

**Conservative Party of Canada Candidate Nomination
Rules and Procedures**



(As revised and adopted by National Council, October 29, 2017)

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1) GENERAL

- a) The following rules and procedures (Rules) for candidate nominations have been adopted by the National Council of the Conservative Party of Canada (the Party) for use by the Electoral District Associations (EDA) of the Party, pursuant to Article 8.7.2 of the Constitution.
- b) National Council hereby recognizes the existing National Candidate Selection Committee (NCSC), to act pursuant to Article 14.1 of the Constitution and to provide general supervision over the nomination process.
- c) For greater certainty, Candidates are encouraged to submit a Nomination Package to the Executive Director of the Party as soon as possible so that it may be reviewed and any deficiencies addressed prior to the close of nominations. Nomination Packages received prior to the opening of the Nomination will be reviewed in advance of the opening, however Candidates must ensure that members who have signed their nomination papers are still eligible at the time that the nomination opens, otherwise those signatures will not be valid towards the count if they have expired. Nomination Packages received after the close of nominations or that are incomplete as of the close of nominations will not be accepted. Candidates are also encouraged to submit as many names as required to ensure that at least 25 names (or 50 in the case of a contestant challenging an incumbent MP) will be of current members residing in the Electoral District. Nomination Packages that do not include the signatures of twenty-five (25) current members (or 50 in the case of a contestant challenging an incumbent MP) residing in the Electoral District as of the close of nominations will be deemed to be incomplete.
- d) In the event of a Minority Government and when the EDA is not held by a Conservative Party Member of Parliament, the nomination shall be conducted as per the Rules. In a member held EDA, the current membership of the EDA shall be polled by secret ballot (administered by Party Headquarters) asking the membership if they wish to hold a nomination contest for the EDA. If the number of members that is greater than thirty-three and a third (33.3) percent of the membership list at the start of the balloting process vote in favour of a nomination contest, the EDA will be opened for nomination as per the Rules. If the number of members that is less than thirty-three and a third (33.3) percent of the membership list vote in favour of a nomination contest, the incumbent Party Member of Parliament will be deemed to have been acclaimed as the Party's candidate for the upcoming General Election.
- e) For the 2019 Election,
 - i. Any Applicant, other than the MP, who wishes to run for a nomination in a member held EDA shall submit their Application not later than 5:00pm EST on December 15th, 2017.

- ii. Applications referred to above shall be required to include a nomination petition signed by at least fifty (50) current Conservative Party of Canada Members who reside in the electoral district in which the Applicant wishes to run and who are in good standing in the Party as of November 1st, 2017.
- iii. In the event that no Applications are received, the EDA shall not be required to form a CNC and the MP shall be acclaimed as the nominated candidate in that EDA.
- iv. In the event that an Application is received, the EDA shall constitute a CNC, and should interview the Applicants not later than January 18, 2018.
 - a. If a majority of the CNC believes that there may be cause to reject an Applicant, the Executive Director of the Party or their designate shall immediately inform the NCSC. The NCSC shall endeavor to render a decision to allow or disallow an Applicant not later than seven (7) days after receiving word from the CNC that there may be cause to reject said Applicant.
- v. The Executive Director or their designate, in consultation with the Chair of NCSC and the National Councilor(s) for the effected jurisdiction may open nomination at any time they see fit.
- vi. In event a nomination is required in a member-held EDA, MPs shall be required to provide their Application within fourteen (14) days of the notice that their nomination has been opened and the normal timelines for interviews would apply. MPs would only be required to submit twenty-five (25) signatures.

2) *ELECTORAL DISTRICT CANDIDATE NOMINATION COMMITTEE (CNC)*

- a) Pursuant to section 11 of the EDA constitution, the Board of Directors (Board) of each EDA of the Party shall appoint a CNC subsequent to each election for which the last candidate lost or the incumbent is no longer part of Caucus. The appointment of a CNC following an election for which a majority government was formed shall be governed by Section 1(e). The appointment of a CNC following an election for which a minority government was formed shall be governed by Section 1(d). Any by-elections nominations taking place prior to the next General Election shall be governed by these Rules and where the Conservative Party Candidate is was successful and is now the Member of Parliament, that candidate shall not face another nomination process for the next General Election
- b) The CNC shall be comprised of:
 - i) three Board members, one of whom shall be the Financial Agent of the EDA; (it is recommended that the President shall not be one of the three Board members to sit on the CNC);
 - ii) two members at large of the EDA; and
 - iii) the Executive Director of the Party or their designate.
- c) The Executive Director of the Party will designate the Party staff member to be their

designate and reserves the right to change the designate at any time without prior notice.

