



MANITOBA NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONSTITUTION

As amended by Convention 2022

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CONSTITUTION

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As approved at the Provincial Founding Convention of 1961 and amended at subsequent conventions, and by Provincial Council under Article 13, Section 7(2).

ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of the Party shall be the Manitoba New Democratic Party.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

The Party aims to unite all progressive people and organizations into a party, democratically controlled and financed by its members, and to further the objectives of the New Democratic Party of Canada.

Section 1

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Our society must change from one based on competition to one based on co-operation.

We wish to create a society where individuals give according to their abilities and receive according to their needs.

We believe present human endeavour must become environmentally sound to ensure that future generations may have access to an abundant and diverse biosphere.

Our purpose as a movement is to foster social change towards a more co-operative society. Our purpose as a political party is to develop a public mandate for that social change by giving individuals greater control in the economy, their workplace and their community.

Our actions and words must reflect our fundamental faith in the capacity of people to live co-operatively and to work for the betterment of all.

Our commitment to the electorate is to be forthright about our long-range goals as well as practical about our short-term political objectives.

Section 2

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIPS

The Statement of Principles shall be printed on each application for membership and on each membership card.

Members of the New Democratic Party must agree to abide by the Statement of Principles.

ARTICLE 3 INTERPRETATION

Section 1

This Constitution shall be interpreted in accordance with the Statement of Principles.

Section 2

This Constitution shall be interpreted by the President, who may be overruled by a majority vote at any meeting of the Provincial Executive or Council, or at a convention.

Section 3

This Constitution includes the Purpose and Appendices.

Section 4

This Constitution uses the gender-neutral “they” as a singular pronoun.

ARTICLE 4 MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Individual membership shall be available to any resident of Manitoba who accepts and agrees to abide by the Constitution, principles and programs of the Party, who pays their own membership and who is not a member or supporter of:
 - (a) any other political party;
 - or
 - (b) any group of individuals one of whose main purposes is to elect a person or persons to any political office in opposition to anyone running for the New Democratic Party.
2. Individual applications for membership shall, upon written request of any two members, and after notice to show cause, be subject to ratification by the Provincial

Executive with right of appeal to the Provincial Council and the Provincial Convention.

3. Membership shall cease for any individual who:
 - (a) is three months in arrears in membership fees;
or
 - (b) contests an election in opposition to a duly nominated or endorsed New Democratic Party candidate.
4. Any application for membership by a person previously suspended under Section 1.3(b) of this Article or under Article 16 shall be subject to ratification by the Provincial Executive and to appeal to Provincial Council and Provincial Convention.
5. Individual memberships shall become active no later than 14 days after being received by the Provincial Secretary, unless the membership application is referred to the next meeting of the Executive.
6. The Provincial Executive may award to an individual a gold card indicating outstanding contribution and dedication to the goals and principles of the Party. An individual to whom the Executive has awarded a gold card shall be recorded as a life member.

Section 2

AFFILIATED MEMBERSHIP

1. Affiliated membership shall be open to trade unions, farm groups, co-operatives, women's organizations and other groups and organizations which, by official act, undertake to accept and abide by the constitution and principles of the Party, and are not associated or identify with any other political party.
2. An application for affiliated membership shall be made, on the form required, to the Manitoba NDP Executive, which shall have the exclusive authority to deal with such application.

An application must include:

- (a) Evidence that the applicant organization has complied with Section 2.1 of this Article.

- (b) Confirmation of the number of individual NDP members within the applicant organization
- (c) A contact person that is an individual NDP member and authorized by the affiliate to act on their behalf.
- (d) Any other information requested by the Executive.

3. Executive may waive Section 2(b) in cases where it deems there is just cause.
4. Affiliated memberships must be renewed in writing each year.
5. The affiliated organizations in good standing shall be entitled to representation at any contest held in the 2017 calendar year.

ARTICLE 5 FINANCES

Section 1

Any membership purchased in the last four months of a calendar year shall be valid for the next calendar year.

Section 2

Subject to Section 3 of this Article, monies received by the Provincial Party shall be distributed in accordance with the constituency assessment formula as ratified by Provincial Council.

Section 3

Monies raised for election financing will be returned to the constituency or electoral agency of origin as determined by Provincial Council.

