
CONSTITUTION
of the
REFORM PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
As of June 12, 2004

1. NAME

- 1.1 The name of the Party is REFORM PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (the “Party”).
- 1.2 The Party has adopted the name “Reform BC” with its version of the B.C. flag as a logo.

2. PURPOSES

- 2.1 To operate as a political party within the Province of British Columbia.
- 2.2 To establish and protect certain inalienable rights of the citizens of British Columbia, which rights shall include but not be limited to life, liberty, justice, democracy and the ownership of property.
- 2.3 To acquire parity for British Columbia amongst all Provinces within Confederation.
- 2.4 To advocate initiative, referendum, recall and government which is accountable to the people.
- 2.5 To promote these purposes through peaceful and democratic means.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objectives of the Party are to establish direct legislative democracy and representative government in the Province of British Columbia by instituting the following reforms in the political system:
 - (a) **Free votes in the Legislative Assembly:** Members of the Legislative Assembly shall be free to debate and vote in accordance with the wishes of their constituents whenever those wishes have been fairly and clearly ascertained. The defeat of a government bill shall not bring about the defeat of the government.
 - (b) **Fixed election dates:** The government shall have a fixed time to govern in accordance with a specific mandate.
 - (c) **Initiative:** The right of the people of British Columbia to petition for the holding of a binding referendum on:
 - (i) a proposed law of their own choosing;
 - (ii) a proposed repeal of an existing law.
 - (d) **Referenda:** The right of the people of British Columbia to petition for the holding of a binding referendum on a Bill that has passed through the Legislative Assembly but has not yet taken effect. (Note: Any vote where the result is not binding should not be called a referendum—it should be called a plebiscite.)
 - (e) **Recall:** The right of the electors from any provincial constituency to recall their Member of the Legislative Assembly.

4. TRADEMARKS

4.1 On December 4, 1991, the Reform Party of British Columbia was, pursuant to and for purposes of the *Trade-marks Act*, recognized to be a “Public Authority” entitled to use as its official mark for its goods and services the mark:

REFORM PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

4.2 Sections 9(1) (n) (iii) and 11 of the *Trade-marks Act* apply to prohibit every other person, as of December 4, 1991, from adopting or using in connection with its business, as a trade-mark or otherwise, any mark consisting of the same mark or so nearly resembling the official mark as to be likely mistaken for it.

4.3 Any use of the official mark by organizations other than the Reform Party of British Columbia can take place only with the consent of the board of directors of the Reform Party of British Columbia.

4.4 The Party shall use all means available to protect its name, logo, trademarks and membership lists from unauthorized use by other political groups and from any group passing itself off as being associated in any way with the Reform Party of British Columbia.

5. AMENDMENTS

5.1 Article 2. PURPOSES is unalterable.

5.2 Article 3. OBJECTIVES is unalterable.

5.3 The board of directors of the Party or any committee or task force established by the Board or a recognized Constituency Association may propose amendments to this Constitution.

5.4 Notice of a proposed amendment to this Constitution shall be in accordance with Articles 12.3 and 12.4 of the Party bylaws.

5.5 Amendments to this Constitution shall be by special resolution requiring the approval of not less than 75% of the voting members of the Party attending an annual general meeting.

5.6 No amendment shall contravene the Purposes or Objectives of this Constitution.

6. INTERPRETATION

6.1 The headings of the Articles in this Constitution are inserted for reference purposes only and are not to be considered in interpreting the terms and conditions.

