

**Constitution of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission
Liberal Party of Canada**

As amended at the 2005 Biennial Convention

PREAMBLE

BELIEVING in the right of all Aboriginal people to participate in the political process in Canada in order to achieve a just and equitable position for Aboriginal peoples in Canadian society;

COMMITTED to the socio-economic betterment of Aboriginal people and the recognition of the Aboriginal and treaty right of Aboriginal peoples, including the inherent right of self-determination;

DEDICATED to the creation of a caring society and healthy environment in which all peoples may peacefully flourish in harmony with our Mother the Earth, so as to ensure a place for our generations to come;

BELIEVING that the philosophy and ideology of the Liberal Party of Canada is compatible with the aspirations of Aboriginal people and best suited to accommodate the interests of Aboriginal peoples in Canada; and,

THEREFORE the hereinafter described organization is constituted as a Commission of the Liberal Party of Canada with the principal objectives of representing and promoting the interests of Aboriginal Peoples within the Liberal Party of Canada and encouraging the active participation of Aboriginal people as all levels within the Party.

ARTICLE I NAME

1.01 The name of the organization shall be “The Aboriginal Peoples’ Commission of the Liberal Party of Canada,” hereinafter referred to as the Aboriginal Commission.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIPS

2.01 Any Aboriginal person, who is a member of the Liberal Party of Canada, may be a member of the Aboriginal Commission.

2.02 Membership cards may be issued by the Aboriginal Commission in accordance with the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada.

2.03 For the purposes of this Commission and for the purposes of determining Aboriginal delegates to Conventions of the Liberal Party of Canada, an Aboriginal person shall be defined in accordance with the following:

(a) “Aboriginal” refers to the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada; and

(b) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (a) an Aboriginal person includes a person who (1) self identifies as an Aboriginal person and (2) provides either reasonable proof of Aboriginal ancestry or reasonable proof that the Aboriginal community accepts him/her as an Aboriginal.

2.04 Where a person’s Aboriginal identity is challenged the Vice-President for Organization shall hold a hearing in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice and fairness to consider and rule on the challenge.

2.05 The Aboriginal Peoples’ Commission shall establish a membership committee at every Biennial Convention of the Liberal Party of Canada to hear any challenges that may arise over the identity of any Aboriginal person.

ARTICLE III HEAD OFFICE

3.01 The head office of the Aboriginal Commission shall be in the City of Ottawa, Ontario.

**ARTICLE IV
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**

- 4.01** There shall be a National Executive of the Aboriginal Commission consisting of twenty-one people, including all of the Officers and Provincial/Territorial Representatives of the Aboriginal Commission.
- 4.02** The National Executive shall be responsible for the overall management and policy development of the Aboriginal Commission.
- 4.03** A majority of the National Executive shall constitute a quorum. All decisions of the National Executive shall be by a majority vote.
- 4.04** The National Executive may amend or reverse any decisions of the Officers of the Aboriginal Commission. Any major policy, management or political decision requires the prior approval of the National Executive. In particular, any non-budgeted financial expenditure in excess of \$2,000.00 must be approved by the National Executive.
- 4.05** The National Executive shall meet at least once per year at the call of the Presidents or fifty-one percent of the National Executive. In addition, the National Executive shall hold at least two conference calls per year between meetings and a minimum of ten days notice is required for the calling of meetings and a minimum of two days notice is required for the conduct of conference calls. All meetings and conference calls of the National Executive shall be co-chaired by at least on Co-President.

**ARTICLE V
PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL REPRESENTATIVES**

- 5.01** The Aboriginal Peoples' Commission shall be composed of thirteen (13) provincial and territorial Aboriginal Associations or Commissions, and there shall one APC PTO representative from each province or territory as follows:
- (a) The Aboriginal Associations or Commissions are:
- British Columbia Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Alberta Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Saskatchewan Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Manitoba Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Ontario Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - New Brunswick Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Nova Scotia Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Prince Edward Island Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Western Arctic Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Quebec Aboriginal Liberal Commission
 - Yukon Aboriginal Liberal Commission

