

# **Presentations to the Full Citizens Assembly**

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**ADOPTED BY ASSEMBLY ON FEBRUARY 22, 2004**

## **A. Recommendation**

That the Assembly during its first weekend of meetings in September hear selected presentations to the full Assembly. Presentations likely will be heard Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. These presentations will be limited to 25 minutes (10 minutes for the presentation itself and 15 minutes for questions and discussion).

## **B. Applications to Make a Presentation**

1. Applications to make presentations to the Assembly will be invited from interested organizations and individuals.
2. Applicants will complete a brief application form including information about the applicant, history and extent of interest in electoral reform, an executive summary of the presentation to be made, and who (if appropriate) the applicant represents.
3. Applicants must make a presentation, similar to the one they intend to present to the full Assembly, at one of the public hearings.
4. Applications will be accepted through to June 24, 2004<sup>1</sup> and decisions on their acceptance will be made in July 2004. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision.
5. In addition to considering applications which meet the above requirements, the Selection Committee (discussed below) also will consider recommendations from members in respect to any particularly significant presentations at the public hearings. The presenters' permission should be sought before such recommendations are considered along with all applications. Such recommendations from members should be given to the Selection Committee by the end of the meeting in Prince George.
6. Presenters needing to travel to Vancouver may apply to the Assembly for a subsidy should they not have the resources to cover their own costs.

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<sup>1</sup> This date was changed from April 30, 2004 to ensure all public hearings presenters have the opportunity to apply for a Plenary Presentation

### **C. Selection Committee**

1. A committee of the Assembly will select those groups/individuals who will be invited to present to the Assembly in plenary. This committee will meet over a weekend in July. The committee of 10-11 Assembly members will be chaired by the Assembly Chair who will have no vote unless there is a tie.
2. Members of the Selection Committee will be chosen by random draw from those members interested in serving. Three members will be selected from each of the following regions: the Island, Lower Mainland and the rest of B.C. If no member is drawn from either the Northern or Southern Interior, an additional member will be selected from the names of willing members from the respective region. Names will be drawn in a plenary session of the Assembly.
3. The Selection Committee will select presentations based on the criteria which follow and will report to the full Assembly on the reasons for the selections.

### **D. Criteria for Selecting Presenters**

1. **Quality** - The presentation delivered at a Public Hearing is clear and well-thought-out, with coherent arguments. The proposal is fully detailed with effective application to British Columbia's circumstance. (This will be based on a strong recommendation from members present at hearings. Members will be advised about which presenters have applied to present to the entire Assembly in the fall.)
2. **Mandate** – The thesis and argument of the proposal are consistent with the Assembly's mandate.
3. **Balance and Representativeness** - Taken as a whole, the proposals to be heard by the Assembly in plenary should offer a fair and balanced representation of submissions and public views, regions, interest groups and electoral systems.
4. **Merit** – The proposal advances the Assembly's objectives by putting forward strong arguments worthy of consideration.
5. **Other Factors** as the Committee members may determine, consistent with the above criteria.

**Notes:** The number of presenters selected will be based on the Assembly's available time. Further, after selecting a balance of view points as outlined in Criterion 3, the Committee, when presented with multiple applications/recommendations of roughly equal merit, should select the successful applicant by random draw.