Section 4

1. Provincial Council shall establish membership fees by a two thirds majority vote of Provincial Council members present and voting.
2. Changes to membership fees shall be preceded by Notice of Motion to Provincial Council.

ARTICLE 6 YOUTH SECTION

Section 1

There may be a young people's section of the Provincial Party, Manitoba Young New Democrats (MYND), fully autonomous as to its constitution and program, provided that the said Constitution and program are not in conflict with the principles or constitution of the Federal and Provincial Party.

Section 2

Membership fees shall be collected and held by the Provincial Party but MYND reserves the right to request these funds by resolution of the MYND Executive.

Section 3

Members of the MYND shall be accorded full rights as constituency members in the constituencies in which they reside.

Section 4

The Provincial Party shall provide the MYND with a listing of MYND members and the MYND shall provide the Provincial Party with a listing of all locals

ARTICLE 7 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

Section 1

The purposes of a constituency association are to:

- (a) increase membership;
- (b) organize for electoral, political and educational purposes;
- (c) participate in policy development; and
- (d) nominate candidates for electoral office under the guidelines established by Provincial Council.

Section 2

Constituency association membership may consist of resident and non-resident members.

1. Resident Members: All current individual members of the Party who live within the boundaries of the electoral constituency, and who have not elected to become members of any other constituency association of the Party, shall be members of the association.

2. Non-Resident Members: All current individual members of the Party who have applied in writing to the Provincial Secretary of the Party to become members of an association, other than the constituency association in which they reside, shall be non-resident members of the constituency of their choice.

3. An individual member may be a member of only one constituency.

Section 3

For the purpose of nominating a candidate, members may only vote in their constituency of residence.

Section 4

Every member of the Party elected to public office must be a member of the constituency represented regardless of place of residence.

Section 5

An annual meeting shall be held in each calendar year for the election of officers.

Section 6

Each constituency association shall provide the Treasurer of the Provincial Party with a complete financial statement at the end of each calendar year.

Section 7

Each constituency shall adopt by-laws for the conduct of constituency business. Such by-laws shall be subject to the approval of the Provincial Executive and shall not be in conflict with the Provincial Constitution.

Section 8

Where a constituency association fails to adopt its own by-laws in accordance with Section 7 of this Article, the Provincial Constituency by-laws approved by the Provincial Executive shall govern all activities of the constituency association.

ARTICLE 8 PROVINCIAL CONVENTION

Section 1

The Provincial Convention is the supreme governing body of the Provincial Party. It shall decide the principles, policies and

programs of the Party and its decisions shall govern the actions of the Provincial Council and Provincial Executive.

Section 2

There are two types of convention:

1. a regular convention which shall take place every year at a time and place determined by Council; and
2. a special convention shall be called by the Council or if requested by a majority of constituency associations.

Section 3

1. At least 90 days' notice of the date and location of a regular convention shall be given to each constituency association and bodies entitled to representation at convention.
2. Notice of a special convention shall be determined by the Council.

Section 4

1. Resolutions for submissions to a regular convention must be received by the Provincial Secretary not less than 45 days prior to the convention date for distribution to the constituency associations and bodies entitled to representation at convention not less than 10 days prior to the convention date.
2. Resolutions may be submitted by the Provincial Executive, the Provincial Council and all those bodies that are entitled to representation at the convention, including Standing Committees of Council.
3. The Provincial Council shall appoint a Resolutions Committee at least 90 days before a regular convention.
4. The Committee shall be comprised of at least seven members, with two Co-Chairs, one of whom shall be a member of the Provincial Executive.
5. The responsibilities of the Resolutions Committee and its procedures shall be established by the Provincial Council.

Section 5

Registration fees for delegates to the convention shall be determined by the Provincial Council.

Section 6

1. The Provincial Council shall establish a Convention Planning Committee at least 90 days before a regular convention.
2. The responsibilities of the Convention Planning Committee shall be established by the Provincial Council.

Section 7

A majority of credentialed delegates shall constitute a quorum at a convention.

Section 8

1. Rules governing general procedures and voting procedures at any convention are set out in Appendix A of this Constitution.
2. The Provincial Convention may adopt additional rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the conduct of its business.

Section 9

In all meetings conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, where rules have not been adopted for the conduct of the meeting, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall prevail.

