

2018 Annual General Meeting

Progressive Conservative Association of Nova Scotia

The following Resolutions have been proposed by members in good standing of the Progressive Conservative Association of Nova Scotia, to be adopted at the 2018 Annual General Meeting for of the Progressive Conservative Association of Nova Scotia, pursuant to the Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order as incorporated by the Constitution.

Resolution 1

Proposed by: Charles Paton

Seconded by: Judy Hayman

Constituency: Pictou East

Particulars

Proposed Amendment

Article 12.2 currently reads:

12.2 The Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, formulate the rules and procedures governing the appointment of delegates and the conduct of such convention and appoint a convention chair.

It is proposed that Article 12.2 be amended to read as follows:

12.2 The Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, formulate the rules and procedures governing the conduct of such convention and appoint a convention chair.

The words "the appointment of delegates and" are removed.

Ratio:

This proposed amendment aims to promote consistency within the Party Constitution and to provide the Executive Committee with more flexibility and discretion to formulate rules and procedures with respect to a leadership convention.

Currently Article 12 presupposes that a Leadership Convention will be conducted by a delegated vote and in fact provides the Executive Committee with no authority to conduct a leadership convention outside of the traditional delegated vote. This would mean that even if the majority of the party membership wanted to choose a leader with another voting system, e.g. One Member, One Vote, the Executive Committee would have no authority under the existing Constitution to facilitate such a vote at a Leadership Convention.

The proposed amendment does not advocate for, or bind the Executive Committee in choosing any one system of voting for the Leadership Convention. Deleting the words “the appointment of delegates” allows the Executive Committee full discretion to choose whether the Leadership Convention would be conducted according to a delegated vote or not.

Further, the proposed amendment would be consistent with other Articles within the Party Constitution.

Nowhere else in Article 12 does the word “delegate” appear. The Article does not explicitly contemplate a delegated vote at a leadership convention and the implication that the Leadership Convention must be a delegated vote seems inconsistent with other parts of Article 12, specifically:

12.2A.1 all members of the Association shall be entitled to participate **in at least one stage** of the leadership selection process. (emphasis added)

12.2A.4 the leadership selection process shall be structured to engage new members of the Association and to engage members of the Association across Nova Scotia;

And

12.5 to be eligible to vote at a leadership convention, a person must have been a member for a minimum of 45 days immediately preceding the commencement of the vote.

And

12.7 no less than 75 days prior to the commencement of the leadership vote, the Executive Committee shall cause to be published, in a newspaper of province wide circulation, a notice outlining particulars of the leadership vote, including notice of the final date upon which new memberships may be obtained in order to be eligible to vote pursuant to Article 12.5.

Each of these articles is consistent with a delegated vote process, however, each seem to imply that the Executive can structure the vote in a manner they deem fit, and that notice of that decision would be provided to members of the party, and to Nova Scotians generally.

Specifically, Article 12.2A.4 contemplates that the leadership process will be structured to engage members and new members alike. This implies that the leadership selection process will be a dynamic process and the structure will be changed by the Executive in order to give effect to the principles set out in Article 12.2A.

Finally, the wording in Article 12.2A.1 that all members of the party shall be entitled to participate in “at least one stage” of the leadership selection process simultaneously implies that the leadership convention will be delegated, and that the delegation is subject to change.

In conclusion, it is submitted that the proposed amendment of Article 12.2 does not advocate for any particular leadership selection structure, but rather, gives effect to the intention that the Executive Committee should have full and unfettered discretion to choose all aspects of the Leadership selection process and the conduct of the Leadership convention.

Resolution 2

Proposed by: Andy Smith

Seconded by: Randy Doncaster

Constituency: Colchester Musquodoboit Valley

Particulars

RECITALS

WHEREAS, We consider that a united and strong PC Party is of paramount import;

AND WHEREAS, We consider that motivating and inspiring new and existing members while conserving members' financial resources also of high import;

AND WHEREAS, We consider that the reasonably expedient selection of a new Leader for the PC Party is the best available means of achieving these objectives, and that a prolonged process runs counter to same;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) That the duration of the leadership selection campaign be no longer than eight (8) months.
- 2) That the Executive Committee are urged to prompt action in the matter of setting or amending the duration of the leadership selection, and that the duration be as above Resolved.