

Convention 2014

Sunday November 2, 2014, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Bahen Centre, Room 2135

University of Toronto

40 St. George St.

Toronto, Ontario

Registration Fee - \$40 in advance (online or by mail)
\$50 at the door

Proxy Fee \$5 by mail only. Call or email the Party for a Proxy form.

Every three years the Party holds a convention to elect a Leader, Deputy Leader and members of the Executive Committee for a three year term. We also elect two Members at Large for a one-year term and two members of the Ethics Committee for a three-year term. The Agenda for the meeting is as follows.

10:00 AM – Registration and continental breakfast

10:30 AM – Welcome by Convention Chairman, and review of agenda and procedures.

10:45 AM – Reports of Officers: Leader Allen Small; Deputy Leader Paolo Fabrizio; Campaign Director Rob Brooks; Treasurer Jim McIntosh

11:30 AM – Constitutional Amendments: See Article on page ??.

12:00 PM – Proposal for new Party colours and logo

12:15 PM – Buffet Lunch

1:15 PM – Election of Officers, 2 Members-at-Large and 2 Ethics Committee Members

4:00 PM – Adjournment

Several members are concerned that the Party colours of green and black lead to confusion with the Green Party. When some voters see our green signs they think Green Party. The fact that green has been the Libertarian Party colour since 1975 means little to voters. The Libertarian Party of Canada has adopted gold and blue as their colours, and it would benefit both parties if the Ontario Libertarian Party used the same colours. We would continue to use the trillium, the provincial flower, as our logo.

We welcome any Voting Member who is interested in the future of the Party to stand for election to one of these positions. If you have any questions please contact the Party at 1-855-ONT LIBErty (866-5423) or info@libertarian.on.ca.

Party Leader - The primary spokesperson for the Party, who sets policy with guidance from the caucus, and currently is the driver of our Facebook page. The Leader must be willing and able to stand as a candidate in a provincial election.

Deputy Party Leader – Will take over as Leader in the event of a vacancy in that position, and may assist the Leader with his or her responsibilities.

Chairman – shall preside at all Conventions, General Meetings, and meetings of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Party.

Vice-Chairman - shall act as assistant to the Chairman and shall perform the duties of the Chairman in the event that the Chairman is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of his office.

Campaign Director - shall be the overall campaign manager for the Party. Duties of the Campaign Director shall include acquiring and training candidates, media contact and public relations, working with Constituency Associations, and other political activities as mutually agreed with the Party Leader.

Secretary – shall provide, or making provision for, legal services for the Party; and shall be responsible for the general correspondence of the Party.

Recording Secretary - shall take minutes at all official meetings of the Party and the Executive Committee, maintain the Minute Book of the Party, be responsible for notifying all eligible attendees of the time and place of meetings of the Party and the Executive Committee, and perform all other such duties as may be assigned from time to time.

Treasurer - shall receive, expend, and account for the funds of the Party under the supervision of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the Party and shall be responsible for all obligations imposed on the Party by the Commission on Election Finances. The term of the Chief Financial Officer shall coincide with the fiscal year of the party.

Members-at-Large – Two are elected for a one year term to represent the members of the Party at Executive Meetings of the Party.

Ethics Committee – Two members are elected each year for a three-year term. The Ethics Committee deals with any complaint lodged by a Member against an Associate, Member or Party document that violates the Statement of Principals or Statement of Ultimate Goals, or alleged violations of the Constitution or Bylaws by any Officer of the Party.

All Officers must sign an oath of office, which shall read, “I support and promise to uphold the Ontario Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.” The Leader and Deputy Leader must also sign the Candidate’s Oath, “I will not advocate anything inconsistent with the Ontario Libertarian Party Statement of Principles.”

Because this is a business meeting, the Registration fee is treated as a political donation and qualifies for the political tax credit of up to 75%. Register now at www.libertarian.on.ca/Convention to qualify for the early bird discount. Or complete and return the enclosed registration form.