

# **BC Labour**

# **Constitution and Bylaws**

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# Chapter 1 - Constitution

## Article I Party Ideals

1. The BC Labour political party (the “Party”) shall be established.
2. The Party commits to promoting and fostering the stated aims of the Party as determined by this document. The Party’s Discord server, and other official documents produced by the Party; organizing and supporting all Party members’ bids to be elected to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia; promoting membership in and supporting the Party by various avenues, such as recruiting for the Party, developing the Parties policies, and ensuring proper internal administration of the Party, and; pursuing constant fairness and good ethics in all of the Parties’ functions and aims.

## Article II Party Positions

3. The Party shall be divided into two classes of members, designated “Senior Party Members” and “Party Members”.
4. There shall be three “Party Officers”, designated “Party Leader”, “Party Chairman”, and “Party Whip”.
5. The Party Leader shall be tasked with officially representing the Party in all of its dealings, and becoming Premier should the Party qualify for such a position.
6. The Party Chairman shall be tasked with chairing the Board of Directors.
7. The Party Whip shall be tasked with supervising the internal discipline of the Party.

## Article III Party Organizations

8. There shall be a Board of Directors (the “Board”), comprising of all Senior Party Members.
9. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the internal administration of the Party.

## Chapter 2 - Membership

### Article IV Methods of Membership

10. Residents of British Columbia may apply for membership within the Party whenever they like.
11. Applicants and their applications for membership within the Party shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and accepted if more than one-half of the Board votes in favor of the applicant.
12. Residents of British Columbia may be sponsored by a Party member.
13. Sponsored individuals shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors and accepted if more than one-half of the Board votes in favor of the individual.

### Article V

### Conditions of Membership

14. All Party members shall support the Party in all of its aims, goals, and statements.
15. Party members may not join other political parties.
16. Party members may not defame, insult, or otherwise unprofessionally refer to another Party member.

### Article VI Membership Rights

17. All Party members shall have the right to utilize the Party's campaign or marketing material.
18. All Party members shall have the right to identify with the Party in all elections.
19. All Party members shall have the right to view Board of Directors meetings.
20. All Party members shall have the right to participate in Party Conferences.

## Chapter 3 - Party Conferences

### Article VII Purpose of Conferences

21. Conferences may be called for by any Party member who receives support from at least two other Party members.
22. Conferences may be called for the purpose of electing a new Party Officer, or amending either or both the Party Constitution and the Party Bylaws.

### Article VIII Timeframe of Conferences

23. Conferences, upon being established, shall have a three-day period for Party members to mark their attendance within it.
24. Upon the three-day attendance period expiring, the purpose of the Conference shall be stated, and then a five-day time period shall be put into effect for the purpose of debating the amendments proposed or nomination of a new Party Officer.
25. Upon the five-day debate or nomination period expiring, a six-day

voting period shall be put into effect for the purpose of voting upon either the amendments proposed or whether the proposed new Party Officer shall take the position of the incumbent Officer.

26. Upon the six-day voting period expiring, the Conference shall be dissolved, with any and all amendments or new Party Officers implemented.

### Article IX Standing Orders

27. Party Conferences shall be overseen by the Party Leader. In the event the Conference was called for the nomination of a new Party Leader, the Party Chairman shall oversee the Party Conference.
28. Conference attendees shall remain respectful during the Conference.
29. The overseer of the Conference may not shorten the timeframe periods of the Conference, except in the case that it is unanimous amongst Conference attendees that the timeframe should be shortened.

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## Chapter 4 - Party Discipline

### Article X Discipline of Members

30. In the event that a Party member either violated the Party's constitution or its Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall meet and call the violating member before it.
31. The violating member shall be given the chance to speak before the Board.
32. Upon the violating member speaking before the Board, the Board shall discuss whether or not they believe the

violation of the Party's constitution or its Bylaws warrants discipline.

33. The Board may discipline the violating member on the Party Whip's advice if more than two-thirds of the Board votes in favor of discipline.
34. Discipline shall include publicly condemning the Party member, removing a Party member from the Board of Directors if they are on it, revoking the Party member's rights or select rights for a set period of time, preventing a Party member from running for election within British Columbia, and revoking the Party members membership to the party.





