are at least sixteen (16) years of age.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

FORT MCMURRAY –WOOD BUFFALO Constituency Association moves that Article 3.1.1 be amended as follows:

3.1.1 are at least ~~sixteen (16)~~ *fourteen (14)* years of age\*

### Rationale:

The eligible age to buy a membership in the Alberta Liberal, NDP as well as PC parties is 14 years of age. How many young aspiring Albertans will we lose to the opposition if they are not eligible to participate in our party? Like credit card companies know, branding at a young age has a powerful influence for many years to come. Many of our members are families whose youth are eager to get involved; let's let them.

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## Constitution Proposal #7

**Current Article:**

3.1.4. have paid the prescribed membership free, personally or through an immediate family member.

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

ST ALBERT Constituency Association moves that Article 3.1.4 be amended as follows:

3.1.4 have paid the prescribed membership ~~free~~**fee**, personally or through an immediate family member.\*

**Rationale:**

This is a spelling error.

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## Constitution Proposal #8

### 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:

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and the Constituency Associations of CALGARY-SHAW and CALGARY-NORTH WEST jointly move 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 ***in good standing*** is exclusively entitled to:\*

### Rationale:

A suspended member should not have the same rights as other members if they have been deemed to damage the interests of the Party. Perfect example: The floor crossing.

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## Constitution Proposal #9

### Current Article:

4.2 The Constituency Associations shall be placed into five regional zones as specified by the Executive Committee, each consisting of an approximately equal number of constituencies representing: Edmonton, Calgary, North, South and Central.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 4.2 be replaced with:

***4.2 The Executive Committee shall review the member constituencies in each of the five regional zones, known as Zone A, Zone B, Zone C, Zone D, and Zone E, after each general election and/or boundary redistribution.\****

### Rationale:

This clause prevents any indiscriminate moving of Constituencies from region to region by the EC for reasons other than justified logically by an election or boundary redistribution. We have been through this debate around allocating PD's and moving boundaries around. We would like to ensure some continuity for CA's. In the past, some PD's were allocated CA's the day after an AGM that members in those CA's didn't even get a chance to vote for.

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## Constitution Proposal #10

**Current Article:**

New Article 4.2.1

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-NORTH WEST Constituency Association moves that a new Article 4.2.1 be inserted as follows:

***4.2.1 The Executive Committee shall only review and amend the member Constituencies of the regional zones after each general election and/or boundary redistribution.***

**Rationale:**

This clause prevents any indiscriminate moving of Constituencies from region to region by the EC for reasons other than justified logically by an election or boundary redistribution.

## Constitution Proposal #11

### 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.

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.

4.5. Constituency Associations shall comply with such requirements as to their governance, financial management and reporting, as may be implemented by Executive Committee. Recognition of a Constituency Association may be revoked pursuant to rules and procedures set out by Executive Committee, per the Election Act. Recognition may also be revoked, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, if Association membership falls below fifteen (15) members.

4.5.1. Upon the revocation of recognition of a Constituency Association any funds or other assets of the Constituency Association shall be transferred to the Party, to be returned to the Constituency Association upon reactivation.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-GLENMORE Constituency Association moves that Articles 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 be amended as follows:

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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 **Association** Bylaws **attached to this Constitution as Exhibit 1 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.

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 **Bylaws**, and not prejudicial to the interests or well-being of any other Party Constituency Association, or of the Party.

4.5 Constituency Associations shall comply with such requirements as to their governance, financial management and reporting, as may be implemented by Executive Committee. Recognition of a Constituency Association may be revoked pursuant to rules and procedures set out by Executive Committee, per the Election Act. Recognition may also be revoked, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, if **Constituency** Association membership falls below fifteen (15) members.

4.5.1 Upon the revocation of recognition of a Constituency Association any funds or other assets of the Constituency Association shall be transferred to the Party, to be returned to the Constituency Association upon reactivation.\*

### Rationale:

Constituency Association (CA) By-Laws are currently determined solely by the Party's Executive Committee (EC) without the involvement or approval of members or the CAs thereby affected.

The CA Bylaws have been relatively static over the past several years, indicating that they have evolved and matured to a level that the CAs and EC are comfortable with. It is appropriate in a mature organization that these CA Bylaws be incorporated into the Constitution and only be amended using rules for amending the Constitution.

