

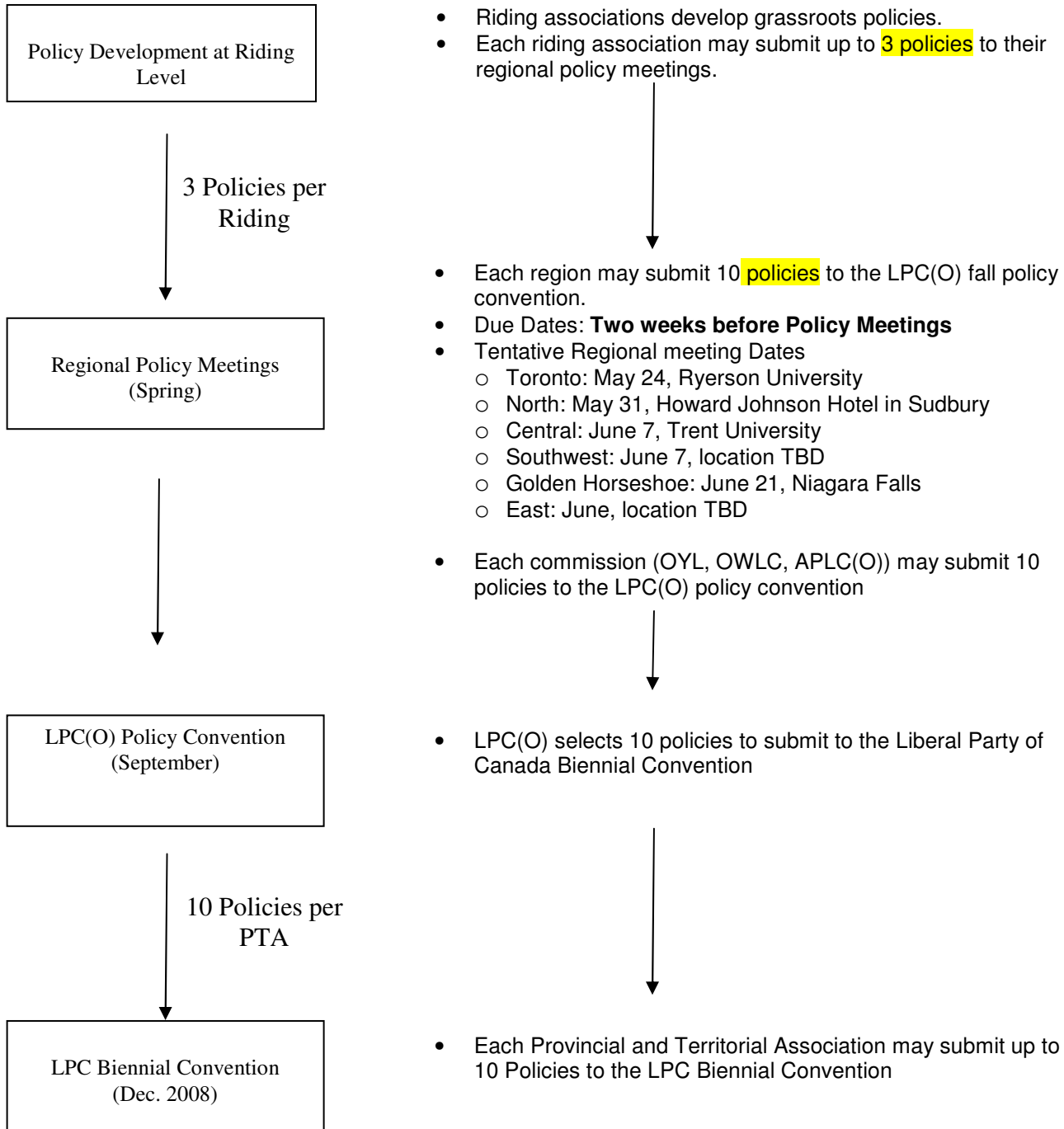
**OYL Policy Development:
2008 LPC(O) and OLP Policy
Processes**



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Dear EDA presidents and policy chairs:

As you are now aware a national policy biennial is scheduled for December 2008. To date, Ontario has carried out an evergreen policy process. This process has led to the proposal of formal resolutions and serves policy development across the province. It is now time to enter the formal resolution process leading up to the biennial convention.

