

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

of the

PROGRESSIVE  
**Conservative**  
Party of Saskatchewan

*Adopted January 16, 2022*

## 1. NAME

Name of the Party shall be the Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan or such other name that has been approved by the Executive Committee.

## 2. PRINCIPLES

- A) A heritage of freedom based on individual initiative, honour, integrity and moral responsibility, In accordance with the law.
- B) Equal Rights under the law for All without discrimination
- C) A belief in freedom of the individual, including freedom of speech, worship and assembly.
- D) The right to own property
- E) A belief in the value and dignity of all human life.
- F) Social Program Development based on the needs of the residents, not as a means to power.
- G) Government as the servant not the master.
- H) A belief that the protection of the environment is vital and part of our heritage and is to be protected by each generation to come.

## 3. OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY

- A) To assist Constituency Organizations in electing Progressive Conservative Party of Saskatchewan MLAs
- B) To provide an organization which will promote Party policies to all residents of Saskatchewan.
- C) To provide an organization which will assist Party members and residents with a venue to voice concerns to government.
- D) To elect a Progressive Conservative Government in the Province of Saskatchewan, which will Govern in accordance with the principles of the Party.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS

- A) A membership shall be considered viable when the membership application is received by the Provincial Office accompanied with the current membership fee determined by the Provincial Party Executive Committee.
- B) Membership Applicant agrees to abide by the Constitution of the Party.
- C) Membership allows for voting privileges at all Provincial general meetings, Constituency general meetings, Leadership or Candidate Selection at the Provincial or Constituency Organization Level.
- D) Membership allows one to stand for all elected positions within the Provincial or Constituency Organization Structure.
- E) Party members shall not hold a membership in any other Provincial Political Party.
- F) Membership in the Party may be revoked when the members' conduct is perceived to be detrimental to the Party or when conduct of the member is perceived to be counter to the principles and objectives of the Party. Membership revocation can only take place by way of a majority vote of the Past Provincial President, Current Provincial President, the Party leader, The Current Provincial Secretary and the Current Vice-President. Members have the right to appeal their revocation of membership to The Membership Review Committee. The decision of The Membership Review Committee shall be final.
- G) The Membership Review Committee shall be a three-person Committee and be appointed by the Executive within 10 days of the Annual General Meeting. Membership Review Committee members are limited to 4 consecutive years of service on this committee.

## 5. PARTY OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

The Administration of the Party shall be executed by The Executive, which consists of the following (By way of election at the Annual General Meeting for a two-year term by secret ballot)

- A) President
- B) Vice President
- C) Secretary
- D) Treasurer
- E) The Leader of the Party (automatic)
- F) The Immediate Past President (non-elected)
- G) Employees deemed necessary by the Committee (non-voting)
- H) The Chief Official Agent of the Party

The Executive shall meet monthly and have the power to make decisions on all administration matters.

The President and or Secretary may call a Special Session as circumstances dictate.

Quorum for all Executive meetings is considered to be 50% plus one of voting members.

## 6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall assist the Executive in activities of the Party and provide input on topics and issues, the Executive Committee will be required to meet a minimum of four times per year. The Executive Committee also has jurisdiction over by-law development and enactment.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officials;

Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Party Leader, Chief Official Agent, Constituency Presidents, 15 Regional Vice Presidents, Campus Presidents (2), MLAs, and nominated candidates for upcoming by elections or General Election. Also, the Executive Committee can call on Party Staff to attend as non-voting attendees. Further this Committee from time to time may wish to make appointments to the Committee that strengthens its ability to move the Party forward, such appointments to this Committee shall not exceed 10 individuals.

Regional Vice Presidents or Zone Vice Presidents are elected at the Annual General Meeting and represent a specific zone that has traditionally contained 4 or 5 constituencies. These zones are developed by the Executive. Regional Vice Presidents are required to live in the zone they wish to represent and are elected by Party members who reside in that zone.

