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Libertarian Pub Nights and Events

OLP Moves Forward by Coreen Corcoran

The past couple of months have been chaotic for the OLP Executive and OLP Members. The Party Leader, Chairman, Secretary, IT Director, and Treasurer all resigned, but that did not deter the remaining members of the Executive Team. We still had to keep the Party running, so we focused on making sure the administrative tasks required by Elections Ontario were addressed.

Our first concern was leadership. We thought it would be a smooth transition until a concern about electing a Deputy Leader at an AGM instead of a Convention was brought forward. The Executive appointed an Interim Leader, subject to ratification at the next convention. Congratulations to Jacques Boudreau for stepping into the Interim Leader role. Our paperwork with Elections Ontario needed to be updated and we received our approval May 13th.

Next, we elected new members to the Executive. Thank you Greg Tarasco for stepping into the Recording Secretary role. We also welcomed Mark Snow back as Vice-Chairman. Jim McIntosh resumed his position of Treasurer and is working hard to submit our annual return. Thank you everyone for coming forward and offering to help.

All of this leads to the necessary step of holding a Convention this Fall. The Executive has decided on Sunday, September 19th, and we are hoping for a fully in-person event in the Toronto area. Of course this is subject to change depending on lockdown restrictions, but be assured that we will be holding the convention regardless. What this means is that all positions will be up for election. See page 3 for details on the open positions and the submission of motions.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, most of our pub meetups are still on hiatus with the exception of the virtual meetup hosted in Toronto. They will resume when restaurant owners are given the all-clear by the Ontario Government and social distancing measures are lifted. This is unfortunate for our party since our best chance for success is meeting people and sharing our ideas.

Toronto Pub Night - July 14 (2nd Wednesday of each month). We are currently using Zoom and anyone who wishes to join us should send Jim McIntosh (jjim@mcintosh.on.ca) their email in order to receive an invitation with the Meeting ID and Password. Next meeting is August 11th.

Ottawa Pub Meeting—July 11 at 2:00 pm (Usually 1st Sunday of each month, except holiday weekends) We'll be at O'Brien's Roadhouse on the covered patio, 730 Industrial Ave, Ottawa. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Jean-Serge Brisson (ep523@ncf.ca). Next meeting is August 8th.

Pub nights for Kitchener-Waterloo, Bradford, and Mississauga-GTA West are not offering virtual meetings.

When the lockdown ends, if you would like to organize a Libertarian Pub Night in your area, please contact Jacques Boudreau by email (leader@libertarian.on.ca) or phone 1-855-ONT-LIBerty or 416-283-7589 in the GTA.

For the latest information, visit
<https://libertarian.on.ca/meetups>

BBQ Canceled for 2021

Due to government restrictions, we once again have to postpone our annual BBQ. We hope dining restrictions will be lifted soon and we can hold a meetup during the Convention in September.

THE PARTY OF CHOICE—Our Vision is communities of freedom, harmony and abundance.

The Mission of the Party is to enable endless possibilities through recognition of, respect for and protection of individual liberty.

Rethinking the Role of the LCBO — by Trevor Schleihau

The LCBO is a relic of a bygone age of prohibition. Like every government-controlled entity, the LCBO is a nightmare for consumers and producers to navigate, uses red tape and bureaucracy to destroy market mechanisms, and is enough to drive any person to drink. Instead of acting as a distribution method for breweries, distilleries, and vineyards to get products to market, the LCBO partakes in price setting that limits competition and puts small businesses at a disadvantage to large corporations.

The LCBO's single and most glaring problem is that when a producer wants to sell their product, the LCBO sets the price for that beer/wine/etc. That is the minimum sale price anywhere in Ontario, be it at a restaurant, brewery, grocery store or any other place one can buy alcohol. Usually, this price is higher than the producer initially sold the product for, thus driving potential consumers from the market. This price-setting also means that producers are not allowed to markdown or put their LCBO distributed products on sale. On the other hand, the LCBO has all liberty to discount the alcohol products it sells, taking sales away from the local busi-

nesses. Of course, giant companies do not feel the squeeze of sales from the crown corporation, but the loss of income severely impacts micro-distilleries and the like.

The LCBO also prevents the wholesaling of alcohol to restaurants, selling them at the same prices regular consumers pay for the same product. This is why alcohol is always substantially more expensive at restaurants than at the LCBO; they have no room to mark up the price without becoming exorbitant.

The best way to help businesses and consumers alike is to cut back the regulations and red tape around the LCBO and search for a private solution to alcohol. The Nanny-State apparatus is outdated and out of touch. A genuinely free market in alcohol distribution really is something to raise a glass to!

Trevor is a new contributor to The Bulletin and has joined the Executive as Secretary. He is an Economics Student at the University of Ottawa, is self-taught in Austrian Economics, and reads and writes on Austrian Economics regularly.

What's Next for Ontario Healthcare? — by Coreen Corcoran

While it appears that the Ford Government is finally going to allow businesses to fully open this Summer, there are still questions about what comes next. In particular, Ontario healthcare is going to be in a desperate state for years to come.

Since March 2020, we have been told that the lockdowns were necessary to flatten the curve and prevent the healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed. So the question is, has the government done anything to set up the province's healthcare system for success?

Recent news articles would indicate that we are going to continue down the road of a lack of ICU beds, and more importantly, trained staff, for the foreseeable future. The healthcare system has been practicing hallway medicine for years, and even a regular flu season sends hospitals into over-capacity numbers. The pandemic only highlighted the deficiencies.

One encouraging sign I've noticed in comment sections and on social media is that a few people are voic-

ing concerns about the rationed healthcare options in Canada. At the very least it is starting to be talked about, albeit in hushed tones and with trepidation. The last thing you want to do is unleash the wrath of anti-American rhetoric from people who have never lived outside of Canada and experienced superior healthcare systems in other countries.