Please find attached the rules and procedures for the regional policy rallies. These rallies are scheduled to be held in conjunction with the regional meetings this spring - except in the eastern region which will conduct a separate policy rally in June.

Please note the following:

- **Regarding Resolutions:**
We ask that each EDA submit **UP TO** three resolutions 14 days prior to the date of your region's policy rally.
There is no requirement to submit anything, only a deadline for submitting items to be considered during the rally (these can include resolutions submitted during the evergreen process).
- **Regarding Participation**
This is not a delegated process; any members wishing to attend may register with LPC(O) within the deadlines outlined in the attached rules and procedures.
HOWEVER, there will only be a maximum of 5 voting cards provided to each EDA. It is the EDA's responsibility to decide how these cards will be distributed to EDA members in attendance at the rallies.

Please submit all registration information and policies to policy@lpc.o.ca

If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask.

Regards,

Maryanne Kampouris
Vice-President Policy
Liberal Party of Canada (Ontario)

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Rules and Procedure LPC(O) Regional Policy Meetings - Spring 2008

GENERAL RULES:

1. Each EDA is eligible to submit a maximum of three policy resolutions to their regional policy meeting. These policies will be submitted by the riding's policy chair or, in the case that the riding does not have a policy chair, by the EDA president.
2. These resolutions must be no longer than 250 words and approved by the EDA Executive before being submitted to LPC(O)
3. All resolutions must be received in the LPC(O) office no later than 14 days prior to the start of the regional meeting.
4. All members in good standing with LPC(O) may attend their local regional policy meeting. There will, however, be a limit of 5 voting cards provided to each EDA delegation for the purposes of passing and prioritizing resolutions.
5. All delegates must register in person and on time in order to vote at the regional policy meetings.
6. All delegates that submit a pre-registration form to the LPC(O) office no later than 10 days before the event will be supplied with a list of policies via email no later than 7 days before the regional meeting. These policies will also be available on the LPC(O) website no later than 5 days before the regional meeting.
7. Only registered delegates wearing a badge and using the LPC(O) voting card may vote or move resolutions or amendments.
8. Resolutions will be dealt with in a predetermined order and the order may only be changed by the discretion of the Chair.
9. Each resolution will be referred to by the Chair and deemed properly moved and seconded.
10. Resolutions may be withdrawn by the representatives of the sponsoring body proposing the resolution.
11. A representative of the sponsoring body will then be allocated up to three minutes to read the resolution and/or clarify the resolution prior to allowing speakers for and against the resolution.
12. The Chair shall ask if such a resolution shall be put to a vote without debate. Debate will only occur if at least 10 delegates arise to ask for it. Debate may only occur if a representative of the sponsoring body is in attendance.
13. The Chair will recognize speakers debating a resolution alternating from those "opposing" and "supporting" the resolution. Subject to the discretion of the Chair, two speakers "opposing" and two speakers "supporting" will be recognized for up to 90 seconds each. The chair may extend debate at his/her discretion if deemed necessary.
14. A representative of the sponsoring body will be allocated up to one minute to make a concluding statement.
15. Only amendments that do not change the intent of a resolution shall be permitted. The Chair shall decide whether or not to allow an amendment to be put forward. The Chair shall ask if such amendments shall automatically be put to a vote without debate. Unless at least 5 registered

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delegates indicate interest in debate on the amendment, it shall be put to a vote and there shall be no debate on it.

16. Voting on each resolution or amendment shall be by a show of voting cards. The Chair shall determine if a majority of delegates present support the resolution. The Chair shall judge the support of the resolution without a formal count unless 5 delegates request one by show of voting cards.

17. An appeal of any of the Chair's decisions may be taken if the appeal is supported by at least 15 delegates by show of voting cards. The ruling of the Chair may be overturned by a vote of seventy five percent of the delegates voting on the appeal.

