



SOCIETY BY-LAWS

OF

**THE LIBERAL ASSOCIATION OF
NOVA SCOTIA**

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ARTICLE 1 – NAME & DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 The name of the association shall be The Liberal Association of Nova Scotia which Association is registered to use the name The Nova Scotia Liberal Party. Hereinafter the Association is referred to as the "Party", "Liberal Party" or "Nova Scotia Liberal Party".
- 1.2 In these By-Laws unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:
- (a) "Officers" of the Liberal Party are as defined in Article 4 of these By-Laws;
 - (b) "Registrar" means the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies appointed under the Companies Act (Nova Scotia); and
 - (c) "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of such members entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy, where proxies are allowed, at an Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of which notice specifying the intent to propose the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given by written notice to the secretary of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party at least 30 days before the Annual or Special Meeting.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTS

- 2.1 The objects of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party are:
- (a) To secure good government by supporting the policies and principles of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party;
 - (b) To secure the election of Liberal candidates to the Nova Scotia Legislative Assembly and the House of Commons;
 - (c) To hold meetings on political affairs;

- (d) To effect and maintain thorough organization in every electoral district in Nova Scotia;
- (e) To exercise general supervision of the interests of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party in all electoral districts in Nova Scotia;
- (f) To co-ordinate the provincial and federal Liberal Party constituency organizations and Liberal Party associations in Nova Scotia;
- (g) To acquire by way of grant, gift, purchase, bequest, devise or otherwise, real and personal property and to use and apply such property to the realization of the objects of the Liberal Party;
- (h) To buy, own, hold, lease, mortgage, sell and convey such real and personal property as may be necessary or desirable in the carrying out of the objects of the Liberal Association; and
- (i) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to carrying out of the above objects.

2.2 Nothing herein shall permit the Liberal Party to carry on any trade, industry, or business and the Liberal Party shall be carried on without purpose of gain to any of the members and any surplus or any accretions of the Liberal Party shall be used solely for purposes of the Liberal Party and the promotion of its objects.

2.3 If for any reason the operations of the Liberal Party are terminated or are wound up, or are dissolved and there remains, at that time, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to some other non-profit organization in Canada, having objects similar to those of the Liberal Party.

2.4 The activities of the Liberal Party are to be carried on throughout the Province of Nova Scotia.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

3.1 All persons who ordinarily reside in Nova Scotia, support the objects of the Liberal Party, are not members of any other political party and are at least 14 years of age are eligible for membership in the Liberal Party.

3.2 An application for Membership, delivered to the Nova Scotia Liberal Party in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Provincial Council, also shall be

considered an application for membership with the Liberal Party of Canada as provided in the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada.

- 3.3 Information concerning individual members of the Liberal Party of Canada shall be maintained by the National Office of the Liberal Party of Canada, and such information shall be held and disclosed, where required by law, in accordance with the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada.
- 3.4 Every person who is a member in good standing of the Liberal Party shall be entitled to vote:
- (a) at any meeting of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, at any leadership convention of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party or on any resolution of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party calling for a leadership convention provided the person ordinarily resides in Nova Scotia and is a member in good standing of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party 30 days prior to the date of that meeting, leadership convention or time of voting on the resolution;
 - (b) at any meeting of a Nova Scotia Liberal Party constituency association or any candidate nomination convention of a Nova Scotia Liberal Party constituency association, provided the person ordinarily resides in the constituency and is a member in good standing of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party 30 days prior to the date of that meeting or candidate nomination convention; and
 - (c) at any meeting of a commission or group of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, provided that person is a member of that commission or group, ordinarily resides in Nova Scotia and is a member in good standing of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party 30 days prior to the date of that meeting.
- 3.5 A person is a member in good standing of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party if:
- (a) the person is eligible, has applied and has been granted membership in the Liberal Party in accordance with the Rules of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party and that person's membership has not been revoked; and
 - (b) the person pays the annual membership fee for the current year of that person's membership prior to or on registration at any meeting of the Liberal Party, at any leadership convention or leadership review of the Liberal Party, at any meeting or candidate nomination convention of a Liberal Party constituency association or at any meeting of any commission or group of the Liberal Party.

- 3.6 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this By-law and despite anything stated on an application for membership form or application for renewal of membership form, a membership remains current for a period which expires on December 31.
- (b) If a membership takes effect on a date on or after January 1 in any year, then the membership remains current, in the case of a one year membership, from the date it takes effect until December 31 of the same calendar year and, in the case of two, three, four and five year memberships, until December 31 of the second, third, fourth and fifth calendar years after that date.
- (c) If a membership takes effect on a date on or after September 1 in any year but before January 1 of the next year, then the membership remains current, in the case of a one year membership, from the date it takes effect until December 31 of the first calendar year that begins after that date and, in the case of two, three, four and five year memberships, until December 31 of the second, third, fourth and fifth calendar years that begin after that date.
- (d) If a person was immediately before December 2, 2006 a "lifetime" member of the Party under the By-laws in effect on that date, then the member's current membership term expires when the member dies.
- 3.7 For the purposes of these By-laws, a person shall be deemed to reside where the person ordinarily resides and not where the person carries on business or temporarily resides.

