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2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Individual membership

Any person upon the payment of the tri-annual membership subscription (as determined in Rule 3.3.6) to a branch of the ALCP will be deemed to be a member of the ALCP.

- a) The two categories of membership shall be Passive \$2.00 per annum,
Active \$10.00 per annum (\$5,00 unwaged).

2.2 Duration of membership

Membership shall be deemed to continue until financial membership expires or until the ALCP or until the ALCP or member terminates the membership in writing.

2.3 Confidentiality of Membership

Membership shall be confidential to the ALCP unless the member gives permission in writing for the membership to be disclosed.

6 CANDIDATES

6.1 Calling for Nominations

- a) On the resolution of the Management Committee, the General Secretary

shall forthwith open nominations for any Parliamentary electorate and for the list of candidates to be presented by the Party at a General Election.

b) The General Secretary shall forward nomination papers to the Secretary of each approved branch of the ALCP, and shall advise the closing date for the nominations.

c) The General Secretary shall accept any nomination received by the due date providing that the person being nominated:

- 1. is a member of the ALCP;
- 2. agrees in writing to be nominated as a candidate;
- 3. specifies one region only for the purpose of selection under Rule

6.2 of these Rules;

- 4. has signed the following pledge:
 "I, , pledge myself to support and promote the policy of the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party and to loyally support the candidates selected by the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party. If elected, I pledge to abide by the decisions of the Aotearoa Legalise Cannabis Party Conference and to work loyally with other Members of the Party to achieve its objectives".

6.2 Selection of List Candidates by Region

a) The General Secretary shall arrange for the conducting of a ballot of branches in each region as defined in Rule 4.2, using the Single Transferable Vote, to determine the five most preferred candidates in each region.

b) The ballots to be used for the selection of list candidates shall:

- 1. be numbered with consecutive numbers
- 2. be marked to show the number of votes held by the Branch
- 3. include instructions on the method of voting
- 4. list the candidates in alphabetical order
- 5. be valid only if signed by the Branch Secretary

c) The Management Committee shall where practicable facilitate and promote efforts by candidates to contact members of the Party before the selection ballot.

6.3 Approval of Party List

- a) The Party list shall be decided by the voting members of the Management Committee, taking into account the order in which each region elected its candidates.
- b) Except by resolution supported by two thirds of its voting members, the Management Committee shall not consider any candidates for the Party list other than the five candidates in each region selected by the procedure in Rule 6.2.

6.4 Selection of Electorate Candidates

- In each case where the Management Committee has opened nominations in a Parliamentary electorate, the Management Committee shall authorise a Branch or Branches to conduct a selection meeting, providing that in each case:
- a) the regional representative or an Officer of the Conference shall chair the selection meeting;
- b) only financial members of the ALCP shall vote in any election to select the candidate;
- c) the voting shall be by preferential vote;
- d) other procedural matters may be specified by the Management Committee and shall be carried out by the Branch(es) or Branch Committee(s).