

Constitution Committee Summary Report

As Constitutional Amendments can only be brought to the AGM with the approval of Council. These amendments were approved for submission at the Provincial Council Meetings held on January 19th and March 30th, 2019.

1. Rationale: In the current constitution, only candidates for President get to speak. If other Officer positions are contested, we need to allow all candidates to speak briefly.

CURRENT Appendix A Article 12 – Speeches by Candidates for Table Officers

- 12.01 Candidates for the office of President shall be allowed five (5) minutes each to address Convention.
- 12.02 Leadership candidates shall be allowed time as scheduled on the agenda.
- 12.03 Persons nominating candidates for President or Leader shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
- 12.04 Candidates for other Officers positions do not have nominators speak.
- 12.01 Candidates for Table Officer Positions other than President shall be allowed

PROPOSED Appendix A Article 12 – Speeches by Candidates for Table Officers

- 12.01 Candidates for the office of President shall be allowed five (5) minutes each to address Convention.
- 12.02 Leadership candidates shall be allowed time as scheduled on the agenda.
- 12.04 Candidates for Table Officer Positions other than President shall be allowed 3 minutes to address convention.

2. Rationale: To set specific rules for EDA president vacancies. VPs do not always want to succeed to Presidency resulting in more changes.

CURRENT Appendix B 8.09 Should the office of President become vacant prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Vice-President will succeed to the position.

PROPOSED Appendix B 8.09 Should the office of President become vacant, the VP shall become interim- President until an Executive meeting can be held at which point the executive will elect a President, from the Executive members, for the remainder of the term.



3. Rationale: Split election campaign info into several sections. And to specifically add that the EDA executive must approve the election budget.

Appendix B – Section 12 – Election Campaigns

CURRENT 12.08 The direction of an election campaign in the Electoral District shall be supervised by an Election Planning Committee. The Election Planning Committee shall be responsible to the Executive for the conduct of the campaign. The nature of this responsibility may be defined by the Executive for each particular campaign. The Committee is subject to Articles 7.03 of this By-Law.

PROPOSED 12.08 – The direction of an election campaign in the electoral District shall be supervised by the Election Planning Committee.

- a) The Election Planning Committee shall be report to the executive on the direction and progress of the Campaign including in the pre-writ and post-writ period.
- b) The Election Planning Committee shall be required to have a campaign budget approved by the EDA Executive.

4. Rationale: Currently the wording for a candidate seeking nomination refers to a candidate needing to be a member for 30 days, which is inconsistent with the constitution. It is also inconsistent with the current practice – which is that the party sets the rules of nomination as set by council.

CURRENT 12.07 Every person offering himself/herself for nomination shall be a member of the Party in good standing thirty (30) days prior to the Nominating meeting.

PROPOSED 12.07 Every person offering himself/herself for nomination shall be a member of the Party in good standing prior.



6. Rationale – The party does not currently have an official process for conferring lifetime memberships to members that have demonstrated lasting support to the party. Therefore, the party needs to codify a formal process that also allows for some latitude for persons that have demonstrated incredible merit and support to the party.

PROPOSED Add new article 4.5

Membership Article 4.5

4.5 The NSNDP shall award no more than 5 Life Memberships at a Convention or Annual General Meeting of the Party.

4.6 Nominations for Lifetime Memberships can be made as follows:

- a) Any member of the NSNDP may nominate an individual who has been continuous member for 25 years or more; or
- b) An Electoral District Association Executive or the Provincial Executive may nominate an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Party through their service.
- c) The Provincial Council may determine additional criteria for the nominations process.

4.7 Life Memberships shall be conferred by a vote of Provincial Executive.

4.8 A Lifetime Member shall be:

- a) an individual member of the party without payment of fees; and
- b) awarded delegate status to any Convention or Annual General Meeting of the Provincial Party.
- c) shall be presented at a time and location convenient to each life member