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Amendments to the CA Bylaws would require the same support threshold as Constitution amendments (75%) in order to ensure that such proposals carry the same broad-based support amongst the membership as Constitution amendments.

Doing this ensures that the EC would no longer be able to impose changes on CAs, and supports the Wildrose principle of being a grassroots organization.

This special resolution also seeks to correct minor nomenclature errors in Article 4 as shown above.

## Constitution Proposal #12

### **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 a list in writing to the Party.

### **Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EDMONTON-SOUTH WEST Constituency Association moves that Article 4.6 be amended as follows:

4.6 **A** lists of *the* Constituency Association Presidents **and their contact information** shall be made available to any President of a recognized Constituency Association who makes a request for such a list in writing to the Party.

### **Rationale:**

It is impossible to communicate effectively between Presidents of CA's without contact information.

It is illogical to prevent CA Presidents from communicating with each other. Abuses to communication between CA Presidents can be addressed at a common sense and mature level.

It is extremely time consuming for Presidents to try to locate the contact information of other Presidents for Party purposes, such as discussing policy.

## Constitution Proposal #13

### Current Article:

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

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EDMONTON-CENTRE Constituency Association moves that Article 4.8 be amended as follows:

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

***4.8 Each Constituency Association is entitled the following financial support from the Party:***

***4.8.1 The prescribed membership fee shall be split equally between recognized constituency associations and the Party, less benefits paid on behalf of Constituency Associations by the Party.***

***4.8.2 Constituency Associations may borrow money from the Party to front expenses for fundraising expenses. All fundraising revenue will be receipted by the Party, and a revenue transfer will be issued by the Party to the respective Constituency Association within the quarter of the fundraising event, less expenses paid by the party on Constituency Associations' behalf.\****

### Rationale:

The rationale for 4.8.1 is that splitting membership fees can no longer be expected to be received in full by the Constituency Associations, as they have become expensive for the Party to maintain. The expenses paid on behalf of CAs are subtracted from half of the membership revenues to make membership shares more cost effective for the Party, while keeping the importance of selling memberships on a CA level.

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The rationale for 4.8.2 is that Constituency Associations who may not have the available funds to host a fundraising event can employ section 4.8.2 as a vehicle to raise funds that they can keep for themselves. The reason the Party is receipting the individuals, instead of the Constituency Association, is to ensure that the Party is considered a preferential creditor and can recoup most of its expenses in case the Constituency Association cannot raise enough fundraising revenue to cover the fundraising expenses.

## Constitution Proposal #14

### Current Article:

New Article 4.9

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

LAC LA BICHE-ST PAUL- TWO HILLS and BARRHEAD-MORINVILLE-WESTLOCK  
Constituency Associations jointly move that a new Article 4.9 be inserted as follows:

***4.9 An active constituency association is defined as operating with a Board, a membership, and a bank account where the majority cannot consist of Executive Committee members and/or Party Employees .\****

### Rationale:

- Currently there is no definition of an Active CA
- Maintains grassroots philosophy; need to ensure Wildrose is driven from the CA's not the Executive
- Executive members should not have more votes than other members
- Ensures executive members are limited to voting only within their respective CA
- Ensures no member has the ability to vote in multiple CAs
- Ensures that CAs managed by the Party do not have additional votes
- Maintains and reinforces governance principles outlined in Section 5 of our Constitution:

5.1 the governance of the Party shall reflect the following principles:

5.1.1 authority within the Party resides in its members

5.1.2 the Leader and the Executive Committee are accountable to the members of the Party and the caucus

5.1.3 the Caucus is accountable to the Party and to their constituents

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## Constitution Proposal #15

### Current Article:

5.1.2. The Leader and the Executive Committee are accountable to members of the Party and the Caucus.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-SHAW Constituency Association moves that Article 5.1.2 be replaced with:

5.1.2 ***The Executive Committee, and the Leader as a member of the Executive Committee, are accountable to members of the Party. The Leader is also accountable to the Caucus.\****

### Rationale:

The current wording is confusing as it implies that the Executive Committee is accountable to Caucus, although the Caucus is elected by Alberta voters. This amendment clarifies the lines of accountability within the party.