18. At the conclusion of the session, delegates shall vote by secret ballot. They shall rank their top 10 resolutions from those which have been passed during this session. The top 10 ranking policies will be submitted to the LPC(O) policy convention to be held coinciding with the fall LPC(O) executive board.

19. In the case of a tie, a draw by lot shall be used to determine the final result.

PROVINCIAL: 2008 OLP Policy Process

Message from OLP: On behalf of Executive Council, further to the announcement two weeks ago, we would like to inform you of additional details regarding the upcoming OLP Regional Meetings that will be taking place during April and May. Specifically, we would like to inform you of the draft agenda for these meetings, and the exact location of the meetings, and how to register.

We encourage all Liberals to attend the meeting in their region and participate. And therefore we strongly encourage Riding Association Presidents to pass this email on to all members of their riding association.

The agenda for these meetings will focus on the three key areas of: four-year planning; ABC membership development; and policy. We would likely to strongly emphasize that the exact timing and agendas might vary considerably from region to region, based on the availability of the guest speakers and the session facilitators for that meeting. The template agenda included below is just to give you a rough idea of the content that will be covered. The exact agenda for each regional meeting will be circulated several days in advance to those who have registered for the meeting, and may be considerably different than the draft agenda here.

TEMPLATE AGENDA

9:30am - 10:00am - Registration
10:00am - 10:05am - Introduction and welcome
10:05am - 10:20am - Guest speaker
10:20am - 11:45am - Four Year Plan workshops
11:45am - 12:30pm - ABC workshop
12:30pm - 1:15pm - Lunch
1:15pm - 1:45pm - Update from OLP Political Organization staff
1:45pm - 2:15pm - Discussion with Regional Vice President
2:15pm to 4:30pm - Policy roundtable discussion

And a reminder to please let OLP Vice President Policy, Carol Golench, know about the policy issues you intend to discuss in advance of your regional meeting.

SOUTHWESTERN REGION

Saturday April 12th, 2008

Woodstock Legion

567 Brant Street, Woodstock, Ontario

To register, please email your name and riding to Ali Salam at ali_salam@ontarioliberal.ca by April 9th.

The cost is \$20, payable by cash or cheque at the time of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Ali at 416-961-3800/800-268-7250 x345.

CENTRAL REGION

Saturday April 19th, 2008

Elgin Barrow Arena, Richmond Hill Room

43 Church Street South, Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 4Y6

To register, please email your name and riding to Mathieu Dagonas at mathieu_dagonas@ontarioliberal.ca by April 16th.

The cost is \$20, payable by cash or cheque at the time of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Mathieu at 416-961-3800/800-268-7250 x323.

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TORONTO REGION

Saturday April 26th, 2008

Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, North Campus
205 Humber College Boulevard, Toronto, Ontario, M9W 5L7

To register, please email your name and riding to Amir Mahamud at amir_mahamud@ontarioliberal.ca by April 23rd.

The cost is \$20, payable by cash or cheque at the time of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Amir at 416-961-3800/800-268-7250 x373.

EASTERN REGION

Saturday May 3rd, 2008

Farrell Hall, Lower Level

186 Gore Street East, Perth, Ontario, K7H 1K3

To register, please email your name and riding to Ali Salam at ali_salam@ontarioliberal.ca by April 30th.

The cost is \$20, payable by cash or cheque at the time of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Ali at 416-961-3800/800-268-7250 x345.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

Saturday May 10th, 2008

Royal Botanical Gardens

680 Plains Road West, Burlington, Ontario, L7T 4H4

To register, please email your name and riding to Amir Mahamud at amir_mahamud@ontarioliberal.ca by May 7th.

The cost is \$20, payable by cash or cheque at the time of the meeting.

If you have any questions, please call Amir at 416-961-3800/800-268-7250 x373.

NORTHERN REGION

Based on surveyed demand, the Northern Region is proceeding with a conference call of the riding association presidents, and potentially a conference call with the policy reps from each riding.

If you have any questions, please contact Mathieu Dagonas at mathieu_dagonas@ontarioliberal.ca or 416-961-3800/800-268-7250 x323.

For payment by cheque, please make all cheques out to the Ontario Liberal Party.

We look forward to seeing you at your regional meeting.