

How to File an Annual Financial Statement for CAs

Using the Elections Alberta OFS System

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What you need before getting started

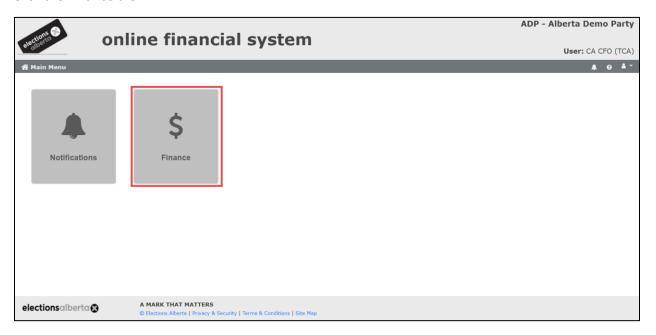
- All contributions for the year that is being submitted should be entered, receipted, and issued
- All documentation relating to revenue, expenses, assets, and liabilities
- Bank statements for all 12 months of the year

Where to go in the Online Financial System (OFS)

Log in to OFS using your email address and password

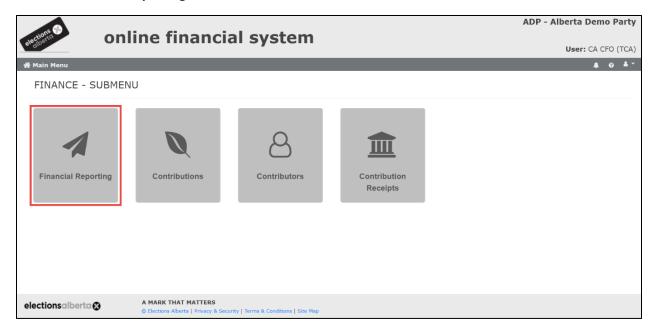


Click the Finance tile



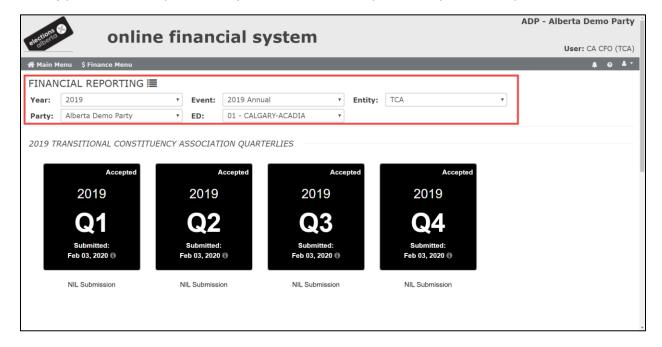


Click the Financial Reporting tile



Ensure the *Year* dropdown is set to the year you are filing a financial statement for, and the right ED is selected

Note: if you do not have permissions for more than one CA, you will only have one option



Click **Enter Financial Statement Details** underneath the *Annual Financial Statement* tile at the bottom of the screen



What to expect

Once you are in the Financial Statement entry area:

- The navigation menu will always be on the left-hand side.
- You can go through the steps by clicking the **Next** button in the bottom right of each screen or selecting the section you want to go to on the left-hand side.
- All information you key in is automatically saved for the next time you log in.

Annual Revenue

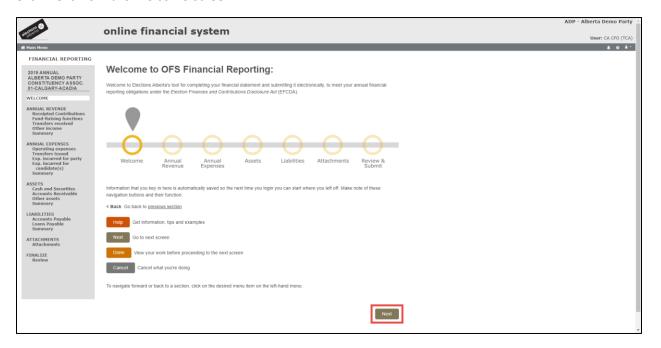
Enter/confirm all revenue received by your CA for the year.

Examples of annual revenue:

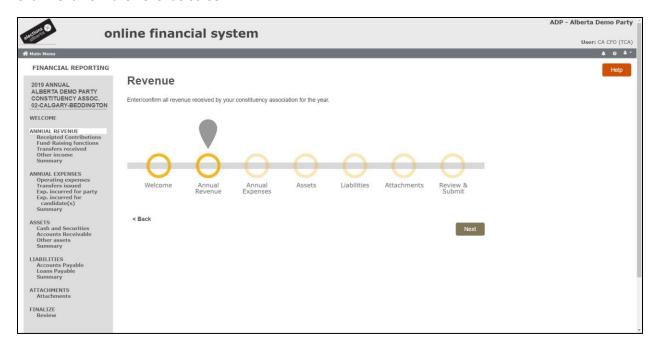
- Contributions
 - Money cash, cheque or online donation received from an individual ordinarily resident in Alberta and
 - In kind goods or services received from an individual ordinarily resident in Alberta
- Fund-raising functions
 - o Dinner, meet and greet, silent auction, pub crawl, golf tournament etc.
- Transfers
 - o Money or goods received from your party or candidate, or other CAs
- Other income
 - Membership sales, sales of promotional items, bank account interest, etc.

To enter your annual revenue:

Click Next from the Welcome screen

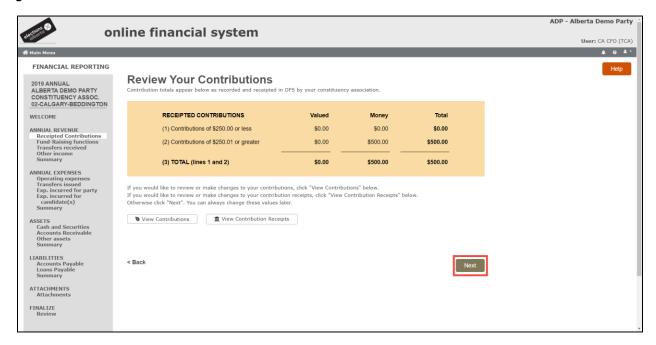


Click Next from the Revenue screen



Receipted Contributions

The system will automatically show you the contributions you have entered and receipted in OFS. Review the contribution amounts for *Contributions of \$250.00 or less* and *Contributions of \$250.01 or greater*. Click **Next** to confirm the information.



Note: you must have generated and issued all contribution receipts, by email or print through OFS, in order to be able to submit your financial statement. You can still enter other financial statement information before receipting your contributions if you do not want to complete receipting at this point.



Fund-raising Functions

Fund-raising functions fall into two categories:

Activity

An event where tickets are sold, or admission is charged to attend

Auction

Raising funds through a live, silent or online auction

If an Activity and Auction occur at the same time, record them as two separate events.

Activities

If a fund-raising function is held by the sale of tickets or otherwise, the contribution portion, if any, of the amount paid to attend the fund-raiser is determined under either EFCDA section 23(3) clause (a) or (b), below.

- a) if the individual charge is:
 - a. \$50 or less: it is not considered to be a contribution unless the person who pays the charge specifically requests that it be so considered, in which case 1/2 of the amount is allowed for expenses and 1/2 is considered to be a contribution,
 - b. more than \$50 but not more than \$100: \$25 is allowed for expenses and the balance is considered to be a contribution, and
 - c. more than \$100: 25% of the amount is allowed for expenses and the balance is considered to be a contribution;
- b) the amount of the contribution is the difference between the price of the ticket and the market value of what the ticket entitles the bearer to obtain.

The table below shows examples of fund-raising events and how to determine the contribution portion of each ticket sold or admission charged.

Fund-raising Function	Ticket / Admission Price	Contribution Portion (receipted)	Expense Portion (not	Section Reference	Explanatory Note
Luncheon	\$35	\$0	\$35	23(3)(a)(i)	CFO opts to follow clause (a)(i) for ticket price \$50 or less. No official contribution receipt is
Luncheon	\$35	\$17.50	\$17.50	23(3)(a)(i)	CFO opts to follow clause (a)(i) for ticket price \$50 or less. Ticket buyer asks for official contribution receipt. Expense portion is deemed to be half of ticket price (\$17.50), and official contribution
Dinner	\$75	\$50	\$25	23(3)(a)(ii)	CFO opts to follow clause (a)(ii) for ticket price more than \$50 but less than \$100. Expense portion is deemed to be \$25, and official contribution
Golf Tournament	\$200	\$150	\$50	23(3)(a)(iii)	CFO opts to follow clause (a)(iii) for ticket price more than \$100. Expense portion is deemed to be 25% of ticket price (\$50), and official contribution
Golf Tournament	\$400	\$100	\$300	23(3)(b)	CFO opts to follow clause (b). Regardless of ticket price, CFO has determined expense portion to be \$300 (market value), so official contribution receipt is

If the fund-raising function uses some means of raising funds other than selling tickets, the price paid in excess of the market value for goods or services received is considered to be a contribution.

The gross income of a fund-raiser, minus the contribution portion determined by either clause (a) or (b) above, must be recorded as fund-raising function revenue on the financial statement or campaign return of the party or CA, as the case may be. The CFO should keep a separate record of the event showing the date of the function, ticket/admission price, and the number of tickets sold or admission charged.



