Report of the Constitution Committee

November 3, 2016

As required under Section 16 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution, members who wished to propose amendments to the Constitution had until 30 days prior to the commencement of the forthcoming Annual Meeting (i.e. October 19, 2016) to submit them to the Secretary, and the Constitution Committee, is then to report on those amendments and those it proposes on its own initiative 15 days prior to the commencement of the forthcoming Annual Meeting (i.e. November 3, 2016)

Proposed amendments were received in accordance with that deadline from Bob Ernest, Derek Houlbrook and Rebecca Kun, and have been incorporated into this Report.

The Constitution Committee has further proposed a review of the Constitution, with a specific view towards monitoring the implementation of the new Liberal Party of Canada Constitution and making recommendations on whether and of those reforms warrant consideration by the Ontario Liberal Party. The Constitution Committee would report on its findings at the first Annual Meeting held after the next election. This proposal takes the form of a non-constitutional resolution, to be advanced, time permitting, at the end of the Constitution Plenary.

Jack Siegel
OLP Constitution Committee Chair
1. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Definition of Executive Director

**Explanatory Note:** This would accommodate the recurrent practice of adopting varying titles from time to time for the Party’s most senior employee, and avoid any resulting ambiguity.

Add a new section 2.6.1 as follows:

"Executive Director" means the most senior employee of the Ontario Liberal Party at the relevant time, and in cases of doubt, the Executive Council shall designate the title of the employee who shall execute the functions of the Executive Director.

2. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Contributors Qualifying for Automatic Membership Renewal

Section 3.8 now reads:

3.8 A member in good standing who is participating in the Ontario Liberal Party Automatic Bank Cheque ("ABC") Plan shall automatically have his or her membership renewed without the need to submit a membership renewal form.

**Explanatory Note:** As worded, the provision does not allow for similar automatic renewal for members who contribute to a different OLP Contribution program such as the Trillium club, nor does it allow flexibility for other programs that might be developed in the future. It is significant to note that this provision, before or after amendment, only applies to a person who first becomes a member in the ordinary way. No one becomes a member of the OLP automatically without first joining in the usual way.

PROPOSED:

Amend Section 3.8 to read:

3.8 A member in good standing who is participating in the Ontario Liberal Party Automatic Bank Cheque ("ABC") Plan or such other pre-authorized or similar giving plan as designated by the Executive Council shall automatically have his or her membership renewed without the need to submit a membership renewal form.
3. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – To allow the Leader and the Campaign Chair to have designates attend Executive Council meetings on their behalf

Section 5.1 now reads, in part:

**Elected Members**

5.1 Executive Council shall consist of all officers of the Ontario Liberal Party, elected and *ex-officio*, namely:

a) President  
b) Executive Vice-President  

...  
o) Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region)  
p) Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party;  
q) Campaign Chair;  
r) President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place;  
s) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place.

**Explanatory Note:** This would allow the Leader and Campaign Chair, as is already the case for the Presidents of the OYL and the OWLC, to have a designate attend in his, her or their place at Executive Council. Please note that sections 4.2(b) and (c) already provide that such designates are *ex-officio* officers of the Party, but this does not place them onto the Executive Council.

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o) Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region)  
p) Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, or his or her designate appointed in accordance with section 4.2(b);  
q) Campaign Chair, or his, her or their designate appointed in accordance with section 4.2(c);  
r) President of the Ontario Young Liberals, or a designate in the President's place;  
s) President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission, or a designate in the President's place.
4. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Remove Non-Existent Position of Campaign Fund Treasurer

Section 6.1 now reads in part:

6.1 The following shall be voting members of Provincial Council:

   ... g) the Campaign Fund Treasurer;

Section 9.15 now reads in part:

9.15 The following shall be ex-officio delegates to the Leadership Convention, provided they are members of the Ontario Liberal Party prior to registering at the Leadership Convention:

   ... j) the Campaign Fund Treasurer, if one has been appointed for the upcoming general election;

Explanatory Note: The position of “Campaign Fund Treasurer” does not appear anywhere else in the Constitution other than to make such person a member of Provincial Council and an ex-officio delegate to a Leadership Convention. The position has not been filled in recent memory and can be safely eliminated.

PROPOSED:

Repeal Section 6.1 (g)

Repeal Section 9.15 (j)
5. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Winding down the Ontario Liberal Fund

Section 7A now reads:

7A. ONTARIO LIBERAL FUND

7A.1 The Ontario Liberal Fund shall have responsibility:
   a) for the fundraising of the Ontario Liberal Party,
   b) for compliance with all financial reporting requirements of Elections Ontario for the Ontario Liberal Party; and
   c) for reporting regularly to Executive Council.

Explanatory Note: With the forthcoming amendments to the Election Finances Act that will prohibit union and corporate contributions to the Party, the primary functions of OLF will cease to have any value. The removal of all references to the Fund in the Constitution will permit that process to run to completion without affecting any ongoing constitutionally entrenched requirements.

PROPOSED:

Repeal Section 7A in its entirely, and further remove all other references to the Ontario Liberal Fund and its officers or employees from the Constitution. If this amendment passes, the Constitution Committee is directed and empowered to review the Constitution and to remove or update all references, include any cross-references, that relate to the Ontario Liberal Fund, and to revise, without altering the remaining meaning or intention, any language in the Constitution in need of such consequential change.