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## Constitution Proposal #16

### Current Article:

5.1.2. The Leader and the Executive Committee are accountable to members of the Party and the Caucus.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-NORTH WEST Constituency Association and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE move that Article 5.1.2 be replaced with:

**5.1.2 *The Executive Committee is accountable to the members of the party. The Leader is also accountable to caucus.***

### Rationale:

This is a very confusing clause as the Leader is part of the EC but under the current wording both are accountable to members of the party and caucus although caucus is elected by the voters of Alberta.

## Constitution Proposal #17

### Current Article:

5.1.3. The Caucus is accountable to the Party and to their constituents.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-SHAW Constituency Association moves that Article 5.1.3 be amended as follows:

5.1.3 The Caucus is accountable ~~to the Party and~~ to their constituents.\*

### Rationale:

MLA's are elected by their constituents, based on the party platform. MLA's are expected to be accountable to their constituents, in broad strokes by supporting the party platform and policies, but ultimately MLA's are entrusted to vote in the best interests of the province, their constituency, and the Alberta citizens who voted for the MLA to represent their interests in the Alberta Legislature.

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## Constitution Proposal #18

### Current Article:

5.1.3. the Caucus is accountable to the Party and to their constituents.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 5.1.3 be amended as follows:

5.1.3 ~~the Caucus is accountable to the Party and to their constituents.~~ ***The Caucus is accountable to the members of the Party and to their constituents.\****

### Rationale:

**MLA's are elected by their constituents.** Accountability already exists of the Caucus to the Party by virtue of our processes. Stating this within our Constitution muddies their priorities and the perception of their responsibility to the general public. The Party elects candidates that represent the party to **contest an election on the party's behalf.** If the MLA does not represent the party, the party can choose to nominate a new candidate for the next election and/or Caucus can elect to remove that MLA from their caucus and/or the party can kick that MLA out of the party just as we did with the floor crossers. By virtue of a nomination held prior to each election there is the natural accountability to the local party membership. We think this also clearly defines us against the NDP for which it is unclear if they are accountable to their constituents or the Federal Central NDP.

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## Constitution Proposal #19

### Current Article:

5.3. The governance of the Party between General Meetings is vested in the Executive Committee and the Leader.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-SHAW Constituency Association moves that Article 5.3 be amended as follows:

5.3 The governance of the Party between General Meetings is vested in the Executive Committee ~~and the Leader~~.\*

### Rationale:

The current wording is confusing as it implies that the Leader's office is equal to the Executive Committee. The leader has a seat on the Executive Committee, and therefore specifically naming the Leader is redundant and confusing.

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## Constitution Proposal #20

### Current Article:

New Article 5.4

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

LAC LA BICHE-ST PAUL- TWO HILLS Constituency Association moves that a new Article 5.4 be inserted as follows:

***5.4 The Party Platform will be a very close reflection of the policies passed by the membership .\****

### Rationale:

- Currently the constitution is silent in this area
- Often appears to be a disconnect between the party platform and approved policies; one should reflect the other at all times
- Maintains grassroots philosophy; need to ensure Wildrose is driven from the membership not the executive
- Accountability to grassroots must be paramount at all times, this sets us apart from other political parties
- Ensure approved policies are marketed to the people of Alberta
- Maintains and reinforces governance principles outlined in Section 5 of our Constitution:

5.1 the governance of the Party shall reflect the following principles:

5.1.1 authority within the Party resides in its members

5.1.2 the Leader and the Executive Committee are accountable to the members of the Party and the caucus

5.1.3 the Caucus is accountable to the Party and to their constituents

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## Constitution Proposal #21

### 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 Constituency Association moves that Article 6.4.2 be amended and a new article 6.4.3 inserted as follows, with current article 6.4.3 renumbered to 6.4.4:

6.4.2 amend and adopt Party policy; ~~and~~

***6.4.3 cause the Executive Committee or one of its subcommittees to implement activities proposed and passed by at least seventy-five percent (75%) of members at the General Meeting; and***

### Rationale:

Article 5.1. states:

*5.1 The governance of the Party shall reflect the following principles:*

*5.1.1 authority within the Party resides in its members.*

Article 6.1. states:

*6.1 The control and governance of the activities (emphasis added) of the Party are vested in the members at General Meetings.*

While the time when this control and governance is identified (at General Meetings), these articles require that for members to provide this control and governance at a General Meeting, a means to accomplish this must also be provided. Unfortunately, none is provided in Article 6.4. Our resolution addresses that deficiency.