- d) The Board of the EDA shall appoint two (2) alternate CNC members from the board and specify which board members shall be the first alternate and which shall be the second alternate and who will not participate in any CNC functions unless a Board member on the CNC becomes unable or unwilling to act. In the event that one of the board members on the CNC becomes unable or unwilling to act, the first alternate shall immediately take his or her place on the CNC. In the event that a second board member on the CNC becomes unable or unwilling to act, the second alternate shall immediately take his or her place on the CNC.
- e) The CNC shall select one of its members as Chair. The CNC Chair must then provide his or her contact coordinates, and those of all CNC members, to the Executive Director of the Party or their designate.
- f) In the event that more than two board members on the CNC become unable or unwilling to act, the CNC Chair shall request the President of the Board to call an emergency meeting of the Board, to be held no later than 24 hours after the board member on the CNC has tabled his or her resignation. The Board shall immediately appoint another board member to the CNC. In the event that more than two board members on the CNC have become unable or unwilling to act within five (5) days of the First Nomination Meeting, the CNC shall continue with no additional Board members.
- g) In the event that one or more of the members at large are named to the CNC and become unable or unwilling to act, the Board may appoint a replacement only upon the request of the CNC.
- h) A majority of members of the CNC shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of CNC business.
- i) In the event of a tie vote of CNC, the vote shall be considered defeated.
- j) The CNC shall administer a candidate nomination and selection process in accordance with these Rules, the EDA Constitution, and the *Canada Elections Act*. If any of the timelines in the Rules conflict with notices and timelines in the EDA constitution, these Rules prevail. This provision constitutes a waiver by National Council pursuant to Article 12.4 of the EDA Constitution.
- k) Each CNC member and alternate CNC member must sign Appendix “C” Written Affirmation of Neutrality for Candidate Nomination Committee Members of the EDA Constitution when they are selected by the Board, not to become a Nomination Contestant for the electoral district in which they are a CNC member or any other electoral district,

and to remain neutral in the candidate nomination process for that electoral district. Any member of the CNC who does not remain neutral must remove himself or herself from the CNC. The completed Affirmation of Neutrality forms must be sent to Party Headquarters once they have been completed. The CNC is not recognized as such until all forms have been received.

3) ***APPLICATION***

- a) In these Rules, “Nomination Contestant” means a person who has made a valid application under the requirements of this section (Applicant), who is interviewed by the CNC pursuant to section 4b, for whom no report is made to the NCSC that there may be cause to reject the Applicant, and who is not rejected by the NCSC. Anyone making an application to be a Nomination Contestant must meet the following eligibility requirements at the time of application. If requirements are not met, the application may not be accepted for processing by the NCSC or the CNC:
 - i) the Applicant must be eligible to be a candidate under the *Canada Elections Act*;
 - ii) unless waived by the Executive Director of the Party and the President of National Council and then approved by the majority of NCSC after consulting with the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction, the Applicant must not have been an unsuccessful candidate in both of the two prior federal general elections;
 - iii) unless waived by the Executive Director of the Party and the President of the National Council, and then approved by the majority of NCSC after consulting with the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction, the Applicant must not have been an unsuccessful nomination contestant in a Conservative Party nomination contest during the same Parliament as the one contested.
 - iv) unless waived by the Executive Director of the Party and the President of National Council and then approved by the majority of NCSC after consulting with the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction, the Applicant must have been a member of the Party for at least six (6) months prior to filing his or her application. A waiver will not be required if the applicant has held a membership in the party within the past six (6) months and has renewed their membership prior to submitting their application.
 - v) the Applicant (to the best of their knowledge) must disclose any investigations which may lead to professional sanctions or criminal charges.
- b) Any eligible person wishing to be an Applicant shall provide Party Headquarters, 1720