**PRINCIPLES
of the
REFORM PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
As of June 12, 2004**

1. We believe that a political party must abide by its constitution.
2. We believe Canada was built on a foundation guided by fundamental values and principles which supported the value and dignity of the individual and the importance of the family unit to the well-being of the province and the nation.
3. We believe in freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of religion and the freedom of all people to express their thoughts without fear of intimidation or suppression.
4. We believe in the common sense of the common people, their right to be consulted on public policy matters before major decisions are made, and their right to democratically elected governments that have the freedom to govern and the responsibility to promote the general well-being of citizens by enacting legislation which reflects the will of the people.
5. We believe that the people of British Columbia have a personal and collective responsibility to care and provide for the needs of British Columbians who are unable to care and provide for themselves.
6. We believe that a private enterprise system is fundamental to a strong, viable and effective economy and that there must exist the freedom to try, freedom to buy, freedom to sell, freedom to succeed and freedom to fail.
7. We believe in a balanced budget and that deficit financing at all levels of government in British Columbia should be prohibited by law unless there is a consent from the majority of the electorate, who are the taxpayers.
8. We believe that the wealth of the country should remain with the people as much as possible because people will use this wealth more wisely than would a government and/or bureaucracy.
9. We believe that government's proper task is to serve the general interest, not special interests, and that special interest groups should therefore get their support from their supporters, not from government.
10. We believe in an Elected Senate which has Equal representation from each province and which is fully Effective in its constitutional duty to safeguard regional interests.
11. We believe all people, including lawmakers and other government officials, should be equal before the law.
12. We believe in the supremacy of the Legislature over the judiciary and we believe that whatever parliament has manifestly done shall not be undone by judicial review.

AMENDMENTS

1. The board of directors of the Reform Party of British Columbia or any committee or task force established by the Board or a recognized Constituency Association may propose amendments to these Principles.
2. Notice of a proposed amendment to these Principles shall be in accordance with Articles 12.3 and 12.4 of the Party bylaws.

3. Amendments to these Principles shall be by special resolution requiring the approval of not less than 75% of the voting members of the Party attending an annual general meeting.
4. No amendment shall contravene the Constitution of the Party.

BYLAWS
of the
REFORM PARTY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Amended in Kamloops, B.C., June 12, 2004

1. MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1 Membership in the Reform Party of British Columbia (the “Party”) shall be open to all persons entitled under the *Election Act* to vote at an election of the legislature of this province, and who subscribe to and support the Purposes, Objectives and Principles of the Party, and who do not publicly support, join or hold membership in another provincial political party.
- 1.2 An eligible person may apply for membership in the Party and shall become a member (the “Member”) upon acceptance by the Party of the membership fee. Every Member shall be issued a membership card stating the expiry date.
- 1.3 The date of membership in the Party shall be either:
 - (a) the date of receipt when an application for membership is delivered to the Party office;
 - (b) the postmark date when an application for membership is mailed to the Party office; or
 - (c) the postmark date or fax date when a *Membership & Donation Transmittal* Form is submitted to the Party office by a recognized Constituency Association.
- 1.4 Membership in the Party shall be for a period of one year upon payment of \$10.00.
- 1.5 Only natural persons may be Members. No corporation, trade union, society or other organization shall be eligible for membership.
- 1.6 A person shall cease to be a Member of the Party:
 - (a) by personally delivering or mailing a written resignation to the Secretary of the Party;
 - (b) upon death;
 - (c) upon being expelled pursuant to Article 1.7; or
 - (d) upon expiry of membership.
- 1.7 A Member may be expelled only by Special Resolution passed at a general meeting of the Party or the Constituency provided that the notice of a resolution shall be accompanied by a statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion; and provided that the Member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given reasonable opportunity to present the Member’s case, either personally or by the Member’s designated representative, before the Special Resolution is put to a vote. A member may be censured by the Party Board as provided for in Article 4.19.
- 1.8 Natural persons who are ineligible to become Members for reason of citizenship or age, but who are fifteen years of age or older, are eligible to become associate members (the “Associate Member”). Associate Members shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Member except that Associate Members shall not have the right to vote.
- 1.9 Membership records shall be kept in confidence and used at the discretion of the officers and directors of the Party and Constituency Associations.

2. CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATIONS

- 2.1 A Member shall also be a member of the Constituency Association for the provincial electoral district (the "Constituency Association") in which the Member resides and is entitled to vote and as such has the right to attend Constituency Association meetings, take part in discussion, to vote in accordance with the bylaws and to stand for office of that Constituency Association.
- 2.2 An Officer, Director or anyone holding a position on behalf of a Constituency Association shall disclose his or her affiliation with all political organizations and shall be excluded from voting on any matter in which there is a conflict of interest.
- 2.3 Members may apply in writing to the Party for recognition of a Constituency Association in an electoral district in which at least a board has been elected and said list sent to the Party office.
- 2.4 Recognition by the Party may be extended to a Constituency Association which recognizes and is bound by the Constitution, Principles and Bylaws of the Party.
- 2.5 The Constituency Association shall, in the fall of each year, hold an annual general meeting at which a report of the Board of Directors, a financial statement and other appropriate business shall be conducted, and the Constituency Board of Directors will be elected.
- 2.6 A written notice of the holding of an annual general meeting, extraordinary meeting, or nomination meeting (excluding a nomination meeting held during a writ period) shall be mailed to all Members within that constituency at least 14 days prior to the meeting.
- 2.7 The Board of Directors of a Constituency Association shall comprise a maximum of 25 directors which shall include the officers, which are a president, a vice president, a secretary, a membership secretary, and a treasurer. Only Members who have been in good standing for at least 60 days prior to the date upon which any vote is taken and have residence within the electoral district shall be entitled to serve on the Board of Directors and shall be entitled to vote on:
 - (a) the election of the Board in accordance with Article 2.8;
 - (b) other matters which may arise at a constituency meeting or annual general meeting; but only Members who have been in good standing for at least 90 days prior to the date on which a vote is taken and have residence within the electoral district shall be entitled to vote on the nomination of a candidate for election to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.
- 2.8 The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of a Constituency Association shall either:
 - (a) be selected by the newly elected Board of Directors; or
 - (b) elected by the members at large.
- 2.9 A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of its elected members.
- 2.10 No officer or director shall receive any remuneration from the Party either in cash or consideration, except that expenses may be paid from time to time upon a majority vote of the Board.
- 2.11 No one can indebt the Constituency Association beyond expenditures authorized by the Board.
- 2.12 If the membership of a Constituency Association no longer has a board (pursuant to Article 2.3), or if the Constituency Association has not held an annual general meeting (pursuant to Article 2.5), the Party may, at its discretion after 90 days notice, no longer recognize the Constituency Association.

3. CANDIDATE NOMINATION

- 3.1 Each duly recognized Constituency Association shall have the right to nominate a Member who has been a Member in good standing, for at least one year, or who has been endorsed by the Provincial Board of Directors, as its official candidate for the Party either by:
- (a) ballot distributed to all eligible Members in attendance at any recognized candidates' meeting (held prior to the nomination meeting, at the discretion of the Constituency) which is deposited in a travelling ballot box before the close of that meeting. The travelling ballot box shall not be opened until after the nomination meeting, where the results will be made known; or by
 - (b) ballot distributed to all eligible Members in attendance at a candidate nomination meeting; or by
 - (c) Universal Ballot and voter identification card mailed to all eligible Members within the constituency, in accordance with the following:
 - (i) The ballot and voter identification card will be sent by mail by the Secretary to all Members in good standing of at least 30 days prior to the voting day;
 - (ii) The ballot shall be sealed in its own envelope marked Ballot and returned with the voter identification card by the Member to the address listed on the return envelope on or before a date selected by the Constituency Association;
 - (iii) The Association shall select a committee to preside over the count and tabulation of the results and forward the results to the Constituency Board who shall announce the results of the vote.
 - At the discretion of the Constituency, Members may deposit their ballots in a travelling ballot box if used at candidates' meetings. (If a travelling ballot box is used, it must be submitted to the Committee on or before a date selected by the Constituency Board and opened only by the Committee.)
 - (iv) The Committee shall retain the ballots until a motion is passed by the Members to destroy the ballots.
- 3.2 The Constituency shall form a Candidate Nomination and Selection Committee with the task of ensuring that a trustworthy, reform-oriented and electable candidate is nominated for each election.
- 3.3 The Committee shall be composed of up to six members in good standing, with no more than 50% being members of the Constituency Board of Directors.
- 3.4 A member of the Constituency Board of Directors who publicly declares that he or she will seek the candidate nomination must, immediately upon public declaration, stand aside from his or her position. If unsuccessful in becoming the candidate, the member shall resume his or her Board position. If successful in becoming the candidate, the member may resume his or her Board position, at the discretion of the Board and/or the general membership.
- 3.5 Any person duly seeking the nomination or elected as a Candidate is entitled to attend, as an observer, the Constituency Board meetings of the Constituency for which he or she has been nominated or elected.
- 3.6 In a constituency which does not have an association recognized by the party, or if a recognized Constituency Association has not, within 5 days after the writ being dropped, set

the date of a nomination meeting, the Provincial Board of Directors shall undertake to provide a candidate.

