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**Constitution
of the
New Democratic Party
of
Prince Edward Island**

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Preamble

The New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island believes that the social, democratic and political progress of Prince Edward Island and Canada can only be assured by the application of democratic socialist principles to government and the administration of public affairs.

The principles of democratic socialism can be defined briefly as:

- Giving priority in the production and distribution of goods and services to the social and individual needs of people rather than to the making of private profit;
- Modifying and controlling the operations of monopolistic productive and distributive organizations through economic and social planning;
- Extending the principles of social ownership, where appropriate and feasible; and
- Fostering co-operative social development and, through efforts to support fairness and equality, encouraging social harmony so that the great potential of all citizens can be fully developed on both an individual and a collective basis.

The New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island holds firm to the belief that the dignity and freedom of the individual is a basic right that must be maintained and extended.

The New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island is proud to be associated with the democratic socialist parties of the world and to share the struggle for peace, international co-operation and the abolition of poverty.

ARTICLE 1: Name

1.1 The name of this political party shall be the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island.

ARTICLE 2: Purpose

1. The New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island shall be affiliated with the New Democratic Party of Canada and is committed to the objectives of the national body in working towards a just social order in both Prince Edward Island and the country as a whole.
2. To this end, the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island will strive to:
 - 2.1. Extend the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island's policies and programs with all the resources at its command;
 - 2.2. Promote, through political action and other appropriate means, the policies of the New Democratic Party of Canada, both domestic and international;
 - 2.3. Unite progressive people and organizations into a party democratically controlled and openly financed by its membership and supporters;
 - 2.4. Ensure equal representation of women at all levels of the party in its policies and programs;
 - 2.5. Establish in this province, a government whose object shall be to substitute economic planning for irresponsible control with all its unjust consequences and, thereby, to give maximum opportunity for public, co-operative and private enterprise to contribute to the development of our province;
 - 2.6. Support and assist organizations and individuals who share our goals and values; and
 - 2.7. Promote co-operative efforts and the exchange of information among and between organizations that share our goals and values.
3. To these ends, we will invite the co-operation of all persons who are dedicated to the extension of freedom, the abolition of poverty and the elimination of exploitation.

ARTICLE 3: Interpretation

3.1 The President shall interpret this constitution. Any such interpretation may be over-ruled by a majority vote of all members present and voting at any meeting of the Executive, Council or Convention.

ARTICLE 4: The Federal Constitution

4.1 Should conflict arise between the constitution of this party and that of the New Democratic Party of Canada, hereafter referred to as “The Federal Constitution,” the Federal Constitution shall prevail.

ARTICLE 5: Membership

1. Individual Membership

1.1. Membership in the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island – and thus, in the New Democratic Party of Canada – may be granted to every applicant 14 years of age and over, regardless of, but not limited to, race, ethnic background, colour, religion or religious belief, national origin, sex or sexual orientation, who undertakes to abide by the constitution and principles of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island and who is not a member or supporter of any other political party.

1.2. All applications shall be forwarded as soon as possible to the Provincial Office.

1.3. Upon application, a member in good standing of the New Democratic Party of any other province or territory who transfers their primary residence to Prince Edward Island shall be a member in good standing, without payment of fees, for the remainder of the current year.

1.4. A member in good standing of the New Democrat Youth of Prince Edward Island shall be an individual member of the party without any additional payment of fees.

1.5. Beginning on January 1, 2017 and thereafter, individual and affiliate memberships shall be based on an annual fee due and payable on January 1 of each calendar year.

2. Affiliated Membership

2.1. Affiliated membership shall be open to trade unions, farm groups, co-operatives and other groups and organizations that, by official act, undertake to accept and abide by the constitution and principles of the party and are not associated or identified with any other political party.

2.2. Affiliate membership fees for national groups or organizations shall be as set out in the Federal Constitution (Article 4.3).

2.3. Affiliate membership applications for groups or organizations based in Prince Edward Island and the fees for their affiliation shall be as determined by the Provincial Council.

3. Honourary Life Membership

3.1. Honourary Life Membership may be conferred upon any member in good standing of the party, upon recommendation of the Provincial Executive and upon approval of the Annual Convention.

3.2. The number of such Honourary Life Memberships granted in the year shall not exceed five, with every effort made to achieve equal representation of women.

3.3. An Honourary Life Member shall be an individual member of the party without payment of fees.

3.4. Honourary Life Membership shall entitle the holder to delegate status at any Convention of the provincial party with voice and vote.