– 130 Albert Street, Ottawa ON K1P 5G4 (addressed to the attention of the National Candidate Selection Committee) and the Candidate Nomination Committee with an application consisting of the following documents, substantially in the form set out in the Schedules (which can be requested by emailing executivedirector@conservative.ca) to these Rules where so indicated:

- i) A completed and signed Nomination Contestant Questionnaire (NCQ) (Schedule A);
- ii) A signed Confidentiality Agreement, in which the Applicant agrees not to publicly disclose any information concerning the conduct of the application process (Schedule B);
- iii) A signed Financial Agent Consent signed by the Applicant's financial agent consenting to act as the Applicant's financial agent pursuant to section 478.06 of the *Canada Elections Act* (Schedule C);
- iv) An original copy of a current (within the past six months) Certificate of Conduct/Criminal Records Check (obtained through the RCMP or local police detachment);
- v) Signed authorization for the Party to conduct a credit and criminal records check (Schedule D);
- vi) A consent letter to Elections Canada, stating that if nominated, the Party has permission to receive information on the status of their electoral campaign return (Schedule E);
- vii) A Nomination Form (Schedule F) containing:
 - (1) the Applicant's name, address, telephone number(s) and email address;
 - (2) the Applicant's written consent to be a Nomination Contestant;
 - (3) a nomination petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) current EDA Members (or 50 in the case of a contestant challenging an incumbent MP) who reside in the electoral district in which the Applicant wishes to run and who were members at least twenty-one (21) days (or as of November 1st, 2017 in the case of a contestant challenging an incumbent MP) prior to signing the Nomination Petition. Applicants are encouraged to submit as many names as are required to ensure that at least twenty five (25) (or 50 in the case of a contestant challenging an incumbent MP) of these names submitted are members in good standing in the Party and are eligible as per the criteria listed above.
- viii) A signed declaration (Schedule G) stating the agreement of the Applicant that:

- (1) the National Candidate Selection Committee has authority to disallow his or her candidacy on any grounds it sees fit, which rejection may be appealed to National Council pursuant to these Rules. National Council's decision shall be final and binding and not further appealed or challenged;
 - (2) he or she accepts, and agrees to advance, the policies, principles, goals and objectives of the Party;
 - (3) membership information provided by the EDA or Party will be used only for the purpose of campaigning for the nomination, and not for any other purpose;
 - (4) use of the Party logo is not permitted in campaigning for a nomination;
 - (5) if they are successful in winning the nomination, they will participate in training session(s) conducted by the Party on how to run an effective federal election campaign and will agree to enter into any reasonable financial arrangements with the Conservative Party of Canada concerning the payment for the provision of campaign services by the Party to the candidate. (Schedule G); and
 - (6) he or she agrees to follow Elections Canada rules, or any applicable legislation, at all times and understands that breaching these rules in any way shape or form is immediate grounds for dismissal.
- ix) Completed forms authorizing the Canada Revenue Agency, the Canada Border Services Agency, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and the Department of National Defence to release any available information through the *Privacy Act* to the Party concerning any offences, infractions, or pending matters involving the Applicant under an Act, regulation, or Code enforced by those departments. (Schedules H-K);
- x) A \$1,000 certified cheque or bank draft payable to Conservative Fund Canada from the **nomination campaign** bank account (**as per Elections Canada's Rules, the nomination campaign needs to have its own bank account and its Good Conduct Bond needs to be paid from that account, cheques drawn on a personal account WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED and will cause the rejection of the application if the cheque is not from the campaign account**). This amount serves as a Good Conduct Bond. Provided the Applicant has adhered to these Rules, the Bond will be returned to the financial agent of the Applicant or Nomination Contestant or candidate, as the case may be (and as such will not constitute a contribution or transfer from the Applicant), as follows:
- (1) for any Applicant who is not accepted as a Nomination Contestant, upon completion of the nomination process;
 - (2) for a Nomination Contestant other than the person who becomes the candidate,

upon the completion of the next federal general election;

(3) for any person who obtains the nomination and thus becomes the candidate for that Electoral District for the next federal general election, upon obtaining such nomination;

(4) The proceeds of forfeited bonds will be transferred to the EDA.

xi) Schedule L (Bulk Membership Rules);

xii) Amendments to b) i, iii and vii(3) may be submitted by the applicant prior to the close of nominations. The amendments may be submitted to Party Headquarters scanning to e-mail and sending to the Party designate identified above, they must also be submitted to the Chair of the CNC.