Without restricting the general terms of the preceding paragraph, provisions identified to date for deletion or revision include:

5.5 (b)
5.5 (c)
balance of 5.5 for revision
5.9 (k)
6.2 (e)
6.2 (f)
9.15 (i)
9.15 (j)
6. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Voting Methods at Annual Meetings

8 ANNUAL MEETING

Section 8.11 now reads in part:

8.11 Votes shall be cast by a show of hands.

Explanatory Note:

An expansion of the options for voting will both recognize the use of voting cards, something that has been frequently adopted over the past several years, as well as additional technologies, where warranted.

PROPOSED:

8.11 Votes shall be cast by a show of hands or such other means as may be permitted in accordance with rules of procedure adopted by the delegates at the commencement of the Annual Meeting.

7. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Removal of Liberal Senators from Ex-Officio Delegate Status

8 ANNUAL MEETING

Section 8.15 now reads in part:

8.15 Each of the following shall be entitled to accreditation as delegates ex-officio if he or she is a member in good standing of an Affiliated Association:

... 
m) every Liberal Member of the Senate from Ontario;
n) every former Liberal Member of the Senate from Ontario who was a member of the Liberal Caucus immediately prior to the time when he or she ceased to be a Member of the Senate;

Explanatory Note:

Liberal Senators are no longer part of the recognized Parliamentary Caucus of the Liberal Party of Canada. It is proposed that their ex-officio status therefore be removed from this Constitution.

PROPOSED:
Repeal sections 8.15 (m) and (n).
8. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Update to Representation Act, 2015

8 ANNUAL MEETING

Section 11.8 now reads in part:

11.8 Appointment of Candidates

Where, in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, it is in the best interests of the Party that a candidate be appointed in a particular electoral district without the need for the holding of a Nomination Meeting, no Nomination Meeting need be held, and the Leader may instead appoint a candidate, in accordance with the following:

...  
c) Except where an Incumbent Member has indicated an intention not to seek re-election, no candidate other than the Incumbent Member shall be appointed in any Electoral District represented by such person in the Legislative Assembly. In the event that the boundaries of an electoral district have been readjusted pursuant to the Representation Act, 1996, an electoral district shall be deemed for the purposes of this provision to be represented by an Incumbent Member who declares his or her intention to seek election in that electoral district in the next general election. Such declaration shall be made in writing to the Nomination Commissioner, with a copy to be provided to the president of the affected constituency association. No Incumbent Member shall declare such an intention for a second electoral district without first revoking all prior such declarations in respect of other electoral districts.

Explanatory Note: There is a new Representation Act now in place, and the Constitution should reflect that.

PROPOSED:

11.8

c) Except where an Incumbent Member has indicated an intention not to seek re-election, no candidate other than the Incumbent Member shall be appointed in any Electoral District represented by such person in the Legislative Assembly. In the event that the boundaries of an electoral district have been readjusted pursuant to the Representation Act, 1996, an electoral district shall be deemed for the purposes of this provision to be represented by an Incumbent Member who declares his or her intention to seek election in that electoral district in the next general election. Such declaration shall be made in writing to the Nomination Commissioner, with a copy to be provided to the president of the affected constituency association. No Incumbent Member shall declare such an intention for a second electoral district without first revoking all prior such declarations in respect of other electoral districts.
9. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Clarification of Scope of Discipline Authority

Section 13.1 now reads:

Authority to discipline
13.1 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, suspend or expel any officer or member of the Ontario Liberal Party or any of its Affiliated Associations or other affiliated organizations recognized under this Constitution.

Explanatory Note: The ex-officio Officers of the Party set out in section 4.2 all hold office other than through election at the most recent Annual Meeting, and provisions for removal exist elsewhere in this Constitution or in constituent bodies’ constitutions and duplications of this nature can prove to be problematic.

PROPOSED:

13.1 The Executive Council of the Ontario Liberal Party may, in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, suspend or expel any officer or member of the Ontario Liberal Party or any of its Affiliated Associations or other affiliated organizations recognized under this Constitution, other than an Officer who serves by virtue of Section 4.2.
10. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Modernization of Regions and Elimination of Areas as a Constitutional Requirement

NOTE: An independent amendment proposal relating to the means of electing Area Coordinators was received from Bob Ernest. It appears immediately after this resolution. If this resolution is adopted, then Area Coordinators will not be elected at Annual Meetings, and Bob’s resolution relating to their election would become moot, and will not proceed.

Section 14 now reads:

14 REGIONS AND AREAS

Regions
14.1 There shall be six (6) Regions of the Ontario Liberal Party:
   a) Northern Region;
   b) Eastern Region;
   c) Central Region;
   d) Toronto Region;
   e) South Central Region; and,
   f) Southwestern Region.

Areas
14.2 Each region shall be divided into Areas.
14.3 The boundaries of the Regions and Areas shall align with the boundaries of provincial electoral districts.

