

**Proposed Amendments to the General Laws
and The Constitution and By-laws of Moose International
and the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose
At the 122nd International Convention
Nashville, TN**

Proposed Amendment #1

Current: Throughout the body of the General Laws, members who are current in their dues are referred to as “good standing members”.

Proposed: All members who are current in their dues will be referred to as “active” members.

Proposed Amendment #2

ARTICLE I - Rules and Regulations

Current: The Constitution, the General Laws and the rituals shall be the official rules and regulations governing Moose International. The laws enacted by the Supreme Lodge for the operation of member lodges and for the management and operation of all other units of the Order within the structure of the Supreme Lodge and subject to these rules and regulations, shall be the law of the member lodges, state and provincial associations, chapters, degrees and other units that may be established from time to time.

The member lodges of the Order are the sole power and authority of the governing body, known as the Supreme Lodge, subject to the Constitution and General Laws.

Proposed: The Constitution, the General Laws and the rituals shall be the official rules and regulations governing Moose International *and the Supreme Lodge*. The laws enacted by the Supreme Lodge for the operation of member lodges and for the management and operation of all other units of the Order within the structure of the Supreme Lodge and subject to these rules and regulations, shall be the law of the member lodges, state and provincial associations, chapters, degrees and other units that may be established from time to time.

The member lodges of the Order are the sole power and authority of the governing body, known as the Supreme Lodge, subject to the Constitution and General Laws.

Proposed Amendment #3

ARTICLE V - Honors of the Loyal Order of Moose

Current: The honors of the Loyal Order of Moose shall be as follows:

- (a) Past Supreme Governor - This honor shall be attained by every Supreme Governor who has been elected or appointed to the position, as provided by law or has had the honor conferred upon him by action of the Supreme Lodge.
- (b) Past Governor - This honor shall be attained by every Governor who has served at least six (6) months, to the end of his official term, or who has had the honor conferred upon him pursuant to the laws of the Order.

Proposed: The honors of the Loyal Order of Moose shall be as follows:

- (a) Past Supreme Governor - This honor shall be attained by every Supreme Governor who has been elected or appointed to the position, as provided by law or has had the honor conferred upon him by action of the Supreme Lodge.
- (b) Past Governor - This honor shall be attained by every Governor who has served at least six (6) months, to the end of his official term, or who has had the honor conferred upon him pursuant to the laws of the Order.
- (c) *Past Director General – This honor may only be attained by service to the Order as Director General and conferred upon him by action of the Supreme Lodge.*

Proposed Amendment #4

ARTICLE VII - Supreme Lodge Officers

Current: The Supreme Lodge Officers shall be: Director General, Junior Past Supreme Governor, Supreme Governor, Supreme Junior Governor, Supreme Prelate, eight (8) Supreme Councilmen, Chief Financial Officer, General Governor, Director of Membership and such additional officers as may be authorized by the Supreme Council. These officers shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided by law, and hold their office for the term fixed by law, or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed. All Supreme Lodge Officers shall be Past Governors in good standing in their respective lodges.

Proposed: The Supreme Lodge Officers shall be: Director General, Junior Past Supreme Governor, Supreme Governor, Supreme Junior Governor, Supreme Prelate, eight (8) Supreme Councilmen, Chief Financial Officer, General Governor, Director of Membership, *Director of Lodge Operations*, and such additional officers as may be authorized by the Supreme Council. These officers shall be elected or appointed in the manner provided by law, and hold their office for the term fixed by law, or until their successors have been duly elected or appointed and installed. All Supreme Lodge Officers shall be *active* Past Governors in their respective lodges.

Proposed Amendment #5

Sec. 2.10 - Annual International Convention

Current: The words "Annual International Convention", as used in these laws, with reference to the Supreme Lodge shall mean the coming together at stated periods of the members of the Supreme Lodge in a body for a session or a series of sessions for the transaction of business as may be properly brought before the Supreme Lodge.

Proposed: *The words, "Annual International Convention", as used in these laws are defined as the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Lodge, Annual International Conference of the Women of the Moose and Annual International Conference of the Moose Legion who will meet for a session or a series of sessions for the transaction of business. "*

Proposed Amendment #6

Add new Section 2.13 – Active Member

Proposed: *The words "active member" as used in these laws, shall be defined as a member whose dues are current.*

Proposed Amendment #7

Sec. 3.3 - Moose Legion Emblem

Current: The emblem of the Moose Legion shall consist of a standing moose in semi-profile encompassed by a double circle enclosing the words "Moose Legion". Directly below and across the bottom of the circle shall appear a banner enclosing the word "Service".

Proposed: *The emblem of the Moose Legion, the degree of service, shall be as authorized by the Supreme Council.*

Proposed Amendment #8

Sec. 3.4 - Fellowship Emblem

Current: The emblem of the Fellowship Degree of the Moose shall consist of a lapel button with the letter "F" in gold, set on a white background, in a gold band circle approximately one-half (1/2) inch in diameter.

Proposed: *The emblem of the Fellowship Degree of Honor shall be as authorized by the Pilgrim Council.*

Proposed Amendment #9

Sec. 4.2 - Granting of Authority

Current: The Supreme Lodge shall furnish to lodges, chapters, degrees and other units of the Order now existing or hereafter created, such authority as determined appropriate by the Supreme Council.

Proposed: The Supreme Lodge shall *delegate* to lodges, chapters, degrees and other units of the Order now existing or hereafter created, such authority as determined appropriate by the Supreme Council.

Proposed Amendment #10

Sec. 6.1 - Creation and Duties

Current: The Mooseheart Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members. The Board of Directors replaces the board previously known as The Mooseheart Board of Governors, which shall no longer exist. The number of directors shall be five (5), unless fixed at a different number by the sole member of the corporation (which shall be Moose International, Inc.).

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of members in good standing of The Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and members in good standing of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose. One (1) director shall be the Director General and one (1) shall be the Supreme Governor. The sole member shall appoint the remaining directors.

The Mooseheart Board of Directors shall have power to administer and govern the affairs of Mooseheart. They shall elect corporate officers as they deem proper. They may require officers and employees to give bonds and shall provide rules for the regulation and maintenance of Mooseheart.

Proposed: The Mooseheart Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members.

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of *active* members of The Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and *active* members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose. One (1) director shall be the Director General and one (1) shall be the Supreme Governor. The sole member shall *elect* the remaining directors.

The Mooseheart Board of Directors shall have *authority* to administer and govern the affairs of Mooseheart. They shall elect corporate officers as they deem proper. *(Deleted sentence.)*

Proposed Amendment #11

Sec. 6.3 – Terms of Office

Current: Each director shall hold office for a term of one (1) year. Each director shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified, unless the office has been previously declared vacant due to resignation, removal from office or death. Directors shall be elected at the corporation's annual membership meeting. If an annual meeting is not held or directors are not elected at the annual meeting, they may be elected at a special meeting held for that purpose. The term "year" shall mean the period from one annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting. If a director is elected at a special meeting, a "year" shall mean the period from the special meeting until the close of the next annual meeting.