## 7. THE PARTY CAUCUS

Members of Caucus are as follows;

- A) The elected Leader of the Party and MLAs
- B) The duly nominated candidates of upcoming by elections or General Election
- C) The President of the Party
- D) The Provincial Campaign Chair
- E) Staff Members deemed necessary (non-voting attendees)
- F) The Vice President of the Party

## 8. ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETINGS

- A) The Party shall hold Annual Meetings. The site, venue and date to be dictated by the Executive Committee.
- B) All members who hold a current membership may attend and take part in proceedings of the meeting.
- C) Quorum shall be decreed by the Executive Committee. If no decree is issued by the Executive Committee then no quorum requirements will exist. Any quorum requirements must be issued no later than 30 days to the current membership.
- D) Notice of meetings must be conveyed to the membership no later than 30 days prior to the event. It must be posted on the Party's Website and Social Media Platforms. Further the Notice of the Meeting is to be published in at least one Provincial Newspaper no later than 30 days prior to the meeting. Further, attempts to contact members who do not have access to email or social media should be taken through regular mail and telephone.

## 9. RECOMMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

- A) Call to Order
- B) Reading of Notice
- C) Reading of Last General Meeting or Annual General Meeting
- D) Secretary Report
- E) Auditor Report
- F) President Report
- G) Leaders Report
- H) Resolutions
- I) Amendments to the Constitution
- J) Election of Officer's
- K) Closing Remarks
- L) Adjournment

## 10. LEADERSHIP REVIEW VOTE

At the first Annual General Meeting following a General Election there shall be a secret ballot vote held without debate on the following question;

“Should the Party hold a Leadership Election”

(Returning Officer for this vote and two Deputy Returning Officers to be named by the Executive)

A simple majority of 50% plus one of current members in attendance will trigger a Leadership Contest and Convention to be facilitated by the Executive Committee or Sub Committee of the Executive Committee.

## 11. LEADERSHIP CANDIDACY

Leadership Candidates must adhere to all membership requirements as set out in this Constitution. Specific criteria necessary for individuals to seek the Leadership of the Party will be set out by the Executive Committee or Sub Committee of the Executive Committee.

## 12. LEADERSHIP CONVENTIONS

The Executive Committee of the Party is charged with the responsibility of setting the Leadership Convention Meeting. The Leadership election will be operated under the principle of one member one vote. Further, eligibility to vote by new members of the Party will require them to have purchased their membership no later than the 10 days prior to the Leadership Election Vote. Members that have held a membership in the Party in the previous 3 years prior to the vote will be eligible to renew up until the Leadership Convention being called to order.

## 13. CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

Constituency Organizations of the Party are to be developed with assistance of the Executive Committee.. The importance of these Associations is paramount to development of a vibrant, engaged membership. Similar to the Party's Provincial Body the Association must hold Annual General meetings, undertake candidate recruitment and partake in actively promoting the Party at the Constituency level.

The Constituency Association will have a President, Vice President, Secretary, treasurer, and Directors (minimum 3). Upon this core criteria being attained the Provincial Executive Committee will recognize the Association as Constituted.

Further, the Executive Committee shall set by- laws and structure by way of resolution to aid Constituencies in development, to help serve the members of the Association, and advance the Party's objectives and development.

## 14. PLEDGE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

The Pledge of Ethical Conduct shall apply to All Members of the Party. Membership, elected position, or employment within the Party requires Ethical Conduct. If at any time perceived Unethical Conduct is identified the complainant has the right to file such a written complaint to Ethics Arbitration Committee. This Committee shall respond to the complainant in writing within 14 days of receiving the complaint. Further the Committee shall within 21 days of receiving the complaint meet with the complainant and accused individual or group, separately. Further within 30 days of receiving the original complaint The Ethics Arbitration Committee in writing will advise the Executive in writing of recommended action. If either the complainant or accused is dissatisfied with the decision of the Executive that individual or group may seek further analysis by the Party's Ethical Conduct Commissioner The decision of the Commissioner shall be binding on all participants.

The Ethics Arbitration Committee shall be a three-person Committee and be appointed by the Executive within 10 days of the Annual General Meeting. Members of the Ethics Arbitration Committee are limited to 4 consecutive years of service on this committee. Further, the Ethics Conduct Commissioner shall be appointed by the Executive within 10 days of the Annual General Meeting. The Ethics Conduct Commissioner may not hold any other office within the Provincial Executive Committee.

## 15. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the Party may be amended by a 50% plus one vote of eligible voting delegates at any Annual General Meeting, voting in favour of such amendment:

- A) the full text of the proposed amendment must be received by the Secretary no later than six weeks before the meeting.
- B) the proposed amendment must be conveyed to Constituency Association Presidents and the membership at large no later than 30 days prior to the meeting by way of email and the party website.

## 16. PROCEDURE

Whenever this Constitution is silent on matters of procedure, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

I hereby move adoption of this Proposed Constitution this 16th day of January 2022

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