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# CHAPTER 1

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## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### ARTICLE R-1

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With the exception of acquired rights, all Quebec Liberal Party regulations in force on the date the present Bylaws are adopted are hereby repealed.

### ARTICLE R-2

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Unless otherwise specified in the text, in these Bylaws,

- a) “Leader” means the Leader of the Quebec Liberal Party;
- b) “General Council” means the General Council of the Quebec Liberal Party;
- c) “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Quebec Liberal Party;
- d) “Member” means a member in good standing of the Quebec Liberal Party;
- e) “Authorized member” means the member of an electoral district association who, alone, has been authorized by resolution of the electoral district association’s Executive Committee to exercise the duties set out in articles R-6, R-8 and R-13;
- f) “Party” means the Quebec Liberal Party;
- g) “Resolution” means a resolution adopted by a simple majority of votes;
- h) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Quebec Liberal Party; and
- i) “Secretariat” means the permanent offices of the Quebec Liberal Party in Montréal and Québec City.

### ARTICLE R-3

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In calculating deadlines, the day that marks the starting point is not counted, but the last day is.

### ARTICLE R-4

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The masculine is used to designate either gender unless the context indicates otherwise.

### ARTICLE R-5

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The singular form extends to several people or things of the same kind, where the context lends itself to such extension.

# CHAPTER 2

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# MEMBERS

## SECTION 1 MEMBERSHIP

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### ARTICLE R-6 PROCEDURE

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Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, anyone who wishes to become a member must complete and sign a print or electronic copy of the membership application form provided by the Party, and send it, with the required fee, to the secretary of the electoral district association or to the member authorized by the association's Executive Committee, which shall immediately forward it with the membership fee to the Secretariat. The prospective member may alternatively send the membership application directly to the Secretariat, which will immediately notify the secretary of the electoral district association or the authorized member.

### ARTICLE R-7 NON-RESIDENTS

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The number of non-resident members of an electoral district association must not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total number of members in that riding.

### ARTICLE R-8 ISSUING OF THE CARD

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The prospective member may submit a membership application to the secretary of the association or to the Secretary of the Party. In either case, the application is deemed to have been received on the date it was received by the Secretary of the Party.

If the application is sent by mail, the postmark date is deemed to be the date the membership application is received by the Party's Secretariat. If the application is delivered, the date initialled by an employee of the Secretariat is deemed to be the date of delivery. If the application is sent electronically, it is considered to have been received on the date noted on the message confirming receipt of the application sent to the prospective member.

The prospective member is submitted to a waiting and processing period of twenty (20) days. During this period, the Executive Committee of the association, having been duly advised by the Secretary of the Party that an application for membership has been received, must advise the Secretary of the Party in writing of any objection to admitting the applicant as a member. If, by the end of the twenty-day waiting and processing period, the Executive Committee has no objections, the Secretary of the Party shall issue the card. The Secretary of the Party may also inform the Executive Committee of reasons to object to the prospective member's admission.

The applicant is considered to be a member in good standing of the electoral district association as of the date the application is received by the Secretary of the Party, unless the Executive Committee of the association or the Party Secretary has objected to the applicant's admission as a member during the twenty days provided for this purpose. In such cases, the Executive Committee of the Party, after consultation with the Executive Committee of the electoral district association and after having given the applicant the opportunity to make a statement, shall accept or reject the application. The decision by the Executive Committee of the Party is final and cannot be appealed.

## **ARTICLE R-9 FEES**

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The basic fee and its distribution are determined by the General Council; a member can pay their fee for one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) or five (5) years from the date of its issuance.

The Executive Council may establish one or many different basic fee categories and determine the conditions therein.

## **ARTICLE R-10 RESIGNATION**

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A member may resign from the association by notifying the Secretary of the Party or the secretary of the electoral district association.

## **ARTICLE R-11 SUSPENSION AND APPEAL PROCEDURE**

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Following a hearing, the Executive Committee of the electoral district association may suspend a member for cause, especially, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, when the member has breached the Party's Code of Ethics and Conduct. The Executive Committee of the electoral district association must give the member the opportunity to make a statement. Suspension may take effect immediately. The secretary of the electoral district association shall notify the member and the Secretary of the Party, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of suspension. The member may appeal the decision with the Executive Committee of the Party, whose decision, after consulting with the Executive Committee of the electoral district association, is final.

A written appeal must be filed with the Secretary of the Party within forty-five (45) days of the date of the decision of the Executive Committee of the electoral association.

## **ARTICLE R-12 DISMISSAL**

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The Executive Committee of the Party may dismiss a member for cause, especially, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, if the member has breached the Party's Code of Ethics and Conduct. The Executive Committee of the electoral district association must give the member the opportunity to make a statement. The dismissal takes effect immediately; it is final and cannot be appealed.

## **SECTION 2 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

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### **ARTICLE R-13 RENEWAL**

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At least thirty (30) days before the expiry date of a member's card, the President or Secretary shall send the member a renewal notice by email. At least fifteen (15) days before the expiry date of a member's card, the President or Secretary shall send the member a renewal notice by mail.