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Proposed Amendment #12

Sec. 6.4 – Current: Qualification of Members

Proposed: Qualification of *Directors*

Proposed Amendment #13

Sec. 7.1 - Creation and Duties

Current: The Moosehaven Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members. The Board of Directors replaces the board previously known as The Moosehaven Board of Governors, which shall no longer exist. The number of directors shall be five (5), unless fixed at a different number by the sole member of the corporation (which shall be Moose International, Inc.). One (1) director shall be the Director General and one (1) shall be the Supreme Governor. The sole member shall elect the remaining directors.

The Moosehaven Board of Directors shall have power to administer and govern the affairs of Moosehaven. They shall elect corporate officers, as they deem proper. They may require officers and employees to give bonds and shall provide rules for the regulation and maintenance of Moosehaven.

Proposed: The Moosehaven Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members. *The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.* One (1) director shall be the Director General and one (1) shall be the Supreme Governor. The sole member shall elect the remaining directors.

The Moosehaven Board of Directors shall have *authority* to administer and govern the affairs of Moosehaven. They shall elect corporate officers, as they deem proper. *(Deleted sentence)*

Proposed Amendment #14

Section 7.3 – Terms of Office

Current: Each director shall hold office for a term of one (1) year. Each director shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified, unless the office has been previously declared vacant due to resignation, removal from office or death. Directors shall be elected at the corporation's annual membership meeting. If an annual meeting is not held or directors are not elected at the annual meeting, they may be elected at a special meeting held for that purpose. The term "year" shall mean the period from one annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting. If a director is elected at a special meeting, a "year" shall mean the period from the special meeting until the close of the next annual meeting.

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Proposed Amendment #15

Sec. 7.4 - Current: Qualification of Members

Proposed: Qualification of *Directors*

Proposed Amendment #16

Sec. 7.5 - Admission Regulations & Rules

Current: The Moosehaven Board of Directors shall make rules and regulations for the admission of members to Moosehaven, and prescribe the terms and conditions under which members and/or their spouses may be admitted to Moosehaven. They shall determine the terms and conditions of contracts to be entered into between Moosehaven and any member or person residing there, and for the termination of the residence at Moosehaven of any person.

When an applicant is admitted to Moosehaven, he/she shall be presented an annual non-beneficiary (if applicable) dues receipt by his/her lodge/chapter during the continuance of his/her residence at Moosehaven. The board may delegate the review,

determination and sufficiency of admission procedures, contracts, rules and regulations to an Admissions and Demissions Committee.

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When an applicant is admitted to Moosehaven, he/she shall be presented an annual non-beneficiary (if applicable) *membership card* by his/her lodge/chapter during the continuance of his/her residence at Moosehaven. The board may delegate the review, determination and sufficiency of admission procedures, contracts, rules and regulations to an Admissions and Demissions Committee.

Proposed Amendment #17

Sec. 8.1 – Creation

Current: The number of directors of the corporation shall be equal to twice the number of "Beneficiary Organizations" of the corporation, as defined in the Articles of Incorporation, less one (1). Each of the Beneficiary Organizations shall be entitled to nominate one (1) individual to be elected as a director. One director may be referred to as a "Beneficiary Director". The current Board of Directors shall nominate the remaining directors, also referred to as "Independent Directors". To be nominated as a Beneficiary Director or as an Independent Director, an individual must be a member in good standing of The Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose or be a member in good standing of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose. The nominee shall not be currently serving in any capacity as a director, officer or employee of Moose International, Inc. or any related foundation, endowment fund, trust or subsidiary. To serve as an Independent Director, an individual must have previously served as a member of the Supreme Council (the Board of Directors of Moose International), as an officer of Moose International as a Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose, or as a member of the Grand Council of the Women of the Moose. The directors for each class shall be elected from nominations made by the currently serving directors of the corporation at the annual meeting.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to administer and govern the affairs of the corporation. They shall elect corporate officers as they deem proper. They may require officers and employees to give bonds and shall provide rules for the regulation and maintenance of the corporation.

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International, Inc. or any related foundation, endowment fund, trust or subsidiary. To serve as an Independent Director, an individual must have previously served as a member of the Supreme Council (the Board of Directors of Moose International), as an officer of Moose International as a Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose, or as a member of the Grand Council of the Women of the Moose. The directors *of* each class shall be elected from nominations *for that class* by the currently serving directors of the corporation at the annual meeting.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to administer and govern the affairs of the corporation. They shall elect corporate officers as they deem proper. *(Deleted sentence)*

Proposed Amendment #18

Sec. 8.2 – Current: Term of Members

Proposed: *Term of Directors*

Proposed Amendment #19

Sec. 8.3 – Current: Duties of Members

Proposed: *Duties of Directors*

Proposed Amendment #20

Sec. 9.1 - Creation and Duties

Current: The Moose Charities Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members. The Board of Directors replaces the board previously known as The Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund Board, which shall no longer exist. The number of directors shall be five (5), unless fixed at a different number by the sole member of the corporation (which shall be Moose International, Inc.). One (1) director shall be the Director General and one (1) shall be the Supreme Governor. The sole member shall elect the remaining directors.

The Moose Charities Board of Directors shall have power to administer and govern the affairs of Moose Charities, Inc. They shall elect corporate officers as they deem proper. They may require officers and employees to give bonds.

Proposed: The Moose Charities Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than nine (9) members. *The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of The Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.* One (1) director shall be the Director General and one (1) shall be the Supreme Governor. The sole member shall elect the remaining directors.

The Moose Charities Board of Directors shall have *authority* to administer and govern the affairs of Moose Charities, Inc. They shall elect corporate officers as they deem proper. *(Deleted sentence)*

Proposed Amendment #21

Section 9.3 – Terms of Office

Current: Each director shall hold office for a term of one (1) year. Each director shall serve until his successor is elected and qualified, unless the office has been previously

declared vacant due to resignation, removal from office or death. Directors shall be elected at the corporation's annual membership meeting. If an annual meeting is not held or directors are not elected at the annual meeting, they may be elected at a special meeting held for that purpose. The term "year" shall mean the period from one annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting. If a director is elected at a special meeting, a "year" shall mean the period from the special meeting until the close of the next annual meeting.

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Proposed Amendment #22

Current: Sec. 9.4 - Qualification of Members

Proposed: *Sec. 9.4 – Qualification of Directors*

Proposed Amendment #23

Section 12.3 – Terms of Office

Current: The terms of the Supreme Governor, Supreme Junior Governor, and Supreme Prelate shall be for one (1) year. The terms of the eight (8) Supreme Councilmen shall be for four (4) years; provided, however, that four (4) Councilmen shall be elected at each convention held in the odd number years. The terms of all Supreme Lodge Officers shall commence on the first (1st) day of the month following their election or appointment unless a different date has been determined by the Supreme Council.

