

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP RULES

This Bylaw establishing the procedures referred to in subsection 46(h) of the National Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada (the “**Constitution**”) was made by the National Board of Directors pursuant to subsection 46(h) of the Constitution at its meeting on January 9, 2025. All previous bylaws relating to the Leadership Vote are hereby replaced and repealed.

In this By-Law, for ease of reference, provisions relating to the Constitution have been included and integrated into the By-Law in grey shading.

1. INTERPRETATION

- a. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meaning given to them in the Constitution.
- b. This Bylaw shall be applied in a fair and equitable manner and must be interpreted in a manner which is fair and reasonable, having regard to all circumstances, and in the best interests of the Liberal Party of Canada.
- c. For the purposes of this Bylaw, the following terms have the following meanings:
 - i. “**Canada Elections Act**” means the *Canada Elections Act*, S.C. 2000, c. 9, as amended (*Loi électorale du Canada*);
 - ii. “**Chief Electoral Officer**” means the person appointed under paragraph 7(a) below (*Directeur général du scrutin*);
 - iii. “**Deputy Chief Electoral Officer**” means a deputy appointed by the Leadership Vote Committee, on the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer, pursuant to paragraph 7(d)(i) below (*Directeur général adjoint du scrutin*);
 - iv. “**Leadership Contestant**” means a person accepted by the Liberal Party of Canada as a leadership contestant under this By-Law, who is registered as a “leadership contestant” pursuant to section 478.3(3) of the *Canada Elections Act* and who has not been disqualified under this Bylaw (*Candidat ou candidate à la chefferie*);
 - v. “**Leadership Contestant’s Chief Agent**” means an individual appointed in writing by a prospective leadership contestant or by a Leadership Contestant in a form prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer that is delivered as contemplated hereunder to the Chief Electoral Officer (*Agent principal du Candidat ou de la candidate à la chefferie*);
 - vi. “**Leadership Expenses Committee**” means the committee established for the Leadership Vote under paragraph 44(d)(iii) of the Constitution and paragraph 3(a)(i) below (*Comité des dépenses de campagne à la chefferie*);

- vii. “**Leadership Expense Rules**” means the rules adopted by the Leadership Expenses Committee under paragraph 44(e)(iii) of the Constitution and paragraph 3(b)(iii) below (*Règles des dépenses de campagne à la chefferie*);
 - viii. “**Leadership Vote**” has the meaning assigned in section 44(a) of the Constitution (*Scrutin pour l’élection d’un chef*);
 - ix. “**Leadership Vote Committee**” means the committee established for the Leadership Vote under paragraph 44(d)(iv) of the Constitution and paragraph 3(a)(ii) below (*Comité sur le scrutin pour l’élection d’un chef*);
 - x. “**Constitution**” means the Constitution of the Liberal Party of Canada as adopted at the 2016 Biennial Convention and as amended from time to time (*Constitution*);
 - xi. “**National Board**” and “**National Board of Directors**” means the National Board of Directors of the Liberal Party of Canada constituted under the Constitution (« *Conseil national* » et « *Conseil national d’administration* »);
 - xii. “**National Management Committee**” means the National Management Committee of the Liberal Party of Canada constituted under the Constitution (*Comité national de régie*);
 - xiii. “**Party**” means the Liberal Party of Canada (*Parti*);
 - xiv. “**Permanent Appeals Committee**” means the Permanent Appeals Committee of the Liberal Party of Canada constituted under the Constitution (*Comité permanent d’appel*);
 - xv. “**Regional Returning Officer**” means a person appointed under paragraph 7(d)(ii) below (*Directeur régional du scrutin*);
 - xvi. “**Returning Officer**” means, as the context requires, a Regional Returning Officer, or a local or deputy returning officer but does not include the Chief Electoral Officer or the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (*Directeur du scrutin*).
- d. Any forms specified in this Bylaw may be prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer.
- e. This Bylaw may be referred to as the “**National Leadership Rules**”. All rules made by the Leadership Vote Committee and the Leadership Expense Committee shall be subject to these National Leadership Rules. In the event of any contradiction between these National Leadership Rules and rules made by the Leadership Vote Committee and the Leadership Expense Committee, these National Leadership Rules shall prevail to the extent of such inconsistency.