On or about June 1 and December 1 of every year, the Secretary shall send the electoral district associations a list of members whose membership cards will expire in the six (6) months that follow the month in which the list is sent, i.e., between July 1 and December 31 for the June 1 list, and between January 1 and June 30 for the December 1 list.

In order to retain their rights, members must return their duly completed renewal applications and fees to the Secretary of the Party or to the electoral district association secretary, before their membership expiry date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, members who renew their membership and pay the fee within ninety (90) days of their card's expiry date recover their rights, with the exception of the right to vote for a Leader if the fee is not paid more than nineteen (19) days before the electoral period preceding the selection of a Leader.

## **CHAPTER 3**

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# **LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS**

### **ARTICLE R-14 VOTING**

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The election takes place in the manner determined by the Executive Committee, after consultation with the Management Committee. The Executive Committee appoints a Returning Officer, who sets the rules that govern the leadership election and submits them to the Executive Committee to be ratified.

### **ARTICLE R-15 ELIGIBILITY**

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All members in good standing are deemed eligible to vote in the leadership election. Except for non-resident members, all members must vote in the electoral district of the association to which they belong. Non-resident members must vote in the riding where they qualify or would qualify as a voter under the Election Act.

**ARTICLE R-15.1 POINTS SYSTEM**

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The Leader of the Party is elected by popular vote according to a points system. A total of 375,000 points is awarded and allocated according to weighting formulas for each riding and age group, as described in articles R-16 and R-17 below, i.e. (i) 250,000 points for all of the ridings and (ii) 125,000 points for votes by members aged twenty-five (25) and under.

**ARTICLE R-16 WEIGHTING FORMULA BY RIDING**

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Each riding is awarded two thousand (2,000) points, which are allocated to the leadership candidates based on the percentage of votes from the riding's members who are twenty-six (26) years of age and over.

**ARTICLE R-17 WEIGHTING FORMULA BY AGE GROUP**

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A total of 125,000 points is awarded for votes by members who are twenty-five (25) years of age and under, regardless of their riding, and is allocated to the leadership candidates according to the percentage of votes received from members who are twenty-five years of age and under.

**CHAPTER 4**

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**GENERAL MEETINGS  
OF THE MEMBERS**

**SECTION 1 CONVENTIONS**

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**ARTICLE R-18 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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The Party's Executive Committee appoints the Committee responsible for organizing the Convention and establishes its mandate.

The Committee responsible for organizing the Convention forms the required number of subcommittees and adopts the rules needed for the Convention to run smoothly, which take effect following their ratification, with or without amendments, by the Party's Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE R-19 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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The Secretary mails a notice of meeting to all delegates, giving the date, time and location of the meeting.

The name of an elected delegate must be sent to the Secretary by the secretary of the electoral district association at least twenty (20) days before the date of the Convention.

**ARTICLE R-20 CHAIR**

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The Party's Executive Committee appoints the Chair of the Convention.

**ARTICLE R-21 QUORUM**

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The quorum is formed by the presence of one quarter of the members registered for the Convention.

For the adoption of amendments to the Constitution, the quorum is formed by the presence of one quarter of the delegates.

**ARTICLE R-22 VOTING**

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Voting is conducted by a show of hands, or, if three quarters of the members in attendance prefer, by secret ballot. Matters being voted on are decided by a simple majority of votes cast by the members in attendance, except for a proposal to suspend rules, which must be accepted by one hundred percent (100%) of the members in attendance.

**ARTICLE R-23 RESOLUTIONS**

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Only those resolutions reaching the National Policy Commission thirty (30) days before the opening of the Convention will be considered. The National Policy Commission determines the order in which resolutions are presented to the delegates; it must prioritize those that come from a regional policy committee or an electoral district association.

To be admissible, a resolution must address only one subject.

The motions for resolutions must be sent to the delegates at least seven (7) days before the Convention begins.

**SECTION 2 DELEGATE SELECTION**

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**ARTICLE R-24 DELEGATE SELECTION MEETING**

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The Organizing Committee is responsible for organizing the meetings of the members of electoral district associations to select delegates.

The Committee determines the date, time and location of the meetings.

## **ARTICLE R-25 RETURNING OFFICER, SECRETARY AND ELECTION OFFICERS**

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The Committee appoints a Returning Officer for each meeting. The Returning Officer presides over the meeting.

The Returning Officer appoints the meeting secretary, deputy Returning Officers, secretaries and other all other people required to properly conduct the meeting and the vote.

## **ARTICLE R-26 NOMINATIONS**

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At a meeting of the members of an electoral district association in which delegate selection is to take place, eligible members who so wish may submit their applications to become prospective delegates to the Returning Officer and must confirm that they will attend the Convention.

If members wishing to submit an application to become a prospective delegate are absent, they may submit the application by filling out the form provided by the Organizing Committee, which must be given to the Returning Officer by a member in attendance at the meeting of the members of the electoral district association in which delegate selection is to take place.

The Returning Officer must accept all applications and refuse any proposal aiming to limit such nominations.

## **ARTICLE R-27 LIST**

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Throughout the meeting, the names of all prospective delegates in each category are added to numbered lists by category.

A copy of these lists is posted in each voting booth.

