



ELECTION RULES & PROCEDURES

As recommended by the BC NDP Provincial Executive, October 19, 2023.

The Election Rules and Procedures are set in accordance with the *Constitution of the New Democratic Party of British Columbia* which specifies aspects of the election of the Provincial Executive and the Leadership Review Vote at Convention. Matters not covered by these rules will be determined by the Balloting Co-Chairs according to the approved Convention Rules and Procedures and the BC NDP Constitution, subject to appeal as out-lined below.

Any appeal of a decision of the Balloting Co-Chairs is to the President. The decision of the President is final.

LEADERSHIP REVIEW VOTE

VOTING, BALLOTING & COUNTING:

- » The leadership review vote shall be conducted by secret ballot, on the plenary floor of Convention.

The results of the leadership review vote shall be announced.

ELECTIONS: GENERAL

CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION & TERMS:

- » All members seeking election to any position in the Party must be members in good standing of the BC NDP and be

eligible per Articles 2.4 and 2.5 of the *Constitution of the New Democratic Party of British Columbia*.

- » A delegate's self-identification shall determine eligibility to stand for election in equity and labour caucus or committee elections.
- » A delegate's electoral district association (EDA) of registration, or EDA of membership for a non-EDA delegate, shall determine eligibility to stand for election in regional caucus elections.
- » Members seeking election for the positions of President, Treasurer, the six Vice-Presidents elected on the plenary floor, Vice-President - Equity, the three Members-at-Large elected on the plenary floor and the Oversight Committee shall submit nominations in writing, using the appropriate form, prior to the relevant



closing of nominations.

- » A completed nomination form includes a bio and the signature of two nominators, who must be members in good standing.
- » Nomination forms are available on Mobilize in advance of Convention and at Convention from the Convention Office during office hours.
- » Nomination forms may be submitted by email until 5pm Pacific on November 14 to **convention@bcndp.ca** with subject line "Election Nomination." Nomination forms may be submitted in person to the Convention Office at the Victoria Conference Centre during convention hours (including registration).
- » Members seeking election for caucus, committee or regional representative positions elected in meetings of those bodies may be nominated from the floor.
- » Unless otherwise specified, positions are elected for two-year terms (until the next biennial convention).

VOTING, BALLOTING AND COUNTING:

- » There is no proxy voting. Delegates must be present at the time of voting and must cast their own ballot. A delegate may not give their ballot to another person to vote on their behalf.
- » If a delegate is unable to mark their own ballot due to a physical disability or difficulty reading and/or writing, a member of the Balloting Committee may assist the delegate to mark their ballot for the delegate's choice. No other person shall assist the delegate in marking their ballot.
- » Alternate Delegates who are on the floor replacing a regular delegate must be in possession of their own badge and the regular delegate's badge and ballot book.
- » There shall be no electioneering while voting is taking place.
- » Candidates in contested elections shall have one minute to speak prior to balloting.
- » All contested elections shall be conducted by secret ballot.
- » Acclamations require no vote.
- » Upon registering at Convention, a delegate will receive a ballot book and a vote card.
- » The ballot book has different coloured, numbered ballots and will be used for elections of positions in the BC NDP Constitution. The ballot book will not be replaced if lost.
- » The candidate(s) with the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected, unless otherwise specified for a specific position.
- » The name of the winning candidate(s) and vote totals for each candidate shall be announced.



SCRUTINEERS:

- » Each candidate shall be entitled to appoint one scrutineer, or may act as their own scrutineer.
- » Only members of the Balloting Committee and scrutineers may be present during the count.

CANDIDATE MATERIALS:

- » Each eligible candidate may submit digital materials comprising a single pdf document that is a maximum size of two 8.5" x 11" pages, which will be posted on the Convention website.
- » Digital materials must be submitted to **convention@bcndp.ca** with the subject line "Candidate Materials" by November 14 at 5pm Pacific.
- » Printed candidate materials may be distributed at Convention in accordance with the Printed Materials and Room Booking Policy.
- » All candidate materials must be produced with volunteer or unionized labour. Materials that violate the BC NDP Anti-Harassment policy or any other duly approved policy or that attack fellow BC NDP members shall not be approved.

ELECTIONS: SPECIFIC POSITIONS

PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

- » **BALLOTING:** The President and Treasurer shall each be elected on a separate ballot, on the plenary floor of convention. The President shall be elected first.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY:** Gender diversity is required amongst the positions of President, Treasurer and Leader. For the purpose of this convention, in event that both the elected President and the Leader are men, men shall not be eligible to stand for the position of Treasurer.
- » **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations for President close at 5:30pm on Saturday, November 18. Nominations for Treasurer close immediately upon the announcement of the results for President (approximately 11am Pacific on Sunday, November 19).

1 VICE-PRESIDENT - LABOUR

- » **BALLOTING:** The Vice-President - Labour shall be elected on a separate ballot, at the labour caucus meeting.

1 VICE-PRESIDENT - EQUITY

- » **BALLOTING:** The Vice-President - Equity shall be elected on a separate ballot, elected by members of equity committees of the BC NDP at a joint meeting of all



equity committees held for this purpose.

- » **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations close at 10am Pacific on Saturday, November 18.