ARTICLE 9 REPRESENTATION AT CONVENTION

Section 1

- (a) Each delegate to a Provincial Convention must be an individual member of the Party for a minimum of 90 days prior to that convention.
- (b) A person must be a member for a minimum of 90 days prior to a convention to be eligible to vote at a meeting to select convention delegates.
- (c) Delegates from affiliates shall be members in good standing of both the affiliate and the Manitoba NDP
- (d) The list of members as of 90 days prior to the Convention shall be used for calculating the

number of delegates eligible to represent provincial constituencies, affiliates and MYND at Provincial Conventions.

Section 2

All members of the Provincial Council, MLAs and MPs from Manitoba elected as New Democrats shall be entitled to delegate status.

Section 3

Each provincial constituency association shall be entitled to:

- (a) Five delegates for the first fifty members or less:
and
- (b) One delegate for each additional ten members or major fraction thereof.

Section 4

Each affiliated unit shall be entitled to send delegates who are members in good standing of this same unit and individual members of the Provincial Party on the following basis: one delegate for the first 25 members or less and one additional delegate for each additional 25 members or major fraction thereof; up to four delegates for 100 members; thereafter one delegate for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Section 5

Delegates from the MYND registered with the Provincial Office of the Party shall be allotted on the same basis as constituency associations.

Section 6

The political education committees of District Labour Councils shall be entitled to one delegate each and the Manitoba Federation of Labour political education committee shall be entitled to two delegates.

ARTICLE 10 PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

Section 1

The Provincial Executive shall consist of:

- (a) Table Officers
 - i. Leader
 - ii. President
 - iii. Immediate Past President

iv. Six Regional Vice Presidents

v. Treasurer

vi. Provincial Secretary;

(b) ten members at large;

(c) one member to be elected by the MYND;

(d) two members elected by the Legislative Caucus;
and

(e) one member who serves as Chairperson of the Status of Women, Gender Equity, and Gender Diversity Committee in accordance with that Committee's terms of reference.

Section 2

1. The Provincial Executive shall meet at least nine times per year and shall have full authority to administer the affairs of the Party between meetings of the Provincial Council.
2. The Provincial Executive is empowered to enter into binding contracts with banks, credit unions and other lending institutions. Such powers would include the borrowing of funds and the granting of security therefore.

Section 3

Upon receipt of a petition signed by five members of the Executive, the President must hold an emergency Executive meeting within seven days.

Section 4

A majority of the Executive shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5

Any member of the Executive absent without cause from two consecutive duly called Executive meetings shall be deemed to have vacated office.

Section 6

Any vacancy in the Executive excepting only the Party Leader and the Provincial Secretary shall be filled by Council.

Section 7

The Provincial Secretary shall be appointed by the Provincial Executive. The Secretary shall be paid such remuneration as

may be determined by the Provincial Executive and carry out all the duties assigned by the Executive.

Section 8

The Provincial Executive shall strike an Election Planning Committee and the Executive may delegate to that committee such powers as it deems appropriate.

ARTICLE 11 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

LEADER

The Provincial Leader shall be the chief political spokesperson of the Party in Manitoba.

Section 2

PRESIDENT

The Provincial President shall exercise supervision over the affairs of the Party, sign all official documents, preside at regular and special conventions and at meetings of the Provincial Council and Provincial Executive.

Section 3

TABLE OFFICERS

The Table Officers shall constitute the Caucus Liaison Committee.

Section 4

REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Regional Vice-Presidents shall liaise with the constituencies within their geographic area, as defined by Article 12, Section 3, and, in the absence of the President, a Vice-President who is present at the meeting shall chair meetings of the Provincial Executive, Council or Convention.

Section 5

TREASURER

The Provincial Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the Party.

Section 6

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY

The Provincial Secretary shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Party.

ARTICLE 12 ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Section 1

The Provincial Party in Convention shall elect the following:

- (a) President
- (b) Six Regional Vice-Presidents
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Ten members at large

Section 2

- (a) With the exception of the Leader, at least 50% of the members of Provincial Executive elected pursuant to Article 12, Section 1, shall be women.
- (b) The remaining of positions may be filled by non-binary/gender nonconforming persons or men.