2. TRIGGER AND TIMING

- a. Whenever a Leader is to be chosen for the Party, the Party must elect a new Leader according to the procedures set out in this Chapter (a “**Leadership Vote**”).
- b. The Leader ceases immediately to be the Leader (a “**Leadership Trigger Event**”) when:
 - i. due to incapacity, the Leader ceases to be recognized by the Governor-General as the leader of the Party in the House of Commons;
 - ii. the Leader dies;
 - iii. there are published in accordance with this Constitution the results of a Leadership Endorsement Ballot in which the Leader is not endorsed; or
 - iv. the National Board of Directors declares that the result of a Leadership Vote is invalid.
- c. If the Leader publicly announces an intention to resign or if the Leader delivers to the National President a written resignation or a written request to call a Leadership Vote, then the Leader ceases to be the Leader on the earlier of the appointment of an Interim Leader and when a new Leader is elected by Registered Liberals.
- d. Upon the occurrence of a Leadership Trigger Event, or if the Leader publicly announces an intention to resign or if the Leader delivers to the National President a written resignation or a written request to call a Leadership Vote, the National President must call a meeting of the National Board of Directors to be held within 27 days, and at that meeting the National Board of Directors must:
 - i. upon the occurrence of a Leadership Trigger Event, or if the Leader so requests, in consultation with the Caucus, appoint an “Interim Leader”;
 - ii. set a date for a Leadership Vote;
- e. If a date has been set for a Leadership Vote and the National Board, by resolution passed by three-quarters of its voting members, determines that political circumstances require that the date be reset to another date, then the National Board may, by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast, reset the date for the Leadership Vote to another date and may review and alter any arrangements already made for the Leadership Vote.

3. COMMITTEES

- a. Upon the occurrence of a Leadership Trigger Event, or if the Leader publicly announces an intention to resign or if the Leader delivers to the National President a written resignation or a written request to call a Leadership Vote, the National President must call a meeting of the National Board of Directors to be held within 27 days, and at that meeting the National Board of Directors must:
 - i. establish the **Leadership Expenses Committee** consisting of:

1. two co-chairs, one of whom must be a man and one of whom must be a woman and one of whom must be English-speaking and one of whom must be French-speaking;
 2. the Treasurer;
 3. two persons elected by the National Board from among the members of the National Board, one of whom must be English-speaking and one of whom must be French-speaking;
 4. two representatives appointed by the Caucus;
 5. any number of other Registered Liberals of the Party appointed by the co-chairs in consultation with the National Board and respecting the principle of equal participation of men and women and the recognition of English and French as the official languages of Canada;
- ii. establish the **Leadership Vote Committee** consisting of:
1. two co-chairs, one of whom must be a man and one of whom must be a woman and one of whom must be English-speaking and one of whom must be French-speaking;
 2. the National President;
 3. two persons elected by the National Board from among the members of the National Board, one of whom must be English-speaking and one of whom must be French-speaking;
 4. two representatives appointed by the Caucus;
 5. any number of other Registered Liberals appointed by the co-chairs in consultation with the National Board and respecting the principle of equal participation of men and women and the recognition of English and French as the official languages of Canada.

b. The Leadership Expenses Committee is responsible to:

- i. fix a deposit, refundable or otherwise, to be paid by each leadership contestant in accordance with the requirements of the National Board before the Leadership Vote is completed;
- ii. set a maximum limit for the leadership contestant expenses that may be incurred by any leadership contestant;
- iii. adopt rules (to be known as the “**Leadership Expense Rules**”) that provide for procedures to supervise compliance with the maximum limit for the leadership contestant expenses that may be incurred by any leadership contestant and to ensure full and frank disclosure of all contributions to leadership campaigns;

- iv. on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance with the Leadership Expense Rules.
- c. The Leadership Vote Committee is responsible to plan, organize and carry out the Leadership Vote.
- d. Each member of the Leadership Expenses Committee and the Leadership Vote Committee must agree in writing to remain neutral in the election of the Leader.
- e. Each committee established hereunder shall operate by majority vote. The deliberations of each committee established hereunder shall be confidential, with only a record of the decisions made thereby being made public.

