

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
NATIONAL WOMEN'S LIBERAL COMMISSION**

(As amended at the NWLC Biennial Meeting January 13, 2012)

BIENNIAL 2014 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The following are proposed amendments to the constitution of the NWLC. The proposed amendments are presented as they pertain to each section of the NWLC constitution for easy reference against the full constitution.

The rationale for the proposed amendments can be categorized as follows:

a) clerical changes and minor additions for clarity and clarification purposes:

Article 1.04a v; Article 2.01; Article 3.01, 3.02; Article 4.01f & k, 4.02d, 4.04, 4.06f, 4.07a; Article 6.01g, 6.04; Article 8.01, Article 9.02b, 9.03c, 9.05, Article 10.01a, 10.03, 10.04b, 10.06; Article 11.01b & c; Article 12.03-12.05

b) complete addition of sections for clarity and interpretation purposes:

Article 14 (Definitions); Appendix 1 (Revision); Appendix 2 (JLM Fund)

c) process and procedures:

Article 4.06, 4.07; Article 5.01-5.03, 5.05; Article 6.01c; Article 9.03c v, 9.04d; Article 13.01

1. **Role and Purpose of the National Women's Liberal Commission**

1.04 The NWLC shall:

a. *within LPC:*

v. assist with the establishment of Women's clubs;

2. **Membership**

2.01 The NWLC is open to women ... who (omit all ages)

3 **Judy LaMarsh Fund**

3.01 The NWLC is responsible to prepare fundraising plans for the Judy LaMarsh Fund in consultation with the Chief Revenue Officer and manage and supervise the management of the implementation of those plans.

3.02 The Judy LaMarsh Fund mandate is, but not limited to, the creation of financial support of nominated women LPC candidates as per Appendix 2

4 **National Executive and Table Officers**

4.01

f. (omit) – duplicate of “e”;

k. the staff support of the NWLC.

4.02

d. the staff support of the NWLC (non-voting).

4.04 Executive members are not expected to hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms, but may by choice or if circumstances require it. This provision does not apply to presidents of provincial/ territorial women's associations or presidents of clubs as per Article 4.01c

4.06 Within two (2) months of a biennial meeting of the NWLC, the president will appoint from the vice presidents in consultation with the other table officers as required based on Article 5.01

OR

Within two (2) months of a biennial meeting of the NWLC, the president will seek candidates amongst the table officers and the vice-presidents as required based on Article 5.01:

f. ~~delete [as repeated below in 4.07]~~

4.07 Within two (2) months of a biennial meeting of the NWLC, the president will [appoint] seek nomination, from the executive or from the NWLC membership

a. Judy LaMarsh Fund Chair ~~or Vice-Chairs~~

5 Standing Committees

5.01 Within two (2) months following a biennial meeting of the NWLC, the Executive [will] should strike the following standing committees:

Where necessary and practical, members for the above committees will be [appointed] selected from among the Executive. However, committee chairs may [appoint] select additional members from among NWLC membership.

5.02 The President in consultation with the regional vice presidents may establish other committees as she may determine to be appropriate from time to time and may [appoint] seek the nomination of a chair and members of such committee and determine its duties at any meeting.

5.03 The President in consultation with the regional vice presidents may at any time dissolve any ad hoc committee.

5.05 [Except as otherwise provided, the President may appoint NWLC members to any committee and following such appointment and subject to any contrary determination of the President, such person shall be entitled to vote at meetings of such committees] **Delete entire section**

6 Responsibilities of NWLC Executive Officers

6.01 President

c. be the official representative of the NWLC to the National Executive of the Liberal Party of Canada and delegate on a rotating basis pre-determined at the first meeting after the Biennial her representative among the vice presidents when she is unable to attend;

g. represent the NWLC and the Party at chosen international events/organizations/conferences

6.04 Committee chairs

a. Finance Committee chair

~~iv. receive regular reports of the Judy LaMarsh Fund.~~

b. Communications chair

ii. assist with all [publications] communications such as publications, social media and the website of the NWLC; and

iii. establish communication links with NWLC member organizations as well as with the Party structure and other women organizations.

iv. Coordinate, in conjunction with the Party staff, translation

c. Organization Committee chair

ii. provide organizational information and advice to the provincial and territorial women's associations / commissions and or clubs

d. Policy Committee chair

iv. represent the NWLC on the Liberal Party of Canada National Policy and Election Platform (NPEP) Committee.

v. Develop and coordinate a prioritization process for policy proposals for and of the NWLC Executive

e. Constitutional Committee chair

iii. present proposed amendments of the NWLC constitution and amendments to the LPC constitution as per the requirements of the NWLC and LPC constitutions.