Member proposed activities would require the same approval threshold as Constitution amendments (75%) in order to ensure that such proposals carry the same broad-based membership support as Constitution amendments.

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### Procedure

The means of obtaining activity proposals is not mentioned so is left to the EC. However we do have an ideal model for this in the processing of Constitution proposals by the Party Policy and Constitution Committee: request proposals; vet them through the PPCC; have them ranked by the CAs; then voted upon at the AGM.

### Performing the Activities

The Executive Committee tends to be overloaded with activities, so any approved activities would likely be undertaken by committees of rank and file members on a best-effort basis, and reported upon at the following AGM.

## Constitution Proposal #22

### 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 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 will be elected that year and that nominations are open. 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 thirty (30) 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-SHAW, RED DEER-SOUTH, CALGARY-NORTHWEST Constituency Associations and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE jointly move that Article 6.9.4.1 be amended as follows:

6.9.4.1 The Nominating Committee shall consist of ~~three (3) members~~ **a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) 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 will be elected that year and that nominations are open. 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 thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual General Meeting, notify the members of the candidates standing for election to the

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Executive Committee.\*

### **Rationale:**

This current article only allows for 3 members on the Nominating Committee. The duties of the Nominating Committee can be large and demanding. Allowing for a larger committee would help spread the workload.

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## Constitution Proposal #23

### 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 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 will be elected that year and that nominations are open. 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 thirty (30) 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:

ST ALBERT Constituency Association 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 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 will be elected that year and that nominations are open. 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 ***site 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 ***is*** 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 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:**

These are grammar and spelling corrections.



## Constitution Proposal #24

### Current Article:

New Article 6.9.6

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

RED DEER-SOUTH Constituency Association moves that a new Article 6.9.6 be inserted as follows:

***6.9.6 For the 2017 AGM, a Special Policy and Constitution Committee will be formed on December 1st, 2016 whose duties are to study the Wildrose Constitution in search for potential errors not limited to but including contradictions, semantic errors, grammatical errors, contextual errors.***

***6.9.6.1 This committee will submit all findings to the EC not later than 60 days before the 2017 AGM.***

***6.9.6.2 All findings will be included in an extended constitutional session where members will have the opportunity to accept, or decline changes.***

***6.9.6.3 Item 6.9.6 in its entirety will be deleted from the Wildrose constitution after the 2017 AGM.***

### Rationale:

The current state of the constitution is poor. The constitution needs to be polished up so that it avoids redundancies, grammatical errors and most importantly contradictions.

## Constitution Proposal #25

### Current Articles:

7.1.1. The officers, the Past President (if appointed), the Leader of the Party, and two members of Caucus who are elected by Caucus and who shall be non-voting members, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

and

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-SHAW Constituency Association moves that Articles 7.1.1 and 7.10 be amended as follows:

7.1.1 The officers, the ***immediate and direct*** Past President (if appointed), the Leader of the Party, and two members of Caucus who are elected by Caucus and who shall be non-voting members, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

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 ***and direct*** 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.\*

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### **Rationale:**

This clarifies that only the immediate and direct past president can be appointed (i.e. not any past president).

## Constitution Proposal #26

### Current Article:

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:

LAC LA BICHE-ST PAUL- TWO HILLS Constituency Association moves that Article 7.2.4 be replaced with:

***7.2.4 The active Constituency Associations will vote to fill any term of office of any vacancy on the Executive Committee between Annual General Meetings providing the vacancy becomes available more than NINETY (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Notice will be provided from the Executive Director to the Constituency Associations within FOURTEEN (14) days of the vacancy requesting a call for nominations to be submitted to the Executive Director; a TWO (2) week nomination period will be permitted and voting will be completed within ONE (1) month of the initial notice of vacancy. Each active Constituency Association will have one vote.***

***In the event no nominations are received or the vacancy occurs within the NINETY (90) day period prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee may appoint a members to fill the vacancy providing the person is a member in good standing and has the approval of two-thirds of the Executive Committee. \****