Proposed: The terms of the Supreme Governor, Supreme Junior Governor, and Supreme Prelate shall be for one (1) year. The terms of the eight (8) Supreme Councilmen shall be for four (4) years; provided, however, that four (4) Councilmen shall be elected at each convention held in the odd number years. The terms of all Supreme Lodge Officers shall commence on the first (1st) day *following their installation* unless a different date has been determined by the Supreme Council.

Proposed Amendment #24

Sec. 14.1 - Appointment and Number

Current: The regular committees of the Supreme Lodge shall be as follows:

- (a) Judiciary
- (b) Resolutions
- (c) Ritual
- (d) Credentials
- (e) Grievance
- (f) Finance

- (g) Community Service
- (h) Rules and Order
- (i) State of the Order
- (j) Government Relations
- (k) Sports
- (l) Family Activities
- (m) Publications
- (n) Special Committees

Unless otherwise specified herein, each of the above-named committees, excepting Credentials and State of the Order, shall consist of not less than three (3), nor more than ten (10) good standing members of the Order. The Supreme Governor with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council shall appoint all committees. All committees shall be appointed prior to the opening session of the convention at which they are to serve. The Supreme Governor shall appoint such other committees after the convening of the convention as the convention may order. Unless otherwise stated, all committee appointments shall expire upon adjournment of the convention.

Proposed: The regular committees of the Supreme Lodge shall be as follows:

- (a) Judiciary
- (b) Resolutions
- (c) Ritual
- (d) Credentials
- (e) Grievance
- (f) *Audit*
- (g) Community Service
- (h) Rules and Order
- (i) State of the Order
- (j) Government Relations
- (k) *Activities*
- (l) *Communications*
- (m) *Loss Prevention*
- (n) *Special Committees (may be appointed as deemed necessary)*

Unless otherwise specified herein, each of the above-named committees, excepting Credentials and State of the Order, shall consist of not less than three (3), nor more than ten (10) *active* members of the Order. The Supreme Governor with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council shall appoint all committees. All committees shall be appointed prior to the opening session of the convention at which they are to serve. The Supreme Governor shall appoint such other committees after the convening of the convention as the convention may order. Unless otherwise stated, all committee appointments shall expire upon adjournment of the convention.

Proposed Amendment #25

Sec. 14.7 – Finance Committee

Current: Finance Committee - The Finance Committee shall compute and certify in writing the correctness of all claims of officers, committeemen and all others who are, by law, entitled to claim per diem, mileage, actual transportation expense or other

expenses as authorized by the Supreme Council, for those in attendance at the International Convention. The committee shall pay or cause to be paid from funds received from the Controller approved claims and shall immediately return to the Controller all funds remaining in its hands after the close of the convention.

Proposed: *Audit Committee* - The *Audit* Committee shall compute and certify in writing the correctness of all claims of officers, committeemen and all others who are, by law, entitled to claim per diem, mileage, actual transportation expense or other expenses as authorized by the Supreme Council, for those in attendance at the International Convention. The committee shall pay or cause to be paid from funds received from the Controller approved claims and shall immediately return to the Controller all funds remaining in its hands after the close of the convention.

Proposed Amendment #26

Sec. 14.12 – Sports Committee

Current: *Sports Committee* - The Sports Committee shall be a standing committee, appointed by the Supreme Governor with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council. The duty of the Sports Committee shall be to organize and supervise all international tournaments conducted by the Sports Department. Each member shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed: *Activities Committee* - The *Activities* Committee shall be a standing committee, appointed by the Supreme Governor with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council. *The duty of the Activities Committee shall be to coordinate and promote all international sporting events, family activities, social events and travel.* Each member shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed Amendment #27

Sec. 14.13 –Family Activities Committee

Current: *Family Activities Committee* - The Family Activities Committee shall be a standing committee, appointed by the Supreme Governor, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council. The duty of the Family Activities Committee shall be to develop and recommend family activities for the fraternity and perform such other duties and responsibilities as directed by the Supreme Council or the Director General. Each member shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed: *Communications Committee* – The *Communications* Committee shall be a standing committee, appointed by the Supreme Governor, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council. The duty of the *Communications* Committee shall be to *consult with and advise designated Moose International staff regarding publications and electronic websites and issues relevant to the fraternity and perform such other duties and responsibilities as directed by the Supreme Council or the Director General.* Each member shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed Amendment #28

Sec. 14.14 – Publications Committee

Current: *Publications Committee* - The Publications Committee shall be a standing committee, appointed by the Supreme Governor, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council. The duty of the Publications Committee shall be to consult with and

advise designated Moose International staff regarding publication issues relevant to the fraternity and perform such other duties and responsibilities as directed by the Supreme Council or the Director General. Each member shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed: *Loss Prevention* Committee - The *Loss Prevention* Committee shall be a standing committee, appointed by the Supreme Governor, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council. *The Committee shall review incident and accident data, and risk potentials, and make recommendations for actions required to prevent or reduce loss within the fraternity's lodges. Further, the Committee shall plan educational activities and assist in the coordination, support and execution of Moose International's Loss Prevention programs, and perform such other duties as directed by the Supreme Council or the Director General.* Each member shall be appointed for a period of two (2) years.

Proposed Amendment #29

Sec. 16.6 – Appointments

Current: With the consent of the Supreme Council, he shall appoint the members of committees, boards and bodies, appoint officers and make other appointments as provided for in the General Laws and fill vacancies in the same manner.

Proposed: With the consent of the Supreme Council, he shall appoint *officers, members of committees and bodies* and make other appointments as provided for in the General Laws and fill vacancies in the same manner.

Proposed Amendment #30

Sec. 19.2 – Specific Powers

Current: Specific Powers

- (a) It shall have power to provide for, in due form, amendments or additions to the Articles of Incorporation.
- (b) It shall have supervisory power over all officers of the Supreme Lodge and Moose International in the discharge of their duties; determine which officers, appointees, or employees shall be compensated; determine the basis of compensation; fix the amount thereof; make provision for expenses to be allowed such officers, appointees, or employees; and, is authorized to establish and maintain a retirement or pension plan for officers, appointees, or employees of the Order. The Director General, or such person or persons as he may direct, shall make reports to the Supreme Council or the Supreme Lodge, as the Supreme Council requires.
- (c) The terms of all elected and appointed officers, directors and employees shall be subject to the performance of satisfactory service as determined by the Supreme Council. The resignation or termination of any employee also serving as a corporate officer shall constitute a vacancy in that corporate office.
- (d) It shall adopt rituals, laws, rules and regulations for the operation of and retain supervisory control over all units, auxiliaries and degrees of the Order. It may establish boards or agencies for such purposes. The powers and duties of any boards or agencies appointed shall be clearly and distinctly defined and strictly limited to administrative and ministerial character.