7 Meetings of the NWLC Executive (no change)

8 NWLC Biennial Meetings

8.01 Biennial meetings of all women delegates and alternates will be held at every convention as provided in the Liberal Party of Canada constitution

9 Clubs

9.02

b. provides that any member of the club has the right to receive any of NWLC information and documents, membership services, and notices of general meetings and other activities from the club; the right to attend, speak, and vote

at a general meeting of the club and the right to be elected to any office in the association;

9.03

c. forward the following to the [staff support of the NWLC](#)

v. any affiliation fee [that has been](#) established by the NWLC executive

OR

[v. delete section](#)

9.04

d. any affiliation fee [that has been](#) established by the NWLC executive.

OR

[d. delete section](#)

9.05 The materials listed in [Article 9.02 to 9.04](#) must also be forwarded to the provincial / territorial women's commission / association.

10 Delegates to Biennial Conventions

10.01

a. Be a recognized club in accordance with [Article 9.02 and 9.04](#)

10.03. each club that holds a delegate selection meeting in accordance with [Article 9 and Article 10](#) has the right to send delegates and alternate delegates to a convention.

10.04.

b. has been a member of the Party [as per the LPC constitution requirements.](#)

10.06. [Before the convention each club must hold its delegate selection meeting as per the LPC constitution requirements.](#)

11 **Appeals**

11.01 Appeals relating to:

b. delegate selection from a provincial/territorial Women's Commission to any convention of the Party; (this is an addition to the current section)

| (c). the NWLC's interpretation of its Constitution or the constitution of one of its provincial/territorial women's commissions or Commission Clubs

12 **Amendments to the Constitution**

12.03 Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the President and to the LPC as per the LPC constitution before the general meeting at which they are to be considered.

12.04 The Executive must publish a copy of each proposed amendment to this Constitution that must be submitted to a General Meeting on the public website of the NWLC twenty (20) days before the convention at which the proposed amendment is to be considered and as per the LPC constitution .

12.05. So long as notice is provided in accordance with Article 12.03 and 12.04, amendments to this Constitution may be made with the support of two thirds (2/3) of the women delegates in attendance at the NWLC general meeting.

13 **Official Languages**

13.01 All official documents of the NWLC produced for the public shall be produced in English and French and both languages shall be considered equally binding and authentic. Interpretation shall be provided at NWLC meetings, if possible, and at conventions.

14. Definitions:

In this Constitution, the following words have the meanings indicated:

"Club" means a group established in a particular area, or for a particular focus. The Club may be in an electoral district; cross a geographic region or electoral districts; or focus on a common interest or intent.

"Executive" means the National Executive of the Commission (as defined in this constitution)

"EDA" means a federal electoral district association, formerly referred to as a "Riding"

“Judy LaMarsh Fund” also known as the “Judy Fund”;

“Member in good standing” means a member as defined by the LPC and NWLC constitutions

“NWLC” means the National Women's Liberal Commission;

“LPC” means the Liberal Party of Canada;

The “ Party” means the Liberal Party of Canada

Appendix 1

Revision of the Constitution:

Where revisions to the Constitution are needed due to administrative or time changes of the LPC Constitution, these revisions shall be made automatically to the applicable sections of the NWLC Constitution and not require a vote of the Commission members

Appendix 2

Judy LaMarsh Fund

The Judy LaMarsh Fund mandate is to financially support the women candidates that are running and who are not present or past Members of Parliament. It is fundraising with the concept of collectively donating contributions directly to candidates at the grassroots level — turning small contributions into an imposing fundraising force. The fund is open to non- members who support these candidates, giving them the resources they need to win the close races, expand their majorities, and stand for women and families. The ultimate goal is to elect and support the next generation of women's leadership. 100% of the funds contribution to candidates goes directly to the campaign.