

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 1

**Submitted By:** Calgary-Glenmore

**Article Number:** Rules Governing Constituency Associations 7.7.6

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

Each Member who stands for election as a Director shall sign the Party's Non-Disclosure Agreement / Code of Conduct prior to the election.

Each Member who stands for election as a Director shall affirm, in a manner stipulated by the CA Board, that they shall sign the Party's Non-Disclosure Agreement & Code of Conduct Acknowledgement document should they be elected as a Director. This document shall be made available to CA Members no fewer than twenty-one (21) days prior to the CA AGM.

**Rationale:**

There is NO mention in Code of Conduct (see below) that it applies to Members STANDING FOR ELECTION as a Board member, Board committee member, nor a CA Director. Thus, CA Rules 7.6 as currently written is inconsistent with the CoC.

The proposed Article 7.6 removes the inconsistency between the current CA Rules with the CoC and permits the CA Board to set forth the means for satisfying both 7.6 and the CoC at a CA AGM taking into account such factors as rural/urban CA and virtual/in person AGMs.

Further:

The existing CA Rules 7.6 can be very disruptive of CA AGMs with nominations from the floor, especially for virtual CA Board elections. Time must be provided for the Director nominee to read and consider the NDA and CoC documents then to sign and obtain the signature of a witness to the Non-Disclosure & Code of Conduct Acknowledgement while still on the floor. The document could conveniently be distributed with the Notice of AGM.

The CoC states:

1. THIS CODE OF CONDUCT APPLIES TO:

- a. members of the Board of the UCA ("Board"), and Members who serve on any committee of the Board;
- b. members of the CA Boards;

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 2

**Submitted By:** Edmonton-Northwest

**Article Number:** Leadership Review and Selection Rules .5.7

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

Replace:

An SGM may be called by the Board for a specified purpose at any time and shall be called without delay upon the written request of one quarter (1/4) of the Constituency Associations as evidenced by identical motions passed at meetings of the requisite number of Constituency Association boards.

With:

An SGM may be called by the Board for a specified purpose at any time and shall be called without delay upon the written request of one third (1/3) of the Constituency Associations as evidenced by identical motions passed at meetings of the requisite number of Constituency Association Boards.

**Rationale:**

One quarter of CA's shouldn't be able to over-throw a Leader. The bar is set too low and opens the Party up to trouble-making by a small minority of CA Boards.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 3

**Submitted By:** Calgary-Currie

**Article Number:** Standing Committee List 5.3.1

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

5.3 The PPGC shall have the mandate to facilitate and execute an open, transparent member consultation process, subject to the Bylaws, for duly motioning any additions, amendments, or deletions from the Party Bylaws, or Constitutional Documents set out Article 10.1 of the Bylaws.

**PROPOSED ADDITION:**

5.3.1 In parallel with and subject to the member-driven process outlined in 5.3, the PPGC shall also be empowered at each AGM to propose housekeeping amendments to the Policy Declaration with the specific purpose of consolidating existing redundant statements and/or removing expired items. Each proposal shall be voted on individually for approval by members at an AGM either during the plenary session or by supplemental ballot as part of the business proceedings of the AGM.

**Rationale:**

The proposed addition closely mirrors the housekeeping powers granted to the National Policy Committee within the Conservative Party of Canada, and is proving to be an essential component of maintaining a healthy, relevant policy declaration.

Since the UCP Founding AGM, our own Policy Declaration is increasing in scope and complexity, and unfortunately, also in redundancy and irrelevancy with expired items. The time allotment for policy discussion at each AGM is extremely limited, and therefore is naturally biased towards member consideration of new proposals that grow the declaration. As has been proven both provincially and federally, if we do not dedicate sufficient effort to essential housekeeping, the result is policy book "bloat" that ultimately renders our declaration meaningless to the public, irrelevant for legislative action, and impossible for members to amend.

This proposal allows the PPGC to put forward sensible housekeeping motions to the members in a manner that need not detract from the time allotted for debate of new items, such as the use of balloting. Consolidation of redundant items is imperative, since it then allows members to easily propose future changes with a single amendment, rather than using multiple proposals to amend each redundant instance. Additionally, as policy items are enacted by the Government, the PPGC can enable members to reflect them in our policy declaration by proposing specific amendments that remove such expired items.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 4

**Submitted By:** Calgary-North West

**Article Number:** Rules Governing Constituency Associations 8.9

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

Existing: 8.9. The quorum for meetings of the CA Board shall be the lesser of one-third of the Directors or one-half of the Officers.

Proposed amendment: The quorum for CA Board meetings shall be one-third of the Directors and, for meetings of the Officers, one-half of the Officers.

**Rationale:**

Rationale for quorum:

- one third (1/3) of 30=10 for a Board meeting.
- one-half (1/2) of 10=5 for a meeting of the Officers.

Five (5) Officers is insufficient quorum for a meeting of the Board of thirty (30) and should/could be quorum for a meeting of the Officers.

