

Constitution
of
The Committee of Anglophones for Sovereignty-Association

Chapter One : Preamble

1. Objectives

We hereby establish the Committee of Anglophones for Sovereignty-Association (C.A.S.A.). The Committee is made up of Anglophones living in Québec who support the legitimate aspirations for a sovereign Québec. Its activities will seek to further the following objectives:

- 1) The first of these objectives is the clarification of issues related to sovereignty-association, the accurate and fair presentation of relevant government programs in an effort to counter distortions of information by self-proclaimed spokespeople for the anglophone population and the demonstration, when appropriate, of the real interests motivating these distortions.
- 2) The Committee will seek to sensitize the Government of Québec, the Parti Québécois and other groups to the realities of the English-speaking population and to its attitudes towards the referendum. It will work in conjunction with other groups during the referendum campaign.

11. Means

- 1) In order to achieve these goals, the Committee recognizes the need to gather information on several subjects. These would include a study of the anglophone population, its make-up, fears and aspirations as well as an analysis of its sources of information.
- 2) In addition, the Committee will provide Anglophones with necessary information on government policy through the collection, summation and translation (when necessary) of documents pertaining to sovereignty-association and also relevant legislation. It will seek to inform on a regular basis interested Quebecers on the issues through the existing media as well as directly via newsletters or other means of information.

Chapter Two : Organization

1. The General Assembly

- 1) The General Assembly shall be the highest authority within the C.A.S.A.. It shall be composed of all members in good standing, called at least two weeks in advance by the Executive Council.
- 2) Meetings shall be held at least quarterly. A special meeting must be called upon the written request by a minimum of ten per cent (10%) of the general membership.
- 3) The presence of at least ten per cent (10%) of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
- 4) The general Assembly shall elect the officers of the Executive Council annually or whenever a vacancy must be filled. It shall debate and vote upon proposals dealing with political issues as well as those pertaining to internal functioning and constitutional amendments.

11. The Executive Council

- 1) The Executive Council shall be the highest authority in the C.A.S.A. between meetings of the General Assembly.
- 2) It shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Chairpersons of all standing committees.

3) The main function of the Executive Council will be to carry out mandates given to it by the General Assembly. When circumstances require that the C.A.S.A. make an important decision or take a stand on an issue, and time limitations do not permit consultation with the General Assembly, the Executive Council shall make the decision or take a stand on its own, subject to later ratification by the General Assembly. It shall not, however, make a decision contrary to the previously expressed wishes of the General Assembly.

4) The President shall be the main spokesperson for the C.A.S.A., seconded by the Vice-President in his/her absence.

5) Quorum at a meeting of the Executive Council shall consist of one-half (1/2) of its members. In the event of a tie vote during the meeting, the President's vote shall break the tie.

6) Between meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Council will coordinate the activities of the C.A.S.A., including the work of the various committees. It shall also organize and prepare the meetings of the General Assembly.

7) Any Executive Council member who is absent from three (3) consecutive Council sittings without submitting reasonable grounds shall cease to be a member thereof.

111. Committees

1) The General Assembly shall establish standing committees as they become necessary and shall elect the chairpersons thereof. The other members of these committees shall be named from the membership by the General Assembly or the Executive Council.

2) The Executive Council may, from time to time, establish and appoint members to ad hoc committees.

3) Committees shall report regularly to the Executive Council.

Chapter Three : Membership

1) Membership is open to anyone who supports the basic objectives of the C.A.S.A. as expressed in the Preamble, and who has paid his/her dues.

2) Membership dues shall be paid annually to the Treasurer who shall keep a record of such payments. The minimum annual fee shall be two dollars (\$2.00).

3) All members in good standing shall have the right to be members of at least one (1) committee.

Chapter Four : Adoption and Amendments

1) The Constitution shall be adopted by a majority vote of the first General Assembly.

2) Thereafter, amendments to the Constitution shall be made only by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at a General Assembly, except for Chapter One, Objectives and Means, which may be amended by a simple majority vote.