The Ontario Libertarian Party is the only established party that will end healthcare rationing. Ontario has first world healthcare providers and third world healthcare administration. At present, Ontario taxpayers pay for a generic health insurance plan. This plan serves many people's needs very well, but some people are not well-served at all. In order to address this, new insurance options will be allowed, similar to the customized plans that many employers are starting to provide to their employees.

Rationed healthcare can't continue in its current form. It is time to start putting patients first and introduce a system that many countries already use.

OLP Convention 2021

With less than a year to go before the next provincial election, this is **your** opportunity to help shape the direction of the Party heading into one of the most important elections to date for Ontario. Below are the roles up for election, with a brief description of each. Role descriptions are available on the Party wiki page: https://wiki.libertarian.on.ca/index.php/Executive_Standards

All members of the Executive are expected to attend monthly meetings (normally first Monday of the month), take the lead on Party initiatives, and attend events as required. The time commitment for each role varies with Leader, Party Leader, and Treasurer being the most time consuming (generally a few hours a week minimum).

If you are a current member and are interested in running for one of these positions, please forward a short biography, an outline of why you want to run, and your resume to campaign@libertarian.on.ca by August 15th so we can share the candidate list in the next Bulletin. Nominations will still be accepted the day of the convention.

Party Leader

The Leader is a member in good standing who is duly elected by the Party's membership. She or he is accountable to the members of the Party and to the Executive Committee between elections.

The Party Leader acts as the official representative of the Party and is responsible for managing the Party's relationship with the general public. As such, they will take a leading role in developing and communicating Party policy, especially election platforms, to the electorate. They are also the public face of the Party and the principal media contact.

[Party Leader Job Description](#)
[Party Leader Qualities](#)

Deputy Party Leader

The Deputy Party Leader shall succeed the Party Leader in the event of a vacancy in that position. They are the secondary media contact of the Party. Work with the Executive Committee to promote and attend fundraising and other Party events.

[Deputy Party Leader](#)

Chairperson

The Chairperson has strategic and management roles to play in assisting the Party's Executive Committee, Caucus and (to a lesser extent) Members to prepare for province-wide elections and by-elections.

At a management level, the Chairperson ensures that the Executive Committee (EC) functions properly; that there is full participation at meetings; that all relevant matters are discussed; and that effective decisions are made and carried out by EC Members and Volunteers.

[Chairperson](#)

Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson is a member of the executive committee designated as the immediate subordinate to the Chairperson and serves as such in their absence.

The Vice Chairperson familiarizes themselves with the duties of the Chairperson and assist where possible and necessary, so as to be prepared to fill in when needed.

[Vice Chairperson](#)

Secretary

The role of the Secretary is to support the Chair in ensuring the smooth functioning of the Executive Committee. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining effective records and administration, upholding the legal requirements of governing documents, charity law, company law etc. (where relevant), and communication and correspondence.

Although the Secretary ensures that these responsibilities are met, much of the work may be delegated to other volunteers. Given these responsibilities, the Secretary often acts as an information and reference point for the Chair and other committee members: clarifying past practice and decisions; confirming legal requirements; and retrieving relevant documentation.

[Secretary](#)

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Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary keeps a comprehensive log of items discussed and debated during meetings, conferences, workshops and brainstorming sessions. The minutes may cover what was accomplished, said or set at the meeting, and may exclude individual opinions from group members. Recording secretaries should note the members who are present, record votes and group decisions, and write down actions in the order that they occurred.

[Recording Secretary](#)

Treasurer

The Treasurer has a watchdog role over all aspects of financial management, working closely with other members of the Executive Committee to safeguard the Party's finances.

Responsible for ensuring that effective financial systems and procedures have been established, are being consistently followed and are in line with best practice and legal requirements. Financial reporting including presenting regular reports on the organisation's financial position, preparing accounts for audit and liaising with the auditor, submitting annual return to Elections Ontario, distributing donation receipts for both Party and Constituency Association donations.

[Treasurer](#)

Campaign Director

Recruit, supervise, develop all campaign staff and ensure that individual performance goals are achieved. Supervise the maintenance of the candidate database. Recruit, train, and manage regional coordinators in strategic areas critical to Party growth. Schedule candidate training sessions on matters pertaining to the Party platform, public speaking, public outreach and media.

Work with the constituency associations and regional coordinators to help guide them towards selecting the most beneficial candidates for the Party.

[Campaign Director](#)

Member at Large

Serve as voting members of the executive committee who while having no specific duty to their name, fulfill in any duties they can, that fall within their wheelhouse to assist the Executive Committee and Party towards its common goal.

[Member at Large](#)

Ethics Committee

The Ethics Committee shall be created at each Convention and at each General Meeting as follows: The four members of the immediately preceding Committee with the shortest length of service shall be appointed to the Committee. If fewer than four members remain on the Committee or are willing to serve on the Committee for the coming term, all the remaining members are appointed to the Committee. All remaining positions on the Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the registered delegates on the floor.

The Ethics Committee shall be responsible for:

- disciplinary action against any Member or Associate.
- challenges of amendments to the Statement of Ultimate Goals believed by a member to be in conflict with the Statement of Principles;
- challenges to other Party documents believed by a Member to be in conflict with the Statement of Ultimate Goals;
- alleged violations of the Constitution or Bylaws by any Officer of the Party; and
- other business as directed by the Executive Committee, or by a Convention or General Meeting of the Party.

Call for Motions

The convention is also an opportunity for members to present motions for updates to the By-Laws and Constitution. Sign in to the website to view the documents and propose any changes by July 31st. Search for Constitution and By-Laws on the main page.