4. NOMINATION OF LEADERSHIP CONTESTANTS

- a. To be eligible for election as Leader, a person must:
 - i. be a Registered Liberal;
 - ii. be eligible to be a candidate in an election of a member to serve in the House of Commons under the *Canada Elections Act*;
 - iii. deliver to the National President, at least 90 days before the day of the Leadership Vote (or such shorter period as results from any decision of the National Board under Section 44(i) of the Constitution), a written nomination (which may be in one or more counterparts) signed by at least 300 Registered Liberals including at least 100 Registered Liberals of the Party from each of three different provinces or territories; and
 - iv. within the time limits established by the Leadership Vote Committee, provide to the President or their designate, an undertaking in writing that:
 - 1. they agree to be bound by the Constitution, any bylaws made by the National Board, and the Leadership Expense Rules;
 - 2. they will submit all disputes concerning any matter relating to the selection of the Leader and the Leadership Vote and the construction or application of this Constitution, any bylaws made by the National Board and the Leadership Expense Rules to, and abide by the decision of, the Permanent Appeals Committee;
 - 3. they will support the ultimately successful Leadership Contestant; and
 - 4. have otherwise complied with the bylaws made by the National Board and the Leadership Expense Rules and with the *Canada Elections Act*.
- b. To be eligible for election as the Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, a person must satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) and, in addition, must at least 90 days before the day of the Leadership Vote (or such shorter period as results from any decision of the National Board

under Section 44(i) of the Constitution), deliver to the National President or their designate care of the National Office:

- i. a written nomination as described in clause (a)(iii) above, in a form prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer (which may be in one or more counterparts), signed by at least 300 members of the Party including at least 100 members of the Party from each of three different provinces or territories;
- ii. a fully and frankly completed questionnaire in a form prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer;
- iii. an undertaking in writing that (A) they agree to be bound by the National Constitution, this Bylaw and the other Party bylaws, the LPC Respectful Workplace Policy, and the Leadership Expense Rules, (B) they will submit all disputes concerning any matter relating to the selection of the Leader and the Leadership Vote and the construction or application of the National Constitution, this Bylaw and other Party bylaws and the Leadership Expense Rules to the Permanent Appeals Committee, and undertake both to abide by the rules of procedure of that Committee and by any order or decision of the Permanent Appeals Committee without recourse to any other court or adjudicative body whatsoever and expressly waive any right they may otherwise have to apply to any court in Canada concerning any dispute or issue arising out of any such matter; (C) they will refrain from public criticism of the Leadership Vote process; (D) they will support the ultimately successful Leadership Contestant; and (E) they agree to abide by the “Code of Conduct” established by the Leadership Vote Committee;
- iv. an application for registration as a Leadership Contestant as contemplated by section 478.3(1), *Canada Elections Act*, fully completed in all particulars and all accompanying documents as set out in section 478.3(2) of the *Canada Elections Act* (except the declaration signed by the Chief Agent of the Liberal Party of Canada certifying that the Party accepts the applicant as a leadership contestant),, and a written direction authorizing the Party to submit the application and the accompanying documents to the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada as set out in 478.3(3) of the *Canada Elections Act* if the Party accepts the applicant as a leadership contestant;
- v. an appointment in writing in a form prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer designating the Chief Agent of the Leadership Contestant, being a person who may speak on behalf of the Leadership Contestant to party officials, and who may delegate other persons for this purposes;
- vi. such deposits or other amounts as are prescribed by the Leadership Expense Rules, which shall include a total deposit (inclusive of combined non-refundable and refundable portions to be determined in the Leadership Expense Rules) in the amount of \$350,000, payable on such dates and in such increments as the Leadership Expense Rules shall prescribe; and
- vii. such further undertakings in writing required by the Leadership Vote Committee.

