

# Progress Party Constitution

## **Section 1: Positions**

- 1) There shall be a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson who are tasked with the operation of the party.
  - a) These are elected positions. As such, elections shall be held every three months for these positions.
- 2) The Chairperson shall have the power to set and enforce rules that are not expressly laid out in this Constitution.
  - a) The Chairperson shall be allowed to designate no more than five party members to be “Party Delegates”, who act as advisors to the Chairperson. They can be added at the whim of the Chairperson but cannot be removed without the approval of either the Vice Chairperson or the majority of party members. Appointed party delegates lack the power to vote on party affairs but do have an important advisory role.
  - b) Once party membership reaches 30 members, two party delegates shall be elected positions, with such elections occurring alongside the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson elections. Elected Delegates shall have the power to vote on all party-related business whereas appointed Delegates shall remain as outlined in Section 1(2)(a).
- 3) The Vice Chairperson shall be tasked with acting in the capacity of the Chairperson if the Chairperson is not present and is unable to act in his or her capacity as Chairperson.
- 4) If the Chairperson resigns or is otherwise no longer a member of the party, the Vice Chairperson shall usurp the position of the Chair.

- a) In the event that the Vice Chairperson becomes the Chairperson, they shall be permitted to nominate their own Vice Chairperson who shall be subject to a vote no later than seven days after nomination. The majority of party members must approve of the nominee for them to become Vice Chairperson.
- 5) If a majority of members convene in favor of removing a Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, a vote shall be held. If two thirds of all party members vote in favor of removing the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, they shall lose their position of power and shall be forbidden to run for such positions again for six months.

## **Section 2: Party Member Rights**

- 1) All party members, at their request, shall be entitled to a fair and public hearing for any disciplinary action taken against them.
  - a) Such requests must be made within 72 hours of the disciplinary action being enacted.
- 2) Party members shall be entitled to free expression so long as their expression does not serve to deteriorate the quality of party communications or to insult individuals in a derogatory and/or undue manner.
- 3) No party member shall be removed on the basis of an ideological preference or voting pattern.
  - a) An exception to this rule is an ideology or voting pattern that contains a desire or action to sabotage the party or any members thereof.
- 4) No party member shall be subject to a binding whip from the party or any leader thereof who is acting in an official capacity except as it applies to Section 2(3)(a).

- 5) Any party member may, at their discretion, form a caucus. All caucuses shall be subject to the rules and regulations set out in this Constitution.

### **Section 3: Amendments and Ratification**

- 1) Upon the majority of the party formally proclaiming support for a constitutional amendment, a vote shall be held. If the vote acquires two thirds of party member support, the amendment shall apply to the Constitution and shall be binding as such.
- 2) Upon two thirds of the party agreeing to ratify this Constitution, it shall be considered enforceable and active.

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