4. Non-Resident Membership

4.1. Upon application, membership may be granted by the Provincial Executive to individuals whose primary residence lies outside of Prince Edward Island.

ARTICLE 6: New Democratic Youth

- 1.** Subject to Article XII of the Constitution of the New Democratic Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island shall, charter a young people's provincial section consisting of those members aged 14 to 29. This section shall be known as the New Democratic Youth of Prince Edward Island (NDYPEI).
- 2.** Such young people's section shall be fully autonomous in its constitution and program, provided that the constitution and program are not in conflict with those of the federal party or those of the provincial party.

ARTICLE 7: New Democratic Women

- 1.** There shall be established a Women's Committee of the Party called the New Democratic Women of Prince Edward Island (NDW PEI) and it shall include all women members of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island. The purpose of the Women's Committee shall be to:
 - 1.1.** Study and take action on matters of special concern to women;
 - 1.2.** Involve women at all levels of political activity in the Party;

- 1.3. Enhance awareness within the Party of issues affecting women and women's equality;
 - 1.4. Develop, propose and monitor the implementation of policies related to women's equality;
 - 1.5. Develop and administer the Hilda Ramsay Fund, according to guidelines approved by the NDW PEI, in support of women members of the NDP PEI who run as candidates in provincial elections; and
 - 1.6. The Chair of the NDW PEI shall act in an advisory capacity to the Leader on issues affecting women, women's equality, and women within the Party.
2. The Executive of the NDW PEI shall consist of no fewer than five women who shall be elected by and from women members of the Party at a meeting held at the same time and place as each Provincial Convention.
3. The Executive shall consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one member at large.
4. The term of office for Executive members shall be two years.
5. The Chair of the NDW PEI shall be designated the Participation of Women Representative, which is an Executive position in the NDP PEI.

ARTICLE 8: Fees and Dues

- 8.1 Categories of membership and membership fees shall be set by Provincial Council.

ARTICLE 9: Provincial Officers

1. The officers of the provincial party shall be:
 - 1.1. Provincial Leader;
 - 1.2. Provincial President;
 - 1.3. First Vice-President;
 - 1.4. Second Vice-President;
 - 1.5. Recording Secretary;
 - 1.6. Membership Secretary; and
 - 1.7. Treasurer.

- 2.** Provincial Officers shall be elected to a two-year term at the Annual Convention with the President, Second Vice-President and Treasurer elected in odd-numbered calendar years and the First Vice-President, Membership Secretary and Recording Secretary in even-numbered years.
 - 2.1.** Convention may review the office of any member of the Executive, other than the Leader, at any Convention where 50% plus one of the delegates in attendance agree to do so.
 - 2.2.** At every Convention that is not a Leadership Convention, a secret ballot vote shall be held to determine whether or not a Leadership Convention should be called. If 50% plus one of the delegates in attendance support the calling of a Leadership Convention, such a Leadership Convention shall be held within 180 days.
- 3.** The Leader is elected at a Special Convention called for that specific purpose. Candidates for the position of Provincial Leader must have filed all necessary papers at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of voting at a Leadership Convention.
 - 3.1.** Candidates for the position of Provincial Leader must have filed nomination papers that contain the names of at least 25 members in good standing.
 - 3.2.** Candidates for the position of Provincial Leader must pay all registration fees as determined by the Provincial Executive.
 - 3.3.** Candidates for the position of Provincial Leader must stay within spending limits as set out by the Provincial Executive.
- 4.** Presidential terms shall alternate between women and men.
- 5.** A member of the Federal Parliament or Provincial Legislature may not be President of the party except that a President, who is elected an MP or MLA during his or her term of office, may complete that term of office.
- 6.** Excepting the Leader, at least three of the Officers of the provincial party shall be women.
- 7.** When a vacancy or vacancies occur in an Officer's position, other than that of Provincial Leader, such position(s) shall be filled on an interim basis by and from members of Provincial Council. A member elected to fill such a vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Convention.

ARTICLE 10: Provincial Executive

1. The Provincial Executive shall be the Party's main administrative and co-ordinating body, and shall be responsible for implementing Convention and Provincial Council decisions and for oversight of the Party's day-to-day operations.

2. The Provincial Executive shall consist of:

- 2.1. All Provincial Officers;
- 2.2. Three (3) Provincial Council members;
- 2.3. The New Democrat Youth representative;
- 2.4. The Participation of Women representative; and
- 2.5. The immediate Past President.