Section 3

For the purposes of the election of Regional Vice-Presidents in Article 10, Section 1(d) there shall be established the following geographic regions:

- (a) The North
- (b) The Parklands
- (c) Brandon and the Southwest
- (d) The Interlake
- (e) The South and Southeast
- (f) Winnipeg

Provincial Council will determine the constituencies making up each region.

ARTICLE 13 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Section 1

The Provincial Council shall consist of:

- (a) The Provincial Executive
- (b) The President and Provincial Council Representative from each constituency association, at least one of whom must be a woman and the other of which may be a woman, man, or non-binary/gender nonconforming person.
 - i. in the absence of either, a member of the constituency association Executive as designated in writing to the Provincial Secretary may be substituted

- (c) Three members from the MYND consisting of:
 - i. The two co-chairs of MYND;
 - ii. One additional member of the MYND Executive selected to ensure that at least 50% of representatives from MYND from among the co-chairs, Provincial Executive position, and this additional member are women, with the remaining positions filled by women, men, or non-binary/gender nonconforming persons.
- (d) Five union members who are individual members of the Party, representing the affiliated unions, elected by union delegates at the Provincial Convention;
- (e) Federal Council members from Manitoba; and
- (f) Chairs of Standing Committees of Council.

Section 2

The Provincial Council shall be the governing body of the Party between conventions

Section 3

The Provincial Council shall meet at least four times yearly and not later than 14 days following receipt of a petition calling for an emergency meeting signed by more than 20 members of the Council.

Section 4

Forty members of Council shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5

A travel allowance for Provincial Council members may be paid by the Party.

Section 6

The Provincial Secretary shall provide minutes of Provincial Executive meetings to all Council members as information.

Section 7

1. At its first meeting after Convention, Provincial Council shall establish the following Standing Committees of Council:
 - (a) Indigenous Policy Committee

- (b) Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee
- (c) Multicultural Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee
- (d) Policies and Procedure Committee
- (e) Rural and Agriculture Committee
- (f) Seniors Committee
- (g) Sustainability Committee
- (h) Status of Women, Gender Equity, and Gender Diversity Committee

2. Standing Committees may be added or deleted from Section 7(1). of this Article by a two-third vote of Council members present and voting.
3. Council may determine the number of members and terms of reference of Standing Committees.

Section 8

The Provincial Council shall appoint an Auditor to the Provincial Treasurer's accounts.

ARTICLE 14 LEADERSHIP

SELECTION PROCESS

Section 1

A leadership contest shall be held:

- (a) When there is a vacancy as a result of a leader's resignation, death, legal incapacity; or
- (b) When a majority of convention delegates, present and voting by secret ballot, support a resolution calling for a leadership contest under the following circumstances:
 - i. At the first Convention following an election in which the Party does not form government; or
 - ii. When Provincial Council, by a majority vote through secret ballot, submits such a resolution to convention for consideration;
 - iii. When 10 or more bodies, entitled to send delegates, submit a resolution passed at general meetings calling for a leadership contest.

- (c) No vote as outlined in Section b above should be held within 12 months of the date fixed for a forthcoming provincial election.

Section 2

Should the position of Leader become vacant or if Convention requests a leadership contest:

- (a) an Interim Leader shall, within 14 days, be elected at a joint meeting of the Members of the Manitoba NDP Legislative Caucus and the Provincial Council and serve until a new Leader is selected.
- (b) A leadership contest to select a new leader must be completed within 12 months of the appointment of the interim leader.
- (c) In extenuating circumstances, Provincial Council may extend the appointment of an interim leader by up to six months.

Section 3

A delegated Leadership Convention shall be held at a site and time as determined by the Executive. The Executive shall oversee the conduct of the Leadership Convention and may set such regulations as it deems necessary including the manner in which delegates are selected.

Section 4

The Executive may strike a Leadership Convention Planning Committee and the Executive may delegate to that committee such powers as it deems appropriate.

Section 5

To be eligible for election as Leader, a person must:

- (a) be a member of the Party
- (b) be eligible to be a candidate in an election of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly under the Elections Act
- (c) have complied with any registration procedures and paid any fee set for the leadership contest

Section 6

To vote in a leadership contest an individual must have:

- (a) been a member of the Party for the 90 days immediately preceding the day of the Leadership vote; and
- (b) complied with any registration procedures and paid any registration fee set for the contest.