Newfoundland and Labrador Liberal Association
Nunavut Liberal Commission

- 5.02** The provincial and territorial Aboriginal Associations or Commissions represent and promote the interests of Aboriginal peoples in the Party and encourage the active participation of Aboriginal peoples at all levels of the Party structure. They shall encourage and coordinate the activities of the membership and function as a body which coordinates and communicates the views of Aboriginal Liberals on a regular basis. They shall be known as Aboriginal Associations or Commissions of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission of the Liberal Party of Canada. They shall maintain an up to date list of their current executive with the Aboriginal Commission.
- 5.03** The Provincial/Territorial Representatives to the National Executive of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission shall be appointed to the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission National Executive in the following manner:
- (a) Where there is an Aboriginal Association or Commission within the province/territory, the representative shall be the president of the Association or Commission or the designate of the Aboriginal Association or Commission; and
 - (b) Where there is not an Aboriginal Association or Commission within the province/territory, the representative shall be selected by the Aboriginal Association or Commission members within the province/territory.
- 5.04** If there is a vacancy on the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission National Executive as a result of the failure by an Aboriginal Association or Commission pursuant to section 5.03, or the Aboriginal Association or Commission members of the province/territory, to name a representative, the National Executive of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission may appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next provincial/territorial Aboriginal Association or Commission annual meeting.
- 5.05** The Provincial/Territorial Representatives shall be responsible for advancing the interests of the Aboriginal Commission within their respective regions.
- 5.06** Any Aboriginal person, as defined in the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission's Constitution, who is a member of the Liberal Party of Canada, may be a member of the Aboriginal Associations.
- 5.07** The Aboriginal Associations or Commissions shall, in their respective Constitutions:
- (a) Define their status and objectives within the Party and Aboriginal Peoples' Commission and recognize the full membership and participation in their ranks of all Aboriginal peoples, women and youth while ensuring equitable representation in the structure and operations and incorporate the principles set forth in the Preamble and Article 2, section 3 of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada;

- (b) Specify the qualifications and procedures required for obtaining membership;
- (c) Provide for annual general meetings and for election of officers thereof at such meetings which shall be held in conjunction with respective provincial/territorial Liberal Associations of the Liberal Party of Canada annual general meetings;
- (d) Provide for a right of hearing and an appeal procedure from all decisions of their respective executive committees or officers dismissing members from office in such Associations, denying membership therein to applicants, and suspending or expelling members therefrom;
- (e) Provide for the establishment and maintenance of proper financial records, minutes of meetings and correspondence;
- (f) Provide for the appointment or election of representatives to participate in the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission;
- (g) Provide for procedures for the selection and substitution of Aboriginal delegates attending provincial/territorial or national Conventions of the Liberal Party of Canada in accordance with the Constitution or by-laws of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission, Liberal Party of Canada and provincial/territorial Liberal Party of Canada Associations;
- (h) Specify a formula for the amending of such Constitutions by a vote of their respective general memberships, and specify the effective date of each amended version of such Constitutions; and
- (i) Ensure that the current version of their Constitution is filed with the National Office of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission, Liberal Party of Canada and the respective provincial/territorial Associations of the Liberal Party of Canada.

5.08 One of the primary objectives of the Liberal Party of Canada is to ensure equitable representation of Aboriginal Peoples at all levels of the Party. An assessment to determine the extent to which equitable Aboriginal representation has been achieved will be reported to every Biennial Convention by the President of the Aboriginal Associations in consultation with the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission.

5.09 The Presidents of the Aboriginal Associations shall report to the National Executive of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission at every Biennial Convention on the achievements of their respective Associations.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS

6.01 There shall be eight Officers of the Aboriginal Commission:

- (a) Two Presidents, one of whom is a male and the other of whom is a female; and
- (b) Six Vice-Presidents with responsibility over the following subject areas:
 - (i) Finance;
 - (ii) Communications;
 - (iii) Policy;
 - (iv) Organization and Membership;
 - (v) Youth; and
 - (vi) Women.

6.02 The Officers, as a committee of the National Executive, shall be accountable to the National Executive and responsible for fulfilling the directions of the National Executive and attending to the management and policy development of the Aboriginal Commission between meetings of the National Executive.