3. The Provincial Executive shall be elected as follows:

3.1. The Provincial Officers shall be elected in accordance with Article 9, Section 2;

10.3.2 Three (3) Provincial Council members, each to represent a geographic area of East, Central and West Prince Edward Island on the Provincial Executive shall be elected to a one-year term at the first Provincial Council meeting after the Annual Convention, as follows:

10.3.2.1 The East Council representative on Provincial Executive shall be elected from and by the District representatives of Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9,

10.3.2.2 The Central Council representative on Provincial Executive shall be elected from and by the District representatives of Districts 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18,

10.3.2.3 The West Council representative on Provincial Executive shall be elected from and by the District representatives of Districts 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, and

10.3.2.4 In the event that one or more of the three Council positions on Provincial Executive becomes vacant during the one-year term, Council shall appoint a member or members in good standing from the affected district area(s) to complete the term.

10.3.2.5 As changes to district boundaries are made in accordance with the Electoral Boundaries Act, the representation provisions for the East, Central and West areas are to be amended to accord with such changes.

3. The New Democrats Youth representative shall be elected by and from the New Democrat Youth of Prince Edward Island;

4. The Participation of Women representative shall be elected by and from the New Democratic Women of Prince Edward Island, as described in Article 7..
 5. The person with the most senior role from Prince Edward Island on the Federal Executive or Federal Council shall have voice but no vote on the Provincial Executive; and
 6. A representative of the labour movement who is a member of the NDP PEI and selected by the PEI Federation of Labour in consultation with the NDP PEI shall have voice but no vote on the Provincial Executive.
2. At least one-half of the members of the Provincial Executive shall be women.
 3. The Provincial Executive shall meet at least six (6) times a year and shall have full authority to administer the affairs of the party between meetings of the Provincial Council.
 4. Quorum:
 1. A quorum at any meeting of the Provincial Officers or the Provincial Executive shall consist of one-third (1/3) of the members of the respective body; and
 2. A quorum at any meeting of the Provincial Council shall consist of one quarter (1/4) of the members of the Provincial Council.

ARTICLE 11: Provincial Council

1. The Provincial Council shall be the governing body of the party between Provincial Conventions.
2. Provincial Council shall consist of:
 - 2.1. The Provincial Executive;
 - 2.2. One (1) member elected by each provincial district association; and wherever a provincial district association does not exist, Provincial Council is authorized to appoint a district representative only for provincial district associations;
 - 2.3. The New Democrat Youth of Prince Edward Island' representative on the Provincial Executive and two (2) members elected from and by the New Democrat Youth of Prince Edward Island; and
 - 2.4. A representative for seniors, one for aboriginals and one for persons with disabilities.
3. At least one half of the members of the Provincial Council shall be women

4. The Provincial Council shall meet at least four (4) times a year, at the call of the Executive. Council may suspend any council member missing three (3) consecutive meetings without just cause.

5. Standing Committees:

5.1. The Provincial Council shall establish the following Standing Committees:

5.1.1. Party Constitution (Chaired by President; members approved by Provincial Executive);

5.1.2. Finance (Chaired by the Treasurer; members approved by Provincial Executive);

5.1.3. Fundraising (Chair elected to a one-year term by Provincial Council; members appointed by Provincial Executive)

5.1.4. Policy and Education (Chair elected to a one-year term by Provincial Council; members appointed by Provincial Executive);

5.1.5. Women (with Chair and membership as described in Article 7);

5.1.6. Membership and Organizing (Chaired by the Membership Secretary; members approved by Provincial Executive);

5.1.7. Communications and Public Relations (Chair elected to a one-year term by Provincial Council; members approved by Provincial Executive); and

5.1.8. Election Readiness (Chair elected to a one-year term by Provincial Council; members appointed by Provincial Executive).

5.2. All members of Standing Committees must be members in good standing of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island.

5.3. Every effort shall be made to ensure that at least one-half of the members of each Standing Committee are women, with the exception of 10.5.1.5 above.

5.4. There shall be a Youth representative on each Standing Committee.

5.5. Chairs of the Standing Committees listed above shall be appointed by Provincial Council on an annual basis at the first council meeting following the Annual Convention. Other Standing Committees established from time to time by the Provincial Council shall commence their functions at the time of their creation. The Provincial Council shall approve the terms of reference for all Standing Committees.