## **ARTICLE R-28 VOTING PROCEDURE**

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If there are more prospective delegates than positions to fill, the Returning Officer proceeds with a vote by ballot. The members at the meeting then vote to elect delegates to fill all of the vacancies.

Only members may vote. Upon presentation of their membership card or identification, they shall receive an official ballot provided by the Organizing Committee and initialled by the deputy Returning Officer.

Members vote for as many prospective delegates as there are positions to fill in each of the categories. To vote, members write the number on the ballot that corresponds to the prospective delegate for whom they wish to vote.

The prospective delegates who receive the most votes in each category are declared elected.

## **SECTION 3 ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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### **ARTICLE R-29 RETURNING OFFICER**

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The Convention Organizing Committee appoints the Returning Officer for the election of members to elected positions on the Management Committee in accordance with Article 32 of the Constitution.

### **ARTICLE R-30 MANDATE**

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The Returning Officer is responsible for applying the Constitution and these Bylaws. The Returning Officer's decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

### **ARTICLE R-31 DIRECTIVES**

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The Returning Officer may issue directives related to the interpretation and application of the Constitution and these Bylaws.

The Returning Officer may impose appropriate penalties against contraventions; the Returning Officer's decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

### **ARTICLE R-32 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS**

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The provisions outlined in articles R-102, R-104, R-105, R-106, R-107, R-108, R-109, R-111, R-112, R-113, R-114, R-115, R-116, R-117 and R-118 apply, with the necessary modifications.

### **ARTICLE R-33 CREDENTIALS**

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The Returning Officer may form a committee made up of three (3) members to settle any matters relating to delegates' credentials.

Candidates may appoint, in writing, a member to represent them before the Credentials Committee.

The Returning Officer has the final decision with respect to a delegate's right to vote.

In the event of a tie, another vote is carried out with a ballot that includes only those who originally obtained the same number of votes.

If the result remains the same, the Returning Officer must vote to break the tie.

## **SECTION 4 RESOLUTIONS**

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### **ARTICLE R-34 AGENDA**

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The Executive Committee of the Party establishes the agenda for the Convention. It can only be changed by the vote of three quarters of the members in attendance.



**ARTICLE R-35 RESOLUTIONS**

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The proposer of a resolution has four (4) minutes to present it. Every other speaker is limited to two (2) minutes. These time periods may be changed by the vote of two thirds of the members in attendance.

The Chair may limit the number of speakers. The order of presentation of the resolutions may be amended only by the vote of two thirds of the members in attendance.

Resolutions that could not be discussed are referred to the General Council and are to be dealt with as soon as possible.

**ARTICLE R-36 AMENDMENTS**

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To be admissible, an amendment to a proposal, including, in particular, a proposal to amend the Constitution, must not alter its basic meaning.

The Chair shall decide on the admissibility of an amendment. The Chair’s decision is final and cannot be appealed.

**CHAPTER 5**

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**ELECTORAL DISTRICT  
ASSOCIATIONS**

**ARTICLE R-37 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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Unless the context indicates otherwise, in this Chapter,

- (a) “Association” means the Quebec Liberal Party Association of an electoral district;
- (b) “Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of an association;
- (c) “Member” means a resident or non-resident member of an association; and
- (d) “Secretary” means the Secretary of an association.

## **SECTION 1 GENERAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

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### **ARTICLE R-38 DATE AND LOCATION**

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The annual meeting of members is held at a location and on a date set by the Executive Committee of the Association.

### **ARTICLE R-39 SPECIAL MEETING**

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The Executive Committee of the Association, the Executive Committee of the Party, or fifty (50) members of the Association may call a special general meeting of the members at a time and location of its or their choosing.

### **ARTICLE R-40 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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At least fifteen (15) days before the date set for the meeting, the Secretary or any other person authorized by the Association's Executive Committee shall send, by email or mail, a notice of meeting giving the date, time, and location of the meeting. In an emergency, the time period may be reduced to seven (7) days.

The Association's Executive Committee may establish another method of notifying the members.

### **ARTICLE R-41 QUORUM**

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The members in attendance form the quorum.

### **ARTICLE R-42 RIGHT TO SPEAK AND VOTE**

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Any member in attendance has the right to speak and vote. Votes by proxy are not valid.

### **ARTICLE R-43 VOTING**

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Voting is conducted by a show of hands, or, if three quarters of the members in attendance prefer, by secret ballot.

## **SECTION 2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

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### **ARTICLE R-44 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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A member in good standing twenty (20) days before the official date set for the meeting is eligible to become a member of the Executive Committee of the Association, and may perform such duties and vote at the meeting.

Members eligible to become members of the Executive Committee of an electoral district

association may seek to fill the position of “Cultural Communities Representative,” where applicable, if they identify themselves in writing as members of a cultural community and are accepted as such by the Cultural Communities Committee. In order to be eligible for the position, the prospective candidates must have identified themselves and been accepted, as described above, before the end of the nominations period in the electoral district concerned.