6.03 A majority of the Officers shall constitute a quorum. All decisions of the Officers shall be by majority vote.

6.04 The Officers shall meet at least once every four months at the call of the Presidents or two-thirds of the Officers. In addition, the Officers may hold as many conference calls as they deem necessary for the efficient operation of the Aboriginal Commission. A minimum of ten days notice is required for the calling of meetings. All meetings and conference calls shall be co-chaired by at least one Co-President.

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

7.01 The Presidents shall:

- (a) Promote the interest of the Aboriginal Commission both within the Party and externally;
- (b) Co-chair or chair all meetings of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission;
- (c) Report as required detailing the activities of the National Executive;
- (d) Be the primary spokesperson of the Aboriginal Commission;

- (e) Maintain all duties normally associated with a chief executive officer and such other duties as delegated to them by the National Executive; and
- (f) Represent the Aboriginal Commission on the National Executive of the Liberal Party of Canada and on other Committees of the Liberal Party of Canada as required.

7.02 The duties of each of the Vice-Presidents shall be as follows:

(a) Vice-President for Finance:

- (i) Develop proposed fundraising projects for the Aboriginal Commission;
- (ii) Maintain accurate records, financial and otherwise, of the Aboriginal Commission and make such records available to individual members upon request;
- (iii) Act as the Aboriginal Commission representative on Liberal Party finance committee, represent the Aboriginal Commission on the National Executive of the Liberal Party of Canada and on other Committees of the Liberal Party of Canada as required ;
- (iv) At least two months prior to the National Executive meeting in the spring of each and every year, prepare a comprehensive budget for the Aboriginal Commission including:
 - (1) Estimates of upcoming expenditures by each Officer in the operation of his/her area of concern including a complete estimate and description of these proposed expenditures and projects;
 - (2) Expenditures related to National Executive meetings; and
 - (3) Expenditures related to paid staff members of the Aboriginal Commission;
- (v) Report as required detailing the financial expenditures of the Aboriginal Commission; and
- (vi) Such other duties as delegated by the Officers or the National Executive.

(b) Vice-President for Communications

- (i) Maintain a national membership list in conjunction with the Vice-President responsible for Organization

- (ii) Develop and implement communications strategies for the Aboriginal Commission;
 - (iii) Act as the Aboriginal Commission representative on Liberal Party communications committees as required;
 - (iv) Report as required detailing the communications activities of the Aboriginal Commission; and
 - (v) Such other duties as delegated by the Officers or the National Executive.
- (c) Vice-President for Policy:
- (i) Ensure a functional policy process which includes:
 - (1) Aboriginal Commission policy development;
 - (2) The communication of Aboriginal Commission policies to the Liberal Party Standing Committee on Policy, and should they exist, the National Platform Committee and the National Election Readiness Committee;
 - (3) Direct lobbying and communication of developed Aboriginal Commission policies to the parliamentary wing of the Party, and
 - (4) Report as required detailing the policy activities of the Aboriginal Commission.
 - (ii) Collect, co-ordinate, and compile adopted Aboriginal Commission provincial/territorial Aboriginal Policies;
 - (iii) Distribute such a compiled policy package to each Provincial/Territorial Representative and policy director on a yearly basis;
 - (iv) Distribute policy background material to provincial/territorial Aboriginal organizations;
 - (v) Act as one of the Aboriginal Commission representatives on the Liberal Party Policy Development Committee; and
 - (vi) Such other duties as delegated by the Officers or the National Executive.
- (d) Vice-President for Membership and Organization:

- (i) Provide organization support to the provincial/territorial Liberal Aboriginal organizations by developing organizational materials and information packages prepared with their co-operation and agreement;
 - (ii) Maintain an ongoing constitutional review process;
 - (iii) Maintain an ongoing national membership list in conjunction with the Vice-President responsible for Communications;
 - (iv) Act as the Aboriginal Commission representative on Liberal Party organizational committees;
 - (v) Report as required detailing the organization activities of the Aboriginal Commission; and
 - (vi) Such other duties as delegated by the Officers or the National Executive.
- (e) Vice-President for Youth:
- (i) Work with the other Vice-Presidents in promoting the interest of Aboriginal youth within each of the subject areas or responsibility described herein;
 - (ii) Develop policies and programs in respect of Aboriginal youth;
 - (iii) Encourage the participation of Aboriginal youth in the Aboriginal Commission;
 - (iv) Act as the Aboriginal Commission representative on the Commission of the Young Liberals of Canada;
 - (v) Report detailing his or her activities in the Commission of the Young Liberals; and
 - (vi) Such other duties as delegated by the Officers or the National Executive.
- (f) Vice-President for Women:
- (i) Work with the other Vice-Presidents in the interest of Aboriginal women within each of the subject areas of responsibility described herein;
 - (ii) Develop policies and programs in respect of Aboriginal women;
 - (iii) Encourage the participation of Aboriginal women in the Aboriginal Commission;