6. On a temporary basis, and to meet specific needs, the Provincial Council may establish one or more Ad Hoc committees. The council shall outline the terms of reference for these Ad Hoc Committees and determine the time period for their operation.
7. The Provincial Council may authorize the establishment of one or more Advisory Committees and outline the terms of reference for the Advisory Committees so established.
8. Each Advisory Committee shall, in co-ordination with the Leader, choose one or more spokesperson to serve as a public representative of the party for subjects within the committee's terms of reference and to assist the Leader in the public dissemination and communication of the party's policies and positions.
 - 8.1. Although the composition of Advisory Committees may include individuals who are not members of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island, only party members may vote on committee decisions and serve as committee spokespersons.
9. If a member of Provincial Council elected by a district association is unable to attend a Provincial Council meeting, the respective district association president shall be permitted to appoint an alternate to attend the Provincial Council meeting and the alternate so named shall be entitled to full voice and vote.

ARTICLE 12: Duties of Provincial Officers

1. The Provincial Leader shall be the chief political spokesperson of the party and, subject to the Convention and Provincial Council, shall interpret to the public the policies of the party.
 - 1.1. In co-ordination with the Standing and Advisory Committees established under Article 11, Sections 5 & 6, the Leader shall ensure that party spokespersons are selected to assist the Leader in furthering the political aims and objectives of the party.
 - 1.2. Bearing in mind party policy and positions within their area of responsibility, these spokespersons shall act under the direction of the Leader and in conjunction with the Advisory Committees.
2. If the Provincial Leader is a member of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island, he or she shall be the House Leader. In the event that the Provincial Leader is not a member of the Legislative Assembly, or should the position of Leader become vacant, the caucus shall elect an interim House Leader.
3. The Provincial President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the party and shall be responsible to the Provincial Executive. He or she shall have supervision over the work of the party, sign all official documents and preside at Conventions and all meetings of the Council and Executive.

4. The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in order of standing and assume the duties of the President in his or her absence or disability. Other duties shall be assigned by the Executive.
5. The Recording Secretary shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the party and the custodian of party records. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for preparing and distributing materials in advance of Executive, Council and Convention meetings, taking minutes at all such meetings and, in consultation with the Leader and the President, co-ordinating the preparation of an agenda for all such meetings;
 - 5.1. The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of Executive, Council and Convention minutes and shall, in consultation with the Leader and the President, co-ordinate the preparation of the agenda of all meetings of the Executive, the Provincial Council and the Convention.
6. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the membership list, co-ordinating membership drives, welcoming new members, and supporting the efforts of the Leader and others in organizing the Districts;
7. The Treasurer shall be the Financial Officer of the party, the custodian of party funds and he or she shall formulate the party's financial policy, subject always to the approval of Provincial Council and/or Convention.
8. One of the Provincial Officers shall supervise the membership lists and constituency association structure, ensuring, wherever possible, that vacancies on constituency association executives are filled and defunct constituency associations are re-activated at the earliest opportunity.
9. For legal and banking purposes, the signing officers of the party shall be any two (2) of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE 13: Provincial District Associations

1. Each provincial district association shall adopt by-laws for the conduct of district business. Such by-laws shall include provisions for equal representation of women wherever possible. Such by-laws or regulations shall be subject to approval of the Provincial Council and shall be in accord with the Provincial Constitution. Where no by-laws are in effect, the model by-laws outlined in Appendix A shall be in effect.
2. The purpose of the district association shall be to organize its electoral district for educational and election purposes and, generally, on a continuing basis, to undertake on behalf of the party, the furthering of party work within its particular district.
3. Each member shall be a member of the provincial district association in which he or she resides unless he or she requests and is granted membership in another provincial district association.

4. Members of affiliated organizations are entitled to send two (2) members to vote at district meetings and nominating conventions, provided their names are submitted to the district Secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting or nominating convention.
5. Where no district association exists, the Provincial Council may appoint an acting district association executive subject to the approval of the Provincial Executive. Every effort will be made to ensure equal representation of women on appointed executives. These interim officers will hold office until regular district elections take place in accordance with the other provisions of Article 13.
6. Each provincial district association must hold at least two general membership meetings each year, one of which must be an Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 14: Conventions