Area Coordinators
14.4 For each Area there shall be one or more Area Coordinators as required by a procedure or by-law adopted by Executive Council.
14.5 The Area Coordinators for an Area shall be elected at the regional meeting, held at an annual meeting, for the region in which that Area is located.
14.6 Any member in good standing of a constituency association may be elected to be an Area Coordinator for the Area in which the constituency association is located.
14.7 If an Area Coordinator is absent without reason from two (2) consecutive meetings of the Provincial Council, or is otherwise deemed to be inactive, the Executive Council, after giving written notice to the Area Coordinator so deemed, may declare the position vacant. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any of the positions of Area Coordinator, including a vacancy as a result of resignation or as a result of a failure to elect an Area Coordinator, the Executive Council, upon consideration of those nominees recommended by the Regional Vice-President for the Region in which the Area Coordinator is to serve, shall appoint an Area Coordinator until such time as an Area Coordinator is elected.
14.8 Executive Council shall appoint a qualified person to fill any vacant Area Coordinator position.
14.9 A person is qualified to be appointed by Executive Council to fill a vacant Area Coordinator position if:
a) the person is a member in good standing of a constituency association in the Area; and,
b) the person was nominated by the Regional Vice-President for the region in which the Area is located.

14.10 Executive Council may remove a person it appointed to be an Area Coordinator from the position, and may appoint another qualified person in his or her place.

**Area Coordinator Responsibilities**

14.11 Each Area Coordinator shall be responsible for:

a) promoting and assisting the activities of the constituency associations in the Area;
b) liaising between and amongst the constituency associations that are in the Area; and,
c) liaising, through the local Regional Vice-President, between Executive Council and the constituency associations that are in the Area; and
d) encouraging and facilitating participation by individuals from all demographic groups in the Ontario Liberal Party.

14.12 Each Area Coordinator shall, in respect of the region that he or she represents:

a) assist the Regional Vice-President with respect to political activity, problems and potential problems, and other matters affecting their Area and shall report to that Regional Vice-President on such matters prior to each Provincial Council meeting and from time to time as the Regional Vice-President may require;
b) report to the local Regional Vice-President before each meeting of Provincial Council, and as otherwise required, on matters he or she has assisted on;
c) liaise between the local Regional Vice-President and the constituency associations in the Area;
d) promote and assist with the implementation of Executive Council and Provincial Council programs and decisions in the area;
e) promote cooperation between constituency associations in different electoral districts;
f) provide advice and assistance for visits by the Leader, members of the Caucus, members of the Executive Council, and Party personnel;
g) attend constituency association events and executive meetings of constituency associations in the area;
h) assist in providing updates on long range planning and action plans for the constituency associations in the area, including planning regarding:
   i) membership;
   ii) executive and campaign lists;
   iii) audited financial statement filings, financial status and fundraising plans;
   iv) communications;
   v) organization, recruitment and policy programmes; and
   vi) annual meetings, social events and special events of constituency associations in the area;
i) attend Provincial Council meetings and contribute the knowledge of the strengths and capabilities of the constituency associations in the Area; and,
Perform such other duties as Executive Council or the Regional Vice-President may direct.

**Explanatory Note**: With both redistribution and the realignment of Regional Ministers at Queens Park, it has become apparent that an entrenched regional structure, embedded in the Constitution could benefit from increased flexibility. This amendment would transfer the ability to set the Regions to Provincial Council. As well, the position of Area Coordinator has evolved into a wide range of activity levels from region to region. It is proposed to remove the position from the Constitution and leave it to the Regions to determine the continued existence and role of Area Coordinators.

**PROPOSED** *(Includes the attached Schedule “A”)*:

**14 REGIONS AND AREAS**

**Regions**

14.1 There shall be up to nine (9) Regions of the Ontario Liberal Party. *The number of Regions and the electoral districts to be included in each region shall be determined from time to time by the Provincial Council.*

- a) Northern Region;
- b) Eastern Region;
- c) Central Region;
- d) Toronto Region;
- e) South Central Region; and,
- f) Southwestern Region.

**Areas**

14.2 Each region shall be divided into Areas.

14.3 The boundaries of the Regions and Areas shall align with the boundaries of provincial electoral districts and shall be as set out in Schedule “A” to this Constitution. *Schedule “A” may be amended by simple majority vote of the Provincial Council, not more than once during the period between two Annual Meetings.* The Provincial Council shall not amend Schedule “A” between the date of the call of an Annual Meeting and the conclusion of that Annual Meeting.

14.4 Until such time as the Provincial Council amends Schedule “A”, the Regions shall be:

- a) Northern Region;
- b) Eastern Region;
- c) Ottawa Region;
- d) GTA North Region;
- e) GTA East Region;
- f) GTA Central Region;
- g) Golden Horseshoe Region; and
- h) Southwestern Region.
14.5 Where the Provincial Council amends Schedule “A”:
   (a) Each Regional Vice-President shall be assigned by the Provincial Council to the Region that most closely corresponds to the Region represented by that person prior to the amendment;
   (b) If the number of Regions is increased, the Executive Council shall, in accordance with section 5.10, appoint such number of individuals as Regional Vice-Presidents as are required to fill the vacancy or vacancies so created;
   (c) If the number of Regions is decreased, a Regional Vice-President who no longer represents a Region continues to serve as an officer of the Ontario Liberal Party for the balance of the term for which he or she was elected or appointed, and shall continue as a member of the Executive Council and the Provincial Council in the capacity of “Vice-President at large”, but if he or she resigns, the vacancy shall not be filled.