Only individuals ordinarily resident in Alberta are allowed to purchase a ticket or pay for admission to attend a fund-raising event. It is a violation of the EFCDA if prohibited persons or entities purchase tickets, pay admission, or offer a reimbursement for the full ticket or admission price.

Auctions

These scenarios are provided as examples of how to report the revenue and contributions from auctions which are often held alongside other fund-raising activities.

Scenario 1

Mr. Doe agrees to provide legal services for the preparation of a personal will, and advises in writing that the fair market value (FMV) is \$200 based on his current professional fee structure. The CFO verifies that the fee reflects FMV. As the donor of the service, Mr. Doe is issued a "valued" contribution receipt for \$200 by the CFO.

The purchaser of the legal services (successful bidder), pays the bid amount, and

- if the successful bid was equal to or less than the FMV, no contribution receipt is issued to the bidder, or
- if the successful bid was more than the FMV, for example the bid was \$275, then a \$75 "money" contribution receipt is issued to the purchaser by the CFO.

Scenario 2

A decorative crystal vase is donated by an individual to a silent auction at a fund-raising function. The vase, along with the donor's purchase receipt, is given to the CFO. The CFO determines the FMV of the vase to be \$60, which is easily done using the submitted receipt. The donor of the vase is issued a "valued" contribution receipt for \$60 by the CFO.

The purchaser of the vase (successful bidder), pays the bid amount, and

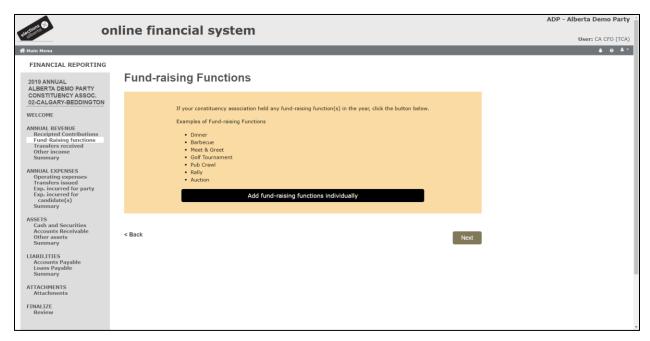
- if the successful bid was equal to or less than the FMV, no contribution receipt is issued to the bidder, or
- if the successful bid was more than the FMV, for example the bid was \$75, then a \$15 "money" contribution receipt is issued to the purchaser by the CFO. (EFCDA section 23(4))*

*Section 23(4) of the EFCDA applies only to a person acquiring a good or service through a fundraising function. It does not apply to the person providing the service.

It is important for organizers and CFOs to be careful when deciding the FMV and maximum bid price allowable because they need to make sure the FMV is appropriate and defensible. This will help prevent contributors (successful bidders) from making contributions that go over the limit (excessive contributions), as well as help the party or CA avoid accepting them. If the CFO learns that an excessive contribution has been accepted, the CFO must advise Elections Alberta in writing within 30 days after learning of it and return the excess amount to the contributor.

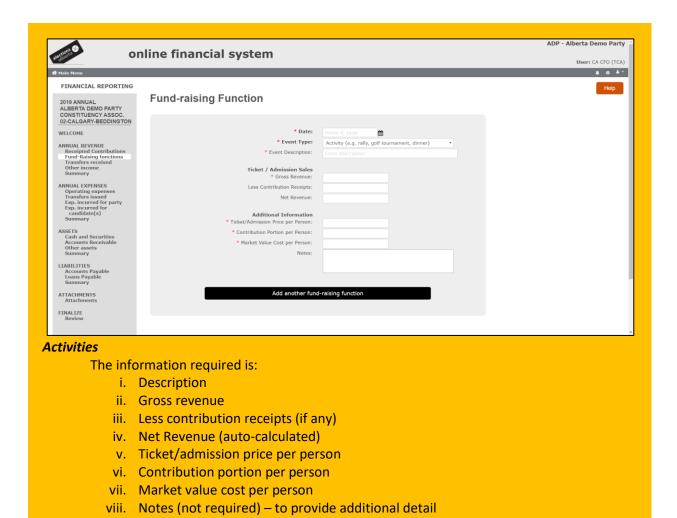
If you did not hold any fund-raising functions during the year, click **Next**.

If you held fund-raising functions during the year, click **Add fund-raising functions individually**.

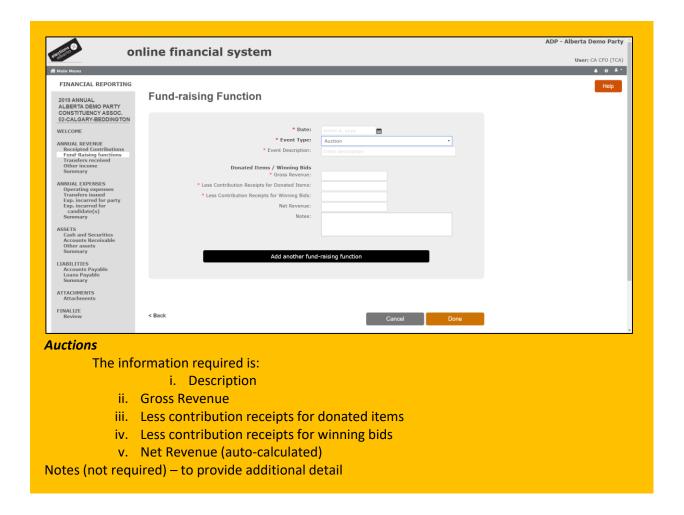


a. For Activities and Auctions, different information is required. First, enter the date and select the type of fund-raising function from the drop-down.



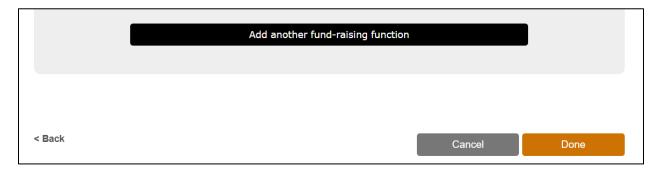






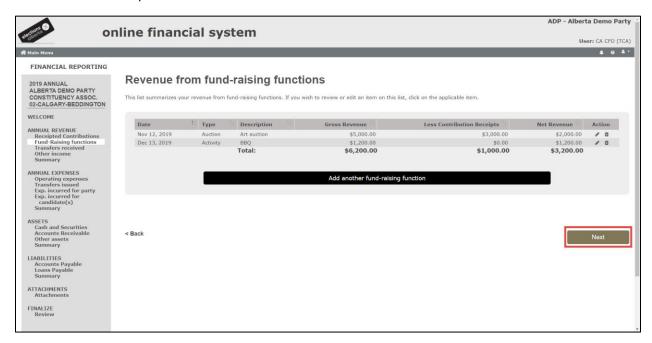
- b. Verify all information entered is correct
- c. If you have another fund-raising function to enter, click **Add another fund-raising function**.

If you are done entering fund-raising functions, click Done





d. Review the details for the fund-raising functions. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete a fund-raising function or add another fund-raising function, if required.



Transfers Received

A registered party and any of its registered CAs and registered candidates may transfer to and accept from each other:

- funds,
- real property, goods or services, or the use of real property, goods or services, or
- debts incurred during a candidate's campaign period for the purpose of eliminating a campaign deficit (refer to the Candidate Guide to the EFCDA for more information).

Any transferred funds received must be deposited by the recipient in the appropriate account on record with Elections Alberta.

Note: A registered CA may only receive a transfer of surplus funds from registered nomination contestants once the contest has ended - no other money transfers can be made by a nomination contestant to a CA.

Transfers are not considered contributions, but must be recorded by the party, CA and candidate that issued and/or received the transfer, including the following:

- date the transfer was issued/received,
- name of the party, CA, and candidate that issued/received the transfer, and
- amount or value of the transfer and, if applicable, a suitable description of the goods.

No provincial party, CA or candidate may accept funds from a federal party, electoral district association or candidate registered under the *Canada Elections Act*, in respect of an election under the *Election Act*.



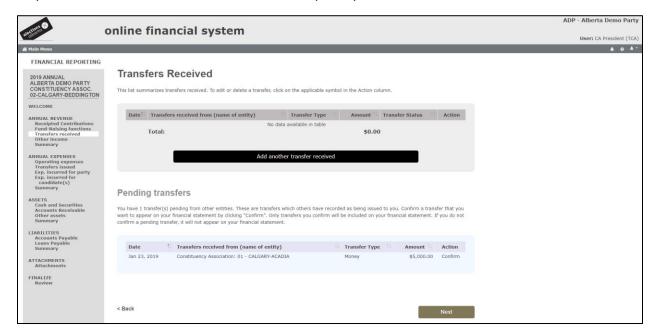
Transfers entered by other CAs

If a transfer has been entered by another CA prior to you completing your financial statement, it will appear at the bottom of the *Transfers Received* page in the *Pending transfers* section.

If the transfer entered by another CA is accurate, click **Confirm** to add that transfer to your financial statement.

If the transfer entered by another CA has a mistake, enter the correct values by clicking **Add a transfer** received.