- 3.7 Upon election, each Member of the Legislative Assembly also becomes a voting member of the Constituency Board for the constituency in which he or she was elected.
- 3.8 The candidate shall hold the nomination position until he or she is defeated in the next election, or for a term no longer than one year, whichever comes first.
- 3.9 A Member of the Legislative Assembly is not counted in determining a quorum (the number of members that must be present in order to conduct business).
- 3.10 Section 60(1) of the *Election Act*, titled ‘Endorsement of candidate by registered political party’ states: “In order for a candidate to represent a registered political party in an election, a written endorsement of the candidate signed by at least 2 principal officers of the political party must be made ...”

For the purpose of complying with section 60(1) of the *Election Act*, the “principal officers” shall be defined as the President, the First Vice President and the Second Vice President of the Party.

Principal officers of the Party shall not withhold a written endorsement of the candidate unless approved by a majority of the provincial Board of Directors.

4. PROVINCIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 4.1 The governing body of the Party shall be the Board of Directors (the “Board”).
- 4.2 Only Members in good standing shall be eligible for membership on the Board.
- 4.3 An Officer, Director or anyone holding a position on behalf of the Party shall disclose his or her affiliation with all political organizations and shall be excluded from voting on any matter in which there is a conflict of interest.
- 4.4 The Board shall consist of:
 - (a) a leader (the “Leader”);
 - (b) a president (the “President”);
 - (c) a first vice president (the “First Vice President”);
 - (d) a second vice president (the “Second Vice President”);
 - (e) a secretary (the “Secretary”);
 - (f) a treasurer (the “Treasurer”);
 - (g) regional directors (the “Directors”);
 - (h) immediate past president (the “Past President”);

- 4.5 The President and Vice Presidents shall be elected at an annual general meeting, the notice for which has been duly given. They shall be elected in alternate years for a two-year term. The President's term shall commence in the even-numbered years, and the Vice Presidents' term shall commence in the odd-numbered years.
- 4.6 The President shall preside over all meetings of the Party and of the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio member of all Party committees.
- 4.7 The First Vice President shall assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. Upon the resignation or death of the President or upon the President's removal from office by Special Resolution, the First Vice President shall assume the office of Acting President for the remainder of the President's term, and the office of First Vice President shall be filled by the Second Vice President.
- 4.8 The Secretary shall be elected at an annual general meeting, the notice for which has been duly given. The Secretary shall be elected for a one-year term.
- 4.9 The Treasurer shall be elected at an annual general meeting, the notice for which has been duly given. The Treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term.
- 4.10 The Board shall be empowered to appoint an interim Vice President, a Secretary or a Treasurer where circumstances so dictate and they shall not be entitled to vote on the Board unless they are also elected Directors of the Party. The term of such an interim appointee shall expire at the next annual general meeting for which notice of election of officers has been duly given.
- 4.11 If, in the opinion of the Board, an elected Director or Officer is unable to properly fulfil his or her assigned duties in a manner compatible with the best interests of the Party, the Board, in its discretion, may appoint an assistant with the full authority to ensure the discharge of those essential duties until such time as the elected incumbent is able/available to fulfil them.
- 4.12 The Board shall appoint such other officials and committees whom the Board, in its discretion, considers necessary for the effective operation of the Party. Appointed officials, unless they are also elected Directors of the Party, shall not have voting rights at Board meetings. The term of office for appointed officials and committees shall be concluded at the next annual general meeting.
- 4.13 A committee appointed under Article 4.12 shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors.
- 4.14 The Board shall meet at the call of the President or at the written request of one-third of the elected members of the Board. Such meetings may be conducted by a telephone conference call audible to all participants.
- 4.15 A quorum of the Board shall be a majority of its elected members.
- 4.16 The minutes of the Board meetings shall be provided to all Board members and, upon request, available to the secretaries of all recognized Constituency Associations. Any Member of the Party in good standing may receive, upon payment of copying and mailing costs, copies of the minutes of any Board meeting. Such minutes will be complete and unabridged.
- 4.17 No officer or Director shall receive any remuneration from the Party either in cash or consideration, except that expenses may be paid from time to time upon a majority vote of the Board.
- 4.18 No one can indebt the Party beyond expenditures authorized by the Board.