Section 7

The ruling of the Executive shall be final in any matter relating to the conduct of the Convention.

Section 8

The successful candidate must get 50% plus 1 of the votes cast.

Section 9

Whenever selecting a Leader, the party shall follow the procedures set out in this article. Should there be any conflict between the provisions of this article and other articles of this Constitution, the provisions of this article shall apply.

ARTICLE 15 SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

Section 1

The Provincial Executive, in consultation with the constituency association, shall establish the procedures to nominate a candidate for electoral office by secret ballot.

Section 2

All individual members of the Provincial Party resident within in the constituency shall receive notice, duly authorized by the Provincial Executive, at least 10 days before the first ballot begins.

Section 3

In the event no candidate is nominated at least 14 days prior to official nomination day, the Provincial Executive shall take all necessary action to ensure that a candidate is nominated.

Section 4

In the event of action being taken under Section 3 of this article, Section 2 of this article may be waived.

Section 5

Any person proposed as a candidate must be an individual member of the Party, and the nomination shall be subject to ratification by the Provincial Executive.

Section 6

A person must be a member as of 30 days prior to when the first ballot begins and be no younger than 14 years of age to be eligible to vote prior to the start of balloting.

Section 7

Each person seeking or planning to accept a nomination must:

- (a) be a member of the Party;
- (b) be eligible to be a candidate as defined by the Manitoba Elections Act;
- (c) have submitted to the Provincial Executive all completed forms, in the form set out by the Provincial Council, including a criminal record check; and any other documents deemed necessary by the Provincial Executive; and
- (d) have been approved as a candidate by the Provincial Executive after a review of the documents specified and any other information it deems relevant, such review to be completed within 14 days.

Section 3

- (a) One copy of the Amended Constitution shall be sent to each of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of each provincial constituency association.
- (b) At least one copy of the Amended Constitution shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of each body entitled to representation at convention.

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As amended by Provincial Council, September 24, 2022 under Article 13, Section 7(2).

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ARTICLE 16 DISCIPLINE

The Provincial Executive after notice to show cause, may expel, suspend or discipline any member for conduct contrary to this Constitution, or detrimental to the New Democratic Party. Such expulsion or discipline shall be subject to appeal to the Provincial Council and Provincial Convention.

ARTICLE 17 AMENDMENTS

Section 1

Amendments to the Constitution that do not conflict with the Constitution, Principal or Policies of the New Democratic Party of Canada, may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the delegates present and voting at convention

Section 2

All amendments to the Constitution shall come into effect immediately upon close of the convention at which they are approved, with the exception of amendments to ARTICLE 12 and ARTICLE 13, which shall come into effect immediately upon approval.

Appendix A: Rules of Order (Provincial Convention)

Convention 2022 adopted amended rules of order and election procedures for Convention to facilitate online and/or hybrid Conventions.

1. The President, or designate, shall call the convention to order, and designated members shall chair the sessions of the convention and shall facilitate orderly and open debate.
2. The hours of sitting shall be established at the first sitting of the convention, and shall only be changed as provided in Rule 22.

DEBATE

3. A delegate wishing to speak shall proceed to one of the microphones provided for the purpose. The microphones shall be identified as “pro” or “con”. Delegates wishing to speak, in favour of or against the motion being debated, shall do so only at the appropriately designated microphone with the exception of the portable microphone available for delegates who have difficulty getting to a floor microphone.

A delegate participating online shall contact a moderator through the online platform and indicate to the moderator whether they wish to speak in favour or not. The moderator will communicate this intention to the Chair and they will be placed on the speakers list.

4. When recognized by the Chair, delegates shall give their name and the constituency or affiliate they represent, and shall confine all remarks to the question under consideration.
5. Speeches, with the exception of prioritization as outlined below, shall be limited to three minutes, except that the mover of a motion shall be allowed five minutes in presenting the motion. At the conclusion of the allocated time, the microphone will be turned off.

6. A delegate shall not speak more than once upon a motion, except that the mover of the motion may also close debate.
7. A delegate shall not interrupt another except to raise a Point of Order, a Point of Privilege, or a Point of Information. A delegate called to order shall yield the floor until the question of order has been decided.

