



## 2017 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION RULES AND PROCEDURES

### FAQ

For further information on the rules of the Leadership Convention see the 2017 Leadership Convention Rules and Procedures. References in parentheses are to that document.

#### Eligibility for nomination:

1. Who is eligible to be nominated for leader of the Manitoba Liberal Party?
  - Any member in good standing for at least 30 days at the time of nomination and before the convention date, who is also ...
  - A resident of Manitoba, and ...
  - Eligible under provincial election legislation, and ...
  - At least 18 years of age.

#### Getting nominated:

2. What do contestants have to do to be nominated?
  - File the following documents at the MLP office at least 30 days before the Convention:
    - 1) A completed Leadership Application Form, with a valid Police Record Check and a Notice of Assessment confirming the filing of the contestant's tax return for the most current year.
    - 2) Nomination papers with the signatures of at least 100 members, with at least 10 signatures each from at least 6 Regions of the MLP and of those 6 regions, 3 regions must be within the City of Winnipeg and 3 regions must be outside of Winnipeg.
    - 3) Elections Manitoba Form 944 (Notice of Appointment of Official Agent for Leadership Contestant) with the name, address, and signature of your official agent and Elections Manitoba Form 945 (Auditor.
    - 4) A non-refundable nomination fee in the amount of \$5000 or equivalent value in memberships or combination of thereof.

- 5) **Each applicant will be subjected to a Green Light process. This process will consist of an interview with an independent panel to review the information provided and an examination of social media, published materials, etc.**

**Access to a membership list:**

3. Will contestants receive a membership list?
  - **Yes. When contestants have submitted all required documents for nomination and been “green-lit” they will be given access to the membership database of the party. Membership data will be updated on a continuous basis throughout the leadership contest.**

**Post-Convention obligations:**

4. What do contestants have to do following the Leadership Convention?
  - **A contestant’s Official Agent must file Elections Manitoba Form 947 (Financial statements and supporting schedules) and Elections Manitoba Form 948 (Contributors’ List) and Elections Manitoba Form 949 (Campaign Deficit and Loan Status), if applicable, within 30 days following the Convention.**

**Contributors’ list:**

5. How is Elections Manitoba Form 948 completed?
  - **List the names of individual donors who are residents of Manitoba who contribute monetary donations, or goods or services. Donations from non-residents are not permitted.**

**Eligible tax deductions:**

6. Are contributions tax-deductible?
  - **No.**

**Party funds:**

7. Can the Party transfer funds to a campaign?
  - **No, neither the Party nor any constituency association can transfer funds to a leadership campaign.**

**Maximum spending limit:**

8. How much can a contestant spend on a leadership campaign?
  - **The maximum expenditure is \$100,000, not including the nomination fee.**

**Leadership Contest dates:**

9. What are the start and end dates of the leadership contest?

- **May 15, 2017 – October 21, 2017.**

**Communication between the MLP and leadership campaign teams:**

10. Who has the right to monitor the conduct of a leadership?

- **The Leadership Convention Committee is responsible for monitoring the conduct of campaign teams and can advise/warn against misconduct. The Leadership Convention Committee may forward serious matters to the Board of Directors.**

11. Who will communicate with the Leadership Convention Committee on behalf of a leadership campaigns?

- **Campaigns should identify one person who will be responsible for communication between the Leadership Convention Committee and the campaign.**

**Speaking at the Convention:**

12. When are contestants formally +nominated?

- **One nominator will speak to the MLP members at the Leadership Convention directly after the proceedings are called to order in accordance with speaking order. The nominator will say her/his name, make the nomination, and speak for three to five minutes.**
- **One seconder will only say her/his name and state that (s)he is seconding the nomination.**
- **The nominated contestant may then speak for 10 to 20 minutes.**
- **The exact amount of time and the order in which the contestants will speak will be determined by the Leadership Convention Co-Chairs and communicated to the contestants as soon as possible following the close of nominations. (See C. 7, 8, and 9)**

**Voting at the convention:**

13. When does the voting take place?

- **Voting will take place on the date set for the convention at the Central location (located in Winnipeg).**
- **Voting may also take place at Regional Polling Locations at the same time and for the same duration (D.1) if Regional Polling Locations are deemed necessary**

14. Who can vote?

- **Members in good standing for at least 30 days before the convention may vote in person or -if eligible, by mail-in ballot (See D.5). They must present government-issued photo identification, or satisfactory equivalent (determined by the Returning Officer – See D.2).**
- **Disputes about voter eligibility will be decided by the Returning Officer.**

15. Can members vote by mail?

- **Yes, in some constituencies (See D.3 and D.6).**
- **Voting may also take place by mail for members who require accommodation for medical or religious reasons.**

16. How many votes will win the leadership?

- **According to the accounting provisions set out in Article 9.7 (iii) of the Constitution the contestant who receives 50% plus one vote will be declared the Leader of the Party.**