

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST GREEN PARTY OF ONTARIO CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION**

Constituency Association

1. The body being constituted is the SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST Green Party of Ontario Constituency Association (the "SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST GPO CA"; the "CA").
2. The CA is a subsection of the Green Party of Ontario (the "Party") and is bound by the constitution and bylaws of the Party.
3. The CA is formed pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Elections Act and the Ontario Election Finances Act or any Act or Acts that replace them. The boundaries of the CA are the boundaries of the electoral district of SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST, as the Government of Ontario in the Representation Act or any Act that replaces it sets those boundaries from time to time.
4. The CA will continue to exist as an association of the Party as long as the SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST electoral district exists or until such time as the members of the CA vote to deregister the CA. The CA may not change its name nor merge with or join any other political party.
5. All members in good standing with the Party who reside within the boundaries of the CA of SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST are members of the CA.
6. The Executive of the CA shall be comprised of at least the following:
 - President
 - Chief Financial Officer ("CFO")
7. The Executive may also have the following:
 - Secretary
 - Membership Chair
 - Fundraising Chair
 - Communications Chair
 - Organizing Chair
8. A minimum of 1 person on the Executive or 50% of the Executive, whichever is more, must be members of the CA.
9. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive, the Executive may appoint a replacement that shall hold office until the position can be filled by election at the next AGM of the CA.
10. The accounts of the CA shall be audited as required by the Ontario Election Finances Act. The members at a general meeting will appoint an auditor. Failing that the Executive will appoint an auditor and announce their selection by e-mail or regular mail if requested to the members of the CA in good standing.

Annual General Meeting

11. The CA shall hold an annual general meeting ("AGM") once per calendar year and not more than 15 months following the previous AGM. It is the responsibility of the Executive to set the date for the meeting. Failure to hold an AGM within this time period allows the Party, if they so choose, to deregister the CA with Elections Ontario. The CFO of the CA at the time of such deregistration will continue to be responsible for fulfilling their duties with Elections Ontario.

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12. The notice of the AGM will be sent by e-mail or regular mail if requested no later than six weeks before the proposed date of the meeting. The notice will be sent to at least all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years. Anyone requesting paper copies of the documents will be provided with them. The notice will include the following:
- The date, time and location of the general meeting
 - A description of who is entitled to vote at the meeting
 - The date, time and location of the voting cut-off meeting
 - A proposed agenda for the meeting
 - The minutes of the previous AGM
 - A summary from the President of the state of the CA
 - A summary from the CFO of the financial state of the CA
 - The Constitution of the CA
 - A call for Constitutional Amendments
 - A call for candidates for the CA Executive
13. Quorum for a general meeting of the CA shall be 10% of the members in good standing as of two weeks before the date of the meeting.
14. Only a member of the CA who has been a member for at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting is entitled to vote at a meeting of the CA. Members who are unable to attend an AGM will be allowed to vote by proxy via another member. The CA will provide the method of voting by proxy.
15. A lapsed member who renews their membership at a meeting of the CA is entitled to vote at the meeting provided that the membership has not been lapsed for more than 15 months. Otherwise, the membership must be renewed at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting for the member to be entitled to vote at the meeting.
16. A voting cut-off meeting will be held by the Executive of the CA no more than two weeks prior to the date of the AGM less a day to determine who will be entitled to vote at the general meeting and who will be entitled to renew. Quorum for the general meeting will also be determined at the voting cut-off meeting.
17. The business of the AGM shall include the election of the Executive of the CA. The Executive shall be the governing body of the CA between general meetings.
18. Amendments to this constitution may be considered by the members present at a general meeting provided that the proposed change has been sent by e-mail or regular mail if requested no less than two weeks before the date of the general meeting to all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years.
19. Amendments to this constitution can be proposed only by a member of the CA in good standing and must be submitted along with the endorsement of at least one other member of the CA in good standing not less than three weeks before the date for the AGM.
20. Amendments to this constitution that are considered by the members at a general meeting require the support of 75% of the members present at the general meeting to pass.

Candidate Nomination Meeting

21. The CA shall hold a nomination meeting to select a candidate to stand for the Party in the electoral district. It is the responsibility of the Executive to set the date for the nomination

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meeting in anticipation of an upcoming election. The Executive shall provide notice of the nomination meeting by e-mail or regular mail if requested, postmarked no later than 30 days prior to the nomination meeting, to all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years. The notice of the nomination will include:

- The date, time and location of the nomination meeting
 - A description of the nomination process
 - A description of who is entitled to vote at the meeting
 - The date, time and location of the voting cut-off meeting
 - A proposed agenda for the meeting
22. Members of the CA who have been members in good standing with the Party for at least two weeks before the nomination meeting may vote at the nomination meeting. Members who are unable to attend a nomination meeting will be allowed to vote by proxy via another member. The CA will provide the method of voting by proxy.
23. A lapsed member who renews their membership at the nomination meeting is entitled to vote at the nomination meeting provided that the membership has not been lapsed for more than 15 months. Otherwise, the membership must be renewed at least two weeks prior to the date of the nomination meeting for the member to be entitled to vote at the nomination meeting.
24. Quorum for a nomination meeting shall be 10% of the members in good standing as of two weeks before the date of the meeting.
25. A voting cut-off meeting will be held by the Executive of the CA no more than two weeks prior to the date of the nomination meeting less a day to determine who will be entitled to vote at the nomination meeting and who will be entitled to renew. Quorum for the nomination meeting will also be determined at the voting cut-off meeting.
26. Candidates seeking the nomination must be nominated, in writing, by at least two members of the Constituency Association and must deliver that written nomination to the President of the CA at least 14 days before the date of the nominating meeting.
27. If no nominations for candidate are received 14 days prior to the nomination meeting, nominations for candidate can be made from the floor at the nomination meeting.
28. In the event that only one candidate is duly nominated, a vote by the members present will be held between the candidate and "None Of The Above" [NOTA]. In the event that two or more candidates are duly nominated, voting at the nomination meeting will be by preferential ballot. A candidate shall be declared nominated as the Party's candidate for the provincial election when he or she receives at least 50% of the total number of the first votes or, if there is no clear majority on the first vote, at least 50% of the sum total of first votes and preferential second or subsequent votes.
29. In the event that a provincial election is called before the date of a nomination meeting has been set, the Executive may set a date for the nomination meeting as soon as possible after the election call. Notice of the meeting must given by telephone or email no less than 48 hours prior to the date of the nomination meeting to all members of the CA in good standing and to past members of the CA whose membership has been lapsed for no more than two years. In this event, candidates seeking the Party nomination may be nominated from the floor.