- (e) All rituals used by the Order, including all degrees and units, must first be approved by the Supreme Council, provided, that in the granting of the Pilgrim Degree, the ritual used therein shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Pilgrim Council.
- (f) All publications and all publicity and promotional activities of the Supreme Lodge and Moose International shall be under the authority of the Supreme Council. It may appoint a board or committee to carry on such activities and authorize the employment of professionally trained assistants. No contract shall be entered into in connection therewith except by expressed authority of the Supreme Council.
- (g) The Supreme Council shall designate signatures on checks drawn on all funds of Moose International. It shall set up a budget system and allocate funds for the operation of Moose International and all departments, offices, and others operating under the authority of the Supreme Lodge, and require strict adherence to the budget. It shall have power to revise the budget and there shall be no change or alteration of the budget without its approval.
- (h) The Supreme Council shall create committees as authorized or directed by the Supreme Lodge and may itself create special committees for carrying out any special or general work of the Order. It shall perform and carry out all directions of the Supreme Lodge and exercise all the power and authority conferred upon it by the Supreme Lodge.
- (i) At each regular meeting of the Supreme Lodge, it shall submit a detailed report of all its acts and performances. The report shall be printed in the convention proceedings and made available to all member lodges of the Order.
- (j) The Supreme Governor, with the consent of the Supreme Council, may appoint an Investment Committee to oversee and direct the investments of Moose International, Inc. and its subsidiary corporations. The Investment Committee may, as authorized, act on behalf of the Moose Charities Board of Directors, Moose Foundation Board of Directors, the Supreme Lodge, the Supreme Council, Moose International, Inc. and its subsidiary corporations. The Investment Committee may employ Investment Counselors and/or Manager(s), make financial investment recommendations and decisions and otherwise engage in the active investment of monetary funds that are the property of the above named entities. Committee members shall be bonded in an amount required by the Supreme Council.
- (k) The Supreme Council shall have the authority to create any related, subsidiary or associated corporation or legal entity to assist in the management and operation of the Supreme Lodge, Moose International and any subsidiaries. This shall include, but is not limited to: title holding companies, charitable fundraising companies, fraternal insurance companies, charitable foundations and investment companies.
- (l) The Supreme Council may alter, modify, add to or suspend the strict application of any portion of the Constitution or General Laws, which does not conform or comply with the laws of any country or jurisdiction.
- (m) The Supreme Council may authorize the Director General to employ one or more licensed attorneys to represent the interests of the Supreme Lodge, Moose International, any subsidiary corporation, any board, unit or entity and any officer thereof for acts performed by the officer during the course and scope of the officer's employment. Any attorney employed full time as a member of the staff of

Moose International, shall serve at the pleasure of the Director General and shall not represent any other party or client except Moose International and its subsidiary corporations, officers, agents, lodges, units, etc., and only as authorized by the Director General and the Supreme Council. The Director General, with the approval of the Supreme Council, may employ a General Counsel whose duties shall be to represent and/or advise Moose International and any subsidiary corporation, board, unit or entity and any officer thereof regarding any legal matter as requested by the Director General or Supreme Council. Upon request of the Director General or Supreme Council, the General Counsel shall render legal opinions regarding any matter affecting the Order.

- (n) For the purpose of implementing voluntary pilot programs, the Director General, with the consent of the Supreme Council, may authorize the General Governor to approve alternative laws, rules and regulations for the government of lodges, chapters, associations and other units of the Order, which may supersede any laws contained in these General Laws.
- (o) The lodge of special jurisdiction known as "General Assembly" shall operate and be governed under such rules and regulations as approved and amended from time to time by the Supreme Council.
- (o) The Director General, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, shall appoint operating officers, directors, assistant directors, managers and assistant managers, who shall operate under his general supervision. They shall have power, with proper identification and written authorization, to demand and receive at any time from any lodge or chapter, or any officer, all papers, books, records, files or evidence of indebtedness or other property for the purpose of fully inspecting and auditing the accounts and affairs of the lodge or chapter. Upon demand, each officer or member thereof shall immediately deliver to the authorized assistant representative all books, records, files and papers of the lodge or chapter.

If any officer or member of a lodge or chapter shall fail to deliver upon demand any papers, books, records, files or other items to the authorized representative, they may be suspended from membership by the authorized representative, who shall communicate the reasons therefore immediately to the General Governor or Grand Chancellor. Any officer or member so suspended shall no longer perform the duties of any office or function in the lodge or chapter, and the authorized representative shall immediately appoint a member or members of the lodge or chapter to fill the office or offices until the suspension of the officer or member is approved or revoked or other final action taken.

The report of the facts to the General Governor or Grand Chancellor on which the suspension is made shall constitute a charge against the member and the General Governor or Grand Chancellor shall at once proceed to hear the charges. If the authorized representative shall discover any discrepancies or irregularities in the accounts of any officer or member of a lodge or chapter, due to incompetence, dishonesty, immorality, or any other cause, they may immediately suspend the officer or member from office, or from membership in the fraternity if so warranted, and proceed as stated above.

Each authorized representative shall make regular or special visits to a lodge or chapter or any of its officers as directed by Moose International. The expense of the

visits shall be charged against the lodge or chapter at a rate to be determined by the Supreme Council. They shall carry credentials issued by Moose International, which shall be recognized by all lodges, chapters, their officers and members. Authorized representatives shall make reports to Moose International of their work as required.

For the faithful performance of their duties, authorized representatives shall receive compensation as approved by the Supreme Council. When traveling in the performance of their duties, each authorized representative shall be reimbursed their necessary expenses as authorized by the Supreme Council. Moose International, in its discretion, is granted full power and authority to audit and/or examine the books and records of any lodges, chapters, units or degrees acting under the authority of the Supreme Lodge. They shall file reports of such audits or examinations as required by the Supreme Council.

The Operating Officers, Directors, Assistant Directors, Managers and Assistant Managers shall perform such duties and responsibilities as the Director General, with the consent of the Supreme Council, deems appropriate and necessary, which may include supervising the institution of member lodges and chapters, and the enrollment of members into the Order.