- c. The National President, the National Director, the co-chairs of the Leadership Vote Committee, co-chairs of the Leadership Expenses Committee, and the Chief Electoral Officer (the “**Reviewers**”) shall each review each application for registration, with such assistance from Party staff as they may from time to time require. In conducting such review, the following shall apply:
- i. It is a continuing condition of status as a Leadership Contestant that a person, either before or after approval, consent to any and all background check(s) that the Leadership Vote Committee considers to be appropriate to have undertaken in the best political interests of the Party. Such background checks may include, but are not limited to, the release of academic records, tax returns, criminal and military service records and credit reports. The results of such background checks shall be kept confidential. The Leadership Vote Committee may only disclose such information where the person’s candidacy is rejected or revoked and the person claims to have been disallowed without good reason. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as precluding Party officials from disclosing information to legal counsel for the purpose of obtaining legal advice thereon.
 - ii. Unless a prospective Leadership Contestant has failed to satisfy the mandatory criteria of this Bylaw, or has demonstrated (in the view of the Reviewers, in their sole and unfettered discretion) manifest unfitness for the office of Leader of the Party, the Reviewers shall approve such candidate as a Leadership Contestant within ten (10) days of receipt of such application and shall notify the Chief Electoral Officer accordingly.
 - iii. In the event that a majority of the Reviewers determine, in their sole and unfettered discretion, that a prospective candidate has not satisfied the mandatory criteria of this Bylaw or has demonstrated (due to public statements, past improper conduct, a lack of commitment to democracy, or other reputational or legal jeopardy) that a prospective candidate is manifestly unfit for the office of Leader of the Party, they shall advise such Leadership Contestant of their reasons, and shall consider any response the Leadership Contestant may have in making a final determination of eligibility hereunder.
 - iv. Upon acceptance by the Reviewers, the Chief Electoral Officer must forthwith notify that prospective Leadership Contestant that the Liberal Party of Canada has accepted the person as a Leadership Contestant and is responsible to ensure that the Chief Agent of the Liberal Party of Canada certifies in the application for registration as a leadership contestant as contemplated by section 478.3(2)(c) of the *Canada Elections Act* that the Party accepts the applicant as a Leadership Contestant and is responsible to ensure that the application and the accompanying documents are submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, as required by the *Canada Elections Act*.
 - v. If the documents delivered by a prospective leadership contestant do not meet all requirements of this Bylaw and the National Constitution, then the Chief Electoral Officer may permit the prospective leadership contestant to submit revised documents within the time specified by the Chief Electoral Officer. If the revised documents continue to not meet all requirements of this Bylaw and the National Constitution, then the Chief Electoral Officer must notify that prospective leadership

contestant in writing that they are not accepted as a Leadership Contestant and the reasons for that lack of acceptance.

5. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

- a. The Leadership Expense Committee shall establish the Leadership Expense Rules (including by setting the deposit and maximum expense amounts, and making any other changes it determines necessary or advisable in the discharge of their mandate) within ten (10) days of the establishment of the Leadership Expense Committee thereof, subject to amendment from time to time by the Leadership Expense Committee, and shall deliver such rules to the National Board for prompt publication upon the finalization thereof.
- b. No Registered Liberal who meets the requirements of the Constitution shall be required to pay any fee in order to register or be eligible to cast a ballot in the Leadership Vote.
- c. All deposits or other amounts payable by a Leadership Contestant to the Party pursuant to the Leadership Expense Rules shall be received as compensation by the Leadership Contestant for the administration expense incurred by the Party in conducting the Leadership Vote. Each such amount shall be fully earned when due and shall be non-refundable or revocable except to the extent expressly provided in the Leadership Expense Rules. No such amount shall be deemed to be a contribution to the Party.

6. LEADERSHIP VOTE PROCEDURE

- a. The Leadership Vote is a direct vote of all Registered Liberals who have a right to vote on the Leadership Vote weighted equally for each electoral district in Canada and counted in accordance with this Section.
- b. Every Registered Liberal who ordinarily resides in Canada has the right to vote on the Leadership Vote, if that Registered Liberal has:
 - i. been a Registered Liberal for the 41 days immediately preceding the day of the Leadership Vote; and,
 - ii. complied with the registration procedures established by the National Board or by the Leadership Vote Committee. Such registration procedures shall not include a registration fee.
- c. The procedures for a Registered Liberal to register to vote, to be finalized by the Leadership Vote Committee, shall include a requirement that:
 - i. each voter certify that they meet the ordinary residence requirement of Section 46(b) of the Constitution, which the National Board hereby interprets (pursuant to Section 49 of the Constitution) specifically that they are a Canadian citizen, have status under the *Indian Act*, or are a permanent resident of Canada, with a Canadian residential address as their place of ordinary residence (determined in accordance with Section 8 of the *Canada Elections Act*) that is their primary place of residence for at least 183 days per year, and that they are eligible to make a financial contribution under the *Canada Elections Act*;