ARTICLE 4 - OFFICERS

- 4.1 (a) The Officers of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party shall be the President, the immediate Past President, the Vice-President (Provincial), the Vice-President (Federal), the Treasurer, the Secretary, the President of the Nova Scotia Women's Liberal Commission, the President of the Nova Scotia Young Liberals, the President of the Nova Scotia Liberal Aboriginal Commission, the President of the Nova Scotia Seniors' Liberal Commission and the 11 Regional Directors of the Liberal Party. The official agent shall be an ex-officio Officer of the Liberal Party.
- (b) The President, the Vice-President (Provincial), the Vice-President (Federal), the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be elected by the members at an Annual Meeting of the Liberal Party, shall hold office until the second Annual Meeting following their election (or until their successors are elected), and

are eligible for re-election.

- (c) Any person who intends to be a candidate for the election of Officers at an Annual Meeting of the Liberal Party shall file written notice with the Liberal Party at least 30 days before such Annual Meeting.
- 4.2 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of these By-laws, only persons who have been members in good standing for at least three years immediately prior to the date of any Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party at which elections are to be held for the offices of President, Vice President (Provincial), Vice-President (Federal) Treasurer and Secretary, are eligible to be nominated and elected, and to serve in these offices of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of Article 4.1(c) and Article 4.2(a), if there is no member willing to let his or her name stand for any of the aforementioned positions that require membership in good standing for three (3) years, as defined in Article 3, any member in good standing may let his or her name be nominated from the floor of the duly-called Annual Meeting by any member in good standing.
- 4.3 The Officers may, subject to the By-laws and Rules of the Liberal Party, do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.
- 4.4 If a vacancy occurs in any office, such vacancy may be filled by the Officers. Any person so appointed shall hold such office until the next Annual Meeting of the Liberal Party.
- 4.5 The Management Committee shall be comprised of the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Vice-President (Provincial), and the Vice-President (Federal).
- 4.6 The Management Committee shall meet, as required, to handle the day-to-day affairs of the Liberal Party. Promptly after every meeting of the Management Committee, minutes of the meeting shall be circulated to the Officers.
- 4.7 The Officers may meet in person or by teleconference.
- 4.8 The Officers shall meet, as required, but at least four times between each Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.

ARTICLE 5 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- 5.1 The Officers may do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.
- 5.2 The President shall:
- (a) supervise the general management of the affairs of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party;
 - (b) preside at all meetings of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party, the Executive Committee, the Officers and the Management Committee;
 - (c) sign all instruments and documents which require signature; and
 - (d) perform all duties incidental to the office.

The Officers may, from time to time, designate the Vice-President (Provincial) to act as President in the event of the President's absence, incapacity or refusal to act.

- 5.3 The Vice-President (Provincial) shall:
- (a) foster and coordinate relations between the Nova Scotia Liberal Party and Liberal provincial constituency associations;
 - (b) be responsible for organization and policy development by the Liberal Party in respect of provincial policy matters;
 - (c) perform the duties of the President in the President's absence, incapacity or refusal to act; and
 - (d) perform such other duties as the President or Provincial Council may, from time to time, properly require.
- 5.4 The Vice-President (Federal) shall:
- (a) foster and coordinate relations between the Nova Scotia Liberal Party and the Liberal Party of Canada and the Nova Scotia Liberal Party and federal Liberal constituency associations;
 - (b) be responsible for organization and policy development by the Liberal Party in respect of federal policy matters; and
 - (c) perform such other duties as the President or the Provincial Council may,

from time to time, properly require.

5.5 The Secretary shall:

- (a) give notice of all meetings and circulate a copy of all minutes to the Officers;
- (b) have charge of the minute book of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party;
- (c) keep an accurate account of the proceedings of all meetings;
- (d) sign with the President or other signing officers of the Liberal Party such instruments as require signature;
- (e) handle all correspondence on behalf of the Liberal Party; and
- (f) perform such other duties as the President or the Provincial Council may, from time to time, properly require.

5.6 The Treasurer shall:

- (a) have the care and custody of all funds of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party;
- (b) keep an accurate record of all funds of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party;
- (c) render and distribute audited Financial Statements, including a balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenses, to members of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party in attendance at the Annual Meeting, and ensure the auditor retained to prepare such is properly remunerated; and
- (d) report to each meeting of the Officers.

ARTICLE 6 - PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

6.1 The Provincial Council shall consist of:

- (a) The Officers of the Liberal Party;
- (b) The Leader and all past Leaders of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party;
- (c) All Past Presidents of the Liberal Party;
- (d) The Presidents of the federal and provincial Liberal Party constituency associations or a person designated by the executive of such organization who was selected at a duly constituted executive meeting of such

association;

- (e) The 11 regional representatives to the Nova Scotia Women's Liberal Commission;
- (f) Ten persons designated by the Nova Scotia Young Liberals;
- (g) Three persons designated by the Nova Scotia Aboriginal Commission;
- (h) Ten persons designated by the Nova Scotia Seniors' Liberal Commission;
- (i) Fifteen persons who are either Liberal Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia or who were Liberal candidates in the most recent Provincial general election, designated by the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus;
- (j) Five persons who are either Liberal members of the Parliament of Canada or who were candidates in the most recent federal general election, designated by the Nova Scotia Federal Liberal Caucus; and
- (k) Elected Officers of the Liberal Party of Canada who are active members of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.

6.2 The Provincial Council of the Liberal Party may exercise all such powers and do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects of the Liberal Party, including the establishment and amendments of Rules of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.

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- (a) The Provincial Council shall meet at least once in every year at a time and place to be determined by the Officers.
 - (b) The President may call other Provincial Council meetings at such times as the President deems necessary.
 - (c) Notice of a meeting of the Provincial Council shall be mailed to all members of the Provincial Council not later than one week prior to the date thereof.

6.4 The quorum for all meetings of the Provincial Council shall be fifty (50) members of the Provincial Council.