### Rationale:

- Currently the executive has the authority to appoint people to the Board without CA inclusion
- Currently there is no defined time limit to fill vacancies at the executive level
- Strong governance practice

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- Maintains the grassroots philosophy; need to ensure Wildrose is driven by the CAs not the executive
- Accountability to grassroots must be paramount at all times, this sets us apart from other political parties
- Provides transparency to the Constituency Associations
- Provides notice and engagement of the CAs
- Limits the ability of the Executive Committee to 'stack' the board with their visions vs. the Constituency Associations' vision
- Utilizes the definition of 'active Constituency Associations'
- Maintains and reinforces governance principles outlined in Section 5 of our Constitution:

5.1 the governance of the Party shall reflect the following principles:

5.1.1 authority within the Party resides in its members

5.1.2 the Leader and the Executive Committee are accountable to the members of the Party and the caucus

5.1.3 the Caucus is accountable to the Party and to their constituents

## Constitution Proposal #27

### Current Article(s):

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.

and

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.

and

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.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Articles 7.2.4 and 7.2.5. be replaced with a new Article 7.2.4, with corresponding amendment to article 7.2 as follows:

***7.2.4 The Executive Committee may, with the approval of two-thirds of its members present and voting, appoint interim members to fill 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 Director's position, that the person appointed shall reside in the regional zone that has the vacancy. At the next Annual General Meeting the members shall elect a member to fill the remainder***

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*of the term.\**

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 ***unless the officer is running to fill a position that has become vacant mid-term as per article 7.2.4. In that case, the term will be until the next AGM.*** 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.†

**Rationale:**

No rationale provided.

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## Constitution Proposal #28

### Current Article:

New Article 7.2.6

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

LAC LA BICHE-ST PAUL-TWO HILLS, BARRHEAD-MORINVILLE-WESTLOCK  
and DRUMHELLER-STETTLER Constituency Associations jointly move that a new Article  
7.2.6 be inserted as follows:

***7.2.6 Any member seeking nomination for the appointment of a position on the Executive Committee will be subject to meet established membership status, eligibility, and vetting policy requirements for Executive Committee nominees. This process will be conducted by three elected members of the Executive Committee.\****

### Rationale:

- Currently there is no official vetting process
- Establishes an appointee vetting process clause similar to that of article 6.9.4.1
- Ensures EC appointee vetting process is conducted by EC members who have the elected authority of the general membership
- Strong governance practice
- Provides transparency
- Minimizes risk to the Party

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## Constitution Proposal #29

### 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-NORTH WEST Constituency Association 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 ***subject to fulfilling their term.***\*

### Rationale:

This fixes a logistical oversight. There are members of the EC who are running for re-election but if re-elected would have to step down mid-term. As well, the position of Past President would be forced to be vacated despite it being only available to a past serving President who may be term limited.

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## Constitution Proposal #30

### Current Article:

7.19.2. set salaries for the Executive Director and staff;

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-NORTH WEST Constituency Association and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE jointly move that Article 7.19.2 be replaced with:

***7.19.2 Approve an annual budget, 3-year financial plan, and salaries and contractors over \$12,000 (before benefits and employment expenses) on an annualized basis.\****

### Rationale:

The current clause only covers salaries and does not include contractors or many more important facets of the financial responsibilities and obligations of the party nor does it put any long-term planning requirement on the EC in regards to preparing for the next election. This is a glaring hole that needs to be fixed and will place greater focus on the EC in doing long-term planning.

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## Constitution Proposal #31

**Current Article:**

New Article 7.24.1

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that a new Article 7.24.1 be inserted as follows:

***7.24.1 The Executive Committee may not appoint a person to fill the term of office of any vacancy on the Executive Committee where that person would have been term limited pursuant to section 7.13 had they run for election to the Executive Committee at the last Annual General Meeting.\****

**Rationale:**

No rationale provided.