2.12. "Director" means a voting member of the CA Board, including an Officer.

So quorum based on Directors may include Officers, since all Officers are Directors, but not all Directors are Officers.

2.20. "Officer" means the Constituency Association President, Secretary, CFO and any Vice President recognized by the CA.

6. General Meetings:

6.4. At an Annual General Meeting, the Constituency Members present and voting shall:

6.4.1. elect by secret ballot a President, Secretary and CFO;

6.4.2. elect by secret ballot up to twenty-seven (27) additional Members as Directors. The CA Board may...provide that up to seven (7) Members be directly elected as Vice Presidents instead of as at large Directors.

7.2. The total number of Directors shall not exceed thirty (30).

The Constituency Association Board:

8.6.2. (may) elect up to seven (7) vice-presidents, if necessary, all to terms of office that expire at the next Annual General Meeting.

Source: Constituency Association Rules as amended October 17, 2020

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 5

**Submitted By:** Edmonton-City Centre

**Article Number:** Bylaws 7.10

**Update Type:** Add New

**Resolution:**

The United Conservative Association Bylaws are hereby amended to add article 7.10.9 as follows:  
7.10.9 the development and implementation of rules and procedures to ensure fair and effective candidate recruitment and selection;

**Rationale:**

As a party we need the ability to develop fair yet flexible candidate selection rules that can be tailored to the circumstances of the election cycle and be easily adapted to changes in legislation. Taking a non-prescriptive approach that leaves that authority for developing those rules with the party board best allows for that.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 6

**Submitted By:** Calgary-Varsity

**Article Number:** Rules Governing Constituency Associations 7.7.3

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

7.3. A sitting Party MLA and/or a duly-nominated Candidate for the Constituency, if any, shall each be an ex officio, non-voting member of the CA Board and shall not count towards the total number of Directors as per Article 7.2.

Be it resolved the UCP supports a Constituency's MLA as a voting member of the CA Board by removing "non-voting member of the CA Board" from 7.3 of the CA rules.

**Rationale:**

MLAs are currently ex-officio to the CA Board. Ex-officio means "because of their office" they are on the Board. Since by definition they are members, they should be able to have a vote or to vote as member. Ex-officio does not mean that someone does not have the rights and duties as an elected or appointed member.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 7

**Submitted By:** Edmonton-Glenora

**Article Number:** Leadership Review and Selection Rules 3.1

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

3.1.1. at one (1) out of every three (3) AGMs of the Party, which must be years where an election date is not fixed by the Election Act; or

Amend - 3.1.1 "At the first AGM following a provincial general election when the Party does not form the government, or at one out of every three AGMs of the Party, not including meetings held in years where an election date is fixed by the Election Act "

Delete - 3.1.2.1. an election in which the Party fails to form a majority government; or

**Rationale:**

It makes no sense for the Party to have to call an immediate Special General Meeting (SGM) right after an election where we do not form a majority government. We could be in a minority government situation where a Leadership could seriously divide the Party. Also calling an SGM right after an election would be a logistical nightmare. The Leadership vote if we don't form government should happen at the next AGM.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 8

**Submitted By:** Red Deer-South

**Article Number:** Leadership Review and Selection Rules 3.1.1

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

at one out of every three AGMs of the Party, which must be years where an election date is not fixed by the Election Act; or

at an AGM of the Party or SGM of the Party, to be held between 12 and 18 months prior to April 1 of the 4th calendar year following polling day in the most recent general election. If a general provincial election is held outside of the fixed general election period pursuant to section 38.1(1) of the Election Act (Alberta), or if the Election Act (Alberta) is amended so as to change the scheduled fixed general election period, a Leadership Review will be held on the same schedule as if the general provincial election had not occurred or the Election Act had not been amended; or

**Rationale:**

Intent:

The intent of this policy is to ensure that the Leader of the Party has adequate time to unite the Party and prepare for a General Election.

Rationale:

The Leader of the Party is selected by its members. A regularly-scheduled Leadership Review helps ensure that the Leader is accountable to the Party members. It also ensures the members are accountable for their choice of Leader. The timing of the Leadership Review should correlate with the timing of the provincial election. Scheduling a Leadership Review to occur 12 to 18 months prior to a scheduled general provincial election allows the current Leader sufficient time and opportunity to demonstrate ability as Leader. A Leadership Review decision should be based on the merit of the leader. A Leadership Review held close to the scheduled general provincial election could prejudicially favor the current Leader due to concerns about election readiness should the membership decide it does not support the current Leader. If Party members determine that there should be a change of Leader, it is in the best interests of the Party to have adequate time to run an orderly Leadership Election process and to unite and organize with any successor Leader. If a general provincial election is called prior to the scheduled fixed election period, or the Election Act is amended, the Leader should still be held accountable to the members of the Party on the same schedule to protect the integrity of the Leadership Review process.