- ii. each voter undertake and agree that, in the event of any misrepresentation by such voter in any certification made by such voter in the process of registering to vote, such voter shall pay to the Liberal Party of Canada, upon receipt of written demand therefore, any fine imposed by the Chief Electoral Officer, which fine may not exceed \$10,000 or such lesser amount as may be permitted by applicable law, together with any costs incurred by the Liberal Party of Canada in enforcement thereof;
 - iii. each voter acknowledge that unlawful interference in a political process of a registered political party is a federal offence; and
 - iv. each voter undertake and agree that any decision of the Permanent Appeals Committee in respect of any matter herein shall be final and binding.
- d. At least 27 days before the day of the Leadership Vote, the National Board must publish on the public website of the Party the registration procedures for the Leadership Vote.
- e. Each Registered Liberal who has a right to vote in a Leadership Vote may vote by a preferential ballot on which the voter indicates their preference for leadership contestants. A ballot is not spoiled because the voter has not indicated a preference for all leadership contestants. The preferential ballot shall allow each Registered Liberal to rank their preference for Leadership Contestants.
- f. Voting in the Leadership Vote may be conducted by way of the methods established by the Leadership Vote Committee.
- g. All voting must be completed, unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Electoral Officer, by the time established by the Leadership Vote Committee on the day of the Leadership Vote, but voting may begin at advance polls held on such dates and at such times and at such hours (which may, in the case of Internet voting, be continuous) as determined by the Leadership Vote Committee in consultation with the Chief Electoral Officer.
- h. The ballots must be counted, under the direction of the Chief Electoral Officer, in accordance with the following procedure:
 - i. each electoral district is allocated 100 points;
 - ii. on the first count:
 - 1. for each electoral district, the first preference votes recorded in favour of leadership contestants on the ballots cast by those Registered Liberals who live in that electoral district are counted and then the 100 points allocated to the electoral district are allocated to each leadership contestant on the basis of the ratio the number of the first preference votes received by that leadership contestant bears to the total number of votes counted;
 - 2. the total number of points allocated to each leadership contestant from all electoral districts in Canada are added to produce a total for the “national count”;

- iii. on the second count, the leadership contestant who received the least points on the first national count is eliminated and that leadership contestant's first count ballots are distributed in each electoral district among the remaining leadership contestants according to the second preferences indicated and counted according to the procedure set out above as if they were first preference votes;
 - iv. on each subsequent count, the leadership contestant who received the least votes in the preceding count is eliminated, and that leadership contestant's ballots are distributed among the remaining leadership contestants according to the next preferences indicated;
 - v. the first leadership contestant to receive more than 50% of the points allocated on any national count is selected as the Leader.
- i. The results of each count of voting will be announced in a manner determined by the Leadership Vote Committee.

7. PARTY OFFICIALS

- a. The Leadership Vote Committee and the National Board must jointly appoint a chief electoral officer (the "**Chief Electoral Officer**") who will be responsible to make all arrangements necessary for the conduct of the balloting on the Leadership Vote and adjudicate all disputes over accreditation and the right to vote on the Leadership Vote.
- b. The process for appointment of the Chief Electoral Officer shall be by vote of the National Board, which vote shall be subject to ratification by the Leadership Vote Committee.
- c. The Chief Electoral Officer must act independently of the National Board and each of the Leadership Contestants.
- d. The Chief Electoral Officer shall have the power to:
 - i. Recommend the appointment of one or more Deputy Chief Electoral Officers (subject to the confirmation of the Leadership Vote Committee, such appointment to be made with a view to the principles of language, gender and regional representation);
 - ii. Appoint Regional Returning Officers, local returning officers and deputy returning officers;
 - iii. Delegate any portion of his or her authority hereunder to such officials;
 - iv. Make rules, give directions, issue guidance, issue interpretation bulletins, make rulings, overrule delegated officials, and otherwise make determinations and resolve issues relating to this By-Law and the Leadership Vote, including giving instructions to delegated officials, provided that wherever possible as a matter of due process the Chief Electoral Officer will, in making a determination or ruling, provide affected Leadership Contestants with an opportunity to respond;