14.3.3 A Region may choose to subdivide itself into Areas, and may appoint individuals to act as Area Coordinators to assist with organization and with communications between constituency associations within an area and the Region and the Party itself.

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i) attend Provincial Council meetings and contribute the knowledge of the strengths and capabilities of the constituency associations in the Area; and,
j) perform such other duties as Executive Council or the Regional Vice-President may direct.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS:

1. THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE IS DIRECTED AND EMPOWERED TO REMOVE ALL OTHER REFERENCES TO AREA COORDINATORS FROM THE CONSTITUTION.
2. In section 4.1, replace the current subparagraphs (i) – (n) inclusive (which presently list the six Regional Vice-Presidents) with:
   (i) The Regional Vice-Presidents of each of the Regions set out in Schedule “A” to this Constitution.

3. In section 5.1, replace the current subparagraphs (j) – (o) inclusive (which presently list the six Regional Vice-Presidents) with:
   (j) The Regional Vice-Presidents of each of the Regions set out in Schedule “A” to this Constitution.

TRANSITIONAL AMENDMENTS

INSERT, immediately after section 4.8

4.8.1 Despite any amendment to this Constitution adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party of November 18 – 19, 2016, the Regional Vice-Presidents to be elected at that Annual Meeting shall be as set out in subsections 4.1 (i) - (n) inclusive as they existed up to November 17, 2016.

4.8.2 Upon the conclusion of that Annual Meeting:
   (a) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region) shall continue to serve as Regional Vice-President (Northern Region);
   (b) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Ottawa Region);
   (c) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA North Region);
   (d) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Toronto Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (GTA Central Region);
   (e) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (South Central Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Golden Horseshoe Region);
   (f) The person elected to serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region) shall serve as Regional Vice-President (Southwestern Region); and
   (g) The Executive Council shall, in accordance with section 5.10, appoint individuals to serve as Regional Vice-President (Eastern Region) and as Regional Vice-President (GTA East Region)

4.8.3 Despite section 4.8.2, with the consent of all of the Regional Vice-Presidents who might thereby be affected, the Executive Council may, not later than December 31, 2016, reassign any of the Regional Vice-Presidents to assume that office for a different Region than as set out in section 4.8.2.
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11. Proposed by Bob Ernest – Manner of Election of Area Coordinators

NOTE: If the previous resolution relating to the restructuring of Regions and the removal of Area Coordinators from the Constitution is adopted, this proposal shall not proceed.

Sections 8.20 to 8.24 now read:

8.20 A candidate for the office of Area Coordinator shall be a member of an Affiliated Association located in the region in which the Area that he or she is seeking to represent is located.
8.21 The nomination of a candidate for the office of Area Coordinator shall be made and seconded by delegates who are members of Affiliated Associations in the region or area that the Area Coordinator will represent.
8.22 No vote shall be cast for the office of Area Coordinator by a delegate who is not a member of an Affiliated Association in the region or area that the Area Coordinator will represent.
8.23 For the purposes of the Area Coordinator elections held at an Annual General Meeting, a delegate shall be deemed to be from one Region only.
8.24 With the prior consent of the Executive Council, all constituency association delegates of a Region may elect such numbers of Area Coordinators as there are Areas within the Region.

Explanatory Note: There is ambiguity in the existing language as to who is entitled to vote for Area Coordinator candidates. Specifically, it is unclear whether a delegate only votes for the Area Coordinator for the riding in which he or she is a member, or for all of the Area Coordinator positions in the Region. This would resolve the question in favour of the first interpretation.

PROPOSED:

8.20 A candidate for the office of Area Coordinator shall be a member of an Affiliated Association located in the region in which the Area that he or she is seeking to represent is located.
8.21 The nomination of a candidate for the office of Area Coordinator shall be made and seconded by delegates who are members of Affiliated Associations in the region or area that the Area Coordinator seeks to represent.
8.22 No vote shall be cast for the office of Area Coordinator by a delegate who is not a member of an Affiliated Association in the region or area that the elected Area Coordinator will represent.
8.23 For the purposes of the Area Coordinator elections held at an Annual General Meeting, a delegate shall be deemed to be from one Region/Area only, that being the Area in which he or she resides, but if the delegate is not a member of a Constituency Association corresponding to an electoral district in that Area, he or she shall be deemed to be from the Area that includes the electoral district closest to his or her residence, in which he or she holds a membership in the corresponding Constituency Association.

8.24 With the prior consent of the Executive Council, all constituency association delegates of a Region may elect such numbers of Area Coordinators as there are Areas within the Region.
12. Proposed by Derek Houlbrook on Behalf of a Number of Constituency Associations and by the Constitution Committee – Eliminate Out-Of-Riding Membership and Replace with Federal Model of Associate Members

The relevant sections, placed throughout the Constitution now read:

2 DEFINITIONS

2.8 “member” means a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party;

9 LEADERSHIP REVIEW AND LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:

... c) Members in good standing of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are not resident in the constituency, and who have been members in good standing for at least ninety (90) days prior to the Qualifying Date.

d) Immediate Past Members of a constituency association or of the recognized affiliated Ontario Young Liberal Riding Club who are not resident in the constituency and who renew their memberships at or prior to the Leadership Election Meeting, provided that they had been members in good standing of the constituency association or club on a date in the previous membership year not less than ninety (90) days prior to the Qualifying Date.

