



LPCA
POLICY PROCESS
2017 - 2018

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Please review the Policy Process Guidelines and the documents obtained by following links to be ready to make this process a success both for your EDA and LPCA. The Policy Committee is available to help and provide guidance. Please meet the LPCA Policy Committee 2017-18:



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Dawn Litzenburger



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Chris Shade



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In preparation for the Liberal Party of Canada's National Policy Convention in Halifax, NS on April 19-21, 2018, the Policy Committee 2017-18 is starting the process of preparing to solicit policy proposal submissions from EDAs and Liberal member proponents.

For more information please visit liberal.ca

Invitations have been sent to all EDA presidents and other committees to get access to relevant documents shared via Google Drive. The email address for the LPCA Policy Committee 2017-18 is policy.lpca@gmail.com. *Please CC the committee generic email box on all of your correspondence.*

LPCA Policy Process

a) Policy committee

The committee is all set up and running. Policy committee assembled includes experts in the fields of Immigration, Economics, Healthcare, Law & order, Environment, Indigenous affairs and Governance.

The names of the committee members are: **Rob Aishford, Dan Bildhauer, Dawn Litzenberger, Eleanor Olszewski, Jennifer Pollock, Robert Schuett, Chris Shade and Donna Wilson.**

b) Deadlines for the EDAs

October 1, 2017 is the date by which we should have all the draft resolutions by the EDAs and other proponents. Between October 1 and October 31 EDAs and Policy committee would be able to communicate with each other to make sure that resolutions meet the National Guidelines.

November 1 is the absolute final deadline for all the EDAs to submit their final resolutions. Between November 1 and 15 resolutions will be up for voting/ranking and by 27th LPCA would send the ranked resolutions to the National Committee.

c) Cap on resolutions

There is no cap on the number of resolutions submitted by EDAs, however, we suggest that no more than 5 resolutions are submitted by each EDA. EDAs are encouraged to submit as many as they see appropriate.

d) Resolutions from Commissions

The committee will allow one resolution from each of the commissions participating in the EDA process to be considered for ranking.

e) **Other Proponents**

We would also allow groups of 5 or more registered Liberals to send policy resolutions as it has been done before. That is to make this process as open and as accessible as possible.

f) **Duplicate Resolutions**

Ideas similar to previously passed resolutions at national conventions would be considered duplicate resolutions, however those that were presented but were not passed/adopted would not be considered duplicates. The onus is on the proponents to make sure that the resolutions they are proposing are not duplicate resolutions, as described above.

Please use the following link to see previously adopted resolutions to make sure that resolutions are not duplicates: <http://www.liberal.ca/documents/>

g) **Format**

Proponents must make sure that their resolutions fit the format as described in the guidelines.

For information please consult section 4 in the link: [liberal.ca](http://www.liberal.ca)

h) **Resolutions affecting Indigenous issues**

Any proponent, who has a resolution that touches Indigenous affairs/issues, must consult the Indigenous Commission. Please consult Indigenous Commission by contacting:

Michelle Robinson, President, IPC, michelle.robinson@telus.net

i) **Evidence Based Research**

Every proponent must consult a recognized expert or cite a research paper or refer to a valid and recognized source/resource to back up their ideas in the resolutions being put forward. Proponents must add a footnote in their resolutions referring to the above mentioned exercise.

j) **Online voting**

The Committee is working with LPC to work on an online voting system for the purposes of ranking the resolutions and some other back up options, in case LPC is not able to help. The Committee is also looking into various options for a weighted voting system vs a one-vote, one-member option.

Useful Links

- [National Policy Tool Kit](#)
- Previous election platform and LPC policy resolutions:
 - [2016](#)
 - [2014](#)
 - [2012](#)
 - [More at www.liberal.ca/documents](http://www.liberal.ca/documents)
- Recruiting Flyer – Electoral District Association Policy Chair: my.liberal.ca/policy
- [LPC Constitution](#)
- [LPC Policy Development Guidelines](#)
- [LPC Process of Policy Consultation and Development](#)