

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

TONY BARRY FUND

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ARTICLE I

NAME:

This entity shall be known as the **Tony Barry Fund**.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS:

“Women” is defined as any persons identifying as women.

“Regions” are the Federal electoral boundaries as defined by Elections Canada.

ARTICLE III

JURISDICTION:

The **Tony Barry Fund** shall operate under the New Brunswick Liberal Association (NBLA). The timing of fundraising campaigns shall be coordinated with the Official Representative of the NBLA.

ARTICLE IV

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the **Tony Barry Fund** shall be:

- a) to financially assist nominated women candidates in a provincial election
- b) to provide information to assist women to achieve elected office
- c) to promote the objectives of the **New Brunswick Women's Liberal Commission (NBWLC)**.

ARTICLE V

DIRECTORS:

Any person who is a member of the New Brunswick Women's Liberal Commission or the NBLA is eligible to be a Director of the **Tony Barry Fund**, respecting a minimum of 51% percent women and regional representation as per the (10) ten Federal electoral boundaries.

In the event of vacancies in certain regions, the Board of Directors will fill such positions by appointment.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors of the **Tony Barry Fund** shall consist of, but not exceed, eleven (11) members, including a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the President of the **New Brunswick Women's Liberal Commission** and six (6) Directors.

The Executive Officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and President of the New Brunswick Women's Liberal Commission.

Quorum for all meetings of the Board and the Executive will be (51%) fifty-one percent.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF THE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE:

1. President

Shall preside at all meetings of the **Tony Barry Fund**, Board and Executive

Shall exercise a general supervision over the **Fund's** affairs.

Shall submit a report for the year, or part thereof, at each Board Meeting of the NBLA.

2. Vice-President

Shall act in the President's absence.

3. Secretary

Shall keep Minutes of all meetings.

Shall submit a report at each Annual meeting.

4. Treasurer

Shall be responsible for updating the Board on all financial matters relating to the Fund.

Shall submit a financial report at each Annual meeting.

The Board will make recommendations regarding applications to the **Tony Barry Fund** for funding requests for activities or projects related to the objectives of the **Fund** to the NBLA Executive. Any decisions on the disbursement of funds must be approved by the Executive and the Official Representative of the NBLA.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The Officers shall be elected at an Annual meeting of the **Tony Barry Fund** and shall hold office for two (2) years. The retiring directors shall be eligible for re-election for one (1) additional term. After an absence of one (1) year, a retiring director is eligible for re-election.

In the event of the resignation or demise of any Officer during the year, the Executive Committee may fill such vacancy for the balance of the term.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS:

The Board shall meet at least two (2) times per year.

The Annual meeting shall be held at such places within New Brunswick as may be determined by the Board.

Special meetings may be called by the President within seven (7) days or when the President deems necessary, or when the President is requested in writing to do so by a majority of the Board or by five (5) voting members.

Fifty-one (51%) percent of the directors shall constitute a quorum at all Annual and Special meetings.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT:

The Constitution and By-laws may be altered or amended at any Annual and Special meeting annual of the **Tony Barry Fund** by two-thirds majority vote of the active members present, provided the full text thereof is incorporated in the call of the meeting.

ARTICLE XI

FISCAL YEAR:

The fiscal year of the **Tony Barry Fund** is the fiscal year of the NBLA.

All reporting of the **Tony Barry Fund** shall be prepared and submitted to the Executive of the NBLA in a timely manner for its auditors to include all activities of the **Tony Barry Fund** as required in the NBLA's legally-required filings and, for further clarity, shall be in a form and content satisfactory to the Official Representative of the NBLA or designate.

At all times, the **Tony Barry Fund** shall act in accordance and in compliance with any, and all, guidelines and legislation over which Elections New Brunswick has supervisory authority.

ARTICLE XII

SUSPENSION OF DIRECTORS:

Should any Director act in a manner detrimental to the general interest of the **Tony Barry Fund** or miss more than two (2) consecutive meetings, **without due cause**, the Board may suspend the Director as determined by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE XIII

REMUNERATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors will serve without remuneration, although the Board may authorize the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the function of their duties.