A delegate participating online shall contact a moderator through the online platform and indicate they wish to raise a point as noted above. The moderator will communicate this intention to the Chair, who will then recognize the speaker.

DECISIONS OF THE CHAIR

8. Two delegates may challenge any decision of the Chair. When thus challenged, the Chair must vacate the chair and an acting chairperson shall call on one of the challengers to give the reasons for the challenge, and then call upon the Chair to explain the decision in question. No other delegate may speak on the matter. The acting chairperson shall then put the question to the convention: “Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?” Convention shall by vote determine the outcome of the challenge.

VOTING

9. A vote shall be taken by a show of hands, unless the Chair decides on, or at least two delegates call for, a standing vote. A standing vote shall be counted by the scrutineers appointed.

A delegate participating online shall contact a moderator through the online platform and indicate their vote. The moderator will communicate this intention to the Chair in the case of a standing vote.

10. The Chair shall not vote on any question except that, in the case of a tie, the Chair shall cast the deciding vote.
11. When “the previous question” is moved, no further discussion or amendment shall be permitted. The Chair

shall then put the motion: “That the Question be now put.” If passed, the motion or resolution under consideration shall be put to a vote without further debate. If the motion to put the question is defeated, debate on the main motion will continue.

12. If, in the opinion of the Chair, sufficient debate has taken place, a call for the previous question or for a vote, made directly from the floor, may be accepted without a formal motion and a vote on the question may be put forthwith.
13. A simple majority of delegates present and voting shall be sufficient to pass a resolution, except for motions and amendments dealing with the Constitution; and motions to “put the question”, to reconsider, to accept an emergency or special resolution, and to change the Rules of Order, all of which require a two-thirds majority of delegates present and voting to pass.

RESOLUTIONS & MOTIONS

14. Resolution Panels

- 14.1 Provincial Council has empowered the Resolutions Committee to establish a Resolutions Panel process to examine prioritize, and edit resolutions prior to the formal opening of Convention. These Panels shall be convened by the Resolutions Committee.
- 14.2 Resolution Panels will be scheduled for a time prior to Convention and participation at a Resolution Panel will be drawn from bodies eligible to send delegates to Convention, including:
 - i. 1/5 of delegates from Provincial Executive
 - ii. 1/5 of each constituency’s delegate allotment
 - iii. 1/5 of each affiliate’s delegate allotment
 - iv. 1/5 of MYND’s delegate allotment

- v. One Registered Delegate from each Standing Committee
- vi. Two Registered Delegate drawn from central labor bodies entitled to send delegates to Convention

- 14.3 Each eligible body must identify their representative(s) for each Panel, and each Panel participant must be a Convention delegate who has paid their Convention registration fees.
- 14.4 Resolution Panel priorities will be used to establish an order for debate and make recommendations to Convention regarding the disposition of priority resolutions, and Panels may combine resolutions for more effective debate at convention.
- 14.5 The top 10 resolutions from each policy block (other than Constitution) as determined by each Resolution Panel shall be forwarded to Convention for consideration. The order of consideration for resolutions shall proceed in cycles. The top priority resolution from each panel block will be considered as the first cycle, second priority resolution from each block will be considered as the next cycle, etc. Each new cycle shall consider resolutions from blocks in a different order than the prior cycle.
- 14.6 There shall be blocks of time set aside during convention for resolution discussion. Debate in each block will resume from where discussions ended in the previous block. To facilitate debate the Resolutions Committee will establish a rotation of resolutions from policy block areas.
15. Resolutions will be dealt with in plenary sessions and may be amended. Amendments must be submitted in writing to the Chair immediately after being moved.
16. Emergency resolutions must be submitted by the time designated in the Agenda. Emergency resolutions may be submitted by the Provincial Executive, the Provincial Council and all those bodies which are entitled to

representation at the convention. The Convention Resolutions Committee shall review any submitted emergency resolutions for eligibility. To be considered an emergency resolution, it shall deal only with an urgent and pressing policy or action that has arisen after the deadline for submission of resolutions. The Convention Resolutions Committee shall make a recommendation to Convention regarding the eligibility of submitted Emergency resolutions and where in the debate order the Emergency resolution shall be placed.

