

And, whereas, insufficient public notice of pending elections has at times added to the difficulty of securing truly representative nominating conventions:

"Therefore, be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved, that in future representation at nominating conventions should be on the basis of the desire of electors to support in common a legislative programme and policy of administration, clearly defined and made public sufficiently long before the calling of such conventions, to enable the electors to secure proper representation of themselves on such basis; and, further, that the time for the provincial election or bye-election should be published at least sixty days prior thereto."

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Logically, then, if the electors are to be freed from becloding of issues and from party machine domination and to group themselves as outlined in the resolution, someone must take the responsibility of drafting such "program and policy, clearly defined." Obviously the Association itself could not escape the responsibility, at least the convention so decided, and instructed its Board of Directors to proceed as outlined in the opening paragraph.

The directors have taken this duty very seriously. Being a large body which cannot meet frequently it had to delegate the task of all preliminaries to the Executive which in turn has placed the Secretary under instructions to investigate locally besides the local associations such representative public bodies as are known to interest themselves in matters of legislation and government administration to present memoranda of such suggestions as they care to make of matters in their opinion suitable for inclusion in the proposed platform. Indeed, suggestions will be gladly received from anyone caring to make them. Our purpose is to get clearly before us as many various views of the problems involved as we can. Many suggestions have already come to hand, all will be carefully considered, compared with each other and with existing legislation, studied as to their legal feasibility and finally be presented to the full Board.