**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 9

**Submitted By:** Calgary-Hays

**Article Number:** Other 4.7.4

**Update Type:** Modify

**Resolution:**

4.7 Subject to such minimum periods of membership as may be set out in these Bylaws or by the Board, every Member:

4.7.1. is entitled to attend, participate in, and vote and stand for election to the Board, at any AGM or SGM upon payment of the prescribed registration fee;

4.7.2. is entitled to attend, participate in, vote and stand for election to the board of directors of a Constituency Association in which the Member meets eligibility requirements pursuant to the Party's rules governing Constituency Associations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the United Conservative Association Bylaws are hereby altered by amending Article 4.7.4 as follows, renumbering all affected articles as required:

4.7 Subject to such minimum periods of membership as may be set out in these Bylaws or by the Board, every Member:

4.7.1. is entitled to attend, participate in, and vote, at any AGM or SGM upon payment of the prescribed registration fee;

4.7.2. after serving on a Constituency Association board for a minimum period of one (1) year, is entitled to stand for election to the Board;

4.7.3. is entitled to attend....

**Rationale:**

Provincial Board members should have an understanding as to the management of the UCP. With that understanding they are then in a position to be of help with CA and Provincial development. This creates for proper succession planning both on a CA Board and the Provincial Board. This also eliminates Board members from becoming passive members with zero input, thus picking up their share of the work load.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 10

**Submitted By:** Calgary-North West

**Article Number:** Standing Committee List 5.5.4

**Update Type:** Add New

**Resolution:**

If approved, this would modify "the Board shall appoint" in 5.1 and "shall be appointed" in 5.2.

5. Party Policy and Governance Committee:

after 5.3 At least two (2) Party Policy and Governance Committee members must reside in each of the five (5) regions designated in Article 7.2.9 of the Bylaws

add: 5.4 Ten (10) members from the regions shall be elected at a duly constituted annual general meeting by the members who reside in the corresponding regions.

**Rationale:**

Since it is in the best interests of the Party that the PPGC demonstrate more openness, transparency, and accountability to the general members, this amendment will ensure the democratic process and improve representation of the members across Alberta, so that all our voices are heard.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 11

**Submitted By:** Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock

**Article Number:** Leadership Review and Selection Rules 3.1.1

**Update Type:** Replace

**Resolution:**

at one out of every three Annual General Meetings of the Party, which must be in years where an election date has not been fixed by the Election Act; or

at an AGM of the Party held fifteen (15) to thirty-three (33) months after a general election conducted under the Election Act, unless clause 3.1.2 is invoked. If accepted, this motion shall come into effect at the first call of a general election under the Election Act after such acceptance; or

**Rationale:**

There has been considerable controversy recently regarding the holding of a Leadership Review. In order to avoid such controversy in the future this resolution limits the period that a leadership review must be held. It's limited to more than a year after an election (15 months) and fewer than three years (33 months) following an election.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 12

**Submitted By:** Calgary-Beddington

**Article Number:** Rules Governing Constituency Associations 2.2.27

**Update Type:** Add New

**Resolution:**

"Vice President" means a Director that is an Officer with specific duties and responsibilities that may be delegated to them from time to time by the CA Board.

A "Chair" is a more appropriate use of the running of a Board group such as Policy.

**Rationale:**

A Vice President is the second in command of a President. A Chair is a more appropriate use for the running of a Board group such as Policy.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 13

**Submitted By:** Calgary-Beddington

**Article Number:** Rules Governing Constituency Associations 2.2.22

**Update Type:** Add New

**Resolution:**

Add Vice President after 2.22

**Rationale:**

Add Vice President after President which means a second in command to the principal Officer of the Constituency Board.

**Resolution Type:** Governance Resolution # 14

**Submitted By:** Calgary-Glenmore

**Article Number:** Other 1.1

**Update Type:** Add New

**Resolution:**

This is an omnibus resolution

Please see attachment here: <https://static.unitedconservative.ca/Governance14.pdf>

**Rationale:**

A standard definition of a constitution is: the system of fundamental principles according to which a nation, state, corporation, or the like, is governed.

The current Party's Principles are misplaced in the Policy Declaration and, by the above definition, are more appropriately placed in a constitution.

**Articles 1 and 2**

This UCPA Constitution is closely modeled on Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised), ("RROR"), which requires the name and objects of the society, so are included in this Constitution and which agree with the Party's incorporation documents. These articles are not bylaws although they do appear in the Association's Bylaws.

In the Hierarchy of Documents (see Addendum) a constitution is above both bylaws and policies as these two must comply with the fundamental principles of the Party. This important feature is recognized in Article 1.3.

Article 3: Principles, are those from the 2020 Policy Declaration document. It is intended that any amendments to these Principles at the 2021 UCPA AGM be included in the initial UCPA Constitution. Thereafter amendments to the Principles are made under

Article 5: As this is a novel Party document the lower of RROR's optional pluralities of two-thirds and three-quarters is chosen.

Article 4: RROR notes three other articles (but no more) be included in a constitution but these are covered in the Association Bylaws as required by the Alberta Societies Act and so is referenced here to avoid duplication.