- v. Hold regular meetings of Leadership Contestants and their agents, including each of the National Director, the President of the Party, and the chair (or a delegate) of each of the Leadership Vote Committee and the Leadership Expenses Committee;
 - vi. Direct the translation of materials by Party staff and the publication of materials on the website of the Liberal Party of Canada;
 - vii. In consultation with the National Director, give direction to staff of the Party with respect to the administration of the list of Registered Liberals;
 - viii. Make recommendations to the Leadership Vote Committee and the Leadership Expenses Committee with respect to the sanctioning or disqualification of Leadership Contestants;
 - ix. Impose a fine of up to \$10,000 or such lesser amount as may be permitted by applicable law, together with any costs incurred by the Liberal Party of Canada in enforcement thereof, on any Registered Liberal who has made a misrepresentation in any certification made by such Registered Liberal in registering to vote;
 - x. Incur expenses, within the budget provided by the Leadership Vote Committee, for the administration of the Leadership Vote; and
 - xi. Do such other things as are necessary and incidental to the foregoing.
- e. The National President, the National Director, each member of the Leadership Vote Committee, each member of the Leadership Expenses Committee, the Chief Electoral Officer, each Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (if any) and each other official appointed by any of the foregoing must sign a declaration of neutrality in a form prescribed by the Chief Electoral Officer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Chief Electoral Officer may, where necessary, make exceptions to this requirement for local officials on a case-by-case basis.
 - f. An official appointed by the Chief Electoral Officer may only exercise authority to the extent specified, from time to time, by the Chief Electoral Officer or as specifically provided in this Bylaw and must, at all times, act in accordance with all rules established by the Chief Electoral Officer and in accordance with all directions given by the Chief Electoral Officer.

8. SANCTIONS

If the Leadership Vote Committee and the Leadership Expense Committee, sitting jointly at the request of the Chief Electoral Officer, and with due opportunity for a Leadership Contestant to respond to any allegation made against them, determines that a Leadership Contestant has not complied with the National Constitution, this Bylaw, the other Party Bylaws, the Leadership Expense Rules, or any undertakings given under this Bylaw (including without limitation where a Leadership Contestant (i) is determined not to have been eligible for election as the Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, (ii) breaches any of the rules or regulations set out or provided for herein, or (iii) fails to pay any amount set out hereby or by the Leadership Expense Rules), then depending on the gravity of non-compliance, the

Leadership Vote Committee may impose one or more of the following sanctions on the Leadership Contestant:

- (a) issue a private reprimand;
- (b) make the non-compliance public;
- (c) order the payment to the Party of a fine not exceeding the greater of \$25,000 or 20% of the funds raised by such Leadership Contestant, payable on or before a specified date and only from money received as a donation to the Leadership Contestant in accordance the Leadership Expense Rules;
- (d) order that any fine imposed under paragraph (c) reduce the maximum limit for leadership contestant expenses that may be incurred by the Leadership Contestant against whom the fine is imposed;
- (e) direct that the speaking time allotted to the Leadership Contestant at any meetings held in connection with the Leadership Vote be reduced in comparison to the time allotted to the other Leadership Contestants;
- (f) direct that the seating allocated to the Leadership Contestant at any meetings held in connection with the Leadership Vote be smaller in number or in a less desirable location in comparison to the seating allocated to the other Leadership Contestants;
- (g) direct that facilities made available to, or amenities provided to, the Leadership Contestant at any meetings held in connection with the Leadership Vote be restricted or less advantageous in comparison to the facilities made available to, or amenities provided to, the other Leadership Contestants;
- (h) order such other remedy as the Leadership Vote Committee may, in its sole discretion, consider appropriate; and/or
- (i) disqualify the Leadership Contestant.

9. APPEALS

Any determination by the Chief Electoral Officer hereunder shall be final, absent only an appeal to the Permanent Appeals Committee within the rules set out thereby or otherwise applicable thereto. Any determination by the Leadership Vote Committee or the Reviewers shall be final, absent only an appeal to the Permanent Appeals Committee within the rules set out thereby or otherwise applicable thereto.

10. AMENDMENT

These National Leadership Rules may only be amended by a vote of the National Board, provided that a vote of two-thirds of the National Board shall be required to support any amendment made prior to a

Leadership Vote that has been scheduled, except for an amendment made on the recommendation of the Chief Electoral Officer (which may be passed by majority vote).