1. All Conventions

- 1.1. Subject to the provisions of the Federal Constitution and the procedures contained in this constitution, sovereign power is vested in the Convention.
- 1.2. Any member in good standing on the first day of a Convention of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island is eligible to attend Convention as a voting delegate.
- 1.3. The Provincial Executive shall determine the registration fee for delegates to Convention.
- 1.4. Each affiliated organization is entitled to send representatives (as delegates) on the basis of two (2) delegates for the first one hundred (100) members or portion thereof and one (1) additional delegate for each additional fifty (50) members or major portion thereof.
- 1.5. Each delegate to Convention shall have only one vote.
- 1.6. A majority of the delegates registered at the Convention shall constitute a quorum.
- 1.7. All Honourary Life Members shall have voice and vote at Conventions.
- 1.8. The provincial party shall adopt such rules and regulations as it deems necessary for the conduct of its business but, in all matters not governed by those rules and regulations, Robert's Rules of Order shall apply.
- 1.9. Subject to approval by Provincial Council, any Convention may be conducted at multiple locations, simultaneously, using video-conferencing and/or teleconferencing electronic technology.

2. Annual Conventions

2.1. A convention, known as the Annual Convention, shall be held in April of each calendar year, at the location and dates determined by Provincial Council. Under exceptional circumstances, the Provincial Council may postpone the Annual Convention until no later than the first week of December. Should the convention be postponed, sixty (60) days' notice will be given.

2.2. Not less than forty-five (45) days' notice of the date and place of an Annual Convention shall be given to each provincial constituency association, each member of the party who is a member of the Legislative Assembly of Prince Edward Island or the House of Commons representing a Prince Edward Island constituency, and an advertisement taken in the local and social media for the purpose of notifying any member or prospective member of the party of the forthcoming Annual Convention.

2.3. The Annual Convention shall elect, by secret ballot, all Provincial Officers as prescribed in Article 9, Section (2).

2.4. Resolutions or recommendations for submission to an Annual Convention must be received by the Provincial Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Convention, and may be submitted by:

2.4.1. Any District Association;

2.4.2. The Provincial Council;

2.4.3. The Provincial Executive;

2.4.4. The New Democrat Youth;

2.4.5. The New Democratic Women;

2.4.6. Any Standing Committee;

2.4.7. Any Advisory Committee; and

2.4.8. Any Affiliate.

2.5. Resolutions or recommendations for submission to an Annual Convention must be available to members at the party office ten (10) days prior to the start of Convention.

2.6. Emergency resolutions may be submitted in writing by any delegate at an Annual Convention, up to the end of convention. Such resolutions shall deal with important matters that arise after the resolution deadlines. Two-thirds of the delegates at the convention must support a motion to consider any resolution so submitted.

3. Special Conventions

- 3.1. A Special Convention shall be one that is held in addition to an Annual Convention.
- 3.2. Special Conventions may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a Provincial Council meeting.
- 3.3. Special Conventions may be called on thirty (30) days' notice.
- 3.4. Notice of such convention shall specify the matters to be considered and the Special Convention shall confine itself to those.

ARTICLE 15: Discipline and Appeal Process

1. The Provincial Executive and any district associations have the right to expel, suspend or discipline any member for conduct contrary to this constitution and to the principles of the party.
2. Complaint may be lodged with the Provincial President by any member or constituted body of the party alleging a violation of the constitution or a statement or action resulting in severe and evident injustice to a member or constituted body of the party.
3. Such complaint(s) must be in writing, must set out details of action or statement that give rise to the complaint, the remedy sought and such evidence as may be pertinent.
4. Satisfaction must first have been sought under existing party procedures and rules of the appropriate organization before the appeal is directed to the President.
5. The President shall endeavour to achieve an amicable settlement. Failing such settlement, the complainant may lodge the complaint with the Provincial Council.
6. The Provincial Council shall rule on the complaint by motion and shall direct, within fourteen (14) days, its ruling by mail to those affected.
7. When such suspension, expulsion or discipline is contemplated, adequate notice must be given to the individual concerned so that he or she may have the opportunity of a hearing.
8. At any hearing, the complainants and the defendants shall each be entitled to representation by someone of their choice to speak on their behalf, and any witnesses to the case.
9. Those affected by the ruling by motion of the Provincial Council may appeal the matter to Annual Convention.

10. Any individual expelled, suspended and etc., may appeal such action or decision to the next highest level of authority of the party, up to and including the Annual Convention.
11. Notice of appeal to the Annual Convention must be lodged with the Provincial Secretary within sixty (60) days of the ruling of the Provincial Council.
12. The convention shall render its ruling by motion prior to adjournment and such ruling shall be final and binding on those affected.
13. No member, and no constituted body of the party, shall seek redress of any matter arising from disputes within the party through legal action or by public notice or solicitation.