- (iv) Act as the Aboriginal Commission representative on the National Women's Liberal Commission of the Liberal Party;
- (v) Report as required; and
- (vi) Such other duties as delegated by the Officers or the National Executive.

ARTICLE VIII ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

8.01 All Officers shall report on their respective activities to the Vice-President responsible for Communications prior to his/her deadline of submissions to existing Liberal publications.

ARTICLE IX CONVENTIONS

9.01 The Aboriginal representation at any Convention shall be as follows (requirements for qualifications as a delegate or alternate must be met as of the opening of registration):

- (a) the eight officers of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission and;
- (b) the presidents of the provincial/territorial Aboriginal Commissions or, in the absence of a provincial or territorial Aboriginal Commission, the provincial or territorial representative on the national Aboriginal Commission;
- (c) two representatives (one of whom must be a woman) appointed by the executive of each provincial or territorial Aboriginal Commission or Association or, in the absence of a provincial or territorial Aboriginal Commission or Association, elected at large by all persons resident in that province or territory who are eligible to vote as Aboriginal people in accordance with rules adopted for that purpose by the executive of the Aboriginal Commission; and
- (d) delegates based on proportional representation of Aboriginal peoples in the country in a number, allocated to each province and territory to reflect the demographic distribution of Aboriginal people in each province or territory and elected as follows:
 - (i) for the purpose of calculation only, the total number of delegates is smallest whole number greater than A where

$$A = (P \div C) \times D$$

P is the total Aboriginal population of all provinces and territories reported in the latest Canadian Census published before the date on which the call to the Convention is issued by the National Executive of the Liberal Party of Canada (the “Date of the Call”)

C is the total population of all provinces and territories reported in the same census (the “Relevant Census”)

D is the sum of the maximum number of delegates from all other bodies of the Party entitled to elect delegates (based on the number of student clubs accredited under Article 16(13)(e) of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada as of the Date of the Call, the number of women’s clubs certified and recognized as required by Article 16(13)(f) of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada as of the Date of the Call, [the number of Senior Liberals clubs certified and recognized as required by Article 16(13)(f.1) of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada as of the Date of the Call] and the number of federal constituencies as of the Date of the Call) plus the total number of ex officio delegates eligible to register as of the Date of the Call (but amended in accordance with the last two sentences of Article 16(2) of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada);

(ii) the actual total number of delegates is the sum of the number of delegates allocated to each province and territory as follows:

(1) for each province and territory, calculate the preliminary number of delegates as B rounded to the nearest whole number where

$$B = (Q \div P) \times A$$

Q is the total Aboriginal population of that province or territory reported in the Relevant Census

P is the total Aboriginal population of all provinces and territories reported in the Relevant Census

A is the total number of delegates calculated in accordance with Article 9.01(d)(i)

(2) to each province or territory for which the preliminary number of delegates calculated in accordance with Article 9.01(d)(ii)(1) is less than three, allocate three delegates;

- (3) for each province and territory other than those contemplated by Article 9.01(d)(ii)(2), calculate the number of delegates as C rounded to the nearest whole number where

$$C = (Q \div (P - R)) \times (A - B)$$

Q is the total Aboriginal population of that province or territory reported in the Relevant Census

P is the total Aboriginal population of all provinces and territories reported in the Relevant Census

R is the total Aboriginal population reported in the Relevant Census of those provinces and territories to which delegates have been allocated in accordance with Article 9.01(d)(ii)(2)

A is the total number of delegates calculated in accordance with Article 9.01(d)(ii)(1)

