

# GPC Fund Director Nomination and Election Policy

## Qualifications of Directors

1. Nominees for director must:
  - 1.1. have been a Member in good standing of the Green Party of Canada (GPC) for at least 3 months prior to their application;
  - 1.2. have given permission to conduct a police check at the cost of the GPC;
  - 1.3. have discharged all debts owed to the GPC and/or GPC Fund;
  - 1.4. have confirmed in writing that they are willing to serve as Fund Director;
  - 1.5. not be less than 18 years of age;
  - 1.6. not be incapable;
  - 1.7. be an individual; and
  - 1.8. not have the status of bankrupt.

## Nomination of Directors

2. The nomination of director candidates to the Fund Board shall proceed according to the following:
  - 2.1. The Fund president shall include in the notice of any general meeting at which there is to be an election of directors, a notice that nominations are open, the number of vacant director positions and an invitation for applications.
  - 2.2. The Fund president will make a request to staff to announce to GPC members that Fund director nominations are open, with an invitation to apply.
  - 2.3. The application must include the nominee's name, their relevant experience, qualifications including any law or accountant qualifications, any equity declaration and an agreement to a police check.
  - 2.4. The elected Fund Representative is considered to have been nominated for director by members and need not apply.
  - 2.5. Fund members may make two nominations from all applicants and are encouraged to collaborate to sponsor nominees from historically underrepresented groups that experience significant disadvantage and discrimination due to systems of oppression, which may include women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized persons, and LGBTQIA2S+ identified individuals, comprising a variety of ages and experience.
  - 2.6. The list of applicants will be made available to Fund members no later than twenty one days before the General Meeting and Nominations close fourteen days before the General Meeting of Fund members, at which the results are to be announced.
  - 2.7. By ten days before the meeting of Fund members, the Fund president shall circulate a nominations report to Fund members of all the nominations received.

## Election of Directors

3. The election of directors to the Fund Board shall proceed according to the following:
  - 3.1. The Fund board will decide if the election is to occur through paper ballots or by electronic means.
  - 3.2. If the election is to be conducted by paper ballot, the board will appoint a Returning Officer who will be named in the Notice of Meeting.
  - 3.3. If the election is conducted by electronic means, the entity running the vote will certify the results.
  - 3.4. The ballot is secret and will be provided to the Members before the Meeting of Members.
  - 3.5. The election will proceed notwithstanding the status of any police check.
  - 3.6. The vote is conducted by preferential ranked ballot on which voters rank their preferences, with '1' being first preference. The ballots are counted as for a multi-seat election, using [Borda Count](#) with multiple rounds of counting. Rounds continue until the number of remaining nominees equals the number of seats to be filled. If in any round there is a tie between lowest ranking nominees, the tie is broken by random selection by the Returning Officer, using a transparent process, or electronic vote entity.
  - 3.7. The Returning Officer or the electronic vote entity reports the ballot results including the number of ballots cast, results of each redistribution round, and the names of the elected Director(s).
  - 3.8. The ballots or vote counting results are not destroyed except by a vote of the Members.

*Note: This policy was developed in cooperation with the Leader and Federal Council, approved by the Fund Board on May 6, 2021 and reviewed by Fund members on May 16, 2021. In January 2024, it received minor updates after a six week online consultation process with Fund members. The updated version, incorporating member feedback, was approved by the Fund Board on January 20, 2024.*