

# CAROLINIAN CANADA COALITION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION PROTOCOL

### Process

1. Written nominations from members in good standing and seconded by members in good standing are forwarded to [admin@carolinian.org](mailto:admin@carolinian.org)
2. The slate of nominees for the Board of Directors and Officers positions are presented to the Board of Directors for approval at its regularly scheduled board meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.
3. The received written nominations for Directors are presented at every Annual Meeting.
4. An election by ballot will be held when necessary.
5. The recommended slate and those who have been nominated in writing prior to the annual meeting, shall stand for election.
6. The members receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the extent that there are available positions on the Board for that election.

### Timelines 2009

Deadline for Membership Registration for Voting Privileges	April 8
Chair, BDC forwards slate of Directors & Officers to full Board for approval three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting (By-Law 18.01)	April 10
Deadline for forwarding written nominations to the Chair, Board Development Committee (BDC) at least 14 days in advance of the Annual Meeting (By-Law 18.01)	April 17
Deadline for Proxy Voting	May 6
The recommended slate and those who have been nominated in writing prior to the annual meeting shall stand for election at the Annual Meeting.	May 8

### Elections

#### 1. Annual General Meeting

The number of Directors will total up to eighteen (18) and not less than ten (10).

The Board of Directors, by resolution, can set the number of Directors to be elected by the membership keeping in mind that a balance of individual and group membership is to be maintained.

### Membership

#### 1. Individual Member Class (up to 9 members)

#### 2. Group Member Representatives (up to 9 members)

Only one representative from a particular Group Member may be elected as a Director.

## **Director Criteria**

- Individuals, eighteen (18) years of age, with power under the law to contract.
- Members or become members of the Coalition within 30 days of the individual Director's election or appointment.
- Groups must agree to accept support responsibilities for their representatives.

## **Term**

No Director who has served more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms (six years in total) is eligible for re-election for a third consecutive three year term, except where the Board waives this limitation with cause and by resolution. At least a one-year break in service is normally required before eligibility for election as a Director is renewed.

## **Replacements**

Any vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the next annual meeting of the members at which the Directors for the ensuing year are elected.

A vacancy may be filled at any time during the year by polling the Board of Directors, at which time Directors may be appointed from the runners-up of the previous annual meeting or otherwise, that have been supplied by the Board Development Committee.