



The Constitution of the Heron Parliamentary Association and Committee

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Formation of the Association and Committee

1. This is the documented establishment of the “Heron Parliamentary Association”, referred to as the “Association” hereafter, and its affiliated committee a.k.a the “Heron Parliamentary Committee” or “Heron Committee”, which shall be referred to as the “Committee” hereafter.
2. The Association and Committee shall be bound by the limitations codified in this document.

The Association

1. The Association is established as an organisation of political parties that, instead of running as isolated parties, contribute to the Heron Party’s cause and numbers in parliament.
2. Association parties’ members (*a.k.a* “Association Members”) shall act with the same privileges as members of the Heron Party for functions that involve the entire association.
3. Association parties shall have an *Approved Association Name* which shall be the name under which the party operates for the duration of its membership to the Association.
4. The *Approved Association Name* shall be determined by the administration of the Heron Party and the party wishing to join in conjunction.
5. Association parties shall have a party code that shall be used to represent its members of parliament for the duration of the party’s membership to the association.
6. The Association shall be subject to the administration of the Board and the Chair.
7. If an Association member who is not a member of the Heron Party is elected Chair, they must join the Heron Party.

The Committee

1. The Committee is established as a collection of all members of the Heron Parliamentary Association that sit in parliament.
2. The Committee shall be the official location for discussion of parliamentary business and decision making regarding the parliamentary activities of the Association (in a non-administrative capacity).
3. The Committee shall contain a subdivision for the House of Lords, the House of Commons, and a Joint Committee.
4. The Parliamentary Committee shall be chaired by the Leader of the Parliamentary Association, with nominated leaders from each remaining Association party also forming part of the leadership team.
5. Each Association party may determine its Committee leader via its own internal process, over which the Heron Party shall have no oversight.
6. If an association party member or a Heron Party member (*as in the Heron Party Constitution §2*) is elected as in *Schedule I* to a seat in the House of Commons representing the Heron Parliamentary Association they shall be afforded membership to the Committee for the duration of their term.

Schedule I

Prior to the Election

1. Any Association member shall be entitled to submit their intention to run for election to the House of Commons when such polling is called by the Chair.

Submitting Interest

1. The member must provide the name of the constituency that they wish to run for.
2. They may not run for the constituency of any previous Heron Party Prime Minister.
3. If the member is a former Prime Minister, they may run using the constituency of their own terms in the office.
4. If a member was previously Prime Minister, and is seeking election to the office again, they must run for the same constituency that they were previously elected to the office under.

Approval of the Chair

1. The Chair may grant approval to members who have submitted interest.
2. If the member receives the approval of the Chair, they may run for their constituency representing the Heron Party.
3. If a member does not receive the approval of the Chair, they shall be prohibited from running as a Heron Party representative.

During the Election

1. The member shall register with the Election Commission prior to the election, using the constituency by which they were granted approval prior to the election.
2. The member shall only be permitted to register their party affiliation as being the *Approved Associated Name* of the party from which they are seeking election in the Parliamentary Association.
3. Their party code shall be established by the Association.

After the Election

1. All successfully elected members shall be subject to the administration of the party Chair and Designate.
2. Any association member may have their membership to said association revoked by the Chair.

Revocation of Association Membership

1. If an individual's association membership is revoked, they shall be disclaimed by the Heron Parliamentary Association and become an independent member of parliament.
2. A disclaimed individual may retain their membership to their original association party.
3. A disclaimed association member may not represent their original association party in parliament until such a time as their membership is reinstated or the party leaves the association altogether.