11 NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

The Draft Nomination Plan

11.5.1 Upon the general request of the Leader or the Nomination Commissioner, each Constituency Association shall prepare and submit to the Nomination Commissioner a Draft Nomination Plan which shall be consistent with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Ontario Liberal Party and the Constitution of the Constituency Association. The Draft Nomination Plan shall indicate, but is not limited to, the following:

a) the out-of-riding membership limit as determined pursuant to the Constituency Association’s Constitution and in accordance with section 15.9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution;

... c) the current number of resident and non-resident members of the Association as of a date not more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of adoption of the Draft Nomination Plan;
... the date on which persons not resident in the electoral district must be members in good standing of the Constituency Association in order to be entitled to vote, which shall be not more than one (1) year or less than three (3) months prior to the date of the Nomination Meeting;

15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

... 15.9 A constituency association shall establish a maximum proportion of between zero (0) and ten (10) per cent to limit the number of members of the constituency association who do not reside in the electoral district.

15.10 Despite any limit on the number of members of the constituency association who do not reside in the electoral district, a current or immediate past member of the association who does not reside in the electoral district, but who was in compliance with the residency requirement or the limit that was in effect when he or she last joined the constituency association, shall be entitled to continue and renew his or her membership and to retain his or her rights as if the member resides in the electoral district.

... 15.14 A member of a constituency association who is in good standing and who has attained the age of fourteen (14) shall be entitled to hold office in the constituency association, in the Ontario Liberal Party, and to represent the constituency association to a delegated meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party.

... 15.24 In each year, a constituency association shall hold an annual meeting, at which it shall elect members of the Association to serve as the members of its Executive Committee until the end of its next annual meeting. No person shall be eligible to be nominated as a candidate for election to a position on the Executive Committee of the association unless he or she has filed with the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party or his or her designate, at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the annual meeting at which the election is to be held, a notice in writing of that person’s intention to be a candidate for the specific position. In the event that no such notice is received in respect of a position on the Executive Committee of the Association to which a single person is to be elected, nominations may be accepted without prior notice at the annual meeting. In the event that fewer notices are received in respect of a position on the Executive Committee of the Association than there are persons to be elected to that position, the persons who submitted such notices shall be acclaimed to the position, and nominations in respect of the remaining vacancy or vacancies may be accepted without prior notice at the annual meeting. In the event that a position on the Executive Committee of the association is unfilled after the conclusion of the annual meeting, the Executive Committee of the Association may appoint members of the association to fill such positions, to serve until the next annual meeting.
15.31 Each constituency association shall hold general meetings to elect delegates and alternate delegates to a duly called meeting or convention of the Ontario Liberal Party. The procedure for electing delegates and alternates is as follows:

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  d) To be a constituency association delegate to a meeting or convention of the Ontario Liberal Party, a person must be a member in good standing of the constituency association.

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15.38 A member of a constituency association who does not reside in the electoral district shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting of the constituency association, a meeting to elect delegates to an annual meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party, or a meeting to elect delegates to a policy rally if the member is a member in good standing of the constituency association three (3) months prior to the meeting.

15.39 An immediate past member of a constituency association who does not reside in the electoral district may renew his or her membership to become a member in good standing at an annual meeting of the constituency association, a meeting to elect delegates to an annual meeting of the Ontario Liberal Party, or a meeting to elect delegates to a policy rally, and shall be entitled to vote at the meeting provided that he or she has been a member for at least (3) months prior to the meeting.

18 REDISTRIBUTION

18.4.3 The Ontario Liberal Party shall give at least fourteen (14) days notice of the Founding Meeting of an Overlapping Constituency Association to each current member and immediate past member of each Component Constituency Association. Expenses incurred by the Ontario Liberal Party in giving notice of or conducting a Founding Meeting may be charged by the Ontario Liberal Party to the New Constituency Association. The notice of the Founding Meeting shall include an explanation of the rules that follow regarding the transfer of memberships from Component Constituency Associations to Overlapping Constituency Associations, and shall also include either a copy of the form referred to in subsection 18.4.4.5 or the Internet address of a website from which it may be retrieved.

18.4.4 Upon the conclusion of the last Founding Meeting held in respect of any of the Overlapping Constituency Associations associated with a particular Component Constituency Association, and at the direction of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the members and immediate past members of that Component Constituency Association who were not issued ballots at a Founding Meeting shall become members and immediate past members of the New Constituency Association for the Electoral District in which they reside.
18.4.4.5 Despite subsection 18.4.4.4, if a member or immediate past member of a Component Constituency Association, who was not issued a ballot at any of the Founding Meetings held in respect of any of the Overlapping Constituency Associations associated with that Component Constituency Association, wishes to become a member of an Overlapping Constituency Association other than the one for the Electoral District in which he or she resides, he or she may do so by properly completing the prescribed notice form, and submitting it to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party not later than the date prescribed by the Chief Redistribution Officer for that purpose. Upon satisfying himself or herself that all of the requirements of such transfer have been met, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall transfer the membership or immediate past membership status of that person on a non-resident basis to the New Constituency Association he or she wishes to join.