17. A delegate shall not move a motion to refer back after having spoken on the question at issue.
18. A motion to reconsider may be made only by a delegate who voted with the majority. The business to be reconsidered shall be brought before the final session of Convention.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

19. Motions to make changes to the Constitution of the Party shall be at a time specified in the Agenda. Such motions may be amended.

APPEALS

20. Appeals shall be heard at a time specified in the Agenda. An individual appealing a decision of Provincial Council shall be allowed five minutes to present their reasons for overturning the Council decision. A spokesperson for Council shall be given equal time to respond. An appeal is not debatable.
21. The Chair shall put the appeal to a vote of the convention thus: "Shall the decision of Council be sustained?" A simple majority is required to sustain the decision of Council.

APPLICATION OF THE RULES

22. Any of the above Rules may be suspended by unanimous consent of the convention, or may be changed during the convention, provided at least four

hours notice is given by motion, setting out the changes and supported by two thirds of delegates present and voting.

23. Where these Rules of Order are silent, Roberts' Rules of Order shall apply.

Election Procedures (Provincial Executive)

1. Any member of the Party is eligible to stand for any position except where the Constitution specifies otherwise. Members of the Nominating Committee with the exception of the Chair (Past President) are excluded from being a candidate for the Provincial Executive while serving on the committee.
2. Nominations for all offices except Leader shall be submitted to the Chair, Nominating Committee on the prescribed form signed by the nominator and nominee, or an electronic alternative.
3. Nominations shall close as indicated on the Agenda, as approved by the convention, for the following positions:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Ten Members-At-Large
 - Regional Vice-Presidents
4. All candidates for office shall provide a short biography by the deadline established by the Convention Planning Committee. This biography will be available in convention kits. Candidates submitting nomination papers after the deadline for receiving biographies must prepare and distribute information sheets directly to all delegates at convention prior to the time of voting. Information sheets can only be distributed by convention ushers.
5. No new names may be added to the list of nominees after the specified time for the closing of nominations. Each election must be completed before the next one may begin. A candidate for office who is not elected to that office may stand in nomination for a subsequent position by notifying the Chair, Nominating Committee of their intention to do so.
6. Nominees shall be listed alphabetically when being introduced to the convention and on the ballot sheet and shall speak to the convention in that order with the first

candidate to speak being chosen by lot and candidates following alphabetically thereafter.

7. The Chair of the Balloting Committee shall conduct all elections and shall inform the convention of the nominees at the close of nominations and ask each nominee to signify willingness to stand for election or withdraw. Prior to the ballot all nominees will be given the opportunity to address the convention. Candidates for President and Treasurer shall speak for no more than five minutes. Candidates for Vice-President shall speak for no more than three minutes at regional meetings. Members-At-Large shall speak for no more than three minutes.
8. Election Procedure:
 - (a) The Balloting Chair will direct the distribution, collection and counting of ballots and shall take charge of all completed ballots until directed by convention to destroy the ballots. A delegate participating online shall vote using the electronic method available to them.
 - (b) Elections will be decided by majority vote for the positions of President, Treasurer, and Vice-Presidents. If more than one vote is required, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be dropped from the next ballot. Ties will be broken by a ballot between those candidates who are tied.
 - (c) Delegates may vote for no more than ten Members-At-Large.

9. Nomination Forms:

Nomination forms shall be prepared by the Provincial Secretary and made available to all requesting the form. The nomination form for all other members of the Provincial Executive except the Regional Vice-Presidents shall be signed by the nominee and one nominator.

10. Regional Vice-Presidents representing each of the six regions shall be elected from the following regions:
 - (a) The North
 - (b) The Parklands
 - (c) Brandon & the Southwest
 - (d) The Interlake
 - (e) The Southeast
 - (f) Winnipeg
11. Regional meetings shall be chaired by members appointed by the Convention Planning Committee, and delegates shall elect a Regional Vice-President from among those for whom nominations forms were submitted by the deadline established under article 3. If required, the vote shall be made by delegates writing the name of their choice on the ballot slip identified by the Chair immediately prior to the vote, or through the online voting process as established by the Balloting Chair.
12.
 - (a) With the exception of the Leader, at least 50% of the members of Provincial Executive elected pursuant to Article 12, Section 1, shall be women.
 - (b) The remaining of positions may be filled by non-binary/gender nonconforming persons or men.