- 4.19 The Board, at its discretion, may issue a Motion of Censure upon a Member who has consciously and willfully acted or spoken in a manner that will reflect significant harm or discredit upon the Party. Before voting on such a motion of censure, the Board shall provide an opportunity for the potential recipient to present a case opposing the motion. Prior to issuance, a motion of censure must be approved by two-thirds of the voting members of the Board in attendance at the scheduled sitting of the Board.

5. DUTIES OF THE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

- 5.1 The officers of the Party (the “Executive”) shall consist of the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- 5.2 The Secretary shall:
- (a) maintain the correspondence of the Party;
 - (b) issue notices of meetings of the Board;
 - (c) keep minutes of all meetings of the Board;
 - (d) have custody and maintain all records and documents of the Party except those required to be kept by the Treasurer;
 - (e) have custody of the common seal of the Party; and
 - (f) maintain the register of Members.
- 5.3 The roles and limitations of the provincial Treasurer are as follows:
- (a) keep the financial records, including books of account, necessary to comply with the *Societies Act* and *Election Act*;
 - (b) render financial reports and statements to the Board and to the Members when required;
 - (c) maintain and submit in a timely fashion, accurate records for the issuance of tax receipts and be the only legal body, in addition to the President, entitled to sign and issue tax receipts for political contributions made payable to the Reform Party of BC;
 - (d) serve on executive committees;
 - (e) keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements;
 - (f) receive and bank all monies related to the Party;
 - (g) receive and record all membership fees related to the Party;
 - (h) disburse all monies as directed by the Board;
 - (i) prepare and monitor an overall budget and assist with the preparation and monitoring of committee budgets;
 - (j) orient the new Treasurer.

Should the Treasurer fail to conduct the business of the Party following these guidelines, the Board will have the authority to suspend the activities of the Treasurer, and to appoint an interim Treasurer for the duration of the suspension.

- 5.4 All Party cheques shall require two signatures, one of which shall be the Treasurer, and the other shall be any one of four elected Board members approved by the Board.

6. THE LEADER

- 6.1 The leader of the Party (the "Leader") shall be elected by preferential ballot of the caucus of Reform Party members of the B.C. legislature.
- 6.2 When the office of Leader is vacant, the President shall speak for the Party.
- 6.3 The office of Leader shall become vacant upon the death or resignation of the Leader or upon the delivery to the Secretary of a notice, signed by a majority of the caucus, that the office of Leader is vacant.
- 6.4 Upon notification that the office of Leader is vacant, the Secretary shall so inform the President and Board of Directors.
- 6.5 Upon receipt of a notice, signed by a majority of the caucus, that a Leader has been elected, the Secretary shall so inform the President and Board of Directors.
- 6.6 Until the election of a caucus, the board may:
 - (a) appoint an Interim Leader, or
 - (b) hold a Leadership vote, in the form of a universal secret preferential ballot of all members in good standing for at least 60 days prior to the voting day, conducted as follows:
 - i) to ensure the confidentiality of the process, the Board shall appoint an independent auditor
 - ii) the ballot and voter identification card shall be distributed by mail by the secretary
 - iii) each ballot shall be sealed in its own envelope and returned with the voter identification card by the member to the independent auditor on or before a date by the board
 - iv) the independent auditor shall preside over the count and tabulation of the vote and forward the results to the board, who shall announce the results of the vote, and
 - v) the independent auditor shall retain the ballots until a motion is passed by the members to destroy the ballots.
- 6.7 Any Member of the Legislature wishing to represent the Reform Party of British Columbia must first have the approval of the board.
- 6.8 The leader shall be the political spokesperson of the Party (the "Leader") and shall be bound by the *Foundation for Reform*.