ARTICLE 16: Public Office

1. Each provincial district association shall be responsible for the nomination of its candidate(s) for all elections and by-elections.
2. The nomination and election of candidates shall occur at a general membership meeting open to all members in good standing of the provincial district association. However, where such a meeting fails to obtain a quorum as outlined in the district association by-laws, the provincial district association executive may hold a nominating meeting to elect a candidate. This meeting shall be open to all members in good standing of the provincial district association.
3. Wherever possible, meetings described in (1) above shall be preceded by at least one week's advance notice to all members of the provincial district association.
4. Should the meetings described in (1) above fail to secure the nomination and selection of a candidate or candidates, the Provincial Executive may appoint a candidate or candidates.
5. Where no provincial district association exists, the Provincial Council may authorize and/or approve the naming of a candidate or candidates to contest an election or by-election with the approval of the majority of members in the district.
6. All persons proposed as candidates of the party for public office shall be members in good standing of the party and shall obtain acceptance from the Provincial Executive.
7. Each member of the party, including candidates for and holders of public office, has covenanted that: "I will accept and abide by the constitution, principles and policies of the New Democratic Party."

ARTICLE 17: Property

17.1 The Provincial Executive shall be empowered to nominate members of the party to serve as officers of societies and limited companies to manage the properties of the party.

ARTICLE 18: Amendments

1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all delegates present and voting at any Provincial Convention.
2. Constitutional amendments must be submitted to the Constitutional Committee and made available for members' scrutiny twenty-one (21) days prior to convention.
3. Constitutional amendments shall become effective upon adjournment of the convention at which they are adopted.

Appendix A

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DISTRICT ____[#] _ _____[District Name] ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

(1) Name

- (1)1. The name of the association shall be the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island District ____[#] Association.

(2) Members

- (2)1. Members of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island District ____[#] Association shall consist of all those individuals who are members in good standing of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island and who are resident in District ____[#] except for those individual members who, under the provisions of the constitution of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island, have requested and been granted membership in another provincial district association. Similarly, members of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island who are not resident in District ____ (#) may be granted membership in District_ (#) by a vote at a District Executive or Annual General Meeting.

(3) Executive

- (3)1. The Executive shall be composed of a minimum of three positions, consisting of a President, Secretary-Treasurer and Provincial Council Representative. Wherever possible, no one individual shall occupy more than one position. All efforts shall be made to have each Executive position filled by different members of the District Association and with the goal of achieving gender balance if possible. The term of office for each Executive position shall be one year.

(4) Financial

- (4)1. An account shall be maintained for the financial management of the District Association at a designated credit union. Three Executive officers (including the Secretary-Treasurer and the President) shall have signing authority for the account, with all cheques drawn on the account requiring the signature of two of the three designated Executive officers.
- (4)2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall provide a financial report to the Executive at each meeting, and to the membership at the Annual General Meeting and other general membership meetings.
- (4)3. The fiscal year shall run from April 1 to March 31.

(5) Meetings

- (5)1. The Executive shall endeavor to follow the meeting schedule outlined in the provincial constitution (Article 13.6), but otherwise shall meet by email, phone or in person as expedient.
- (5)2. Wherever possible, the Secretary-Treasurer shall provide at least one week's notice of an Executive meeting by email or phone to all Executive members.
- (5)3. The Executive shall call an Annual General Meeting of the membership prior to the deadline date for submission of resolutions to the annual convention of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island. Where the annual convention of the New Democratic Party of Prince Edward Island is delayed as per the party's constitutional provisions, the Annual General Meeting of the district association shall be held prior to March 31.
- (5)4. The Secretary shall give at least two weeks' notice to the District membership of any general membership meeting by email, phone or regular mail.

(6) Quorum and voting

- (6)1. For Executive meetings, a simple majority of the Executive shall constitute a quorum, whether business is conducted in person or by phone or email.
- (6)2. For general membership meetings, a minimum of six members or one-third of the District Association membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum.

(7) Other business

- (7)1. All other business that may arise shall be the responsibility of the Executive to discharge on behalf of the association, providing that the Executive shall report to the general membership in an appropriate and timely manner. In any case, each Executive officer shall provide a summary report at each Annual General Meeting.

(8) Amendments

- (8)1. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members present and voting at any District Annual General Meeting.
- (8)2. Proposed by-law amendments must be made available to all members at least two weeks prior to the District Annual General Meeting.
- (8)3. By-law amendments shall become effective upon adjournment of the District Annual General Meeting at which they are adopted.