Proposed: Specific Authority -

- (a) It shall have **authority** to provide for, in due form, amendments or additions to the Articles of Incorporation.
- (b) It shall have supervisory **authority** over all officers of the Supreme Lodge and Moose International in the discharge of their duties; determine which officers, appointees, or employees shall be compensated; determine the basis of compensation; fix the amount thereof; make provision for expenses to be allowed such officers, appointees, or employees; and, is authorized to establish and maintain a retirement or pension plan for officers, appointees, or employees of the Order. The Director General, or such person or persons as he may direct, shall make reports to the Supreme Council or the Supreme Lodge, as the Supreme Council requires.
- (c) The terms of all elected and appointed officers, directors and employees shall be subject to the performance of satisfactory service as determined by the Supreme Council. The resignation or termination of any employee also serving as a corporate officer shall constitute a vacancy in that corporate office.
- (d) It shall adopt rituals, laws, rules and regulations for the operation of and retain supervisory control over all units, auxiliaries and degrees of the Order. It may establish boards or agencies for such purposes. The **authority** and duties of any boards or agencies appointed shall be clearly and distinctly defined and strictly limited to administrative and ministerial character.
- (e) All rituals used by the Order, including all degrees and units, must first be approved by the Supreme Council, provided, that in the granting of the Pilgrim Degree, the ritual used therein shall be under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Pilgrim Council.
- (f) All publications and all publicity and promotional activities of the Supreme Lodge and Moose International shall be under the authority of the Supreme Council. It may appoint a board or committee to carry on such activities and authorize the employment of professionally trained assistants. No contract shall be entered into in connection therewith except by expressed authority of the Supreme Council.

- (g) The Supreme Council shall designate signatures on checks drawn on all funds of Moose International. It shall set up a budget system and allocate funds for the operation of Moose International and all departments, offices, and others operating under the authority of the Supreme Lodge, and require strict adherence to the budget. It shall have *authority* to revise the budget and there shall be no change or alteration of the budget without its approval.
- (h) The Supreme Council shall create committees as authorized or directed by the Supreme Lodge and may itself create special committees for carrying out any special or general work of the Order. It shall perform and carry out all directions of the Supreme Lodge and exercise all *the authority* conferred upon it by the Supreme Lodge.
- (i) At each regular meeting of the Supreme Lodge, it shall submit a detailed report of all its acts and performances. The report shall be printed in the convention proceedings and made available to all member lodges of the Order.
- (j) The Supreme Governor, with the consent of the Supreme Council, may appoint an Investment Committee to oversee and direct the investments of Moose International, Inc. and its subsidiary corporations. The Investment Committee may, as authorized, act on behalf of the Moose Charities Board of Directors, Moose Foundation Board of Directors, the Supreme Lodge, the Supreme Council, Moose International, Inc. and its subsidiary corporations. The Investment Committee may employ Investment Counselors and/or Manager(s), make financial investment recommendations and decisions and otherwise engage in the active investment of monetary funds that are the property of the above named entities. Committee members shall be bonded in an amount required by the Supreme Council.
- (k) The Supreme Council shall have the authority to create any related, subsidiary or associated corporation or legal entity to assist in the management and operation of the Supreme Lodge, Moose International and any subsidiaries. This shall include, but is not limited to: title holding companies, charitable fundraising companies, fraternal insurance companies, charitable foundations and investment companies.
- (l) The Supreme Council may alter, modify, add to or suspend the strict application of any portion of the Constitution or General Laws, which does not conform or comply with the laws of any country or jurisdiction.
- (m) The Supreme Council may authorize the Director General to employ one or more licensed attorneys to represent the interests of the Supreme Lodge, Moose International, any subsidiary corporation, any board, unit or entity and any officer thereof for acts performed by the officer during the course and scope of the officer's employment. Any attorney employed full time as a member of the staff of Moose International, shall serve at the pleasure of the Director General and shall not represent any other party or client except Moose International and its subsidiary corporations, officers, agents, lodges, units, etc., and only as authorized by the Director General and the Supreme Council. The Director General, with the approval of the Supreme Council, may employ a General Counsel whose duties shall be to represent and/or advise Moose International and any subsidiary corporation, board, unit or entity and any officer thereof regarding any legal matter as requested by the Director General or Supreme

- Council. Upon request of the Director General or Supreme Council, the General Counsel shall render legal opinions regarding any matter affecting the Order.
- (n) For the purpose of implementing voluntary pilot programs, the Director General, with the consent of the Supreme Council, may authorize the General Governor to approve alternative laws, rules and regulations for the government of lodges, chapters, associations and other units of the Order, which may supersede any laws contained in these General Laws.
 - (o) The lodge of special jurisdiction known as "General Assembly" shall operate and be governed under such rules and regulations as approved and amended from time to time by the Supreme Council.
 - (p) *The Supreme Council shall have the authority to establish and periodically modify the per capita amount which shall be a portion of each member's annual dues remitted to Moose International by each unit of the Order.*
 - (q) *The Director General, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, shall appoint operating officers, directors, assistant directors, managers and assistant managers, who shall operate under his general supervision. They shall have authority, with proper identification and written authorization, to demand and receive at any time from any lodge or chapter, or any officer, all papers, books, records, files or evidence of indebtedness or other property for the purpose of fully inspecting and auditing the accounts and affairs of the lodge or chapter. Upon demand, each officer or member thereof shall immediately deliver to the authorized assistant representative all books, records, files and papers of the lodge or chapter.*

If any officer or member of a lodge or chapter shall fail to deliver upon demand any papers, books, records, files or other items to the authorized representative, they may be suspended from membership by the authorized representative, who shall communicate the reasons therefore immediately to the General Governor or Grand Chancellor. Any officer or member so suspended shall no longer perform the duties of any office or function in the lodge or chapter, and the authorized representative shall immediately appoint a member or members of the lodge or chapter to fill the office or offices until the suspension of the officer or member is approved or revoked or other final action taken.

The report of the facts to the General Governor or Grand Chancellor on which the suspension is made shall constitute a charge against the member and the General Governor or Grand Chancellor shall at once proceed to hear the charges. If the authorized representative shall discover any discrepancies or irregularities in the accounts of any officer or member of a lodge or chapter, due to incompetence, dishonesty, immorality, or any other cause, they may immediately suspend the officer or member from office, or from membership in the fraternity if so warranted, and proceed as stated above.

Each authorized representative shall make regular or special visits to a lodge or chapter or any of its officers as directed by Moose International. The expense of the visits shall be charged against the lodge or chapter at a rate to be determined by the Supreme Council. They shall carry credentials issued by Moose International, which shall be recognized by all lodges, chapters, their officers and members. Authorized representatives shall make reports to Moose International of their work as required.

For the faithful performance of their duties, authorized representatives shall receive compensation as approved by the Supreme Council. When traveling in the performance of their duties, each authorized representative shall be reimbursed their necessary expenses as authorized by the Supreme Council. Moose International, in its discretion, is granted full power and authority to audit and/or examine the books and records of any lodges, chapters, units or degrees acting under the authority of the Supreme Lodge. They shall file reports of such audits or examinations as required by the Supreme Council.

The Operating Officers, Directors, Assistant Directors, Managers and Assistant Managers shall perform such duties and responsibilities as the Director General, with the consent of the Supreme Council, deems appropriate and necessary, which may include supervising the institution of member lodges and chapters, and the enrollment of members into the Order.