7. REGIONS

- 7.1 Each of the regions (the "Regions") as set out on Schedule 'A' may elect one Director, who is resident within the Region, to serve on the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Such Directors will be elected by the Members within their Region, 45 days prior to the Party's annual general meeting. Directors shall take office as members of the Board at the close of business on the last day of the annual general meeting.

- 7.2 Each Region may hold a meeting of its Members to discuss such business as may be appropriate, in addition to the proposed resolutions to be forwarded to the next annual general meeting. Said meeting should be held at a time which will comply with Article 12.3.
- 7.3 The election of a Director will take place for each even-numbered Region in even-numbered calendar years, and for each odd-numbered Region in odd-numbered calendar years.
- 7.4 In the event that a Regional meeting has not been held at least 45 days prior to the annual general meeting, the members from that Region who are registered for the annual general meeting and who are in attendance may meet and elect a Director before the close of business.
- 7.5 In the event that the position of Director representing a Region becomes vacant, then that Region may elect a replacement Director within 60 days of the effective date of the vacancy.
- 7.6 A Director, elected by the members, may be expelled only by Special Resolution passed at a Regional meeting provided that the notice of a resolution shall be accompanied by a statement of the reason or reasons for the proposed expulsion; and provided that the Director who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given reasonable opportunity to present the Director's case, either personally or by the Director's designated representative, before a Special Resolution is put to a vote.
- 7.7 In the event of a vacancy, an interim Regional Director may be appointed by the Board and shall have voting privileges until the next annual general meeting.

8. PARTY MEETINGS

- 8.1 The Party shall, within 18 months hold an annual general meeting at which shall be presented a report of the Board of Directors, a financial statement and such other business as may be appropriate. In extenuating circumstances such as, for example, the calling of an election, the date of the annual general meeting may be altered at the discretion of the Board, taking account of the requirements laid down by the *B.C. Societies Act*.
- 8.2 A written notice of the holding of any convention or annual general meeting shall be mailed to all Members at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

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- 8.3 Upon payment of the registration fee received no later than 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, each constituency shall be entitled to send up to ten voting members who have been in good standing for not less than 60 days prior to the date of a convention or annual general meeting.
- 8.4 The Party membership shall be the highest authority and supreme governing body of the Party, and may exercise its authority by voting in person at a Party meeting in accordance with bylaw 8.3, or by voting in a universal ballot. The Constitution, Principles, Bylaws and Policy Direction of the Party may be amended only by the voting Members in attendance at a provincial annual general meeting.
- 8.5 The Party may, from time to time, between provincial annual general meetings, allow for all Members to participate in a membership survey on matters that are not currently covered in the Policy Direction of the Party.
- 8.6 Results from membership surveys shall not be included in the *Foundation for Reform* unless that policy has been approved by the Members at an annual general meeting.

- 8.7 The Members of the Party may call for a general meeting of the Party by serving written notice to the Provincial Board of Directors. The written notice shall consist of signatures from not less than 5% of the Party members. The written notice shall include the purpose of the meeting, time and area where the meeting is to take place.
- 8.8 Preparations for the use of a Universal Ballot:
- (a) the ballot and voter identification card will be sent by mail by the Secretary to all Members in good standing of at least 60 days prior to the voting day;
 - (b) the ballots shall be sealed in its own envelope marked Ballot and returned with the voter identification card by the Member to the address listed on the return envelope on or before a date selected by the Board;
 - (c) the Board shall select a committee to preside over the count and tabulation of the results and forward the results to the Board who shall announce the results of the vote.