#### **ARTICLE R-45 ELECTION PROCEDURE**

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The procedure for electing members of the Executive Committee of an Association is governed by the provisions in Chapter 7, with the necessary modifications, except that to be eligible for election, a member must be in good standing twenty (20) days before the official date set for the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE R-46 TERM OF OFFICE**

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Members elected to the Executive Committee of an Association enter into their duties at the end of the meeting during which they are elected, and remain in office until the next election meeting or until they are replaced by a successor, unless, in the interim, they have been removed under the provisions of these Bylaws, have resigned, or no longer qualify.

The mandate of elected Executive Committee members ends if they fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the Committee after having been duly notified of the meetings and without having been excused ahead of time.

The mandate of an elected Executive Committee member is suspended until the next nomination meeting if the member participates in a prospective official candidate’s campaign for nomination to the member’s Association, or if the member enters the race as an prospective official candidate.

#### **ARTICLE R-47 RESIGNATION—VACANCIES**

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Members of an Association’s Executive Committee who wish to resign from their position must submit their resignation in writing to the Association’s Executive Committee; the resignation takes effect when the Association’s Executive Committee accepts the resignation by resolution.

If a vacancy occurs on the Association’s Executive Committee, the Executive Committee decides how to fill it.

#### **ARTICLE R-48 NUMBER OF MEETINGS**

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The Executive Committee meets at least five times per year and at least every two months, except during the summer months, from July 1 to September 1.

#### **ARTICLE R-49 QUORUM**

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The quorum for the Executive Committee is fifty percent (50%) plus one member.

**ARTICLE R-50 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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At the request of the President or of five (5) members of the Executive Committee, the Secretary calls meetings of the Executive Committee.

The notice of meeting must be in written form, but may be sent by email. It must be sent at least two (2) full days prior to the date of the meeting.

**ARTICLE R-51 NON-RECEIPT OF NOTICE OF MEETING**

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The fact that a member did not receive a notice of meeting, or was not sent such a notice due to an error, does not invalidate any action taken or any resolution adopted at the meeting.

**ARTICLE R-52 VOTING**

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Matters to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of votes; each member of the Committee, including the President, has only one vote. The President does not have a deciding vote.

**ARTICLE R-53 MINUTES**

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The Executive Committee must keep minutes of the proceedings for each one of its meetings and must send a certified copy to the Party's Secretariat within ten (10) days of the adoption of the minutes.

**SECTION 3 PLACING AN ASSOCIATION UNDER TRUSTEESHIP**

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**ARTICLE R-54 INVESTIGATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY**

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The Executive Committee of the Party may, on its own initiative, and must, upon request of the Executive Committee of the Association or fifty (50) members in good standing of the concerned Association, conduct an investigation of any aspect of the Association's administration.

**ARTICLE R-55 INVESTIGATION**

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If the Executive Committee of the Party concludes it is appropriate, it shall conduct an investigation. Notice shall be given to the Association's Executive Committee or to the petitioners, if applicable.

**ARTICLE R-56 TRUSTEESHIP**

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The Executive Committee of the Party may place an Association under its control when,

- (a) following an investigation, it concludes that this measure is essential to its proper functioning; or
- (b) the Association's Executive Committee is incapable of managing the Association's affairs, and it is in the Party's best interest to correct the situation.

**ARTICLE R-57 DECREE**

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The Secretary shall advise the Executive Committee of the Association in writing of the decision of the Executive Committee of the Party, stating the effective date of the decree, the name of the trustee, and the trustee's mandate.

**ARTICLE R-58 ADMINISTRATION OF AN ASSOCIATION UNDER TRUSTEESHIP**

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As of the date of the decree, the Executive Committee of the Party exercises all powers accorded to the Executive Committee of the Association by the Party Constitution, the Party Bylaws and its own regulations.

In particular, it may order a vote to fill a vacancy on the Association's Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE R-59 REPEALING THE DECREE**

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When the Executive Committee of the Party is satisfied that an Association no longer needs to be under its control, it renders such a decision, and the Secretary informs the Association's Executive Committee.

**CHAPTER 6**

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**GENERAL COUNCIL,  
EXPANDED GENERAL COUNCIL,  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
THE PARTY AND MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1 GENERAL COUNCIL AND EXPANDED GENERAL COUNCIL**

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**ARTICLE R-60 TERM OF OFFICE**

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A member of the General Council or a member of the Expanded General Council ceases to be in office when the member no longer possesses the qualifications required by the Constitution.

The Party's Executive Committee can issue a decree ordering that an Expanded General Council meeting be held to include members of the General Council as well as delegates from

each electoral district association, with gender parity; the total number of delegates will be included in the decree.

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#### **ARTICLE R-61 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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At least thirty (30) days before the date set for the meeting, the Secretary shall send, by mail or email, a notice of meeting to all members of the General Council or of the Expanded General Council, which states the date, time and location of the meeting. In an emergency, the time period may be reduced by the Executive Committee of the Party.

The fact that a member did not receive notice of the meeting, or was not notified due to an error, does not invalidate any action taken or any regulation or resolution adopted at the meeting.

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#### **ARTICLE R-62 CHAIR**

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The meeting is presided over by one or more people chosen by the Organizing Committee of the General Council or of the Expanded General Council.