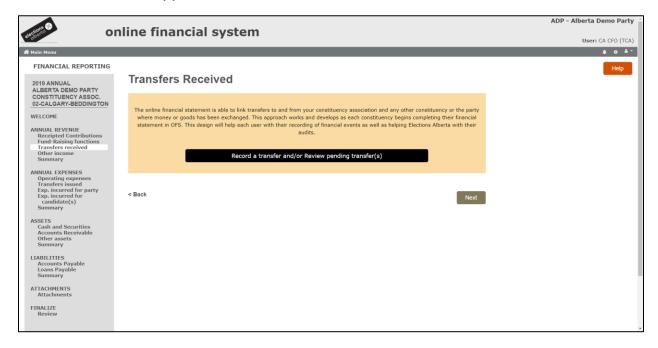
If you believe the transfer shown in *Pending transfers* did not occur, do nothing. It will not be reflected on your financial statement and will be followed up on by Elections Alberta.





a. If transfers have not been entered by another CA, you will not see any pending transfers. If you do not have any transfers received, click **Next**.

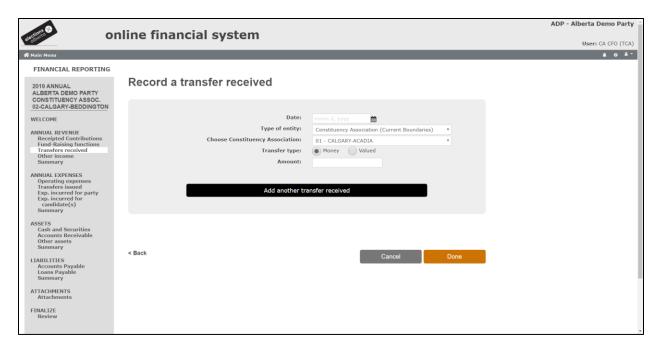
If you do have transfers received, click **Record a transfer and/or Review pending transfer(s)**



b. Enter the date, type of entity, transfer type, and amount.

Note: if you are entering a transfer from a CA or candidate, you will need to specify which one.

c. Verify all information entered is correct.

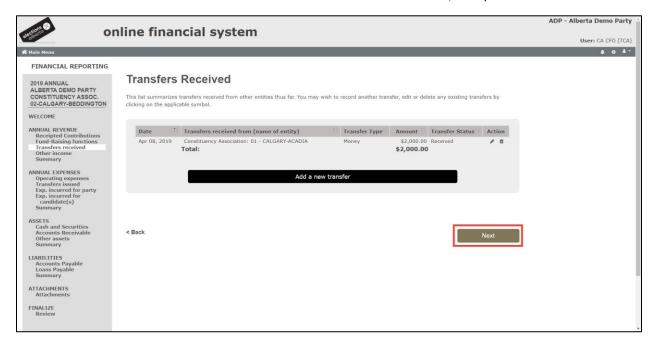


d. If you do not have another transfer received to enter, click **Done**.

If you have another transfer received to enter, click **Add another transfer received**.



e. Review the details for the transfers received. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete a transfer or add another transfer, if required.



Other Income

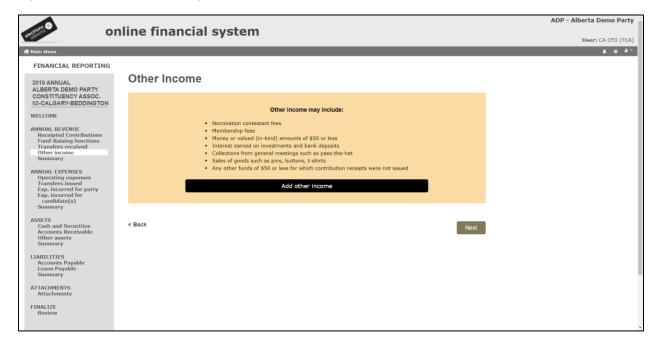
Other income is recorded by type – a date is not required for this section. Total each type and submit the entire amount for that type for the year.

Other income may include:

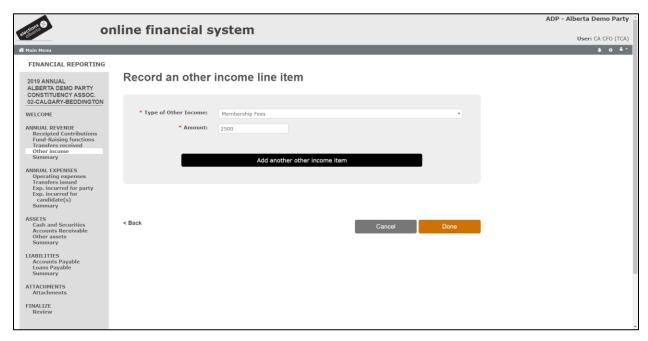
- fees required to be paid by a nomination contestant, to offset costs of a nomination contest
- membership fees
- anonymous valued or money amounts received of \$50 or less
- collections from general meetings (the gross amount not reduced by expenses)
- interest earned on investments and / or bank deposits
- selling price of any goods and services sold (e.g. pins, buttons, etc.)
- any other funds collected of \$50 or less for which contribution receipts were not issued

If you do not have other income to report, click Next.

If you have other income to report, click **Record other income**.

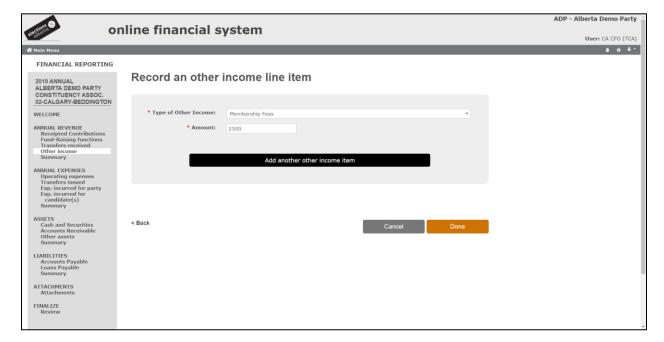


- a. Select the type of other income
- b. Enter the total amount for that type of other income for the entire year

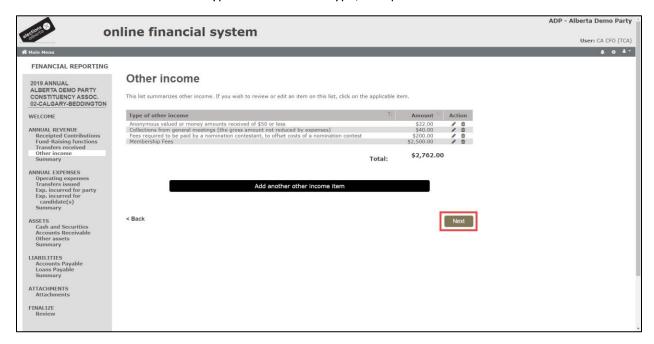


c. If you do not have another type of other income to enter, click **Done**.

If you have another type of other income to enter, click **Add another other income item.**



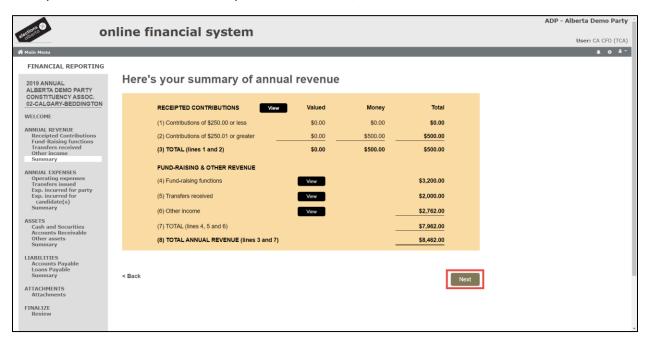
d. Review the details for other income. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete a type or add another type, if required.



Summary of Annual Revenue

Review the summary of annual revenue. If you need to make changes to a section, click the **View** button or click the appropriate section in the navigation on the left-hand side of the screen.

Once you have reviewed the summary of annual revenue, click Next.



Annual Expenses

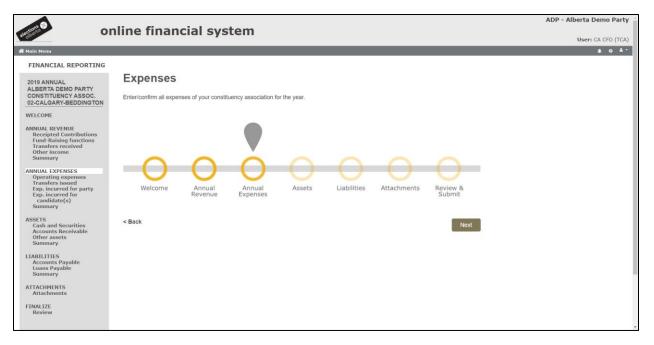
Enter/confirm all expenses incurred by your CA for the year.

Examples of annual expenses:

- Operating expenses
- Transfers issued
- Expenses incurred by the CA on behalf of the party or a candidate

To enter your annual expenses:

Click **Next** from the *Expenses* screen

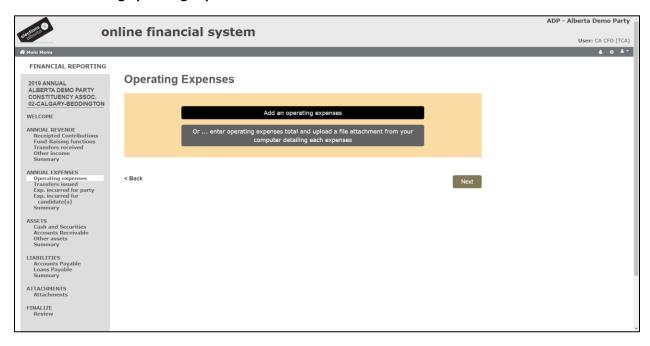


Operating Expenses

If you do not have operating expenses to report, click **Next**.