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## Constitution Proposal #32

### Current Article:

8.5. The Executive Committee shall, at least once in every three General Meetings, ask each attending member, "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.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

LAC LA BICHE-ST PAUL- TWO HILLS and BARRHEAD-MORINVILLE-WESTLOCK  
Constituency Associations jointly move that Article 8.5 be amended as follows:

8.5 The Executive Committee shall, ~~at least once in every three General Meetings, at the second Annual General Meeting after an election,~~ ask each attending member, "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~~ **the General Meeting.**

***8.5.1 In the case of a minority government, the requirement for a leadership review may be waived by the Executive Committee. \****

### Rationale:

- Nothing is more distracting than unknown leadership reviews; we cannot continue to give the media this type of manipulative power over our party
- The philosophy of fixed leadership review dates coincides with the party's vision on fixed election dates
- This ensures stability
- This ensures adequate notice
- Strong governance practice
- Maintains the grassroots philosophy

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- Accountability to grassroots must be paramount at all times, this sets us apart from other political parties
- The term Annual General Meeting should be used rather than the term General Meeting to make it clear at which meetings the leadership review is to occur
- The current clause 'once every 3 years' allows for a vote of the leader at the first AGM after a provincial election with the next required vote to be held within the one year election period of the next election. This is not fair to the leader, to the party members, or to the general electorate
- The current clause allows the executive to be the decision makers and to decide on the timing of the leadership reviews which should be the CAs' authority
- Maintains and reinforces governance principles outlined in Section 5 of our Constitution:

5.1 the governance of the Party shall reflect the following principles:

5.1.1 authority within the Party resides in its members

5.1.2 the Leader and the Executive Committee are accountable to the members of the Party and the caucus

5.1.3 the Caucus is accountable to the Party and to their constituents

## Constitution Proposal #33

### Current Article:

8.5.The Executive Committee shall, at least once in every three General Meetings, ask each attending member, “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.

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and Constituency Associations CALGARY-SHAW and CALGARY-NORTH WEST jointly move that Article 8.5. be amended as follows:

8.5 The Executive Committee shall, at least once in every three General Meetings, ask each attending member, “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~~ ***the general meeting.***\*

### Rationale:

Often the Leadership Review vote happens in the evening and there is no opportunity to announce to the General Meeting the result. Practically the announcement would be to an empty room at 11pm while everyone is up at the hospitality suites or in their hotel rooms. It should be done in front of the members attending.

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## Constitution Proposal #34

**Current Article:**

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

**Proposal:**

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

ST ALBERT Constituency Association moves that Article 8.10.1 be amended as follows:

8.10.1 be a member in good standing of the ***Wildrose*** Party, ***and not hold an active membership in any other provincial political party registered with Elections Alberta;***\*

**Rationale:**

This provides clarity and commitment.

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## Constitution Proposal #35

### Current Article:

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

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-NORTH WEST Constituency Association moves that Article 8.10.3 be replaced with:

8.10.3 *provide at least one hundred twenty five signatures or 1% of the membership as of the date the office of the Leader becomes vacant, whichever is greater, with a minimum of 20 signatures from each of the 5 regions.\**

### Rationale:

This ensures a Leadership applicant can organize across the Province and not just within a small geographic area.

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## Constitution Proposal #36

### Current Article:

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

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE and CALGARY-NORTH WEST Constituency Association jointly move that Article 8.10.3 be replaced with:

8.10.3 ***provide signatures from at least 2% of the membership as of the date the office of the Leader becomes vacant, with 20% of the signatures from each of the 5 regions.*** \*

### Rationale:

This ensures a Leadership applicant can organize across the Province and not just within a small geographic area. This can also help weed out leadership candidates who are there for self-promotion rather than the good of the party. And if you can't get 20 signatures from a region what are you doing running for the Leadership of a Provincial party?

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## Constitution Proposal #37

### 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-SHAW Constituency Association moves that Article 10.3 be amended as follows:

10.3 Notice of the call for proposed Policies ***and Constitution proposals*** or amendments to existing Policies ***and Constitution proposals*** 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. ***Notice shall be sent once by electronic mail message to the Member's email address of record. For those with no e-mail address of record, a recorded message telephone call to the Member's phone number of record shall be made, indicating where on the Party website they can access the Constitution and Member Passed Policy Amendment Package.*** 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.\*

### Rationale:

The current Constitution is unclear as to how notification for policy amendments are to

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be sent to members. The resolution identifies appropriate the communication medium to ensure all members receive appropriate notification.

## Constitution Proposal #38

### 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:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 10.3. be amended as follows:

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)~~ **one hundred-eighty (180)** 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.\*

### Rationale:

No rationale provided.