Proposed Amendment #31

Sec. 23.4 - Power to Recruit Lodges

Current: The General Governor may direct any lodge, which has not made any special effort to recruit its membership for a period of three (3) months, to make an agreement with the Moose International for the purpose of recruiting members to the lodge, at an enrollment fee to be determined by the General Governor. The enrollment fee shall not be less than \$10.00 unless the Supreme Council, in exceptional cases, approves a lesser fee.

Proposed: *Delete entire section and re-number subsequent section to 23.4.*

Proposed Amendment #32

Sec. 26.1 – Petition for Charter and Name

Current: Petitions for lodge charters and the institution of new lodges shall be according to policies adopted and approved by the Supreme Council.

A duly authorized and chartered lodge shall be known as “ _____
_____ Lodge No. _____, Loyal Order of Moose.”

Proposed: *Sec. 26.1 – Lodge Purpose: Petitions for lodge charters and the institution of new lodges shall be according to policies adopted and approved by the Supreme Council. A duly authorized and chartered lodge shall be known as “ _____ Lodge No. _____, Loyal Order of Moose.*

Lodges shall exist to promote and support the fraternal programs of Moose International and the charitable purposes of the Order, specifically Mooseheart and Moosehaven

Proposed Amendment #33

Sec. 26.5 - Issuance of Supplies

Current: The General Governor shall, after receiving the required petition for charter, forward to the authorized representative the official paraphernalia and supplies required for the institution of a lodge, as prescribed by the Supreme Council. Additional required supplies for the use of lodges shall only be secured from Moose International's Catalog Sales Department. All supplies secured from

Moose International for the exclusive use of the lodge are held in trust. Upon the dissolution of a lodge, all supplies so secured must be returned to the General Governor, unless otherwise directed.

If for any reason a lodge is not duly instituted within a period of sixty (60) days after the date of issue of the dispensation by the General Governor, all paraphernalia and supplies secured from or furnished by Moose International's Catalog Sales Department shall be returned in good condition.

Proposed: *(Deleted sentence) Official paraphernalia* and supplies for the use of lodges shall only be secured from Moose International's Catalog Sales Department. All supplies secured from Moose International for the exclusive use of the lodge are held in trust. Upon the dissolution of a lodge, all supplies so secured must be returned to the General Governor, unless otherwise directed.

If for any reason a lodge is not duly instituted within a period of sixty (60) days after the date of issue of the dispensation by the General Governor, all paraphernalia and supplies secured from or furnished by Moose International's Catalog Sales Department shall be returned in good condition.

Proposed Amendment #34

Sec. 26.7 – By-laws

Current: Each lodge shall adopt by-laws consistent with laws or regulations enacted by the Supreme Lodge. All original by-laws are subject to approval of the General Governor and shall not become effective until adopted at a special meeting of the lodge after proper notice, submitted in duplicate to the General Governor and approved by him in writing. Unless the General Governor has granted a dispensation, the original by-laws approved by Moose International shall only be amended to provide for different meeting nights or dues.

An amendment to change meeting nights or dues shall not become effective until adopted at a special meeting of the lodge after proper notice, and the amendment has been reported to Moose International in the manner required. Regular general membership meetings must be held at the times and on the days specified in the by-laws. If a meeting night falls on a major holiday, or on the date of an international or association convention or conference, the lodge may hold the meeting on an alternative night provided the membership has been given thirty (30) days written advance notice of the meeting night change. Upon request, the office of the General Governor will provide a new by-laws certificate to the lodge for display.

Proposed: Each lodge shall adopt by-laws consistent with laws or regulations enacted by the Supreme Lodge. *Amendments to the by-laws shall not become effective until adopted at a special meeting of the lodge after proper notice.* Unless the General Governor has granted a dispensation, the original by-laws approved by Moose International shall only be amended to provide for different meeting nights or dues.

(Deleted sentence) Regular general membership meetings must be held at the times and on the days specified in the by-laws. If a meeting night falls on a major holiday, or on the date of an international or association convention or conference, the lodge may hold the meeting on an alternative night provided the membership has been given thirty (30) days written advance notice of the meeting night change. Upon request, the office of the General Governor will provide a new by-laws certificate to the lodge for display. (Re-number remaining section).

Proposed Amendment #35

Sec. 28.1 – Qualifications of Membership

Current: Members of the Order shall be a member of a lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose or a member of a chapter of the Women of the Moose.

To qualify for membership in a lodge, an applicant must:

1. Be a male person.
2. Be twenty one (21) years of age or older.
3. Not be a member of a terrorist group or recognized subversive organization.
4. Not be a registered sex offender or convicted felon, unless the conviction has been expunged, the conviction has been vacated by an unconditional pardon or a dispensation waiving this requirement has been obtained from the General Governor.
5. Be of good moral character.
6. Profess a belief in a Supreme Being.
7. Have not been expelled from any lodge, unless a special dispensation has been granted in accordance with the laws of the Order.
8. Not currently suspended from membership in any lodge.
9. Not having had an original application for membership rejected in any lodge.

To qualify for membership in a chapter of the Women of the Moose, an applicant must:

1. Be a female person.
2. Be twenty one (21) years of age or older.
3. Not be a member of a terrorist group or recognized subversive organization.
4. Not be a registered sex offender or convicted felon, unless the conviction has been expunged, the conviction has been vacated by an unconditional pardon, or a dispensation waiving this requirement has been obtained from the General Governor.
5. Be of good moral character.
6. Profess a belief in a Supreme Being.
7. Have not been expelled from any chapter, unless a special dispensation has been granted in accordance with the laws of the Order.
8. Not currently suspended from membership in any chapter.
9. Not having had an original application for membership rejected in any chapter.

Proposed: Members of the Order shall be a member of a lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose or a member of a chapter of the Women of the Moose.

To qualify for membership in a lodge, an applicant must:

1. Be a male person.
2. Be twenty one (21) years of age or older.
3. Not be a member of a terrorist group or recognized subversive organization.
4. Not be a registered sex offender or convicted felon, unless the conviction has been expunged, the conviction has been vacated by an unconditional pardon or a dispensation waiving this requirement has been obtained from the General Governor.
5. Be of good moral character *and capable of understanding the obligation of membership.*
6. Profess a belief in a Supreme Being.

7. Have not been expelled from any lodge, unless a special dispensation has been granted in accordance with the laws of the Order.
8. Not currently suspended from membership in any lodge.
9. Not having had an original application for membership rejected in any lodge.