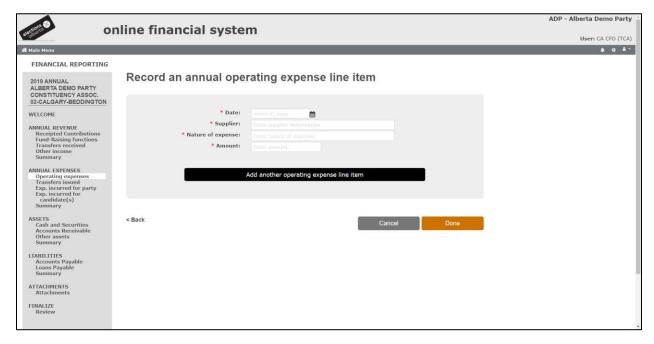
If you do have operating expenses to report, you have two options:

- Add operating expenses individually or
- Enter your total operating expenses and upload a file attachment from your computer containing operating expenses details.



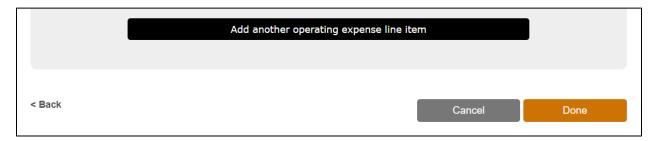
If you select Add operating expenses individually:

- a. Enter the date of the operating expense
- b. Enter the supplier
- c. Enter the nature of expense
- d. Enter the amount

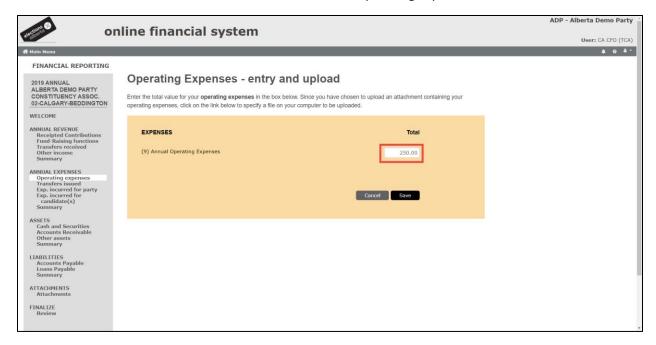


- e. If you do not have another operating expense to add, click **Done**.
- f. If you have another operating expense to add, click **Add another operating expense line** item.

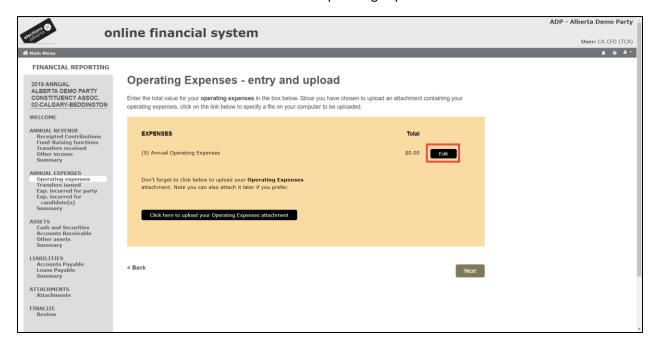
If you select Enter your total operating expenses and upload a file containing detailed operating expenses:



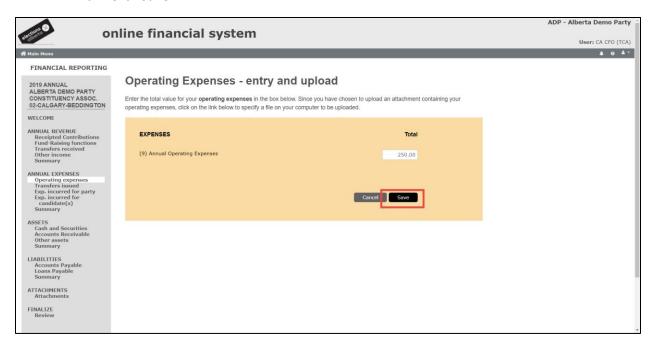
a. Click Edit to enter an amount for Annual Operating Expenses



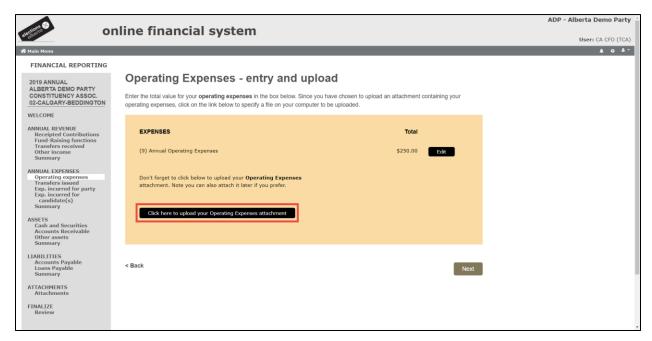
b. Enter the total amount for Annual Operating Expenses



c. Click Save



d. Click Upload your Operating Expenses attachment



- e. Select the file from your computer
 - Note: if you have more than one attachment, you can click **Upload your** Operating Expenses attachment again to select another file as many times as needed.

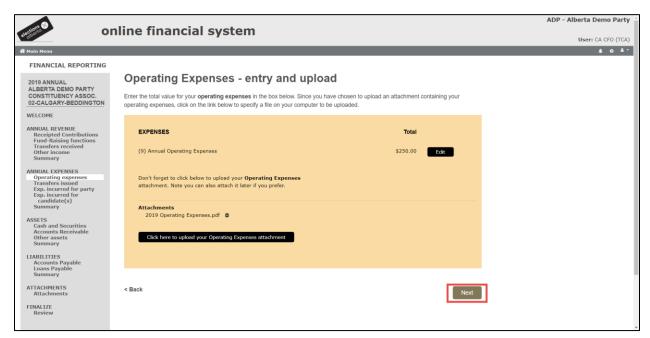
If you are uploading an attachment, the document must include for each operating expense:

- Date,
- Supplier,
- Nature of expense, and
- Amount

You can only upload Excel or PDF files.

f. Click **Next** once all attachments are uploaded.

Note: you can choose to upload supporting documentation later, but will not be able to submit until all supporting documentation is uploaded.



Transfers Issued

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- funds,
- real property, goods or services, or the use of real property, goods or services, or
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Note: A registered CA may not transfer funds to registered nomination contestants.

Transfers are not considered contributions, but must be recorded by the party, CA and candidate that issued the transfer, including the following:

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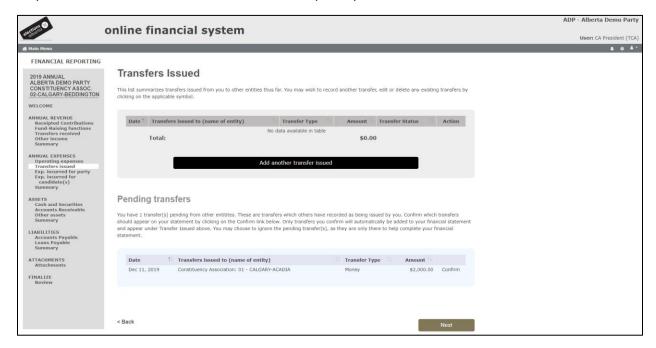
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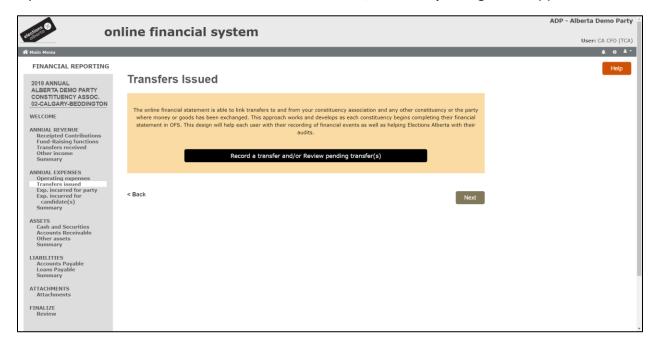
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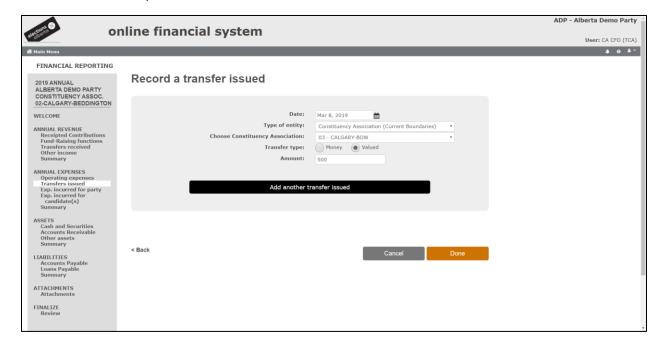
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a. Enter the date, type of entity, transfer type, and amount.

Note: if you are entering a transfer to a CA or candidate, you will need to specify which one.