...  

18.4.4.7 Any member whose membership has been transferred as a non-resident membership of a New Constituency Association shall be entitled to remain a non-resident member provided he or she complies with the requirements of Section 15.9.

**Explanatory Note:** The Constitution Committee was requested to prepare a package of amendments that would serve to eliminate out-of-riding membership in OLP, and replicate the federal model of Associate Membership, namely an unlimited number of non-resident Associate Members who could join a Constituency Association and participate in all respects, other than that they would not be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Association, including, but not limited to, Nomination Meetings and Leadership Election Meetings.

The “package” presented here does not lend itself to clause by clause adoption; many provisions are interconnected, and it must be voted upon as a cohesive whole.

PROPOSED:

2 DEFINITIONS

2.2.1 (NEW) “Associate Member” means a person who has complied with all requirements to become a Member of a constituency association, but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district.

2.8 “member” means a member in good standing of the Ontario Liberal Party, and in respect of an Affiliated Association that is a constituency association, is a person whose residence is within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district;

(NEW HEADING) Associate Members
3.28 (NEW) An Associate Member of a constituency association shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Member of that constituency association, except that he or she shall not be entitled to vote at a general meeting of the association, including but not limited to, its annual meetings, nomination meetings and leadership votes.

2.29 (NEW) Despite the foregoing, a person who was, on November 18, 2016, a Member of a constituency association but whose residence is not within the boundaries of the corresponding electoral district shall have the right to vote at such general meetings of the association, but only as long as the person remains an Associate Member of the association without interruption subsequent to November 18, 2016. For greater certainty, in determining continuity of membership, section 3.12.2 shall apply.

3.30 (NEW) An Associate Member may hold any office on the Executive Committee of the constituency association with all voting rights attached to the position, and may be elected as a full voting delegate representing the Association to an Annual Meeting, Policy Conference or Leadership Convention.

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9.9.1 Persons who meet the following requirements shall be eligible to vote at a Leadership Election Meeting:

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a) the out-of-riding membership limit as determined pursuant to the Constituency Association’s Constitution and in accordance with section 15.9 of the Ontario Liberal Party Constitution;

c) the current number of resident and non-resident members of the Association as of a date not more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of adoption of the Draft Nomination Plan;

e) the date on which persons not resident in the electoral district must be members in good standing of the Constituency Association in order to be entitled to vote, which shall be not more than one (1) year or less than three (3) months prior to the date of the Nomination Meeting;

15 CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

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Association corresponding to the Electoral District in which such person’s residence is located.

18.4.4.4 Upon the conclusion of the last Founding Meeting held in respect of any of the Overlapping Constituency Associations associated with a particular Component Constituency Association, and at the direction of the Chief Redistribution Officer, the members and immediate past members of that Component Constituency Association who were not issued ballots at a Founding Meeting shall become members and immediate past members of the New Constituency Association for the Electoral District in which they reside.

18.4.4.5 Despite subsection 18.4.4.4, if a member or immediate past member of a Component Constituency Association, who was not issued a ballot at any of the Founding Meetings held in respect of any of the Overlapping Constituency Associations associated with that Component Constituency Association, wishes to become a member of an Overlapping Constituency Association other than the one for the Electoral District in which he or she resides, he or she may do so by properly completing the prescribed notice form, and submitting it to the Secretary of the Ontario Liberal Party not later than the date prescribed by the Chief Redistribution Officer for that purpose. Upon satisfying himself or herself that all of the requirements of such transfer have been met, the Chief Redistribution Officer shall transfer the membership or immediate past membership status of that person on a non-resident basis to the New Constituency Association he or she wishes to join.

...  

18.4.4.7 Any member whose membership has been transferred as a non-resident membership of a New Constituency Association shall be entitled to remain a non-resident member provided he or she complies with the requirements of Section 15.9.
13. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – Establishment of Management Committee and Realignment of Responsibilities Accordingly

Section 4.9 now reads:

**President**

4.9 The President shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council, and shall be responsible for:
   a) day to day operation of the Ontario Liberal Party;
   b) preparation of the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party; 6
   c) expenditures within the budget as approved by the Executive Council and further approved by the Provincial Council;
   d) management of the staff and the office of the Ontario Liberal Party.

4.10 The President shall possess and may exercise all powers and shall perform the duties that may be assigned to him or her from time to time by Executive Council.

4.11 In exercising his or her duties and authorities, the President shall consult with members of Executive Council as appropriate.

4.12 The President shall follow the directions of Executive Council, and any act or decision of the President that conflicts with a decision of Executive Council shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.

4.13 The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and of members of the Ontario Liberal Party and of the Provincial Council and shall report to the annual meeting of members.

**Explanatory Note:** The responsibilities of the President are at times onerous and often profoundly significant in terms of long term impact. It is proposed that a five person Management Committee be established to interpose a more consultative and representative process into some of these duties, while retaining a higher level of flexibility and convenience than would be possible with a larger body.

