

Interpretation Bulletin # 1

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This interpretation bulletin deals with the acclamation of all delegate candidates in Electoral District Associations (EDAs) where 22 or fewer Notices of Intention to Stand have been filed and where no election is required for either the youth or aboriginal delegate positions.

It addresses the application of Subsections 4.6, 12.1 and 12.2 of the Rules of Procedure for the Election of Delegates, following the amendments adopted by the National Executive on Monday, February 2, 2009.

Subsection 4.6, Acclamation of Delegates, states that:

“If, at any time after the deadline for the provision of Notices of Intention to Stand under Subsection 7.4, the number of delegate candidates for an EDA or a Commission Club for a demographic category is the same or less than the number of delegates to be selected in that demographic category from that EDA or Commission Club, as the case may be, then **those delegate candidates may be acclaimed by the National Returning Officer as elected as delegates in that demographic category** from that EDA or Commission Club, as the case may be, without any need for a vote.”

However, the provision found in this subsection is limited to the acclamation of delegates to delegate positions reserved for their respective demographic category.

In fact, the only principles that prevent the acclamation of all delegate candidates where 22 or fewer Notices of Intention to Stand have been filed by February 20, 2009, are the following:

1. The preferential delegate fees provided to delegates filling youth (6) and aboriginal (2) delegate positions; and
2. The rights provided to Under-represented Leadership Contestants to appoint delegates to delegate positions which have been allotted to them and that remain unfilled.

Subsection 12.2, Promotion of alternates filling vacancies before the Convention, states that:

“If, **following the period provided under Subsection 12.1**, any vacancies remain unfilled, the National Returning Officer may, if practicable prior to the opening of registration:

- (a) determine the identity of the person who:

- (i) was selected as an alternate delegate to the convention from the same Affiliated Constituent Body;
- (ii) was not elected as a delegate and has not already been promoted to delegate;”

Please note the period provided under Subsection 12.1 could be deemed inapplicable if certain rights granted to Leadership Contestants pursuant to Subsection 12.1 were waived by the Leadership Contestants recognized under Subsection 3.2.

Please be notified that the following undertaking has been received from the Chief Agent for Mr. Michael Ignatieff, Leadership Contestant recognized under Subsection 3.2:

1. To limit the rights provided under Subsection 12.1 to appoint delegates to delegate positions that remain unfilled to 2 in an EDA where 20 Notices of Intention to Stand have been filed by the deadline for the provision of Notices of Intention to Stand under Subsection 7.4;
2. To limit the rights provided under Subsection 12.1 to appoint delegates to delegate positions that remain unfilled to 1 in an EDA where 21 Notices of Intention to Stand have been filed by the deadline for the provision of Notices of Intention to Stand under Subsection 7.4; and
3. Not to exercise the rights provided under Subsection 12.1 to appoint delegates to delegate positions that remain unfilled in an EDA where 22 Notices of Intention to Stand have been filed by the deadline for the provision of Notices of Intention to Stand under Subsection 7.4.

Should the current leadership contest circumstances remain unchanged until the deadline for the provision of Notices of Intention to Stand under Subsection 7.4, it is the view of the National Returning Officer that, in an EDA where the total number of delegate candidates having filed a Notice of Intention to Stand is equal to or less than 22 and the number of delegate candidates having filed a Notice of Intention to Stand in youth and aboriginal delegate positions is equal to or less than the number of delegate positions reserved for those demographic categories, the National Returning Officer would immediately invoke Subsection 12.2 and promote all delegate candidates to delegates.

As the promotion of delegate candidates as delegates is occurring prior to Super-Weekend, these delegates are deemed to have been acclaimed, such as the delegate candidates acclaimed as delegates under Subsection 4.6, and thereafter, the National Returning Officer may exercise the authority he is given under Subsection 5.2, Cancellation of Meetings, to proceed with the cancellation of meetings where all delegate candidates who have submitted a Notice of Intention to Stand for that Meeting have been acclaimed as delegates under Subsection 4.6.

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