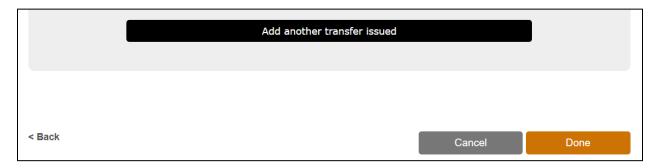
b. Verify all information entered is correct.



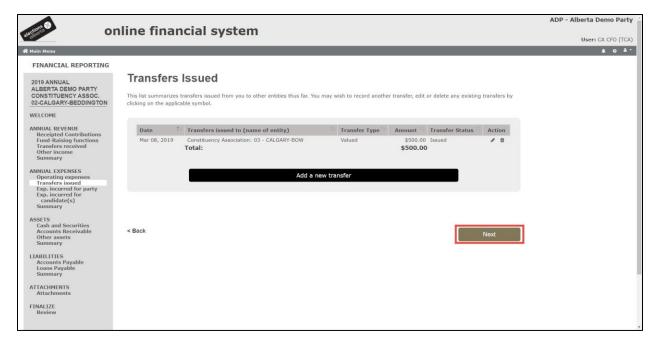


c. If you do not have another transfer issued to enter, click **Done**.

If you have another transfer issued to enter, click **Add another transfer issued**.



d. Review the details for the transfers issued. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete a transfer or add another transfer, if required.



Expenses incurred on behalf of the party

Outside of its own day-to-day operational expenses, the CA may incur expenses on behalf of the party. Some of these expenses may be subject to the party's election expense limits—these election expenses are to be carried forward to the party's campaign return to count toward the party's spending limit for an election or by-election.

Expenses incurred by a CA on behalf of the party should not be recorded as operating expenses of the CA.

It is very important to identify election expenses (i.e. expenses for goods or services consumed in the election period that are subject to the party's spending limit). For each expense item, the CA should consider when the goods or services were used and whether an expense is excluded from the definition of an election expense.

Expenses can span campaign and election periods—such costs need to be allocated to the campaign and election periods based on when they are consumed.

<u>See examples of how to treat expenses that span campaign and election periods on page 4 of Interpretation Bulletin No. 4</u>

The following is a breakdown of the expenses a CA can incur on behalf of the party that are subject to the party's election spending limit:

- 1. Advertising, posters, pamphlets, and promotional
- 2. Signs / structural support
- 3. Polling (opinion surveys, market research)
- 4. Honoraria and salaries
- 5. Office occupancy (rent, utilities), meeting space, telephone and office supplies
- 6. Furniture and equipment rental
- 7. Other expenses

Allocate invoices to the above categories. For an expense that does not fit one of the above categories, use "other expenses."

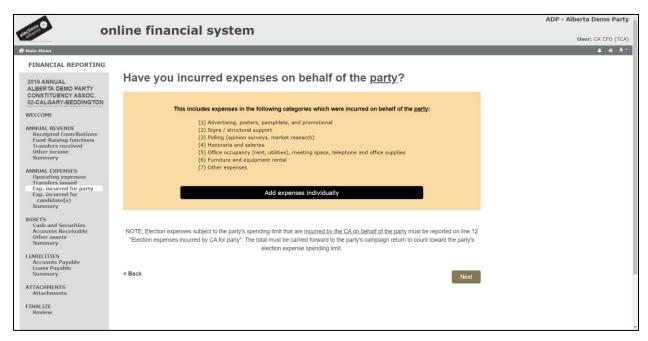
In addition, "other expenses" include the following expenses to which the party election expense limit **does not** apply:

- 1. Audit and financial fees necessary for compliance with the EFCDA
- 2. Expenses incurred to hold a conference or convention
- 3. Expenses incurred to operate a permanent office including permanent staff members
- 4. Reasonable incidental expenses incurred by or on behalf of volunteers.

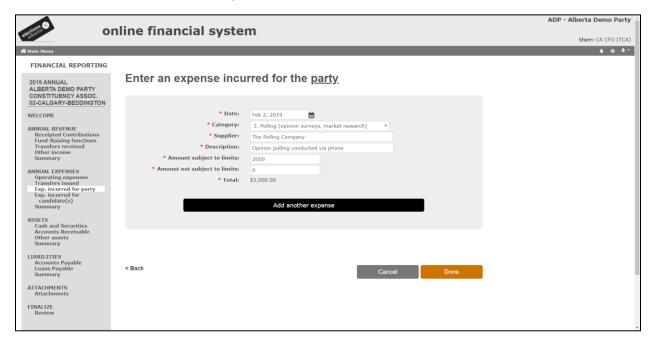


If you have not incurred any expenses on behalf of the party, click Next.

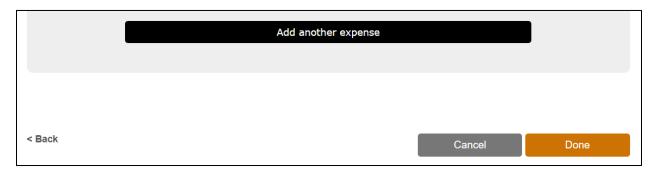
If you have incurred expenses on behalf of the party, click **Add expenses individually**.



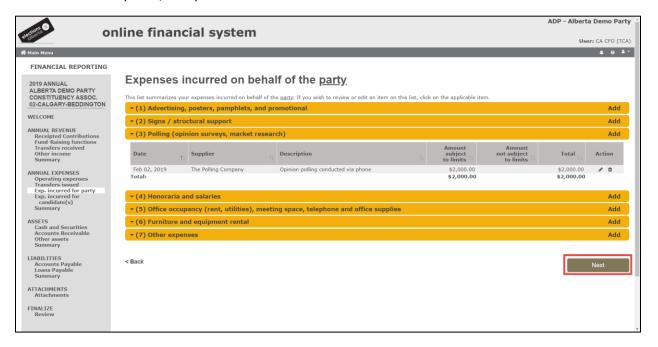
a. Enter the Date, Category of the expense, Supplier, Description, Amount subject to limits, and Amount not subject to limits.



- b. If you do not have another expense to add, click **Done**.
- c. If you have another expense to add, click **Add another expense**.



d. Review the details for Expenses incurred by the CA on behalf of the party. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete an expense or add another expense, if required.



Expenses incurred on behalf of a candidate

Outside of its ownday-to-day operational expenses, the CA may incur expenses on behalf of their candidate(s). Some of these expenses may be subject to the candidate's election expense limits—these election expenses are to be carried forward to the candidate's campaign return to count toward the candidate's spending limit for an election or by-election.

Expenses incurred on behalf of the candidate should not be recorded as annual operating expenses of the CA.

It is very important to identify election expenses (i.e. expenses for goods or services consumed in the election period that are subject to the candidate's spending limit). For each expense item, the CA should consider when the goods or services were used and whether an expense is excluded from the definition of an election expense.

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- 2. Signs / structural support
- 3. Polling (opinion surveys, market research)
- 4. Honoraria and salaries
- 5. Office occupancy (rent, utilities), meeting space, telephone and office supplies
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Allocate invoices to the above categories. For an expense that does not fit on of the above categories, use "other expenses".

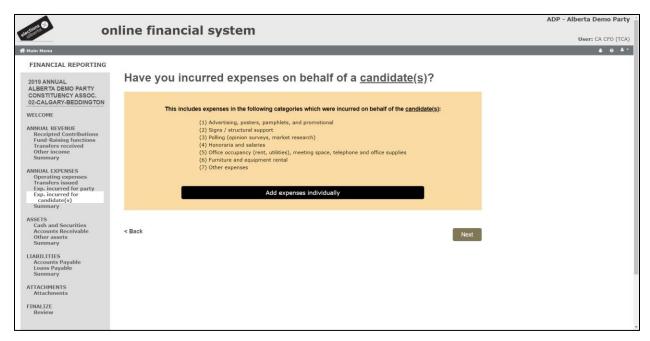
In addition, "other expenses" include the following expenses to which the candidate election expense limit does not apply:

- 1. Candidate's travel expenses reasonably related to the election, including meals and accommodation. This does not include travel companions
- 2. A candidate's childcare expenses
- 3. Expenses related to the provision of care for a person with a physical or mental incapacity for who the candidate normally provides such care. In the case of a candidate who has a disability, additional expenses that are related to the disability
- 4. Audit and financial fees necessary for compliance with the EFCDA
- 5. Reasonable incidental expenses incurred by or on behalf of volunteers

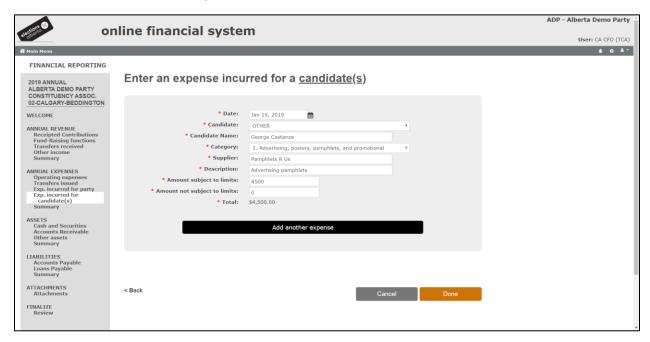


If you have not incurred expenses on behalf of a candidate, click Next.