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## Constitution Proposal #39

### 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:

RED DEER-SOUTH Constituency Association moves that Article 10.4 be amended and insert new Articles 10.5 and 10.6 as follows:

***10.4 ~~Any proposed Policies shall require previous notice and a majority vote at a General Meeting to adopt and/or amend.~~ All policies shall automatically be up for review every five (5) years, with the membership voting to renew the policy, with or without proposed amendments, or where the policy does not have majority support the policy shall be deemed irrelevant and shall be deleted from the approved policies.***

***10.5 To streamline the process, all policies up for automatic review shall be identified by the Vice-President-Policy one year prior to the next AGM. The list of policies up for automatic review to be made available at the AGM for the subsequent year. Each constituency shall have the opportunity to review and sponsor relevant policies for renewal, with or without proposed amendments, and shall submit those policies pursuant to the provisions in 10.3.***

***10.6 Those policies that are not adopted by a constituency for renewal shall automatically be deemed to be irrelevant and shall be removed from the Policy Book by general consensus at the next AGM.\****

### Rationale:

Given the importance of grassroots democracy, policies should be relevant and reflective of the ongoing and changing direction of the membership. Policies that are no longer relevant or have the support of the membership should be removed from the Party platform.

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## Constitution Proposal #40

### 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:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE moves that Article 10.4 be replaced with:

***10.4 Any proposed Policies shall require due notice and a 2/3rds (two-thirds) vote at a General Meeting to adopt and/or amend; while the removal of a policy requires a majority (50% +1) vote. \****

### Rationale:

The Policy book has been bloating itself up and policies are now bumping into and on top of each other providing less room for a Caucus to act on the matters of the day and for the party to adapt to changing economic and social conditions. Further, a clear majority of members should share a belief in a policy before it becomes something we as a party present outwardly while it should also be easier for the party to change and adapt by more easily removing outdated or no longer appropriate policies.

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## Constitution Proposal #41

### Current Article:

New Article 10.5

### Proposal:

NOTICE OF MOTION – SPECIAL RESOLUTION:

CALGARY-HAYS Constituency Association moves that a new Article 10.5 be inserted as follows:

*10.5 From time to time, beginning in 2017, the Wildrose Party membership will be asked to complete a short survey regarding the structure, format and presentation of the Member Approved Policies (as approved at the 2016 AGM), in order to ensure that the document is sufficiently concise, clear to understand and directly relevant to the Party's vision, values, and evolving priorities for an effective provincial government.\**

### Rationale:

It is always advisable to establish maximum clarity for both our members and the voting public when positioning our policies in counterpoint to those of the other political parties, and seeking support to form the next government. In this regard, we should also be highlighting our members' most important priorities which, while evolving from year to year, should be both aspirational of the direction we want the future governing of Alberta to go, and also serve as a visible starting point for articulating the Party's subsequent election platform.

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## Constitution Proposal #42

### Current Articles:

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.

11.2. The rules shall provide for a Constituency Nomination Committee in each constituency that shall, subject to the rules, be responsible for the administration of the candidate selection process in the constituency.

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-BOW Constituency Association moves that Articles 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3 be replaced with:

**11.1 Candidate selection Rules and Procedures shall be developed and approved by the General Membership at an AGM and appended to the Constitution as a Schedule.**

**11.2 The CA shall establish a Local Constituency Nomination Committee (LCNC) to accept nominations and select a candidate to run for the seat in that riding.**

**11.3 The Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures, once adopted and appended to the Constitution may only be amended through the Amendment Process provided in section 12 of this Constitution.**

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### **Rationale:**

The proposed constitutional amendment is designed to place authority and control of the Candidate Selection Rules and Procedures in the hands of the general membership such that CAs will have greater control over the selection of candidates for their ridings.

## Constitution Proposal #43

### 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:

CALGARY-GLENMORE Constituency Association 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~~.\*

### Rationale:

By this Constitution, every member of the Executive Committee is a member of a CA Board and as such has the opportunity to be involved in preparation of Constitution Special Resolutions and to rank all those proposed through their CA. Having an additional second platform for making proposals is a privilege not available to any other Party members including Wildrose caucus members.

Having EC members being treated on an equal footing with all CA members in a collaborative Constitution development environment will foster mutual trust and friendship between members of the EC and CAs.

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