6 VICE-PRESIDENTS

- » **BALLOTING:** The six Vice-Presidents shall be elected on a single ballot, on the plenary floor of convention.
- » **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations close at 9am Pacific on Sunday, November 19.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & COUNTING:**
- » 50% of all VPs shall be women. The labour and equity VPs are separate positions and are elected earlier. Therefore:
 - » IF THE LABOUR VP AND EQUITY VP ARE BOTH WOMEN: top two vote-getting women shall be declared elected, then the four remaining candidates with the highest votes shall be declared elected.
 - » IF ONE OF EITHER THE LABOUR VP OR EQUITY VP IS A WOMAN: top three vote-getting women shall be declared elected, then the three remaining candidates with the highest votes shall be declared elected.

1 MEMBER-AT-LARGE - LABOUR

- » **BALLOTING:** The M-a-L - Labour is chosen by the affiliated organizations, at the labour caucus.

3 MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

- » **BALLOTING:** The three members-at-large shall be elected on a single ballot, on the plenary floor of convention.
- » **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations close at 9am Pacific on Sunday, November 19.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & COUNTING:** 50% of all M-a-Ls shall be women. The 4th M-a-L chosen by affiliated labour organizations is selected earlier. Therefore:
 - » IF THE M-a-L - LABOUR IS A WOMAN: the top vote-getting woman shall be declared elected, then the two remaining candidates with the highest votes shall be declared elected.
 - » IF THE M-a-L - LABOUR IS NOT A WOMAN: the top two vote-getting women shall be declared elected, then, of the remaining candidates, the candidate with the highest votes shall be declared elected.



OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE: 2 MEMBERS

- » **TERM-LIMITS:** These positions are elected for four-year terms.
- » **BALLOTING:** The members of the Oversight Committee shall be elected on a single ballot, on the plenary floor of convention.
- » **NOMINATIONS:** Nominations close at 12pm Pacific on Saturday, November 18.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & COUNTING:** Gender diversity is required amongst the total three members of the Oversight Committee. For the purposes of this Convention, at least one of the two members elected must not be a woman. Therefore:
 - » The top vote-getting candidate who is not a woman shall be declared elected, then, of the remaining candidates, the candidate with the highest votes shall be declared elected.

16 REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (2 PER REGION)

- » **BALLOTING:** Two Regional Representatives shall be elected on a single ballot, in each of the eight regional caucus meetings.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & COUNTING:** 50% of the regional representatives must be women. Therefore:

- » The top vote-getting woman shall be declared elected in each region. Then, of the remaining candidates in each region, the candidate with the highest votes shall be declared elected.

BC YOUNG NEW DEMOCRATS (BCYND): 1 CO-CHAIR (OPERATIONS)

- » **BALLOTING:** The co-chairs shall be elected on separate ballot at the BC YND convention.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY:** One co-chair must be a woman or a non-binary person. For the purpose of this Convention, the co-chair (Operations) election is open to women and non-binary people.

WOMEN & GENDER RIGHTS COMMITTEE (WGRC): 1 CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE)

- » **BALLOTING:** The chair shall be elected on a single ballot, at the WGRC Convention.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' COMMITTEE (IPC): 2 CO-CHAIRS (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE, AND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL)

- » **BALLOTING:** The two co-chairs shall be elected on separate ballots, at the IPC meeting. The co-chair (Provincial Executive) shall be elected first.



- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & COUNTING:**
One co-chair must be a woman. Therefore:
 - » IF A WOMAN IS ELECTED AS CO-CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE), the top vote-getting candidate for co-chair (Provincial Council) shall be declared elected.
 - » IF A WOMAN IS NOT ELECTED AS CO-CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE), the top vote-getting woman for co-chair (Provincial Council) shall be declared elected.

PERSONS LIVING WITH A DISABILITY (PLWD) CAUCUS: 2 CO-CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE, AND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL)

- » **BALLOTING:** The two co-chairs shall be elected on separate ballots at the PLWD caucus meeting. The co-chair (Provincial Executive) shall be elected first.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & COUNTING:**
One co-chair must be a woman. Therefore:
 - » IF A WOMAN IS ELECTED AS CO-CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE), the top vote-getting candidate for co-chair (Provincial Council) shall be declared elected.
 - » IF A WOMAN IS NOT ELECTED AS CO-CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE), the top vote-getting woman for co-chair

(Provincial Council) shall be declared elected.

INDIGENOUS, BLACK & PEOPLE OF COLOUR (IBPOC) COMMITTEE: 2 CO-CHAIRS

- » **BALLOTING:** The two co-chairs shall be elected on a single ballot, at the IBPoC Committee meeting.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION & GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI) CAUCUS: 2 CO-CHAIRS (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE, AND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL)

- » **BALLOTING:** The two co-chairs shall be elected on separate ballots, at the SOGI Caucus meeting. The co-chair (Provincial Executive) shall be elected first.
- » **CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & COUNTING:**
One co-chair must be a woman. Therefore:
 - » IF A WOMAN IS ELECTED AS CO-CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE), the top vote-getting candidate for co-chair (Provincial Council) shall be declared elected.
 - » IF A WOMAN IS NOT ELECTED AS CO-CHAIR (PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE), the top vote-getting woman for co-chair (Provincial Council) shall be declared elected.



STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE (SCOA): 1 CHAIR

- » **BALLOTING:** The SCOA Chair shall be elected on a separate ballot, at the SCOA meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY & THE ENVIRONMENT (SCOEE): 1 CHAIR

- » **BALLOTING:** The SCOEE Chair shall be elected on a separate ballot, at the SCOEE meeting.

OTHER CAUCUS AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS NOT PROVISIONED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BC NDP

- » Committees and caucuses may elect additional positions not listed in the BC NDP Constitution at their meetings. Such elections are governed by the duly adopted and approved by-laws of the respective bodies.