4) APPLICATION PROCESS

Nominations shall close at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time fourteen (14) days after the notice provided for in section 9a is given. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that a complete Application (including the cheque for the required Bond) is received prior to the close of nominations at Party Headquarters (addressed to the attention of the National Candidate Selection Committee), failing which the Application will not be considered. A copy of the written application must also be submitted to the Chair of the local CNC before the close of nominations.

- a) An Applicant shall be interviewed by the CNC within seven (7) days of the completed Application having been received by Party Headquarters and copied to the CNC. Applicants will only be interviewed after nominations have been opened in the EDA. The NCSC may require that a representative of the NCSC participate in the interview, either in person or by telephone, in which case the CNC will assist the NCSC in making any necessary arrangements to enable such participation.
- b) If a majority of the CNC believes that there may be cause to reject an Applicant, the Executive Director of the Party or their designate shall immediately inform the NCSC or its designated representative. The NCSC shall endeavour to render a decision to allow or disallow an Applicant within four (4) days of receiving word from the CNC that there may be cause to reject said Applicant.
- c) The NCSC may require that the CNC provide further information or documentation. The NCSC may contact the Applicant directly to obtain any additional information or documentation it may reasonably require.

- d) Pursuant to Article 14.1 of the Constitution of the Party, the NCSC may disallow the candidacy of any person before or after nomination by the EDA. The CNC may not disallow a candidacy. NCSC may disallow a candidacy on such grounds as it sees fit. NCSC may disallow a candidacy whether or not the CNC has expressed a belief that there may be cause to do so.
- e) The CNC must provide a copy of the list of current members to all Applicants once their Applicant interview has been completed unless the CNC believes that there may be cause to reject the Applicant.
- f) After the deadline for submission of memberships has passed, and as soon as the final list of members eligible to vote at the Nomination Meeting(s) is available, it shall be provided by the CNC to each Nomination Contestant. Applicants should keep in mind that the closer to the deadline that they submit membership packages, the longer it will take to receive the final voter's list. Once the final list of eligible members has been provided to the nomination candidates, they are encouraged to review the list for any members that are not on the list but which they feel should be on the list and to inform the Executive Director of the Party's designate as soon as possible so that any potential issues may be resolved as to ensure that if needed, the eligible membership list is updated in advance of the Nomination Meeting. Any eligible members of the Party residing in the effected Electoral District but not on the list will still be able to vote in the nomination process once their membership eligibility and residency has been confirmed by Party Officials.

5) *CRITERIA FOR COMMENCEMENT OF CANDIDATE NOMINATION PROCESS*

- a) The Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC and the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction may open nominations at any time they see fit in any electoral district.
- b) Except where waived by the Executive Director of the Party and Chair of NCSC in consultation with the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction, EDAs must meet the following criteria prior to applying to the Executive Director of the Party or the designate for authorization to have their EDA's nomination opened:
 - i) Have at least two-thirds (2/3) of the membership numbers of the highest membership year in the past five (5) years;
 - ii) Have in the bank, at least 50% of the estimated spending cap in place during the next general election;
 - iii) Have arranged to use CIMS, and have demonstrated a technical capability within the present structure;

- iv) Have a written pre-writ campaign plan, which include budget and fundraising plans;
- v) Have a draft campaign plan, which includes a potential campaign team profile, demographic and poll analysis from the last election, budget, and the like; and
- vi) Conducted a thorough search for potential Nomination Contestants.

All applications from EDAs who have not been opened to hold nominations and wish to submit their application package in advance of the nomination being opened should be sent to the Executive Director of the Party.

6) *NOMINATION PERIOD*

- a) At least forty-two (42) days prior to the Nomination Meeting, the CNC or Party Headquarters shall upon the instructions of the Executive Director of the Party or their designate cause notice to be given in accordance with section 9a.

