

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **of the North Okanagan Shuswap Federal Green Party Association**

1. The **name** of the Electoral District Association shall be the “North Okanagan Shuswap Federal Green Party Association”, herein after called “the EDA”.
2. The EDA is a subsection of the Green Party of Canada (the "Party"), and is bound by the constitution and bylaws of the Party.
3. The **purpose of the EDA** is to:
  - 3.1 Support and promote the principles, objectives and policies of the Party and maintain an effective EDA for that purpose.
  - 3.2 Provide organizational and financial support to the Party’s candidate in the EDA.
  - 3.3 Raise money to support the fundamental purposes of the Party and the purposes and activities of the EDA;
4. The EDA is formed pursuant to the provisions of the Canada Elections Act. The boundaries of the EDA are the boundaries of the Electoral District of North Okanagan Shuswap, as those boundaries are set from time to time by the Government of Canada.
5. Unless it dissolves, the EDA will continue as long as the EDA exists with the boundaries as set by Elections Canada. The EDA may not change its name or merge or join with any other federal political party.
6. The accounts of the EDA shall be audited as required by the Elections Act.
7. **Members** in good standing of the Party residing within the boundaries of the Electoral District of North Okanagan Shuswap are members of the EDA.
8. **Voting** at any meeting of the EDA is restricted to members who have been a member for at least thirty (30) days or have renewed a lapsed membership before or at the meeting.
9. A **quorum** at general meetings shall be the lesser of five (5) percent of the membership or twenty-five (25) members.
10. **Motions** shall be passed with a simple majority of those present at meetings.
11. **Proxy** voting is not permitted.
12. **Notice of General Meetings** shall be given at least thirty (30) days prior through the CiviCRM data base, where feasible, but may be given by any effective means including email or other electronic notice.
13. The EDA shall hold an **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** once per calendar year or no later than fifteen (15) months following the previous AGM.
14. The business of the AGM shall include the election of the Executive of the EDA.

15. The **Executive of the EDA** shall be the governing body of the EDA between general meetings and shall be comprised of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and a Financial Agent (FA) together with such other officers as it deems fit, including:  
Secretary  
Membership Chair  
Fundraising Chair  
Organizing Chair  
Communications Chair.

16. The Executive shall appoint an **auditor** as per the requirements of Elections Canada.

17. In the event of a **vacancy** on the Executive, the Executive may appoint a replacement who shall hold office until the position can be filled by election at the AGM of the EDA.

18. The quorum for all Executive meetings shall be more than fifty (50) percent of members of the Executive at the time the meeting is called to order.

19. The Executive, on the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, may remove an Executive member who has missed four (4) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Executive without reasonable explanation; or whose conduct is judged detrimental to the objectives of the EDA. The removal may only occur at a meeting called for that purpose.

20. The Executive shall appoint a **Candidate Nomination Committee** for the purpose of recruiting potential nomination contestants. Prior to appointment, committee members must agree to maintain neutrality with respect to the nomination process and all potential nomination contestants and agree not to seek nomination themselves.

21. Any member of the Executive, who files nomination papers to seek nomination as a candidate in an upcoming federal election or by-election, shall take a leave of absence as an Executive member and may only resume duties when they are no longer a contender for the nomination or the election or by-election, as the case may be.

22. The EDA shall hold a nomination meeting to select a candidate for the Party in the Electoral District in accordance with Candidate Nomination Procedures provided by the party.

23. All approved nomination contestants shall be invited to attend meetings of the executive.

24. In the event the membership of an EDA or its Executive wish to replace a nominated candidate, a meeting of the membership may be called in accordance with rules provided by the Party.

25. Notice of proposed amendments to the **constitution** shall be included in the notice of a general meeting at which the amendments are to be considered.

26. Constitutional Amendments shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast at a general meeting, and shall be ratified by a majority of the votes returned within ten (10) days in an electronic or other mail-in vote sent to all members in good standing of the EDA, according to clause 8 above.