B is the number of delegates allocated in accordance with Article 9.01(d)(ii)(2);

- (iii) the delegates for each province or territory will be elected on a province or territory wide basis by all persons resident in the province or territory who are eligible to vote as Aboriginal people in accordance with rules adopted for that purpose by the National Executive of the Aboriginal Commission;
- (iv) despite anything else contained in this Article 9.01 and Article 16(13)(m) of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada, the total Aboriginal population of all provinces and territories or for any one or more of the provinces or territories may be increased for the purposes of calculations under this Article 9.01 and Article 6(13)(m) of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada by joint resolution of the executive of the Aboriginal Commission and the National Executive to reflect under-counting of Aboriginal people in the Relevant Census and to reflect the level of participation of Aboriginal people at previous Conventions.

ARTICLE X

BIENNIAL COMMISSION MEETINGS AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

10.01 The Aboriginal Commission shall hold biennial meetings concurrently with the Liberal Party of Canada Biennial Convention provided for in the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada.

10.02 At the Aboriginal Commission Convention held concurrently with the Liberal Party of Canada Biennial Convention, delegates to the Aboriginal Commission Convention shall be such members of the Aboriginal Commission who are accredited delegates to the Liberal Party of Canada Convention, pursuant to the provisions of the Liberal Party of Canada Constitution.

10.03 Members of the Aboriginal Commission who are observers may run for elective position, but not vote in elections of the Aboriginal Commission.

10.04 The representation of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission at any Convention of the Liberal Party of Canada shall be in accordance with the Party Constitution.

ARTICLE XI

APPOINTMENT/ELECTION OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

11.01 The election of Officers shall take place at the biennial meetings of the Liberal Party of Canada.

11.02 The following rules shall be in force for the election of Officers:

- (a) All Officers shall hold office from the date of their election until the next biennial meeting of the Liberal Party of Canada;
- (b) All nominations for the offices of Co-President and Vice-President of the Aboriginal Commission shall be in writing and supported by at least 25 delegates and be received at the APC National Office at least 30 days prior to the biennial meeting.
- (c) All delegates are eligible to vote in the elections of Officers. Officers shall be considered elected if they receive 50% plus one of the votes cast in the election for that position.

11.03 Any member of the National Executive may be removed upon the vote of two-thirds of the National Executive.

11.04 Vacancies in any of the Officer positions shall be filled by a majority vote of the National Executive within one month of the vacancy occurring. Any Officer so named shall serve until the next biennial meeting of the Aboriginal Commission.

ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS

12.01 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority at any biennial meeting of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission.

12.02 Notice of proposed amendments shall be given in writing to the Presidents of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission at least thirty days before the date of a biennial meeting and must be proposed by a recognized Provincial/Territorial Liberal Aboriginal Organization or the National Executive or any twenty-five members in good standing.

12.03 Notice of proposed amendments shall be given to all Provincial/Territorial Associations or Commissions at least two weeks before the Biennial Convention.

ARTICLE XIII TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

13.01 This Constitution shall be considered adopted if approved by a two-thirds majority of the National Executive and shall remain in effect, provided it is ratified by a majority of registered Commission delegates present at the first meeting of the Members of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission.

13.02 For the purposes of this Article:

- (a) The "Native Caucus of the Liberal Party of Canada," means the organization comprised of Aboriginal persons who are members of the Liberal Party of Canada; and
- (b) The "Standing Committee on Native and Original Peoples' Affairs" means the Committee created under section 11 of the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada, as it existed prior to June 21, 1990.

13.03 The Aboriginal Peoples' Commission shall be established upon the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada providing for the creation of the Commission.

13.04 Prior to the establishment of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission, the expressions "Aboriginal Peoples' Commission" and "National Executive of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission," shall be deemed as the context required, to refer to the "Native Caucus of the Liberal Party of Canada" and "Standing Committee on Native and Original Peoples' Affairs," respectively.

13.05 Upon the establishment of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission:

- (a) The Native Caucus of the Liberal Party of Canada shall cease to exist and the members thereof shall be deemed to be members of the Aboriginal Commission; and
- (b) The Standing Committee on Native and Original Peoples' Affairs shall become the National Executive of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission with the changes provided herein.