7) *CANDIDATE NOMINATION MEETING*

- a) If following the close of the nominations there are no Nomination Contestants, any further action concerning the nomination process in the EDA will be subject to the direction of the Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, President of National Council, and the National Councillor(s) for the jurisdiction effected.
- b) If following the close of nominations there is only one accepted Nomination Contestant that person shall be acclaimed. If following the close of nominations, the CNC determines that a Nomination Contestant has not been acclaimed; the remaining provisions of this section shall be followed.
- c) The EDA Board must meet no more than 48 hours after the CNC has determined that no Nomination Contestant has been acclaimed. At this meeting the Board shall select the date, time and location of the nomination meeting(s). The nomination meeting(s) must occur no sooner than forty-two (42) days and no later than forty-seven (47) days from the notice given in section 9a. This rule applies unless otherwise stipulated by the Executive Director of the Party in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, President of National Council, and the National Councillor(s) for the jurisdiction effected.
- d) Only those who have been Party members for at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the nomination meeting or, where there is more than one nomination meeting, prior to the First Nomination Meeting (as referred to in sections 7j and 7k) are eligible to vote. In addition,

where the notice provided for in sections 9a is given more than forty-two (42) days prior to the First Nomination Meeting, only those who are or become Party members within twenty-one (21) days of that notice are eligible to vote. Each Nomination Contestant must be given the opportunity to address the membership at least once prior to the vote. Each Nomination Contestant shall be given equal time to speak, and the time may be used by the Nomination Contestant and/or introducer(s) as the Nomination Contestant may choose.

- e) The CNC shall appoint an impartial Returning Officer (RO) who shall be approved by the Executive Director of the Party or their designate. The name and contact information of the proposed RO shall be provided to Party Headquarters via the CNC Chairperson. The RO shall supervise the voting and vote count, declare the nomination of the Party candidate. The Returning Officer shall keep in their possession related election materials used for the Nomination Meeting including membership lists and the ballots which will then be destroyed seven (7) days following the conclusion of the appeal periods as identified in 10e unless otherwise directed by the Executive Director of the Party.
- f) No business other than the selection of a Candidate shall be conducted at the Nomination Meeting until after the vote for the candidate has been held.
- g) On the ballot, the Nomination Contestants shall be listed in alphabetical order by surname followed by first name if more than one candidate has the same surname.
- h) The Board, after consultation with the CNC, shall pass a resolution setting out whether the Candidate will be selected by either:
 - i) a sequential ballot, where, if after the first vote no Nomination Contestant receives more than fifty (50) percent of the valid votes cast, then the Nomination Contestant(s) receiving the least number of votes or failing to achieve a minimum of ten (10) percentage of vote shall be dropped and another vote taken. This process shall be repeated until one (1) Nomination Contestant receives more than fifty (50) percent of valid votes cast. A Nomination Contestant receiving more than (50) percent of valid votes cast shall be the Candidate; or
 - ii) a single preferential transferable ballot wherein the voters numerically rank the Nomination Contestants in sequence of their choice, where, if after the first vote no Nomination Contestant receives more than fifty (50) percent of the valid votes cast, then the Nomination Contestant(s) receiving the least number of votes or failing to achieve a minimum of ten (10) percentage of vote shall be dropped and the ballots recalculated based on next choices for the dropped candidates. This process shall be repeated until one (1) Nomination Contestant receives more than fifty (50) percent of valid votes cast. A Nomination Contestant receiving more than (50) percent of valid votes cast shall be the Candidate

- i) In EDAs where factors such as geography, weather and transportation hinder members from attending at a single location, the Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor(s) for the jurisdiction effected may direct, or, upon request from the Board may authorize, that the selection of the Candidate take place at nomination meetings held at two or more times and locations, the first of which is the “First Nomination Meeting”. The Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor (s) will determine the method of balloting to be used in these circumstances.
- j) In the event the Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction has determined to allow multiple nomination meetings to occur at multiple times and/or locations, then all the deadlines, timelines and notice periods shall be based on the date of the first such nomination event (the “First Nomination Meeting”).
- k) Under extenuating circumstances other methods of balloting may be approved by the Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction.
- l) Ballots shall be marked in secret.
- m) Proxy voting is not permitted.
- n) The Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction will review if there are any significant religious holidays that may cause a change in the scheduling of a nomination meeting.
- o) Media may be allowed to attend the portion of the nomination meeting when the candidates are speaking as well as the section of the meeting where results are being released and the winner gives their acceptance speech at the discretion of the Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction.