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#### **ARTICLE R-63 QUORUM**

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The quorum is twenty-five percent (25%) of the registered members present at a General Council or Expanded General Council meeting. One exception applies: if one or several workshops are held concurrently with the plenary session, the quorum for the plenary session is ten percent (10%) of the registered members present at the General Council or Expanded General Council meeting.

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#### **ARTICLE R-64 RIGHT TO SPEAK AND VOTE**

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All members of the General Council or Expanded General Council have the right to speak and vote. Votes by proxy are not valid.

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#### **ARTICLE R-65 VOTING**

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Voting is conducted by a show of hands, or, if three quarters of the members of the General Council or Expanded General Council prefer, by secret ballot. Matters being voted on are to be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast by the members of the General Council or Expanded General Council who are present, except for a suspension of rules, which must be accepted by one hundred percent (100%) of the members of the General Council or Expanded General Council who are present.

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#### **ARTICLE R-66 AGENDA**

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The agenda of the General Council or Expanded General Council is established by the Executive Committee of the Party. Upon receiving a request at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the start of the General Council or Expanded General Council meeting, the Organizing Committee must plan to allow a reasonable period of time during which a member of the General Council or Expanded General Council may raise a subject of the member's choosing.

## **ARTICLE R-67 RESOLUTIONS**

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Only those resolutions reaching the National Policy Committee thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting will be considered. These resolutions must be sent by email or by other electronic means seven (7) days before the start of the meeting to the members of the General Council or Expanded General Council who are registered at that date. The National Policy Committee determines the order in which resolutions are presented to the members of the General Council or Expanded General Council. It must give priority to resolutions that relate to the theme of the Convention and to resolutions from a regional policy committee or electoral district association.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, with the consent of two thirds of the members present, a member of the General Council or Expanded General Council may, even orally, propose an urgent resolution.

To be admissible, a resolution must address only one subject.

## **SECTION 2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY**

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### **ARTICLE R-68 ELIGIBILITY**

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Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, all members are eligible to be members of the Executive Committee and may perform such duties.

### **ARTICLE R-69 ELECTION**

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Outgoing members are eligible for re-election.

### **ARTICLE R-70 TERM OF OFFICE**

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Members elected to the Executive Committee begin their duties at the end of the meeting during which they were elected, and remain in office until the next Convention or until they are replaced by a successor, unless, in the interim, they have resigned or no longer qualify.

### **ARTICLE R-71 RESIGNATION**

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Members of the Executive Committee who wish to resign from their position must submit their resignation in writing to the Executive Committee; the resignation takes effect when the Executive Committee accepts it.

Under this article, members of the Executive Committee of the Party who cease to qualify for their position must submit their resignation in writing to the Executive Committee.

### **ARTICLE R-72 VACANCIES**

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Should a vacancy arise on the Executive Committee for any reason, it may be filled by the remaining members of the Executive Committee, by resolution, for the balance of the unexpired term for which the outgoing member was elected or appointed.

If the vacancy occurs in one of the five positions of the Management Committee, it is filled by

the Management Committee.

If the vacancy occurs among elected members referred to in item (a) of paragraph 1 of Article 32 of the Constitution, it is filled in accordance with Article 47 of the Constitution.

If the vacancy occurs among appointed members, it is filled by the Executive Committee based on the recommendation of the Governance and Human Resources Committee, in accordance with Article 41 of the Constitution.

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**ARTICLE R-73 LOCATION OF MEETINGS**

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Meetings of the Executive Committee are held at the Party's Secretariat or at any other location periodically chosen by the Executive Committee.

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**ARTICLE R-74 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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At least seven (7) days before the date set for the meeting, the Secretary shall send, by mail or email, a notice of meeting to all members of the Executive Committee, giving the date, time and location of the meeting. In an emergency, the time period may be reduced, and the notice may be given by telephone or any other means of reaching the members of the Executive Committee.

The fact that a member did not receive notice of the meeting, or was not notified due to an error, does not invalidate any action taken or resolution adopted at the meeting.

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**ARTICLE R-75 CHAIR**

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The President of the Party shall chair the meeting. In the event of absence or incapacity, the President shall be replaced by the Vice-President.

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**ARTICLE R-76 QUORUM**

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The quorum is seven (7) members with the right to vote.

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**SECTION 3 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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**ARTICLE R-77 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS**

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The provisions of Section 2 that relate to the Executive Committee of the Party apply to the Management Committee, with the necessary modifications.



## **SECTION 4 PRESIDENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL**

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### **ARTICLE R-78 DATE AND LOCATION OF THE ELECTION**

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In accordance with Article 57 of the Constitution, the Executive Committee sets the date and the location of the meeting to elect the Presidents of the Regional Councils listed in Annex R-78 of these Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE R-79 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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The Executive Committee appoints an Organizing Committee composed of at least three (3) members and appoints its Chair.

### **ARTICLE R-80 ELECTION OFFICERS**

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The Organizing Committee appoints an appropriate number of election officers to ensure that the meeting and vote are properly conducted. The Returning Officer is responsible for holding the vote.

### **ARTICLE R-81 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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The Secretary of the Party notifies the electoral district association Presidents of the meeting by the method determined by the Organizing Committee.

