



The Constitution of The Heron Party

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Formation of the Party and Constitution

1. This is the constitution of “The Heron Party” a.k.a. “The Herons” by which it shall hereby be formed.
2. It is written with the intention of formulating a basis for which the party shall operate and can thus promote the ideals of the party from.
3. Any reference to the “Heron Parliamentary Association” or “Committee” is defined in the *Constitution of the Heron Parliamentary Association and Committee*.
4. “Party Members” or “Party Membership” - unless explicitly stated otherwise - refers to members of both the Heron Party and the wider Heron Parliamentary Association.
5. When the above is specified i.e. “Heron Party Members”, only the named party is in reference, not the wider Heron Parliamentary Association.
6. “The Party” - unless explicitly stated otherwise - refers to both the Heron Party and the wider Heron Parliamentary Association.
7. When the above is specified i.e. “Heron Party”, only the named party is in reference, not the wider Heron Parliamentary Association.

Party Membership

1. All individuals are allowed to join the party should there be no objection from the party administration (later defined).
2. Party members are expected to promote the ideals of the party when acting on behalf of it.
3. Party members are expected to adhere to a certain standard of appropriate behaviour and presentation.
4. Individuals may have their membership revoked by the authority of the party administration.
5. The party membership may have input in the legislative direction of the party as detailed in *Schedule II*.

Party Administration

1. The party administration shall be constructed and elected as detailed in *Schedule I*.
2. The “Board” shall consist of the Chair, Leader, and any other party member appointed by the incumbent chair and leader.
3. The Board shall form a consultation body that deliberates matters of administrative importance, and may decide to call a party membership vote to resolve a matter.
4. The Board may collectively resolve to perform any administrative act that is afforded to the Chair by a simple majority, regardless of the vote of the Chair.
5. The Board may collectively resolve to overturn any administrative act that is performed by the chair by a simple majority, in which the chair will not be able to vote.
6. In the result of a tie of results for a vote in which the Chair was allowed to participate, the Chair’s vote shall be the deciding vote.
7. If there is a tie of results for a vote in which the Chair was not allowed to participate, the matter must be put to a vote of the party membership.

Schedule I

The Chair

1. The Chair shall be the administrative leader and authority of the party, parliamentary association, and parliamentary committee (*as in the Constitution of the Heron Party Association and Committee*).
2. They shall be responsible for the running of the above.

Nomination of the Chair

1. The chair is appointed by the departing previous chairperson, provided they are only departing by resignation of their own will.
2. In the event of a removal, the chair can be voted in by a simple majority of the party membership.

Removal of the Chair

1. A party chair can be removed by an absolute majority vote for removal in each vote of a 3-stage voting process, to take place over the course of 1 week.
2. The process shall begin with the first vote on “day zero” of the procedure.
3. On “day four” of the procedure, the second vote shall take place.
4. On “day seven” of the procedure, the final vote shall take place.
5. In the event that an absolute majority is secured in favour of removal in each stage of the voting procedure, the chair shall be removed and a new chair appointed.

The Leader

1. The Leader is the elected parliamentary leader of the party.
2. The Leader shall be responsible for administering the legislative direction and agenda of the party at each general election.

Nomination, Election, and Removal of the Leader

1. The Leader can be elected as per *Schedule II*.
2. The Leader can be removed by a simple majority vote of the party.
3. The vote is to be called by the chair.
4. The chair is expected to follow the will of the membership when calling this vote.

Schedule II

The Party Conference

1. The party conference shall be held at the “midterm” mark of each term.
2. The conference shall be used to discuss the legislative agenda, and develop the party manifesto for the next election.
3. All party members have equal contribution to this process.
4. The conference is overseen exclusively by the chair.

The Designation Process

1. Before the writ of general election, the chair shall call for the “Designation Process”.
2. All interested party members may submit themselves for a staged campaign and voting process.
3. The candidate with the fewest votes in each round is eliminated, until a simple majority vote is reached between the two final candidates to select the party “Leader”.
4. The victor of the final vote shall be named “Leader” upon approval of the party board (excluding the previous Leader, the current candidate, and any other board member that was a candidate in the process bar the chair).