9. VOTING

- 9.1 Voting on the election of the officers and directors (both provincial and constituency), the leader and candidates shall be carried out by secret ballot, using the preferential balloting method, except where only one candidate is nominated or is otherwise eligible for election. In such a case, the election of that candidate shall be subject to a “yes/no” choice. In any “yes/no” election, the candidate must receive “yes” votes of more than 50% plus one of the votes cast, even if his or her defeat means that the position will remain vacant. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- 9.2 Nomination for the election of provincial officers, provincial directors and Constituency candidates shall require signatures from Members according to the following:
- (a) officers will be endorsed by ten signatures from Members at large;
 - (b) directors will be endorsed by ten signatures from Members within their Regions; and
 - (c) candidates will be endorsed by twenty-five signatures from Members within the Constituency for which he or she is seeking nomination.
- 9.3 Any candidate for election to any office within the Party or within a Constituency Association may appoint a scrutineer.
- 9.4 Except where otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, all matters being voted upon at meetings shall be determined by Ordinary Resolution.

10. NOTICES AND TIME

- 10.1 The period of time computed in days shall include Sundays and statutory holidays.
- 10.2 When computing a period of time, the day of mailing, telephone call or announcement of an event in the media and the day the event commences shall be excluded.

11. MEMBERSHIP FEES, DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

- 11.1 A copy of every membership application received by the Constituency Association shall be sent to the Party, together with the full amount of the membership fee. The Party Treasurer shall send 50% of the fee to the recognized Constituency Association in which the Member resides.

- If there is not a recognized Association in the relevant constituency, the full amount of such fees shall accrue to the Party and be subject to the provisions of Articles 11.6 and 11.7.
- 11.2 A donation received from an individual by a Constituency Association which requires an income tax receipt shall be allocated 70% to the Constituency and 30% to the Party.
- A donation received from an individual by the Party which requires an income tax receipt shall be allocated 70% to the Party and 30% to the Constituency Association, except where it cannot be determined from which constituency the funds originate.
- 11.3 A donation sent directly to the Constituency Association which does not require an income tax receipt shall be to the sole benefit of the Constituency Association, unless otherwise specified by the donor.
- 11.4 A donation sent directly to the Party which does not require an income tax receipt shall be to the sole benefit of the Party, unless otherwise specified by the donor.
- 11.5 A donation received by a recognized Constituency Association or the Party from an individual which is part of a “cheque exchange” where the donor is making a political contribution in the same amount as a payment that the donor receives for items purchased and/or services rendered shall be allocated 100% to the Constituency or the Party that received the goods or services.
- 11.6 A donation which is designated for a specific purpose that has been approved by the Provincial Board of Directors shall be allocated 10% to the Party and 90% to the specific purpose. The 90% earmarked for the specific purpose shall be deposited into a special fund and shall be spent only on the purpose for which the donation was designated by the donor.
- 11.7 When a Constituency Association attains recognition as such from the Party, that Association shall receive from the Party Treasurer its prescribed share of the membership fees and donations which have accrued since January 1 of the year of recognition as a Constituency Association.
- 11.8 If, within one year of the receipt of a donation, a Constituency Association is no longer recognized by the Party or has not held an annual general meeting within the year (pursuant to Article 2.12), all monies which have been held by the Party on behalf of the Constituency Association will remain with the Party.
- 11.9 Money raised from fundraising activities organized by a Constituency Association where a receipt for income tax purposes is required shall be allocated 70% to the Constituency Association and 30% to the Party. All costs of such activities shall be the sole responsibility of the Association.
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- 11.11 The Party shall deposit all donations and membership fees directly to a segregated trust account. The Party may then transfer its shares of such monies from the segregated trust account to its own account immediately, but any share due to a recognized Constituency Association shall be paid from the segregated trust account, when called upon by that Constituency Association, otherwise it will be held in trust for them until the next general election.

12. AMENDMENTS

- 12.1 The Bylaws may be amended at an annual general meeting after compliance with Articles 12.2 and 12.3 by Ordinary Resolution. The Resolutions adopted at an annual general meeting will take effect at the close of that annual general meeting.
- 12.2 The Board of Directors or any committee or task force established by the Board or a recognized Constituency Association may, by Ordinary Resolution, propose amendments to either the Constitution, Principles or Bylaws.
- 12.3 Proposed amendments to either the Constitution, Principles, or Bylaws shall be given in writing to the Party at least 60 days prior to the date set for an annual general meeting.
- 12.4 The proposed amendments to the Constitution, Principles, Bylaws and Policy Direction shall be mailed or delivered from the Party to the provincial Board of Directors, presidents and secretaries of recognized Constituency Associations not later than 30 days prior to the date of the annual general meeting. The Party shall also deliver the proposed amendments to members who register at least 10 days in advance of the annual general meeting.
- 12.5 No amendment shall contravene the Constitution or Principles of the Party.