To qualify for membership in a chapter of the Women of the Moose, an applicant must:

1. Be a female person.
2. Be twenty one (21) years of age or older.
3. Not be a member of a terrorist group or recognized subversive organization.
4. Not be a registered sex offender or convicted felon, unless the conviction has been expunged, the conviction has been vacated by an unconditional pardon, or a dispensation waiving this requirement has been obtained from the General Governor.
5. Be of good moral character *and capable of understanding the obligation of membership.*
6. Profess a belief in a Supreme Being.
7. Have not been expelled, suspended, or rejected for membership by any chapter

Proposed Amendment #36

Sec. 28.7 – Lodge Membership Status

Current: A lodge member in good standing shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as every other member of his lodge. A member who has been expelled by a Commissioner, the General Governor or the Supreme Forum shall not thereafter be regarded as a Moose in any sense. Unless specifically permitted in writing by the General Governor, any lodge or chapter member whose membership is in a state of suspension or who has been expelled shall not be permitted to visit any lodge as a guest or otherwise (including social quarters and home), join as a Moose in any public procession or display, exhibit or use any emblem of the Moose or receive relief as a Moose from any lodge, chapter or other unit until the member's good standing membership is restored.

Proposed: *An active* lodge member shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as every other member of his lodge. A member who has been expelled by a Commissioner, the General Governor or the Supreme Forum shall not thereafter be regarded as a Moose in any sense. Unless specifically permitted in writing by the General Governor, any lodge or chapter member whose membership is in a state of suspension or who has been expelled shall not be permitted to visit any lodge as a guest or otherwise (including social quarters and home), join as a Moose in any public procession or display, exhibit or use any emblem of the Moose or receive relief as a Moose from any lodge, chapter or other unit until the member's *active* membership is restored. *An active member is defined as a member whose dues are current.*

Proposed Amendment #37

Sec. 30.1 – Dues at Institution

Current: - Before the institution of a lodge, all applicants about to be enrolled shall pay dues as established by the laws of the Order

Proposed: Before the institution of a lodge, all applicants about to be enrolled shall pay dues as established by the laws of the Order. *The annual dues rate shall not be less than the per capita amount as established by the Supreme Council.*

Proposed Amendment #38

Sec. 30.2 – Annual Dues

Current: Each member of a lodge shall, after payment of the Application Fee, pay annual dues (including the per capita amount as provided in Section 43.6) as established by the Supreme Council.

Dues shall only be paid in advance annually. Dues are non-refundable. No applicant or member shall be issued a receipt or membership card except for actual payment received for the fees or dues as established by Moose International or the lodge. A membership card shall not be transferable. It is unlawful for any member to allow another person to use their membership card.

Proposed: Each member of a lodge shall, after payment of the Application Fee, pay annual dues (including the per capita amount as provided in Section 43.6) as established by the Supreme Council.

Dues shall only be paid in advance annually. Dues are non-refundable. No applicant or member shall be issued a receipt or membership card except for actual payment received for the fees or dues as established by Moose International or the lodge. A membership card shall not be transferable. It is unlawful for any member to allow another person to use their membership card. *All Moosehaven residents are exempt from paying dues to their home lodge.*

Proposed Amendment #39

Section 30.6 – Re-enrollment

Current: A member cannot reinstate after the expiration of twenty-four (24) months from the expiration date of his last membership card, but must re-enroll as a new member. A dropped or former member shall furnish a duly executed official application for membership, pay all applicable fees, dues, fines or assessments owed by him, including accruals of interest, costs, etc. The application must receive a favorable vote of the Application Review Committee and the lodge.

Proposed: *A member cannot reinstate after twenty-four (24) months from the expiration date of his last membership card. He must re-enroll into a lodge as a new member. He shall furnish a duly* executed official application for membership, pay all applicable fees, dues, fines or assessments owed by him, including accruals of interest, costs, etc. The application must receive a favorable vote of the Application Review Committee and the lodge.

Proposed Amendment #40

Sec. 31.2 – Conferral of Life Membership

Current: Moose International shall issue a life membership card to a member if Moose International records show that the member meets one of the following qualifications:

- (1) The member has fifty (50) or more years of continuous service in the fraternity.

- (2) The member has sponsored and/or enrolled 250 members into the Order in accordance with policies established by Moose International.
- (3) The member has paid dues in advance equal to 50 years of membership.

Proposed: Moose International shall issue a life membership card to a member if Moose International records show that the member meets one of the following qualifications:

- (1) The member has fifty (50) or more years of continuous service in the fraternity.
- (2) *The member has paid dues in advance equal to 50 years of membership.*
- (3) *The member has sponsored 250 members.*
- (4) *The member has earned the Governor's Award of Excellence*

Proposed Amendment #41

Sec. 31.4 – Restrictions of Life Membership

Current: - Life members of all lodges are amenable to all laws and regulations of the Order except the payment of dues. Life memberships (except those received for having fifty (50) or more years of continuous service in the fraternity) are transferable to another lodge upon payment of a fifty (\$50.00) dollar acceptance fee. The life member shall immediately pay the acceptance fee of \$50.00 to the lodge he is transferring to upon receipt of notice that the transfer has been approved by a majority vote of the members at a regular meeting of the receiving lodge. Upon receipt of a life membership fee, after lodge membership approval, the life member shall be exempt from paying all future membership dues. Transfer fees for members receiving life memberships for fifty (50) years of continuous service shall be \$20.00 as required by Section 32.1.

Proposed: Restrictions of Life Membership - Life members of all lodges are amenable to all laws and regulations of the Order except the payment of dues. *Life memberships are transferable by paying a \$20 transfer fee. When approved by the receiving lodge, a \$50 acceptance fee is due. Life memberships for those having fifty (50) years of continued service are only subject to the \$20 transfer fee.*

Proposed Amendment #42

Sec. 32.1 - Issuance of a Request for Transfer

Current: Requests for transfers will be completed by the Administrator of the receiving lodge. He must receive a completed application and the transfer fee of \$20.00. This amount will be deposited by the Administrator of the receiving lodge.

The transferring member's *current* lodge shall be notified and have fourteen (14) calendar days to object to the transfer for the following reasons:

1. The member's dues expired prior to the date of application for transfer.
2. The member has disciplinary charges pending (does not include House Committee).
3. The member has fines, lawful obligations or other charges against him by the lodge.

At the end of the fourteen (14) calendar days, if no objection has been expressed and the receiving lodge's Application Review Committee has approved the applicant, the lodge shall vote on the transfer at the next regular lodge meeting. If found favorable,

the member shall immediately become a member of the receiving lodge. The Administrator shall notify the former lodge of the acceptance. The former lodge will forward all membership records and pertinent documents and retain a copy for their files. The receiving Administrator shall notify Moose International of the transfer to maintain the member's original enrollment date.

Proposed: Requests for transfers will be completed by the Administrator of the receiving lodge. He must receive a completed application and the transfer fee of \$20.00. This amount will be deposited by the Administrator of the receiving lodge. *There shall be no transfer fees for members transferring out of General Assembly into any lodge of the Order*

The transferring member's *current* lodge shall be notified and have fourteen (14) calendar days to object to the transfer for the following reasons:

1. The member's dues expired prior to the date of application for transfer.
2. The member has disciplinary charges pending (does not include House Committee).
3. The member has fines, lawful obligations or other charges against him by the lodge.