13.06 Until the first Biennial Convention of the Aboriginal Commission after its establishment, the persons named to the Standing Committee on Native and Aboriginal Peoples' Affairs as officers shall serve in their same capacities on the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission.

**ARTICLE XIV
CALGARY CONVENTION TRANSITION PROVISIONS**

14.01 Subject to Section 14.02, the representation at the Calgary Leadership Convention shall be as follows (requirements for qualifications as an Aboriginal delegate must be met as of the adoption of the Aboriginal Commission Transition Amendments by the voting delegates at the Calgary Leadership Convention):

- (a) The eight Officers of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission and the Presidents of the Provincial and Territorial Aboriginal Commissions or in the absence of Provincial or Territorial Aboriginal Commissions, the representative from the Province or Territory shall be the Provincial or Territorial representative on the National Aboriginal Commission;
- (b) One representative from each Aboriginal Club and two representatives from each Aboriginal Provincial/Territorial Commission or Association, one of whom shall be a woman;
- (c) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (b):
 - (i) An Aboriginal Club shall have 25 or more Aboriginal members, have been in existence by March 31, 1990, and be accredited by the Executive of the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission.
 - (ii) An Aboriginal Liberal Association shall be an Association of Aboriginal Peoples that has adopted an Aboriginal Commission Constitution in a province or territory; and
 - (iii) The number and location of Aboriginal Clubs shall reflect the demographic distribution of Aboriginal Peoples across the country and the equitable proportionate representation of Aboriginal Peoples within the Party in accordance with the formula set forth in section 14.02 and, for this purpose, the Executive of the Aboriginal Commission shall provide the National Executive of the Liberal Party of Canada with an Aboriginal delegate profile setting forth the number of eligible Aboriginal Clubs for each Province and Territory and the number of Aboriginal Clubs for each Federal Electoral District.

14.02 The total number of Aboriginal Liberal Clubs eligible to send delegates to a National Convention of the Liberal Party of Canada shall be determined as follows:

- (a) Subject to sub-paragraph 14.02(c)(iii), the maximum number of Aboriginal clubs per Province or Territory shall reflect numerically the demographic distribution of Aboriginal Peoples across the country, and in particular, shall equal to $(A \times B) - C$ where:

A is (the Aboriginal population in a province or territory) + (the Aboriginal population in Canada);

B is the number of Aboriginal Club delegates eligible pursuant to paragraph 14.01(b); and

C is the number of provincial or territorial Aboriginal Commission or Association delegates eligible pursuant to paragraph 14.01(b).

- (b) The number of Aboriginal Club delegates (which is B above) shall be equal to $[(D \times E) + E] \times D$ where:

D is the Aboriginal population of Canada as a percentage of the total Canadian population; and

E is the estimated number of Convention delegates, not including Aboriginal Commission delegates.

- (c) Aboriginal clubs shall not be established in a Province or Territory where the number of ex-officio delegates is equal to or greater than the number of Aboriginal Club delegates that would otherwise be eligible in the province or territory pursuant to paragraph 14.01 (a) and (b) herein.

- (d) The location and accreditation of Aboriginal Clubs with a Province or Territory shall reflect the participation of the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples respectively in the Province or Territory and the demographic distribution of Aboriginal Peoples within that Province or Territory. For this purpose, the distribution of clubs shall be in accordance with Schedule 1 here, subject to adjustments from time to time by the respective Provincial or Territorial Aboriginal Commissions or Associations in consultation with the Vice-President for Organization, provided that the final distribution of Clubs must be ratified by the National Executive prior to the deadline for the accreditation of clubs.

- (e) Notwithstanding anything in this section, the Yukon Territory, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shall be entitled to three Aboriginal Liberal Clubs.

14.03 For the purpose of the 1990 Calgary Leadership Convention, the delegates to the Aboriginal Commission Members' Meeting (First Meeting) shall include those members of the Aboriginal Commission who hold contingent delegate certificates.

**ARTICLE XV
BYLAWS**

15.01 The National Executive may enact bylaws as provided in this Constitution and is further authorized to make bylaws with respect to any matter over which this Constitution is silent.