### **ARTICLE R-82 NOMINATION PAPERS**

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Nomination papers are completed using the form issued for this purpose by the Returning Officer.

The nomination papers must be signed by the candidate in the presence of a witness.

### **ARTICLE R-83 DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS**

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The nomination papers must be submitted to the Returning Officer, or the delegate of the Returning Officer, at the place, date and time set by the Organizing Committee.

The deadline to submit the nomination papers must be set at least fifteen (15) days before the last day of the voting period that has been set to elect the President of the Regional Council.

Nomination papers will not be accepted after the deadline has passed.

### **ARTICLE R-84 ADMISSIBILITY**

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As soon as the nomination papers are submitted, the Returning Officer immediately rules on their admissibility and advises the candidate of the decision.

In the event of inadmissibility, the Returning Officer shall inform the candidate in writing of the reasons for the decision and return the nomination papers.

## **ARTICLE R-85 PUBLICATION**

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The Returning Officer shall make the name of a candidate public as soon as the candidate's nomination papers have been accepted.

## **ARTICLE R-86 ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION**

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If only one candidate has submitted nomination papers by the deadline, the Returning Officer must declare the candidate elected.

## **ARTICLE R-87 WITHDRAWAL**

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A candidate may withdraw at any time.

A candidate's withdrawal must be written and given or sent to the Returning Officer.

If, after the withdrawal, only one candidate remains, the Returning Officer must declare the candidate elected.

## **ARTICLE R-88 VOTE**

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If more than one candidate submits nomination papers, a vote must be conducted.

## **ARTICLE R-89 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS**

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The provisions of the Election Act that relate to the vote apply, with the necessary modifications.

## **ARTICLE R-90 RIGHT TO VOTE**

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Only the electoral district association Presidents of a given region may vote for candidates for the position of Regional Council President in that region.

Presidents who have reason to believe they will not be present at the location of the vote on the day of the vote may vote in advance by indicating their choice in a signed letter that is marked confidential and mailed or emailed to the Returning Officer. During the vote, the Returning Officer shall cast a ballot for the candidate indicated in the letter, before the deputy Returning Officer only. The Returning Officer then gives the letter to the deputy Returning Officer, who must immediately destroy the letter without revealing its contents to anyone. In such cases, the Returning Officer votes in the first round of voting only.

## **ARTICLE R-91 ELECTED CANDIDATE**

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The candidate who obtains the absolute majority of the valid votes cast shall be declared elected by the Returning Officer. If no candidate obtains the majority of votes, another round of voting shall be conducted after eliminating the candidate who received the lowest number of votes, and so forth, until a candidate is elected after receiving an absolute majority of votes.

## **ARTICLE R-92 REPORT**

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Within ten (10) days of the election, the Organizing Committee must send a report to the Management Committee about the election, along with a list of the candidates elected.

# CHAPTER 7

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## SELECTION OF AN OFFICIAL CANDIDATE

### SECTION 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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#### ARTICLE R-93 DEFINITIONS

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In this chapter, unless the context indicates otherwise,

- (a) “Nomination Meeting” means the meeting held to select a candidate;
- (b) “Prospective Candidate” means a person who submits nomination papers to run as an official Party candidate;
- (c) “Candidate” means a person whose nomination papers to run as an official Party candidate have been declared valid;
- (d) “Official Candidate” means a person who has been elected—or appointed by the Leader—to represent the Party in a riding where an election is being held;
- (e) “Organizing Committee” means the committee formed to organize a meeting held to select a candidate for the Party in a riding;
- (f) “Member” means a person who is a member of the Party at least twenty (20) days before the official date of the meeting; and
- (G) “Returning Officer” means the person who is appointed by the Organizing Committee to receive nominations and preside over the election of a candidate for a riding.

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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#### ARTICLE R-94 FORMATION

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In preparation for a general election, the executive committee forms a permanent organization committee and appoints its president. This committee's mandate is to organize nomination meetings in each of Quebec's electoral ridings.

In the case of a by-election, a committee is formed especially for the occasion. The articles within this chapter apply, with the necessary adaptations.

However, if the number of members within an electoral riding association is not equivalent to at least three percent (3%) of the total number of electors in that electoral riding at the time of the last provincial election, the leader may select the party's official candidate or determine how and by whom the person will be chosen.

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**ARTICLE R-95 COMPOSITION**

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The organizing committee is composed of at least three (3) permanent members who are appointed by the executive committee. The three permanent members can, on an ad hoc basis, appoint one or many members from the executive committee of the local riding association in question or from the regional committee to which the association belongs.

The permanent members can delegate their duties to a party employee, with the exception of appointing a president of elections.

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**ARTICLE R-96 REPORT**

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In the seven (7) days following the nomination meeting, the committee will report to the party's executive committee using the form adopted by the executive committee, a copy of which is available in Annex R-96 of these regulations.

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**SECTION 3 NOMINATION MEETING**

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**ARTICLE R-97 HOLDING THE MEETING**

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Only the Leader may order that a nomination meeting be held.

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**ARTICLE R-98 ORGANIZATION**

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The Organizing Committee is responsible for organizing the nomination meeting.