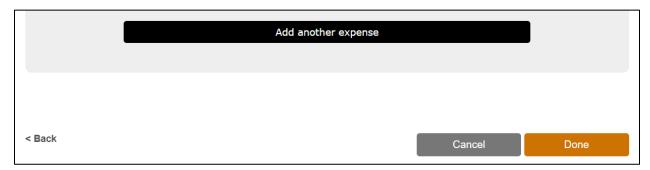
If you have incurred expenses on behalf of a candidate, click Add expenses individually.



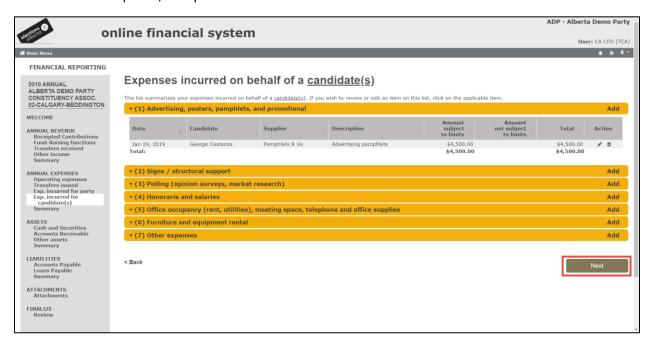
a. Enter the Date, Category of the expense, Supplier, Description, Amount subject to limits, Amount not subject to limits.



- b. If you do not have another expense to add, click **Done**.
- c. If you have another expense to add, click **Add another expense**.

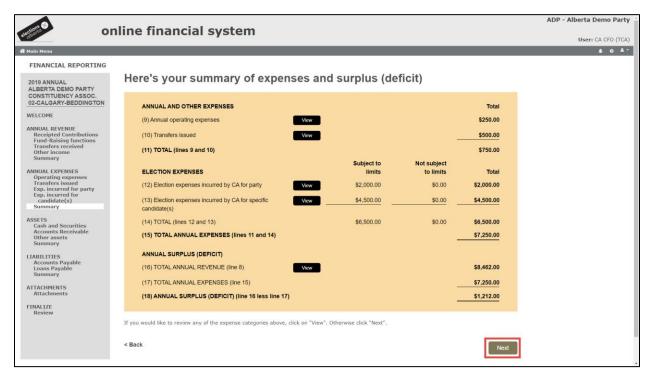


d. Review the details for Expenses incurred by the CA on behalf of a candidate. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete an expense or add another expense, if required.



Summary of Expenses

Review the summary of expenses. If all information is correct, click **Next**. Otherwise, go to the section you need to make updates to by clicking the **View** button beside that section.

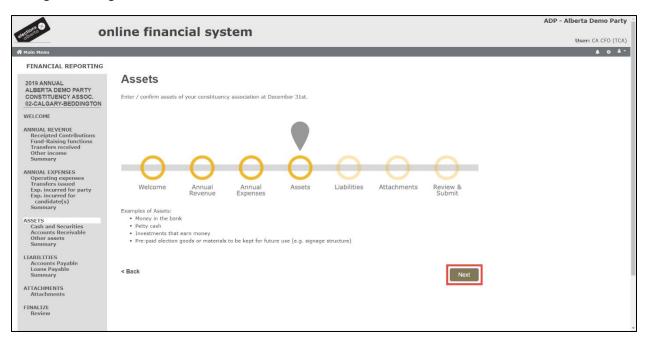


Assets

All assets held by the CA as of December 31st must be reported to Elections Alberta on the annual financial statement.

Assets include money in the bank, petty cash, investments, accounts receivable and pre-paid election goods or materials held for future use (e.g. signage structure).

To begin entering assets, click **Next**.

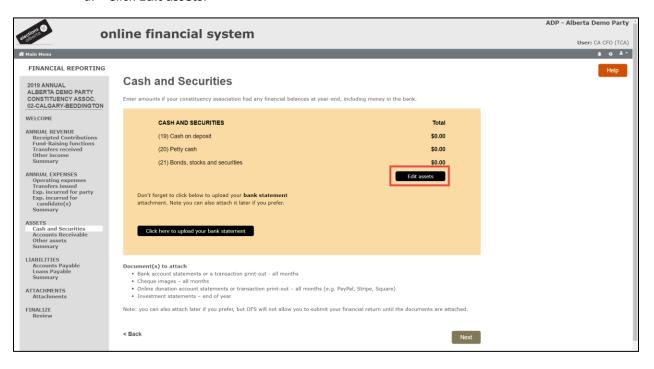


Cash and Securities

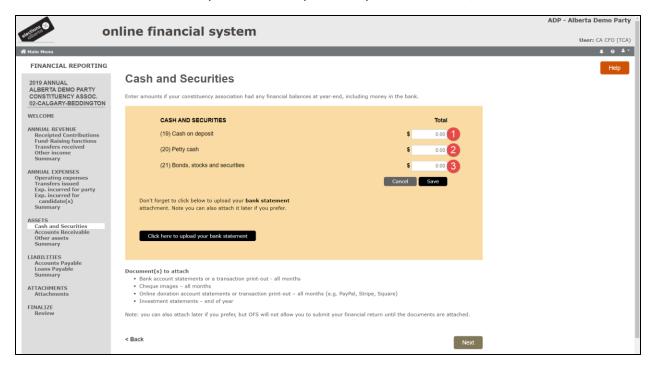
Cash and securities includes money in bank accounts, petty cash and bonds, stocks, or securities.

You must upload bank statements for all months, including cancelled cheque images, for the year to show your balance and financial transactions.

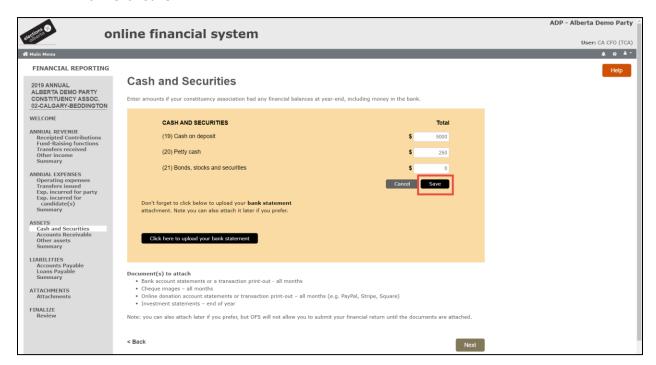
a. Click Edit assets.



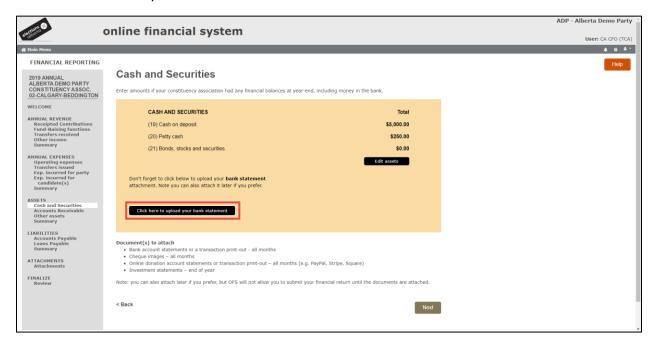
b. Enter values for your Cash on deposit, Petty cash, and Bonds, stocks and securities.



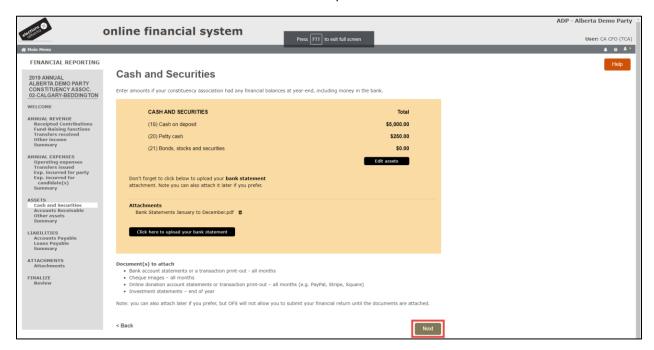
c. Click Save



- d. Click the button that says Click here to upload your bank statement(s)
- e. Upload as many files as you need to provide bank statements for all twelve (12) months of the year



f. Click **Next** once all information is complete.



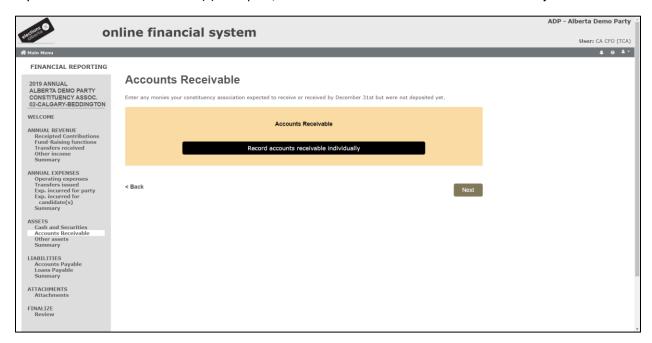
Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable include:

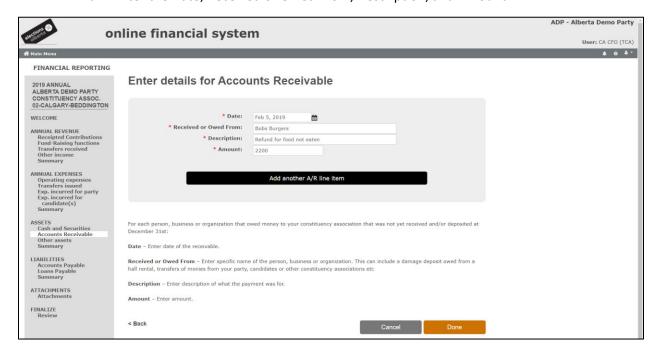
- amounts owed to your CA but not yet received
- amounts received that have not been deposited and added to your bank balance at year-end.