PROPOSED:

Amend Section 4.9 to read and insert New Section 4A:

**President**

4.9 **Subject to the direction of the Management Committee,** the President shall have charge of the administration of the day to day affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council and Management Committee, and shall be responsible for:
   a) day to day operation of the Ontario Liberal Party;
   b) preparation of the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party;
   c) expenditures within the budget as approved by the Executive Council and further approved by the Provincial Council;
   d) management of the staff and the office of the Ontario Liberal Party.
4.10 The President shall possess and may exercise all powers and shall perform the duties that may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Management Committee or Executive Council.

4.11 In exercising his or her duties and authorities, the President shall consult with such members of Executive Council as appropriate.

4.12 The President shall follow the directions of the Management Committee and of Executive Council, and any act or decision of the President that conflicts with a decision of Executive Council shall, to the extent of the conflict, be of no force or effect.

4.13 The President shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Executive Council and of members of the Ontario Liberal Party and of the Provincial Council and shall report to the annual meeting of members.

4A. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

4A.1 There shall be a Management Committee consisting of:
(a) the President;
(b) the Executive Vice-President;
(c) the Treasurer;
(d) the Secretary; and
(e) the Operational Vice-President (Organization).

4A.2 The Management Committee shall have charge of the administration of the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party between the meetings of the Executive Council, and shall be responsible for:
(a) preparation of the annual budget of the Ontario Liberal Party;
(b) the approval of such day to day expenditures and other financial decisions not otherwise delegated by it to the President or to the Executive Director, as the case may be, subject always to such expenditures being within the budget as approved by the Executive Council and further approved by the Provincial Council;
(c) management of the staff and the office of the Ontario Liberal Party. other than as delegated by it to the President or to the Executive Director, as the case may be.

4A.3 Any decision of the Management Committee shall be in accordance with any direction given to it by the Executive Council and a full report of the activities of the Management Committee shall be made at each Executive Council Meeting.

4A.4 The Management Committee shall meet in person or by teleconference at the call of the President upon not less than 72 hours’ written notice to all members, or at the call of three of its members upon not less than 12 hours’ written notice to all members.

4A.5 The Management Committee may transact business where it considers it appropriate to do so, by way of written resolution endorsed by at least three of its members upon not less than 12 hours’ notice to all members.
14. Proposed by the Constitution Committee – General Meetings

Sections 8.1 – 8.3 now read:

8 ANNUAL MEETING
8.1 There shall be an annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party in each year.
8.2 Executive Council shall set the date, time and location for the annual meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.
8.3 Executive Council may postpone the date for the annual meeting for a period of no more than eighteen (18) months after the date of the previous annual meeting.

Explanatory Note: Annual meetings have become increasingly expensive for the party and for members who become delegates, alike. At the same time, current communication technologies make in-person gatherings of this nature less essential, while nevertheless, they retain significant value. Reflecting the practice of LPC and LPC(O), this amendment would shift to biennial general meetings of the OLP, while not requiring that they be so spread out. A 25 month maximum gap is proposed to allow, for example, for a Toronto meeting in March to be followed by a Sudbury meeting in April two years later, hence avoiding March driving conditions. They could in any given cycle, be more frequent, as desired.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
8.1 There shall be an annual General Meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party in each year no less frequently than every twenty-five (25) months.
8.2 Executive Council shall set the date, time and location for the annual General Meeting of the members of the Ontario Liberal Party.
8.3 Where the apparent timing of a forthcoming election requires it, or where a Leadership Convention is held more than eighteen (18) months after the last General Meeting, Executive Council may postpone the date for the annual General Meeting for a period of not to a date not more than eighteen-thirty-one (1831) months after the date of the previous annual General Meeting.

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT: Change all references to “Annual Meeting” throughout the Constitution to read “General Meeting”.

15. Proposed by Bob Ernest – Filling Vacancies in Party Offices

Section 5.10(d) now reads:

5.10 Executive Council may:

...  

d) appoint an individual to any office that has become vacant;

**Explanatory Note:** This would require vacancies for party office between General Meetings to be posted on the Party’s website at least three weeks prior to the position being filled.

**PROPOSED:**

Amend Section 5.10 to read:

5.10 Executive Council may:

...  

d) **Upon posting the vacancy on the Ontario Liberal Party website at least three weeks in advance,** appoint an individual to any office that has become vacant;
16. Proposed by Rebecca Kun, for the OWLC – Ex officio Representation on Matching Constituency Association Executives

Section 11.16 now reads:

15.16 In addition to the elected members of the Executive of a constituency association, the President of the Young Liberal Riding Club, if one has been established and is affiliated with a constituency association, shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive of the constituency association.

**Explanatory Note:** On behalf of the OWLC, it was requested that a new provision, mirroring section 15.16 be adopted to place a corresponding OWLC Club onto a constituency Association Executive. An important consideration here is that OYL Clubs are of two natures – Riding clubs that are organized on electoral district boundaries, and student clubs, which are not. Some OWLC clubs are, similarly, organized on a riding basis, but others are not. Language is proposed to address the distinction.