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**ARTICLE R-99 DATE AND LOCATION**

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The Committee shall determine the date and location of the nomination meeting. In the event of an emergency, or for a serious reason, the Committee Chair may postpone the nomination meeting to a later date or change its location.

Postponement of the nomination meeting does not give a member the right to vote if the member did not already have it on the official date.

In certain circumstances, such a meeting may be held simultaneously in several locations selected by the Organizing Committee.

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**ARTICLE R-100 NOTICE OF MEETING**

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At the request of the Organizing Committee, the Secretary or any other authorized person shall convene the members according to the method deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

**ARTICLE R-101 RETURNING OFFICER AND ELECTION OFFICERS**

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The Organizing Committee appoints the Returning Officer. It also appoints the appropriate number of election officers to ensure that the meeting and the vote are properly conducted. The Returning Officer is responsible for holding the vote.

**ARTICLE R-102 PUBLICITY**

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On the premises where the nomination meeting is held, all advertising is prohibited, and it is prohibited to distribute manifestos, flyers, texts and any other form of advertising of any kind concerning a candidate to anyone. There may be exceptions to this rule if the candidates and the Organizing Committee Chair come to a unanimous agreement.

**SECTION 4 NOMINATIONS**

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**ARTICLE R-103 ELIGIBILITY**

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A person who is a qualified elector and who can be registered on a list of electors under Quebec’s Election Act is qualified to be an official Party candidate. All prospective candidates authorize the Party to investigate any information deemed relevant concerning them and to keep the documentation collected.

**ARTICLE R-104 NOMINATION PAPERS**

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Nomination papers are completed using the form issued for this purpose by the Committee. The nomination papers must be signed by the candidate in the presence of a witness and by at least fifty (50) members of the electoral district association.

**ARTICLE R-105 DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS**

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The nomination papers must be submitted to the Returning Officer, or the delegate of the Returning Officer, at the place, date and time set by the Committee.

The deadline to submit the nomination papers must be set at least ten (10) days before the official date of the nomination meeting.

In the event of an emergency, the Organizing Committee can reduce this period to five (5) days.

Nomination papers will not be accepted once the deadline has passed.

**ARTICLE R-106 ADMISSIBILITY**

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As soon as the nomination papers are submitted, the Returning Officer immediately rules on their admissibility and advises the candidate of the decision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Organizing Committee may, at any time, declare inadmissible any candidacy it deems inappropriate.

In the event of inadmissibility, the Returning Officer shall inform the prospective candidate in writing of the reasons for the decision and return the nomination papers.

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**ARTICLE R-107 PUBLICATION**

The Returning Officer shall make the name of a candidate public as soon as the candidate's nomination papers have been accepted.

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**ARTICLE R-108 ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION**

If only one candidate has submitted nomination papers by the deadline, the Returning Officer must declare the candidate elected and immediately notify the Leader.

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**ARTICLE R-109 WITHDRAWAL**

A candidate may withdraw at any time.

The withdrawal of a candidate must be written and given or sent to the Returning Officer.

If, after the withdrawal, only one candidate remains, the Returning Officer must declare the candidate elected and immediately notify the Leader.

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**ARTICLE R-110 REJECTION OF A CANDIDATE**

The Leader may, at any time, reject a candidate for cause, after having consulted with the Association's Executive Committee. The Leader shall notify Returning Officer and the person concerned in writing.

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**ARTICLE R-111 LIST OF MEMBERS**

Within seventy-two (72) hours of the vote, or in the case of a withdrawal that results in election, all unelected candidates shall return to the Executive Director of the Party the list(s) of members that they had received and ensure that they and their staff have kept no partial or full copy thereof, in any form whatsoever.

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**SECTION 5 VOTING**

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**ARTICLE R-112 VOTING**

If there is more than one nomination, a vote must be held.

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**ARTICLE R-113 CANDIDATE SPEECHES**

Before the vote begins, each candidate running has the right to speak at the meeting for a period of time determined by the Organizing Committee.

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**ARTICLE R-114 APPLICABLE PROVISIONS**

The provisions of the Election Act that relate to voting procedures apply, with the necessary modifications.

**ARTICLE R-115 RIGHT TO VOTE**

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Only members are permitted to vote. Members who do not reside within the electoral riding must vote in the riding where they are qualified electors. However, all potential candidates have the right to vote at the nomination meeting held in the riding where they present their candidacy.

Upon presentation of the member’s membership card or identification, the member shall receive an official ballot provided by the Organizing Committee and initialled by the deputy Returning Officer.

Immediately after the votes are counted and before the result is announced at the meeting, a candidate or a candidate’s representative may require that the votes be recounted in his or her presence.

**ARTICLE R-116 ELECTED CANDIDATE**

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The candidate who obtains the absolute majority of valid votes cast shall be declared elected by the Returning Officer. If no candidate obtains a majority of votes, another round of voting is held after eliminating the candidate who received the lowest number of votes, and so forth, until a candidate is elected after receiving an absolute majority of votes.

The Organizing Committee may modify this procedure after consulting with the candidates.