If you do not have any accounts receivables to report, click Next.

If you have accounts receivable(s) to report, click **Record accounts receivable individually**.

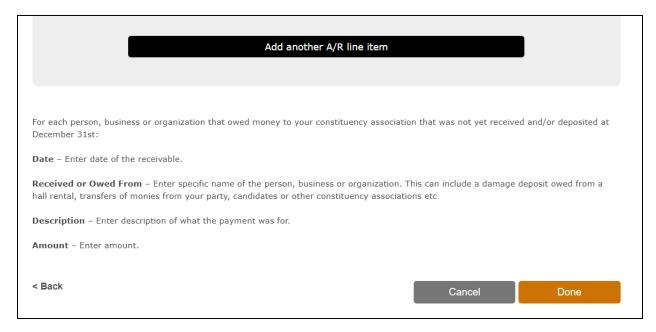


a. Enter the Date, Received or Owed From, Description, and Amount.

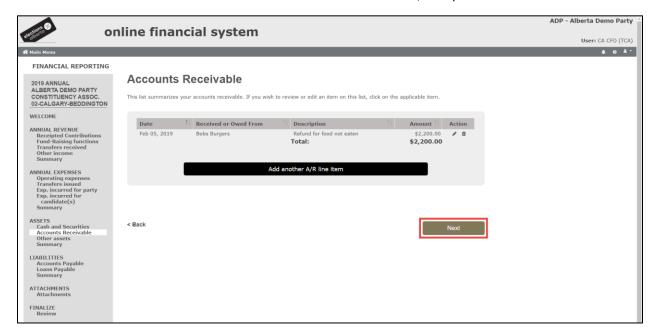




- b. If you do not have another item to enter, click **Done**.
- c. If you have another item to enter, click **Add another A/R line item**. Otherwise, click **Done**.



d. Review the details for Accounts Receivable. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete an item or add another item, if required.



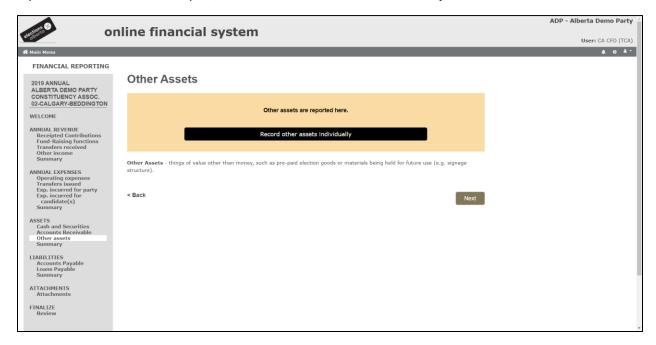
Other Assets

Other assets include pre-paid election goods or materials held for future use (e.g. signage structure). Do NOT report typical operational assets such as furniture, equipment, computers, cell phones, etc. as Other Assets—these items should be expensed in the year acquired.

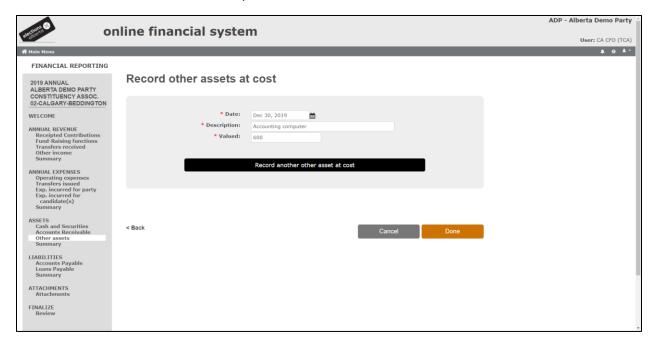
Note: if you report pre-paid election goods or materials reported as an asset, you must also report a matching amount as a liability under Accounts Payable (i.e. an amount to be expensed in a future election) to keep your financial statement in balance.

If you do not have other assets to report, click Next.

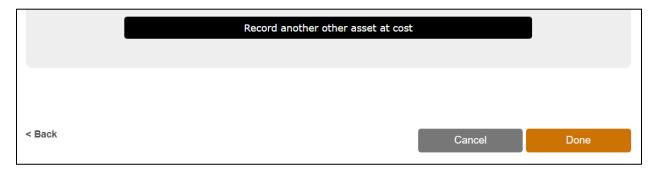
If you have other assets to report, click **Record other assets individually**.



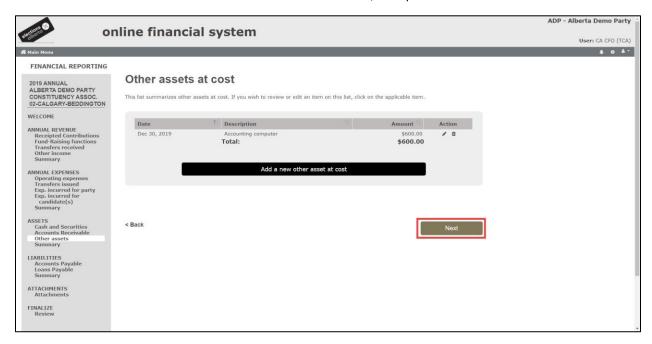
a. Enter the Date, Description, and Value



- b. If you do not have another asset to enter, click **Done**.
- c. If you have another item to enter, click **Record another asset at cost**.



d. Review the details for Other Assets. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete an asset or add another asset, if required.

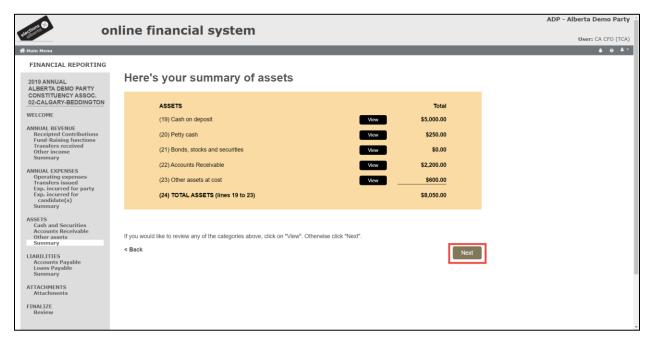


Summary

Review the summary of assets entered.

If all information is correct, click Next.

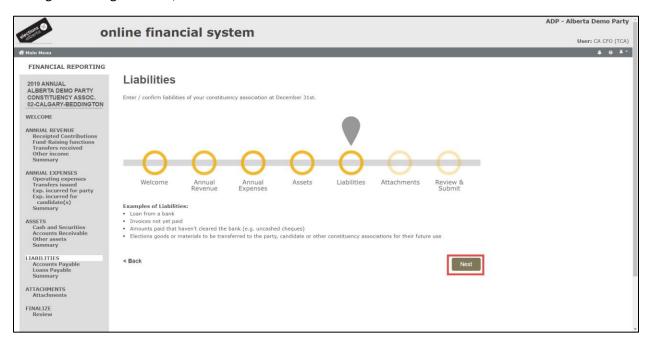
To make changes to one of the categories, click the **View** button beside that line.



Liabilities

All liabilities for the CA as of December 31st must be reported to Elections Alberta on the annual financial statement.

To begin entering liabilities, click **Next**.



Accounts Payable

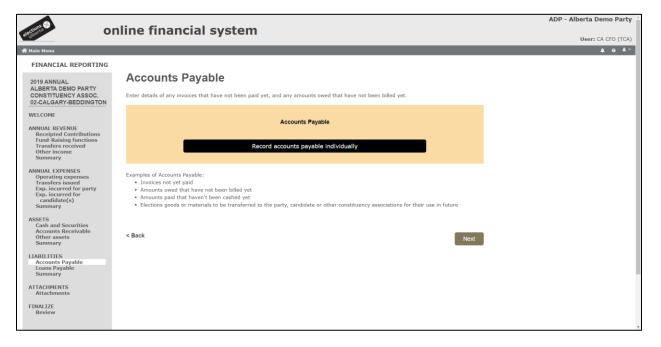
Accounts payable include:

- invoices from suppliers that were not yet paid by the CA at year-end
- debts owing to suppliers that were not yet billed/invoiced at year-end
- cheques issued but not cashed at year-end (i.e. the amounts remain in the CA's year-end bank balance)
- amounts representing prepaid items (e.g. signage) that will be expensed in a future election

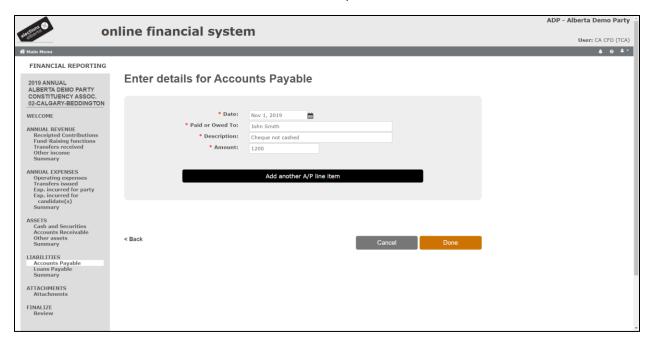
Note: if you report pre-paid election goods or materials reported as an asset, you must also report a matching amount as a liability under Accounts Payable (i.e. an amount to be expensed in a future election) to keep your financial statement in balance.

