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Pursuant to comments received at the Constitutional Q&A and in discussions at this Convention, and pursuant to s. 6.8 of the Rules of Order, the following “friendly” amendments further correct deficiencies in a manner consistent with the original intention of the Constitutional Proposal and have been accepted by the sponsor.

- Insert Preamble
- Article 10: Add “speak, and vote at” to now read:
- Article 13: Remove, “or otherwise” so that Article 13
- Article 17(a): Add “or amended” so that Article 17

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Preamble: Insert Preamble as follows:

The Liberal Party of Canada is an association of Registered Liberals who share certain principles, as set out below, and who strive to elect candidates to the House of Commons for the purpose of advancing those principles.

The Liberal Party of Canada is committed to the view that the dignity of each individual person is the cardinal principle of democratic society and the primary purpose of all political organization and activity in such a society.

The Liberal Party of Canada is dedicated to the principles that have historically sustained the Party: individual freedom, responsibility and human dignity in the framework of a just society, and political freedom in the framework of meaningful participation by all persons. The Liberal Party is bound by the constitution of Canada and the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and is committed to the pursuit of equality of opportunity for all persons, to the enhancement of our unique and diverse cultural community, to the recognition that English and French are the official languages of Canada, and to the preservation of the Canadian identity in a global society.

In accordance with this philosophy, the Liberal Party of Canada subscribes to the fundamental rights and freedoms of persons under the rule of law and commits itself to the protection of these essential values and their constant adaptation to the changing needs of modern Canadian society.

The Liberal Party of Canada recognizes that human dignity in a democratic system requires that all citizens have access to full information concerning the policies and leadership of the Party; the opportunity to participate in open and public assessment of such means, and such modifications of policies and leadership as they deem desirable to promote the political, economic, social, cultural and general well-being of Canadians.

To realize this objective, the Liberal Party of Canada strives to provide a flexible and democratic structure whereby all Canadians can obtain such information, participate in such assessment and militate for such reform through open communications, free dialogue and participatory action both electoral and non-electoral. This Constitution sets forth the institutions, systems and procedures by which the Liberal Party of Canada, in co-operation with its provincial and territorial boards and electoral district associations, works to implement these ideas on behalf of all Registered Liberals.



Article 10(d): Add “speak, and vote at” to now read:

10. **Rights.** Each Registered Liberal has the right, subject to this Constitution, to do the following:

...

- d. attend, speak, and vote at any convention or general meeting of the Party or their Provincial or Territorial Board;

Article 13: Remove, “or otherwise” so that Article 13 now reads:

13. **Governance.** The executive or governing board of an Electoral District Association shall be composed of Registered Liberals (whether or not living within the applicable electoral district) in such numbers and in such a manner to be determined by Party by-law. Electoral District Associations shall comply with such other requirements as to their governance, financial management and reporting, as may be implemented by National Board by by-law.

Article 17(a): Add “or amended” so that Article 17 now reads:

17. **Powers.** The National Board will have the power to:

- a. make by-laws, by majority vote, to determine any matter delegated to it in this Constitution (provided that such by-laws must be consistent with this Constitution and published on the website of the Party in order to be effective, and shall only be effective until the next National Convention unless ratified or amended at such convention) including without limitation

Article 48(c) of French version only. Change “heures” to “jours”.