13. INTERPRETATION

- 13.1 The headings of the Articles in these Bylaws are inserted for reference purposes only and are not to be considered in interpreting the terms and conditions.

14. DEFINITIONS

- 14.1 “Ordinary Resolution” means a resolution passed at a general meeting by the members by a simple majority of the votes cast in person.
- 14.2 “Special Resolution” means a resolution passed at a general meeting by a majority of not less than 75% of the votes cast in person.
- 14.3 “*Society Act*” means the *Society Act*, R.S.B.C. 1979, R.S. Chap. 390 and all amendments thereto.

CONCLUSION

The Policy Direction, Constitution, Principles and Bylaws of the Reform Party of British Columbia were adopted at an annual general meeting of members held in Kelowna, BC on May 23, 1992. Amended at Quesnel, BC on May 29, 1993; Burnaby, BC on May 28, 1994; Kamloops, BC on June 10, 1995; Langley, BC on November 2, 1996; Armstrong, BC on April 19, 1997; Prince George, BC on June 6, 1998; Burnaby, BC on June 5, 1999; Vernon, BC on June 10, 2000, North Vancouver, BC on September 29, 2001, Richmond, BC on September 28, 2002,. Surrey, BC on September 28, 2003, Kamloops, BC on June 12, 2004, and White Rock, BC, on January 15, 2005.

SCHEDULE A: REGIONS

Regions shall be composed of all Constituency Associations representing the electoral districts within the following geographical areas:

Region 1: Vancouver Island North

Alberni-Qualicum
Comox Valley
Nanaimo
North Island
Nanaimo-Parksville

Region 3: North Shore/Sunshine Coast

Burnaby North
Burnaby South
Burnaby-Willingdon
North Vancouver-Lonsdale
North Vancouver-Seymour
Powell River-Sunshine Coast
West Vancouver-Capilano
West Vancouver-Garibaldi

Region 5: Fraser River South

Abbotsford-Chilliwack
Abbotsford-Clayburn
Abbotsford-Mount Lehman
Chilliwack-Kent
Fort Langley-Aldergrove
Langley

Region 7: Surrey

Surrey-Cloverdale
Surrey-Green Timbers
Surrey-Newton
Surrey-Panorama Ridge
Surrey-Tynehead
Surrey-Whalley
Surrey-White Rock

Region 9: Kootenay

Columbia River-Revelstoke
East Kootenay
Nelson-Creston
West Kootenay-Boundary
Shuswap

Region 11: Delta/Richmond

Delta North
Delta South
Richmond Centre
Richmond East
Richmond-Steveston

Region 13: Northwest

Bulkley Valley-Stikine
North Coast
Skeena

Region 2: Vancouver Island South

Cowichan-Ladysmith
Esquimalt-Metchosin
Malahat-Juan de Fuca
Oak Bay-Gordon Head
Saanich North and the Islands
Saanich South
Victoria-Beacon Hill
Victoria-Hillside

Region 4: Fraser River North

Burquitlam
Coquitlam-Maillardville
Maple Ridge-Mission
Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
New Westminster
Port Coquitlam-Burke Mountain
Port Moody-Westwood

Region 6: Okanagan

Kamloops
Kamloops-North Thompson
Kelowna-Lake Country
Kelowna-Mission
Okanagan-Vernon
Okanagan-Westside
Penticton-Okanagan Valley
Yale-Similkameen

Region 8: Vancouver

Vancouver-Burrard
Vancouver-Fairview
Vancouver-Fraserview
Vancouver-Hastings
Vancouver-Kensington
Vancouver-Kingsway
Vancouver-Langara
Vancouver-Mount Pleasant
Vancouver-Point Grey
Vancouver-Quilchena

Region 10: Northeast

Cariboo North
Cariboo South
Prince George North
Prince George-Mount Robson
Prince George-Omineca

Region 12: Peace River

Peace River North
Peace River South