

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

1. ESTABLISHMENT

- 1.1 The Provincial Board of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party (hereinafter the Board) shall establish a Standing Committee on Policy Development (hereinafter the Committee) consisting of the Policy Chair and at least 4 other committee members, one of whom shall be a member of the provincial caucus, as appointed by the Board. The Board will strive for regional representation from throughout the province. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of two (2) years.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The duties of the committee shall be but are not limited to:
- (a) engaging the Electoral District Association (hereinafter EDA) and their members of policy participation opportunities
 - (b) presenting or delivering workshops on policy development
 - (c) selection of Policy resolutions for presentation to the membership, as outlined below in section 5.

3. POLICY CONFERENCE

- 3.1 The Nova Scotia Liberal Party (hereinafter the NSLP) shall hold a provincial Policy conference at least once in each calendar year. The goals of these annual conferences shall be to stimulate and promote policy development and discussion, amongst the members, within the NSLP. In the event of electoral urgency, this requirement may be waived by resolution of the Board.

4. POLICY RESOLUTIONS

- 4.1 EDAs and commissions shall submit their policy resolutions in accordance with formatting and procedures as set by the committee, at least 45 days prior to the Annual General Meeting (hereinafter the AGM).

Submitted resolutions shall be approved either by the EDA or Commission executive or by a general vote of EDA or commission members. The content of the Resolutions shall be policies that the NSLP is urging current and or future Nova Scotia Liberal governments to adopt as government policy.

- 4.2 The Committee shall select, from the Resolutions it receives, up to 15 Resolutions to present to the membership of the NSLP at the upcoming AGM of the NSLP (said Resolutions to be hereinafter referred to as the AGM Resolutions). In selecting AGM Resolutions, the Committee shall do the following:
- (a) At its discretion, blend any resolutions that have similar operative clauses – after obtaining the consent of all affected resolution sponsors.
 - (b) Inform all NSLP members of all submitted Resolutions for review, except Resolutions deemed inappropriate because of their format, jurisdiction, or procedure, by the Committee;
 - (c) solicit and review the opinions of members of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party as to which Resolutions should be AGM Resolutions;
 - (d) ensure at least one of the AGM Resolutions is from each one of the Commissions and strive for regional representation amongst the remaining resolutions;
 - (e) post the AGM Resolutions for review by the membership of the NSLP at least 15 days prior to the upcoming AGM of the NSLP.

5. POLICY RESOLUTION SESSION

- 5.1 Each AGM of the NSLP shall have a Policy Resolution session (hereinafter the Policy Session) at which the AGM Resolutions for that AGM shall be discussed and voted on by the members of the NSLP. The Committee shall determine the procedure for discussion and voting at the Policy Session.
- 5.2 All AGM Resolutions supported by a majority of NSLP members participating in a Policy Session shall become official policies of the NSLP for a period of five (5) years from the date of their adoption (hereinafter the Adopted Policies).
- 5.3 The Committee shall post for all members of the NSLP to review all of the Adopted Policies.
- 5.4 The Committee shall, prior to each AGM, request from the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly a response as to how the Nova Scotia Liberal Caucus is advocating for and or implementing the Adopted Policies.