PROPOSED:

15.16.1 If an Ontario Women’s Liberal Commission Club has been established in a manner that strictly conforms to the boundaries of the electoral district corresponding to the constituency association, and the Club is affiliated with that constituency association, then the President of such Club shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive of the constituency association.
17. Proposed by Bob Ernest – Regional Meetings

Section 6.26 now reads:

6.26 In respect of at least three (3) regular meetings of Provincial Council in each year, the agenda shall provide for each region to hold a regional meeting to review matters of regional concern.

**Explanatory Note:** This amendment would allow for regional meetings at Provincial Council meetings, which have become impossible to conduct when such meetings are held by teleconference, to be held in conjunction with Provincial Council meetings as warranted, instead of a defined three times a year.

PROPOSED:

Amend Section 6.26 to read:

6.26 The agenda for a Provincial Council meeting may include regional meetings. In respect of at least three (3) regular meetings of Provincial Council in each year, the agenda shall provide for each region to hold a regional meeting to review matters of regional concern/interest.

Section 4.25 (d) (typographically misnumbered – should be (c)) now reads:

**Regional Vice-Presidents**

4.25 A Regional Vice-President shall, in respect of the region that he or she represents:

...  

d) communicate the decisions of Executive Council and Provincial Council to the Area Coordinators and Affiliated Association in the region;

**Explanatory Note:** This would make such communications optional.

PROPOSED:

Amend Section 4.25 to read:

**Regional Vice-Presidents**

4.25 A Regional Vice-President shall, in respect of the region that he or she represents:

...  

| c) communicate, on a discretionary basis, the decisions of Executive Council and Provincial Council to the Area Coordinators and Affiliated Association in the region; |
19. Proposed by The Constitution Committee and by Bob Ernest – Two Amendments re Circulation of Minutes

TWO SEPARATE VOTES

Section 4.21 now reads:

4.21 The Secretary shall circulate a summary of the minutes of each Executive Council Meeting, worded to preserve the confidentiality of appropriate matters, to members of Provincial Council within two weeks after their adoption.

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| **Explanatory Note:** This would require that the entire minutes (not a summary) be circulated. Matters of a confidential nature, it is anticipated, would then be addressed in camera, and not reported in the minutes. If the first resolution is adopted, then in this resolution, the word, “Secretary” is deemed to have been replaced by the words, “Executive Director”.

PROPOSED:

Amend Section 4.21 to read:

4.21 The Secretary shall circulate a summary of the minutes of each Executive Council Meeting, worded to preserve the confidentiality of appropriate matters, to members of Provincial Council within two weeks after their adoption.
20. Proposed by Bob Ernest – General Governance

Section 5.7 now reads:

5.7 Executive Council shall act at all times in accordance with, and in keeping with the spirit of the requirements of this Constitution and all applicable laws.

Explanatory Note: This would require the President, at each Annual Meeting to publicly report upon any non-compliance on the part of any member of Executive Council to comply with any constitutional requirement(s), and to require the delegates at that Annual Meeting to vote, either to censure the conduct or to condone it.

PROPOSED:

Amend Section 5.7 to read:

5.7 Executive Council shall act at all times in accordance with, and in keeping with the spirit of the requirements of this Constitution and all applicable laws. At each Annual Meeting, the President shall report at a plenary session upon any failure of the Executive Council or any of its members to adhere to this Constitution, and whether or not such failures are reported, shall invite discussion on the subject, and a resolution of censure or condonation of any such conduct shall then be in order, and if so moved, shall be voted upon by the delegates in attendance following such debate as permitted under the rules adopted by the Annual Meeting.
21. Proposed by Bob Ernest – Code of Conduct

New Provision

**Explanatory Note:** This amendment would provide for an Ontario Liberal Party Code of Conduct to be put into place, relating to the conduct of all involved with the Party, from Executive Council through to volunteers. It would be adopted by Executive Council and ratified by Provincial Council, and then subject to an annual review process.

PROPOSED:

New subparagraph to be added at the end of section 5.9:

5.9 In administering the affairs of the Ontario Liberal Party, Executive Council shall:

... maintain a Code of Conduct for the Ontario Liberal Party, addressing the conduct of all members of the Executive Council, Provincial Council, other party officials, staff, Affiliated Associations and their members and volunteers. The Code of Conduct shall be presented to the Provincial Council for ratification not later than April 30, 2017. Thereafter, the Code of Conduct shall be subject to annual review by the Executive Council and a report on the outcome of such review, including any proposed amendments, shall be presented to the Provincial Council for consideration and ratification at its first meeting convened more than two months after the adjournment of each Annual Meeting.
22. Ordinary Resolution proposed by the Constitution Committee  
(Does not amend the Constitution, ordinary majority required for adoption)

RESOLVED: That the Constitution Committee of the Ontario Liberal Party be directed to monitor the implementation of the new Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada over the two year period from its date of adoption, and report its findings to the first Annual Meeting held after the 2018 General Election, with specific recommendations as to whether any of the reforms adopted therein should be considered by the Ontario Liberal Party. For greater certainty, the Constitution Committee shall structure its recommendations in the form of a discussion paper for consideration at that Annual Meeting, with or without such proposed amendments to this Constitution as it may consider to be appropriate at that time.