8) ***ABRIDGEMENT OF THE RULES***

- a) National Council authorizes that the Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction, may alter, abridge or suspend sections 4, 5, 6

and 9 of the Rules as they see fit. Any such decision of the Executive Director of the Party or their designate in consultation with the Chair of NCSC, the President of National Council and the National Councillor(s) for the effected jurisdiction shall be final and binding and is not subject to appeal or review on any grounds whatsoever.

b) National Council may alter, abridge or suspend any of the Rules as it sees fit.

9) NOTICES OF A NOMINATION MEETING

- a) The first notice shall be the notice opening nominations in the EDA and shall include notice that nominations close in fourteen (14) days.
- b) A second notice shall be given no more than 72 hours after the CNC has determined that no Nomination Contestant has been acclaimed. The second notice shall include the date, time and location of the nomination meeting(s).
- c) For the notices in sections 9a and 9b, any one or combination of the following methods may be used:
 - i) Regular mail sent to the member's address of record;
 - ii) E-mail sent to the member's e-mail address of record; or
 - iii) Live phone call to the member's phone number of record.
- d) Reminder notices may be sent to all members via any telephonic or electronic means of communication, as appropriate. Reminders may also be published via local newspaper ads or in the coming events section.
- e) Where the methods set out in sections 9c(i), 9c(ii), or 9c(iii) are used, a reasonable effort shall be made to provide such notice to all EDA Members who were members as of the date of each notice, based on membership information on hand at Party Headquarters.

10) APPEAL PROCESS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- a) National Council hereby appoints, pursuant to Article 19.2 of the Constitution, the members of the Secretariat Committee to attempt to intervene to resolve any dispute referred to National Council pursuant to Article 19.1 as to whether the requirements of the Constitution, a by-law or any rules are being met by the EDA or any committee thereof in relation to the nomination process. However, for any dispute connected to the

involvement of the CNC or NCSC in the disallowance of a nomination contestant, the sole remedy shall be the appeal process provided in sections 10c and d.

- b) Where the Secretariat Committee decides not to intervene or is unsuccessful in resolving a dispute described in section 10a and the dispute remains outstanding, the Secretary shall forthwith report same to the Chair of the Arbitration Committee at which time the matter shall be deemed to stand referred to the Arbitration Committee pursuant to Article 19.3 of the Constitution for adjudication by a panel.
- c) Where the National Candidate Selection Committee disallows the candidacy of any person before or after nomination by the EDA, that person may appeal to National Council by filing an appeal in writing with the Executive Director of the Party within 24 hours of the disallowance having been communicated to the person. The Executive Director of the Party shall bring any appeal to the attention of the President and Secretary of National Council forthwith.
- d) National Council shall determine expeditious procedures to be followed in an appeal, recognizing that disallowance is an act of discretion of the NCSC. The decision of National Council on an appeal shall be final and binding and is not subject to appeal or review on any ground whatsoever.
- e) If a Nomination Candidate wishes to appeal the conduct or the results of the Nomination Meeting, they must do so in writing within seven (7) days of the Nomination Meeting to the Chair of the NCSC through the Executive Director of the Party. In the event of a Nomination process-taking place over a number of days, they must file their appeal within seven (7) days of the final meeting. The written appeal must clearly identify the issues being raised as well as provide any support of those issues for which they feel an appeal should be heard. If the Nomination Candidate is not satisfied with the decision of the NCSC on their complaints, they may appeal to the National Council whose decision shall be final and binding and is not subject to appeal or review on any grounds whatsoever.

11) BULK MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING PROCEDURES

- a) Schedule L to these Rules are certain procedures governing the processing of membership applications received in bulk on behalf of either EDAs or Applicants/Nomination Contestants. By submitting an Application, each Applicant is deemed to be bound by these procedures; specifically the Applicant agrees that memberships processed by their campaign using the bulk membership procedures will be

paid for with funds from the individuals seeking membership with their consent and not by the Applicant/Nomination Contestant or their campaign.