

## SHADOW CONSTITUTION OF TORONTO 350.ORG

### ARTICLE 1: SUPREMACY

In the event of a conflict between the constitution and the shadow constitution, the shadow constitution shall be considered definitive.

### ARTICLE 2: PRINCIPLES

Decisions are made by the people who show up.

People choose their own level of involvement.

### ARTICLE 3: ELECTORAL COLLEGE

In the event that a majority of members of Toronto 350.org vote in favour of a motion, it shall be deemed equivalent to a majority of members who are students at the University of Toronto voting in favour of the motion.

In the event that a majority of members of Toronto 350.org vote against a motion, it shall be deemed equivalent to a majority of members who are students at the University of Toronto voting against the motion.

### ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

For the beginning with the 2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM), anyone who has attended two or more planning meetings shall be considered a member and shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

This definition of membership shall be re-evaluated prior to the second AGM.

Members who indicate their preferences electronically before the AGM begins shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

Before making nominations or voting either in person or by proxy - members shall make themselves familiar with the principles of Toronto 350.org as described in our constitution, shadow constitution, and the 350.org website

## ARTICLE 5: NOMIMATIONS

Members shall be able to self-nominate for positions on the executive. They shall do so by defining the position and indicating their interest and qualifications through the planning forum before the beginning of the AGM.

If the positions for which they have nominated themselves do not exist, a vote shall be held on whether they should be created during the appropriate time in the AGM.

## ARTICLE 6: NEW EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

People nominating or self-nominating shall be required to define the basic duties of the proposed executive position at the Annual General Meeting prior to voting for that position.

Before voting begins on a new executive position, there shall be a vote among the general membership about whether the position should be created. If a simple majority vote in favour of creating the position, the voting shall begin. If a simple majority oppose the creation of the position, the position shall not be created.

In the matter of whether a new position shall be created, the vote of a simple majority of members voting shall be considered binding upon the executive.

## ARTICLE 7: PROXY VOTING

Anyone who is a member of the club can submit their proxy votes electronically to [toronto350@gmail.com](mailto:toronto350@gmail.com) up until the beginning of the AGM.

Anyone voting by proxy shall indicate that they wish to vote for a particular person for a particular position, provided that person is nominated for the position in question.

In the event that the person is nominated for that position, the proxy shall be counted as one vote during each round of voting in which the candidate remains in the running.

Members voting by proxy may indicate their second and subsequent preferences for each position. In the event that their first choice is eliminated, their proxy vote will be applied to the most highly ranked of their preferred candidates still in the running.

The chairperson shall appoint a member to be responsible for managing proxy votes during the AGM.

## ARTICLE 8: ROLE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

The chairperson shall be permitted to run for executive positions.

During the period when the chairperson has been nominated for a position and while the election remains open, they shall appoint a member present at the meeting to act as interim chairperson.

The chair of the meeting shall assign a member to be responsible to vote on behalf of proxies that have been submitted.

In the event of an ambiguity in the agreed electoral process, the chairperson shall use their judgment to resolve it equitably and in keeping with the principles of Toronto 350.org.

Only the chairperson shall be permitted to call votes on any subject.

The chairperson shall determine the result of votes, to be recorded in the minutes.

#### ARTICLE 9: VOTING PROCESS

In the event that more than two people are nominated for a position, a vote will be held in which each member present casts one vote for one of the nominees.

In the event that no candidate receives 50% +1 of the vote (not counting abstentions), the nominee with the least votes will be dropped from the running.

Another vote will then be held for remaining nominees, until one candidate receives 50% +1 of the vote (not counting abstentions). That candidate shall then be duly elected to the position for which they have been nominated.

#### ARTICLE 10: AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM shall include the following elements in the proscribed sequence:

- Assemble
- Determine who is eligible to vote (shall be worked out beforehand by an appointed person)
- Members entitled to vote shall be given some token to indicate their status, such as a coloured sticker
- Election of a chairperson for the meeting
- Election of president
- Election of treasurer
- Nomination and election of other executive members
- Proposed amendments to the U of T constitution (hopefully none)
- Merriment

If necessary, the chairperson may alter the agenda for the AGM in keeping with the principles of Toronto 350.org.