If you do not have accounts payables to report, click Next.

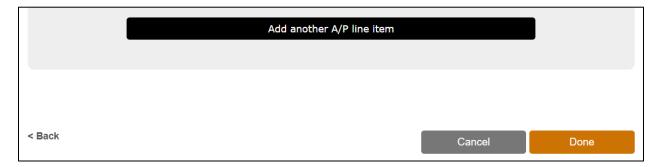
If you have accounts payable(s) to report, click **Record accounts payable individually**.



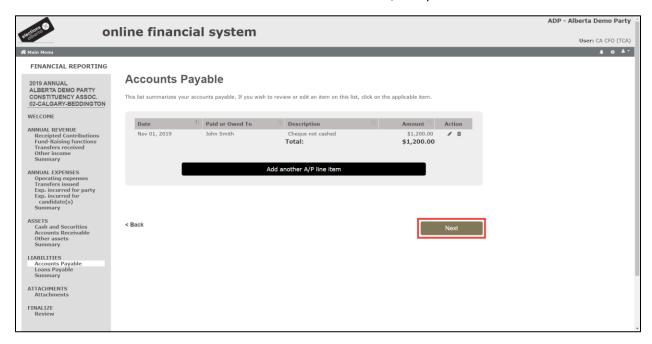
a. Enter the Date, Paid or Owed To, Description, and Amount.



- b. If you not have another item to enter, click **Done**.
- c. If you have another item to enter, click **Record another A/P line item**.



d. Review the details for Accounts Payable. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete an item or add another item, if required.



Loans Payable

A party or CA may borrow money from any financial institution, except an Alberta Treasury Branch (ATB Financial).

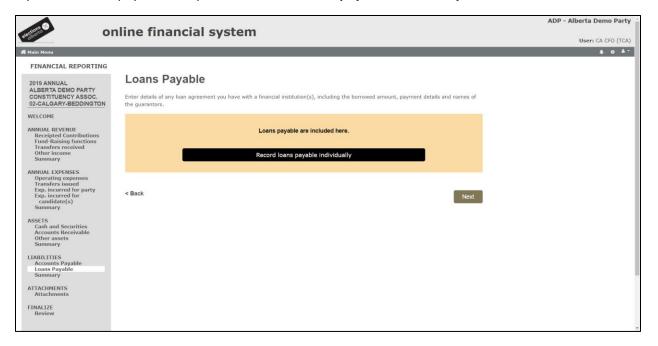
Co signed loans, Guarantees and Collateral

Only a person ordinarily resident in Alberta may sign, co-sign, guarantee or provide collateral security for a loan on behalf of a party or CA. The amount of a guarantee (or collateral security) counts toward the guarantor's yearly contribution limit, however no contribution receipt is to be issued to a guarantor in respect of the guarantee or collateral.

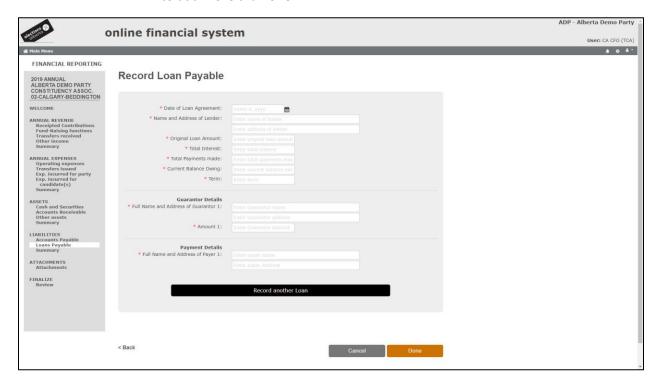
Loan Payments

Only a person ordinarily resident in Alberta may make a loan payment on behalf of the borrower or guarantor. Loan payments made on behalf of a party or CA must be recorded and receipted as contributions. Such payments count toward the payor's yearly contribution limit, less any reimbursement by the borrower. If you do not have loans payable to report, click **Next**.

If you have loans payable to report, click **Record loans payable individually**.



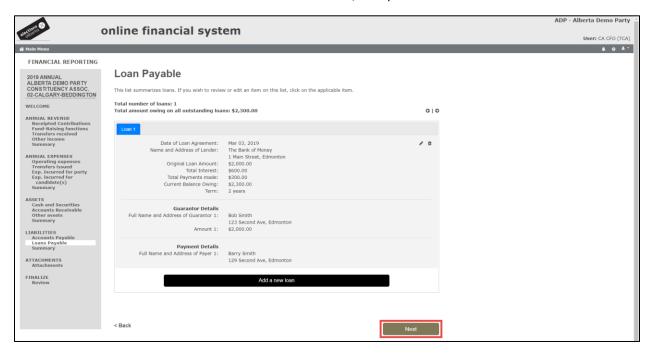
- a. Enter the Date of Loan Agreement, Name and Address of Lender, Original Loan Amount, Total Interest, Total Payments Made, Current Balance Owing, Term, Guarantor information, and Payer information.
 - i. Note: if you have additional guarantor(s) or payer(s) to add, click the add button to add more than one.



- b. If you do not have another loan to enter, click **Done**.
- c. If you have another loan to enter, click **Record another loan**.



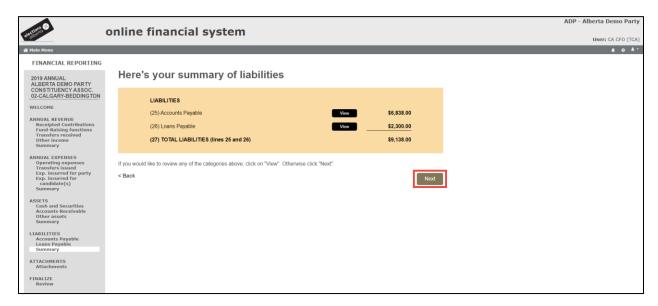
d. Review the details for Loans Payable. If all information is correct, click **Next**. You can also Edit or Delete a loan or add another loan, if required.



Summary

Review the summary of liabilities entered

If all information is correct, click **Next**. To make changes to one of the categories, click the **View** button beside that line.



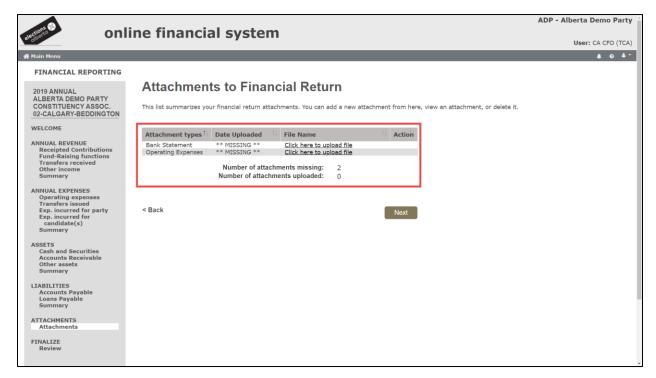
Attachments

OFS will detect when you need to upload attachments to your financial statement to support the information being filed with Elections Alberta.

If a file is missing, click **Click here to upload file** beside that attachment type.

Note: for bank statements, you are required to upload bank statements for each month the CA was registered with Elections Alberta.

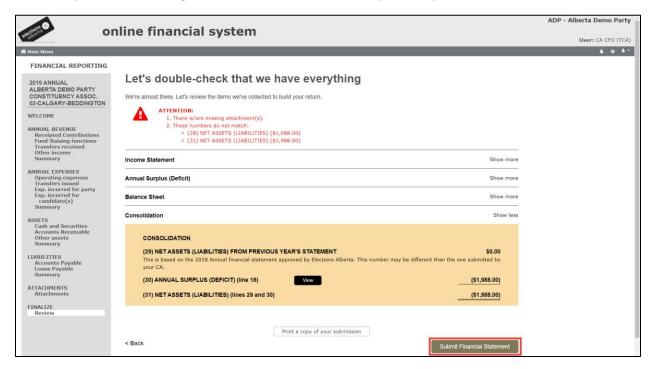
Once all attachments have been uploaded, click Next.



Finalize

Review all details of the financial statement.

If there are any errors with the financial statement, they will appear on this screen. All errors must be corrected prior to submitting the financial statement for acceptance by Elections Alberta.



Click **Submit Financial Statement** on the Review screen to submit the financial statement to Elections Alberta. If there are any errors on the financial statement, you will not be able to submit it until the errors are corrected, as indicated at the top of the *Review* screen.

Financial Statements must be signed-off by both the CFO and President of the Constituency Association. If one of those individuals is not available, or if you hold both roles for the Constituency Association, a representative from the political party can provide the second sign-off on the financial statement.

When the CFO or President signs off, OFS will send an email to the other individual informing them they need to approve the financial statement before it is considered submitted.

The dual submission and sign-off must be done before midnight on March 31st to be considered filed on time.