



# NEWFOUNDLAND - LABRADOR HUMAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION

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## CONSTITUTION

OF

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Article 1 Name

The name of the Association shall be Newfoundland - Labrador Human Rights Association.

Article 2 Objects

The objects of the Association shall be to promote respect for and observance of Human Rights as indicated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to defend, extend, and foster recognition of these Rights, in this Province.

Article 3 Membership

*not Canada*

(a) Membership is open to all persons, corporations and associations subscribing to the objects as laid down in this Constitution.

(b) The classes of membership in the Association are as follows:

- (1) Individual Membership
- (2) Group Membership
- (3) Honorary membership as selected by the Board of Directors
- (4) Chapter membership - *from beginning voted app.*

(c) Application for membership shall be in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

*applicant  
receives  
acceptance*

(d) An applicant, except Chapter membership, becomes a member upon acceptance of his application by a majority vote of any meeting of the Board of Directors as provided in Article 4 hereof.

(e) Upon acceptance to membership in any authorized chapter of the Association, an applicant becomes a member of that Chapter and the Provincial Association.

(f) The Board of Directors shall determine from time to time the fees that shall be paid for membership.

(g) All membership shall be renewed on an annual basis.

Article 4 Board of Directors and Officers

(a) The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the officers as provided in paragraph (d) of this Article and 4 Directors.

(b) Management of the Association is vested in the Board of Directors.

(c) Where a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, the remaining Directors shall continue to be vested with the management of the Association and appoint any member in good standing as Director to fill the vacancy until the Annual Meeting is called.

(Amended  
May, 1977)

(d) The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the President of all Chapters and Vice - Presidents.

(e) The President, Secretary, Treasurer and 4 Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Article 5 Meetings

- (a) The Association shall hold a General Meeting at least annually, the time and place to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- (b) A quorum at a General Meeting shall be 15 members.
- (c) A special General Meeting shall be called within three weeks by the President upon receipt of a requisition signed by 15 members, and on such other occasions as the President deems necessary.
- (d) The Board of Directors shall meet as often and in such places as they deem necessary and expedient for the conduct of the Association's business.

Article 6 Chapters

- (a) For organizational purposes, the Province shall be divided into four regions each of which may have its own Chapter.
- (b) These regions shall be designated Northern, Western, Central and Eastern.
- (c) The Board of Directors may authorize the formation of addition Chapters.
- (d) Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of this Association, Regional and other Chapters shall be subject to their own by-laws and shall elect their own officers.

Article 7 Finances

- (a) The accounts of the Association shall, within two months after the end of each fiscal year, be examined and their correctness shall be ascertained and certified by one auditor who shall be appointed by the Association at the Annual Meeting.
- (b) The fiscal year of the Association shall correspond to the Provincial Government's fiscal year.

Article 8 Amendments

- (a) This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a General Meeting.
- (b) Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be set out in writing and delivered to the Secretary at least 60 days before the General Meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.
- (c) A copy of the proposed amendment shall be sent by the Secretary to all members at least 30 days before the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

Article 9 The Seal

The seal of the Association shall be in the custody of the President and shall not be affixed to any instrument without a resolution of the Board of Directors and in the presence of such officer or officers as the Board of Directors shall from time to time appoint.

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