



Young Liberals of Prince Edward Island Constitution

PREAMBLE

The Young Liberals of Prince Edward Island is created to provide for and promote the principles and philosophies of the Liberal Party in Canada.

SECTION 1: NAME

- a) The name of this organization shall be “Young Liberals of Prince Edward Island”, hereinafter referred to as “Young Liberals”.
- b) “Party” means the Liberal Party of Canada, unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 2: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Young Liberals are:

- a) To promote and support the principles and policy of Liberalism.
- b) To develop and determine policy that reflects the ideas and concerns of the membership.
- c) To promote the election of Liberal members to the Federal Parliament and Provincial Legislature.
- d) To promote youth and student issues.
- e) To recruit youth and promote Liberal Party membership.
- f) To educate Young Liberals on the various aspects of the political process.
- g) To ensure adequate representation of youth and students in the Liberal Party of Canada.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP

Every person who:

- a) is older than fourteen years but younger than twenty-six years of age;
 - b) is ordinarily resident in the Province of Prince Edward Island as defined in the Election Act R.S.P.E.I. 1988;
 - c) subscribes to the objects set out in Section 2 above;
 - d) pays any membership fees prescribed by the Executive Committee;
 - e) fulfills all membership requirements of the local Party;
- shall be a member in good standing of the Young Liberals.

SECTION 4: EXECUTIVE

Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive of the Young Liberals, which shall be responsible for promoting the aims and objectives of the Young Liberals and for management, supervision and control of the affairs of the Young Liberals.
2. The Executive shall be comprised of the following:
 - a) President

- b) Executive Vice-President
 - c) VP- Finance
 - d) VP - Policy
 - e) VP - Organization
 - f) VP - Communications
 - g) A representative elected or appointed by each of the Provincial Electoral Districts
 - h) A representative appointed by each of the Federal Constituency Associations within Prince Edward Island, duly elected at the Annual General Meeting.
3. No person shall hold more than one office on the Executive.
 4. The term of office for each member of the Executive shall be until the next Annual General Meeting of the Young Liberals or thereafter until his or her successor is elected.

Limitations

1. No member of the Young Liberals of PEI shall hold more than one office on the Executive.
2. All Executive Members shall hold office until the Annual General Meeting subsequent to their elections.

Responsibilities

1. The Executive Committee shall have the authority, responsibility and accountability for the operation and functioning of the Young Liberals of PEI.
2. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least one time each month. A simple majority shall constitute a quorum.
3. Signing authority for any funds will be granted to the President and the VP - Finance.
4. No decision, act, representation or major financial expenditure over the amount of \$25 shall be undertaken by any Executive Committee Member without prior consent and approval of a majority of the Executive Committee. Any Executive Committee member who fails to comply with this section may be held responsible for any and all debts incurred as a result of the unauthorized action.

Officers

The officers of the Executive of the Young Liberals shall be responsible for the management, supervision and control of the affairs of the Young Liberals between meetings of the Executive. The officers of the Young Liberals Executive shall be as follows:

- 1) President
- 2) Executive Vice-President
- 3) VP-Policy
- 4) VP-Finance
- 5) VP-Organization
- 6) VP-Communications
- 7) The representatives from the four Federal Constituency Associations within Prince Edward Island.

Executive Duties

1. The President shall;
 - a) Be generally responsible for good relations within the Young Liberals and for the promotion of the interest and the welfare of the Young Liberals.
 - b) Act as the primary spokesperson of the Young Liberals.
 - c) Be a full member of all committees established by the Young Liberals.
 - d) Maintain all duties normally associated with the Chief Executive Officer and such other duties as delegated to him or her by the executive.

2. The Executive Vice President shall;
 - a) Assist the President in carrying out his or her duties.
 - b) In the absence of the President, chair all meetings of the Young Liberals, the executive and the officers.
 - c) Vote in place of the President at any and all national meetings or conventions at the request of the President.

3. The Vice President - Finance shall;
 - a) Be responsible for encouraging fund-raising activity.
 - b) Make financial reports to any regular member upon request.
 - c) Provide a written financial report at any Annual General Meeting.

4. The Vice President - Policy shall;
 - a) Maintain an up to date booklet of policy resolutions adopted at general meeting and all policy discussion meetings.
 - b) Encourage policy discussion and to organize meetings for this discussion.
 - c) Strive to have Young Liberal policy adopted by the Liberal Party of Canada and the Provincial Liberal Party.

5. The Vice President - Organization shall;
 - a) Organize fund-raising activities with the VP - Finance and recruitment activities with the Executive.
 - b) Ensure that all members are informed of the club's social, recruitment and fund-raising activities.

6. The Vice President - Communications shall:
 - a) Be responsible for the dissemination of all information from the Young Liberals including the web page, correspondence and advertising.
 - b) Ensure the safe custody of the minute book, records and correspondence of the Young Liberals, ensure that accurate minutes are kept of all meetings of the officers, executive and general membership and ensure that agendas are prepared and proper notice is given for each meeting.
 - c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President of the executive.

SECTION 5: MEETINGS

An Annual Meeting of the Young Liberals shall be held where practical annually but in any event at least every eighteen months at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive, unless the Executive decides to postpone the Annual Meeting as the result of a Provincial or Federal Election or By-Election. At least seven days' notice, by regular mail, shall be given to persons on the mailing list of the Young Liberals and to the office of the Young Liberals of Canada.

1. The Executive shall meet monthly. A quorum shall constitute ten (10) Young Liberals provided five (5) are officers of the Executive.
2. Elections for President and each of the Vice-Presidents shall be held at the Annual General Meeting.
3. Elections shall be held by secret ballot.
4. Every regular member of the Young Liberals shall be entitled to vote at any Annual General Meeting provided the person has been a regular member for at least seventy-two hours prior to the Annual General Meeting or who held a membership in the previous calendar year and renewed it prior to the start time of the Annual General Meeting.
5. Annual General Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. In the case of conflict between this constitution and Robert's Rules of Order, this constitution will prevail.

SECTION 6: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

The Executive may, after written notice to the person affected and after providing him or her with an opportunity for a hearing, by a two-thirds vote of the Executive present at a meeting, for cause, dismiss any member of the Executive of the Young Liberals. Cause shall include but not be limited to the following:

- a) Neglect of duty in such a way as to be detrimental to the interest of the Young Liberals;
- b) Disregard for the guidelines and rules set down in this constitution or in the constitution and by-laws of the Young Liberals of Canada.

SECTION 7: SIGNING AUTHORITY

The signing officers of the Young Liberals shall be the President and the Vice-President-Finance.

SECTION 8: AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at the Annual General Meeting provided that notice of the proposed amendments, signed by two regular members of the Young Liberals has been given, in writing, to the President of the Young Liberals at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.