

RULES & PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO 2025 BGM & CONVENTION

The following rules are to be presented to the BGM & Convention for approval or amendment. The rules and agenda, once adopted, shall not be amended nor subject to suspension.

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- 1.** The Officers of the Liberal Party of Newfoundland and Labrador in office immediately prior to the opening of the BGM & Convention shall be the Officers of the BGM & Convention.
 - 2.** The President or her designate shall preside at all sessions of the BGM & Convention. The Chair shall interpret and enforce all rules, decide questions of order, and any other matters, subject to an appeal to the plenary session without debate.
 - 3.** All reports and interventions shall be addressed to the Chair at the times provided for in the program, or at the times to be determined by the President. The Chair shall have the right to prescribe the length of time for persons addressing the meeting under all circumstances and at all times.
 - 4.** All reports, resolutions, other matters and debates thereon, when not pursued to a conclusion, or for lack of time not brought forward at the BGM & Convention, shall stand referred without resolution by the BGM & Convention to the new Executive Board for disposition and action.
 - 5.** The business of the BGM & Convention shall be limited to the matters set forth in the BGM & Convention agenda.
 - 6.** Only BGM & Convention delegates wearing badges may vote or move resolutions. The Chair shall ask if such resolutions shall automatically be put to a vote without debate. Unless 25% of delegates present at the session rise to indicate an interest in debate on the resolution, it shall be put to a vote and there will be no debate on it.
 - 7.** The Chair will recognize delegates debating a resolution alternately from “supporting” and “modifying/ opposing” positions by electronic means. Subject to the discretion of the Chair, two delegates “supporting” and two delegates “modifying/opposing” will be recognized up to two minutes each.
 - 8.** Whenever a vote of the BGM & Convention is required, the Chair shall ask those in favour to indicate “yea” or those opposed to indicate “nay”. The Chair shall declare the result.
 - 9.** An appeal from the declared result may be taken if such appeal is supported by 50% of delegates present at the session rising in their place.
 - 10.** Appeals shall be decided by a standing vote of the BGM & Convention.
 - 11.** Only accredited delegates in attendance may vote for the Officers of the Party, and on all other matters.
 - 12.** Floor microphones will be controlled by the Chair at plenary sessions at all times. Only delegates or guest panelists may speak.
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ACCREDITATION OF DELEGATES

- 1.** All delegates shall be accredited in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Executive Board and the Executive Committee.
- 2.** Any dispute over the accreditation of delegates shall be decided by the Appeals Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 3.** The registration of delegates shall close at 11am, Saturday, June 13, 2025.
- 4.** Upon registration, a delegate shall be given a voting card on the front of which they must affix their signature. Only one shall be issued to each delegate. This is not transferable and will be required for admittance to the areas reserved for voting delegates where all voting shall be done.

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1.** Where only one Candidate for an Office on the Executive Board of the LPNL has been nominated on or before 5pm on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 pursuant to the Notice of the BGM & Convention issued by the Executive Board, that Candidate shall be declared by the Returning Officer to have been acclaimed to that Office.
- 2.** Where more than one Candidate for an Office on the Executive Board of the LPNL has been nominated on or before 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 pursuant to the Notice of the BGM & Convention issued by the Executive Board, there shall be an election for that Office.
- 3.** Voting for the election of Candidates to an Office on the Executive Board and Commission officers shall be conducted pursuant to the Rules & Procedures.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1.** Voting shall be conducted under the supervision of a Returning Officer. The Returning Officer need not be a delegate, but should be appointed by the Executive Board.
 - 2.** The Returning Officer shall have power to appoint a Deputy Returning Officer and Clerks who need not be delegates to supervise the process.
 - 3.** Each Candidate may appoint one Scrutineer to be present when the Returning Officer receives and verifies the results of the election and the appointed scrutineer shall, by their signature, verify the results on behalf of the Candidate.
 - 4.** Certain areas shall be reserved exclusively for voting delegates and such other election personnel as the Returning Officer may designate, at each session when a ballot is to be taken. Access to this area shall be controlled by the Returning Officer.
 - 5.** Voting shall be conducted in private polling booths by paper ballots which are not numbered or otherwise distinguishable. Ballots will be provided. They will be distributed at the polling station by the Deputy Returning Officers.
 - 6.** Only qualified (accredited and registered) delegates shall be entitled to vote.
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- 7.** All qualified delegates, who wish to vote, must provide their delegate's voting card duly completed with their signature on the front.
- 8.** The Returning Officer shall be the one and final authority on spoiled ballots and identification of delegates.
- 9.** Voting shall take place at the time provided in the BGM & Convention agenda. The Returning Officer shall instruct the BGM & Convention as to the voting procedure.
- 10.** Upon this Notice being given, no candidate may voluntarily withdraw until their vote has been counted and the results announced.
- 11.** Where election is required, a qualified delegate may vote for only one nominated candidate for each of the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Regional Directors, Women's Liberal Commission (President), Seniors' Liberal Commission (President), Commission of Young Liberals (President), Indigenous Liberal Commission (President), 2SLGBTQQIA+ (President), and Post-Secondary Representative.
- 12.** Delegates requiring assistance with voting may be assisted by the Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer or a Clerk.
- 13.** The Returning Officer shall report the results of a ballot count first and exclusively to the Chair.
- 14.** No person, except the Returning Officer, shall enter or leave the counting room from the time the counting of the ballots begins until the result is announced
- 15.** All matters pertaining to the conduct of the voting and the counting of the votes shall be within the sole jurisdiction of the Returning Officer whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 16.** The Candidate who received the greatest number of valid votes cast on any one ballot, for any office of the LPNL, shall be declared to be elected to that office.