

Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada (RFEC)

Priorities Committee (PC) **Terms of Reference**

Mission:

The Priorities Committee (PC) is a special *ad hoc* Committee of the RFEC which operates according to these terms of reference.

Purpose:

To lead the participants of an Elective Chapter in the process of reviewing the successes and challenges of the regional objectives of the previous 3 year term and to conduct a priorities building exercise to help the Regional Council set objectives for the next 3 year term.

Ensure priorities are in conformity with and designed to enable the RFEC Council to meet the priorities set out by CIOFS and OFS Canada.

Membership:

Two committee members are appointed by the Regional Council. One member is designated as the Chairperson. At least one of the members of the committee will attend the Chapter, normally the chair.

Length of Term:

The term shall be from the date of appointment until the conclusion of the Regional Elective Chapter unless otherwise specified by mutual consent with the Regional Council.

Reporting Process:

The PC will provide a written report of the PC's activities and outcomes to the Regional Council within one month of the end of the Regional Elective Chapter.

Resources:

- The PC may invite resource people with specific expertise to assist in the planning process.
- The PC shall have access to the Minutes of the previous Elective Chapter, past files of previous PCs, and correspondence between the RFEC Regional Council and National OFS representatives regarding all issues related to National and International objectives

Other Resources:

- 2014 Presentation by Tibor Kauser, CIOFS President on How to Manage an International Order like the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)
- 2016 OFS Canada Report CIOFS on How to Manage an International Order like the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)
- 2016 RFEC report to OFS Canada on How to Manage an International Order like the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)

References:

According to:

Statutes of the International Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

Article 12

The duties of the Presidency of the International Council of the OFS are:

19. to set up the commissions considered necessary for the achievement of the aims and objectives established by the General Chapter for the six-year period;

Article 71

1. The purposes and duties of the International Council of the OFS are:
 - a. to promote and sustain the evangelical life according to the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi within the secular condition of the faithful living throughout the world;
 - b. to increase the sense of unity of the OFS while respecting the pluralism of the persons and groups, and to strengthen the bond of communion, collaboration, and sharing among the national fraternities;
 - c. to harmonize the sound traditions, according to the original nature of the OFS, with advances in theological, pastoral, and legislative fields, with a view to a specific evangelical Franciscan formation;
 - d. to contribute, in line with the tradition of the OFS, to the spreading of ideas and initiatives which are valuable for promoting the availability of secular Franciscans in the life of the Church and of society;

- e. to determine the orientations and establish priorities for the actions of its Presidency;

National Fraternity of Canada Statutes

3.0 PURPOSE: The purpose of the National Fraternity is:

3.5 To provide a forum for discussion of common goals and problems

Regional Fraternity of eastern Canada Statutes

Article 1:

1.3 The Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada, SF0 shall comprise two Areas, divided by geographic realities, the Quebec/Ontario Area and the Atlantic Area, **each with its own priorities for the purposes of fostering unity among the Local Fraternities within those respective Areas but always under the animation and guidance of the Regional Council.**

3.6.2 The Area Assembly shall formulate objectives for the next year based on current needs throughout the Area and on an assessment of progress on objectives for the previous year. These objectives must be in complete compliance with Regional Statutes, as well as resolutions and objectives of the Regional Council.

4.9 The Regional Chapter shall:

- a) evaluate the actions taken by the Regional Council since the last Regional Chapter;
- b) formulate objectives for the next three years based on the current need throughout the Region and an assessment of progress on objectives for the previous three years;
- c) table these objectives in the form of resolutions.

4.10 The Regional Council shall ensure the proper implementation of these objectives.

Adopted:

Reviewed:

Addendum