

Interpretation Bulletin # 5

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This interpretation bulletin deals with the procedure to be followed by the Leadership Contestant in submitting the names and coordinates of backfill appointees to the National Returning Officer.

Subsection 12.1, Filling vacancies at a delegate election meeting, states that:

“If at the conclusion of the process described in Subsection 11.1 or upon the acclamation of delegates under Subsection 4.6, any vacancies remain unfilled and the number of delegates elected for a Leadership Contestant (other than with respect to votes cast for the “undeclared” option) is less than the number of delegates allocated to that Leadership Contestant (referred to as the “Under-represented Leadership Contestant”), then the Under-represented Leadership Contestant may appoint as a delegate, no later than 21 days before the start of the Convention, for up to three of each such vacancies any person who is a member of the Party and...”

The process described in Subsection 11.1 will come to an end following Super Weekend, and a complete list of delegates selected for all EDAs and Commissions clubs will be produced by the National Returning Officer thereafter. The list of delegates will be promptly provided to the Chief Agent for Michael Ignatieff.

Michael Ignatieff being the only Leadership Contestant at the close of nominations on February 27, 2009, I grant his Chief Agent the authority to appoint up to three delegates in each EDA or Commission club where such vacancies remain unfilled. The appointed delegates must be members of the Party at the time the National Returning Officer is notified of their appointment and they must also respect the demographic attributes of the said vacancies, as stated in Paragraph 12.1(c).

Furthermore, please note that members appointed as delegates to vacancies in an EDA must be living anywhere in the province or territory in which the EDA’s electoral district is located, and in the case of a Commission club, must also be members of the Commission club at the time of appointment, in accordance with Paragraphs 12.1(a) and (b), respectively.

For the purpose of submitting the names and coordinates of the appointed delegates, I would request all information be submitted to the National Returning Officer by the Chief Agent for Michael Ignatieff, or his designate, on Wednesday of each week starting from the time of publication of the list of delegates until the end of the period provided under Subsection 12.1 of Rules of Procedure for the Election of Delegates, which is April 8, 2009.

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