**SECTION 6 EXPENSES**

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**ARTICLE R-117 LIMIT**

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Subject to the provisions of the Election Act, the Committee shall determine the maximum amount of expenses that may be incurred by each candidate.

**ARTICLE R-118 CANDIDATE REPORTS**

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Within the time period determined by the Organizing Committee, candidates must submit to the Chair of the Organizing Committee an income and expense report prepared using the form issued by the Organizing Committee for this purpose.

## CHAPITRE 8

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# FINAL PROVISIONS

### **ARTICLE R-119 PROCEDURE FOR DELIBERATIVE MEETINGS**

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The procedure for deliberative meetings of the Party is governed by these Bylaws and by the rules of procedure appearing in the Quebec Liberal Party's manual outlining the procedure for deliberative meetings.

If a matter is not included in the manual, Victor Morin's Procédure des assemblées délibérantes shall apply, with the necessary modifications.

### **ARTICLE R-120 AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION OR REPEAL**

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These Bylaws may be amended, modified or repealed by the Executive Committee of the Party. The resulting new Bylaws enter into force at the moment of their adoption, but must be ratified by the next General Council.

### **ARTICLE R-121 EFFECTIVE DATE**

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These Bylaws enter into force the day they are adopted by the General Council.



## **ANNEX R-78**

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# LIST OF THE REGIONAL COUNCILS

### **1. ABITIBI-TÉMISCAMINGUE (4)**

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Abitibi-Est  
Abitibi-Ouest  
Rouyn-Noranda-Témiscamingue  
Ungava

### **2. BAS SAINT-LAURENT (2)**

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Rimouski  
Rivière-du-Loup-Témiscouata

### **3. CENTRE DU QUÉBEC-BOIS-FRANCS (4)**

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Arthabaska  
Drummond-Bois-Francis  
Nicolet-Bécancour  
Johnson

### **4. CHAUDIÈRE-APPALACHES (7)**

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Beauce-Nord  
Beauce-Sud  
Bellechasse  
Chutes-de-la-Chaudière  
Côte-du-Sud  
Lotbinière-Frontenac  
Lévis

### **5. ESTRIE (7)**

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Brome-Missisquoi  
Granby  
Mégantic  
Orford  
Richmond  
Saint-François  
Sherbrooke

## **6. GASPÉSIE-ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE (4)**

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Bonaventure  
Gaspé  
Îles-de-la-Madeleine  
Matane-Matapédia

## **7. LANAUDIÈRE (7)**

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Berthier  
Joliette  
L'Assomption  
Masson  
Repentigny  
Rousseau  
Terrebonne

## **8. LAURENTIDES (8)**

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Argenteuil  
Bertrand  
Blainville  
Deux-Montagnes  
Groulx  
Labelle  
Mirabel  
Saint-Jérôme

## **9. LAVAL (6)**

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Chomedey  
Fabre  
Laval-des-Rapides  
Mille-Îles  
Ste-Rose  
Vimont

## **10. MAURICIE (5)**

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Champlain  
Lavolette  
Maskinongé  
Saint-Maurice  
Trois-Rivières

## **11. MONTÉRÉGIE-CENTRE (6)**

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La Pinière  
Laporte  
La Prairie  
Marie-Victorin  
Taillon  
Vachon

## **12. MONTÉRÉGIE EST (6)**

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Borduas  
Chambly  
Montarville  
Richelieu  
Saint-Hyacinthe  
Verchères

## **13. MONTÉRÉGIE-OUEST (8)**

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Beauharnois  
Châteauguay  
Huntingdon  
Iberville  
Saint-Jean  
Sanguinet  
Soulanges  
Vaudreuil

## **14. CENTRE DE MONTRÉAL (11)**

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Acadie  
Crémazie  
Gouin  
Laurier-Dorion  
Mercier  
Mont-Royal  
Outremont  
Saint-Henri-Sainte-Anne  
Sainte-Marie-Saint-Jacques  
Verdun  
Westmount-Saint-Louis

## **15. EST DE MONTRÉAL (9)**

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Anjou-Louis-Riel  
Bourassa-Sauvé  
Bourget  
Hochelaga-Maisonneuve  
Jeanne-Mance-Viger  
LaFontaine  
Pointe-aux-Trembles  
Rosemont  
Viau

## **16. OUEST DE MONTRÉAL (8)**

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D'Arcy-McGee  
Jacques-Cartier  
Marguerite-Bourgeoys  
Marquette  
Nelligan  
Notre-Dame-de-Grâce  
Robert-Baldwin  
Saint-Laurent

## **17. OUTAOUAIS (5)**

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Chapleau  
Gatineau  
Hull  
Papineau  
Pontiac

## **18. QUÉBEC (11)**

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Charlesbourg  
Charlevoix-Côte-de-Beaupré  
Chauveau  
Jean-Lesage  
Jean-Talon  
La Peltrie  
Louis-Hébert  
Montmorency  
Portneuf  
Taschereau  
Vanier-Les Rivières

## **19. SAGUENAY-LAC-SAINT-JEAN - CÔTE-NORD (7)**

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Chicoutimi  
Dubuc  
Duplessis  
Jonquière  
Lac-Saint-Jean  
René-Lévesque  
Roberval



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