At the end of the fourteen (14) calendar days, if no objection has been expressed and the receiving lodge's Application Review Committee has approved the applicant, the lodge shall vote on the transfer at the next regular lodge meeting. If found favorable, the member shall immediately become a member of the receiving lodge. The Administrator shall notify the former lodge of the acceptance. The former lodge will forward all membership records and pertinent documents and retain a copy for their files. The receiving Administrator shall notify Moose International of the transfer to maintain the member's original enrollment date.

Proposed Amendment #43

Sec. 33.5 – Eligibility of Officers

Current: Only members who are in good standing in the lodge, may be considered for any elected office. Eligibility requirements for lodge offices are as follows:

Governor - Been a good standing member of the lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election and completed at least one (1) year in another elected office (not a combination of offices) of the lodge in which he seeks office.

Junior Governor - Been a good standing member of the lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election.

Prelate - Been a good standing member of the lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election.

Treasurer - Must be a good standing member of the lodge.

Trustee - Must be a good standing member of the lodge.

Exemptions from these qualifications require a special dispensation from the General Governor. A special dispensation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. These requirements shall not apply to a newly instituted lodge.

No member shall be eligible for election to more than one (1) office in the lodge at the same time. A member removed from office by a Commissioner or the General Governor for disciplinary reasons or who resigned from office at the request of the

General Governor shall not be eligible to hold office again for three (3) years unless a dispensation is obtained from the General Governor.

An officer, whose term will not expire at the time of the election, regular or special, can be nominated for another office, but he must resign his present office, thereby creating a vacancy, which shall be filled at the regular or special election. The resignation is automatic and effective on April 30 for a regular election or on the actual date of a special election.

A member under suspension because of disciplinary charges preferred against him shall be eligible as a candidate for election to office if his dues are current and he is not otherwise disqualified. If found guilty of a charge affecting his membership, or if the member has been removed from office rendering him ineligible to hold office for three (3) years, the office shall be declared vacant and the lodge shall proceed to fill the vacancy according to the provisions of Section 33.10.

Proposed: Only *active* members in the lodge, may be considered for any elected office. Eligibility requirements for lodge offices are as follows:

Governor - Been an *active* member of the lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election and completed at least one (1) year in another elected office (not a combination of offices) of the lodge in which he seeks office.

Junior Governor - Been an *active* member of the lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election.

Prelate - Been an *active* member of the lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election.

Treasurer - Must be an *active* member of the lodge.

Trustee - Must be an *active* member of the lodge.

Exemptions from these qualifications require a special dispensation from the General Governor. A special dispensation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. These requirements shall not apply to a newly instituted lodge.

No member shall be eligible for election to more than one (1) office in the lodge at the same time. A member removed from office by a Commissioner or the General Governor for disciplinary reasons or who resigned from office at the request of the General Governor shall not be eligible to hold office again for three (3) years unless a dispensation is obtained from the General Governor. *For prior violations of the General Laws, the General Governor may, in his discretion, prohibit any member from holding office. .*

An officer, whose term will not expire at the time of the election, regular or special, can be nominated for another office, but he must resign his present office, thereby creating a vacancy, which shall be filled at the regular or special election. The resignation is automatic and effective on April 30 for a regular election or on the actual date of a special election.

A member under suspension because of disciplinary charges preferred against him shall be eligible as a candidate for election to office if his dues are current and he is not otherwise disqualified. If found guilty of a charge affecting his membership, or if the member has been removed from office rendering him ineligible to hold office for three (3) years, the office shall be declared vacant and the lodge shall proceed to fill the vacancy according to the provisions of Section 33.10.

Proposed Amendment #44

Section 34.1 – Serves on the Board of Officers

Current: The retiring Governor shall serve as the Junior Past Governor, provided the term of Governor for which he was elected or appointed commenced prior to November 1 of the preceding year and he completed the term. The Junior Past Governor shall be a member of the Board of Officers and a member of the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Committee. If the retiring Governor is unavailable or unqualified to serve, the next Past Governor, in order of juniority by service, shall serve. Past Governorship is a condition, not an office and remains with the member so long as he continues his good standing in the Order.

Proposed: The retiring Governor shall serve as the Junior Past Governor, provided the term of Governor for which he was elected or appointed commenced prior to November 1 of the preceding year and he completed the term. *The Junior Past Governor shall be a member of the Board of Officers.* If the retiring Governor is unavailable or unqualified to serve, the next Past Governor, in order of juniority by service, shall serve. Past Governorship is a condition, not an office and remains with the member so long as he continues his good standing in the Order.

Proposed Amendment #45

Sec. 35.1 - General Duties and Responsibilities

Current: The general duties and responsibilities of the Governor include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be the fraternal leader of the lodge
- Preside at meetings
- Appoint officers
- Appoint committee chairmen
- Establish all committees required by Section 35.5
- Sign authorized checks
- Certify and sign reports
- Chair the House Committee
- Count votes (not ballots) and inspect records
- Declare offices vacant pursuant to Section 35.11
- Maintain order
- Increase membership
- Improve the financial strength of the lodge
- Chair the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Committee
- Chair the "Rookie of the Year" Committee
- Represent the lodge as a delegate to the International Convention

Proposed: The general duties and responsibilities of the Governor include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Be the fraternal leader of the lodge
- Preside at meetings
- Appoint officers
- Appoint committee chairmen
- Establish all committees required by Section 35.5
- Sign authorized checks

- Certify and sign reports
- Chair the House Committee
- Count votes (not ballots) and inspect records
- Declare offices vacant pursuant to Section 35.11
- Maintain order
- Increase membership
- Improve the financial strength of the lodge
- *Chair the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Committee (delete)*
- Chair the "Rookie of the Year" Committee
- Represent the lodge as a delegate to the International Convention, *association conferences, conventions and district meetings.*

Proposed Amendment #46

Sec. 35.5 - Appoint Committees

Current: At the first regular meeting after being installed, he shall appoint the chairmen of standing committees as required by the by-laws of the lodge and the chairmen of all other necessary committees. The chairman and each member of the Moose Legion Committee must be good standing members of the Moose Legion. With the exception of the Auditing Committee, he shall be a member of all committees of the lodge, unless he is disqualified (i.e., cannot be a member of the Moose Legion Committee unless he is a good standing member of the Moose Legion or Fellowship Committee if the degree has not been conferred to him). He may require reports from all committees (except the Fellowship Committee), activity units and officers of the lodge at his pleasure. The regular standing committees of each lodge shall be:

- 1) Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Committee
- 2) Moose Charities Committee
- 3) Membership Committee
- 4) Application Review Committee (as defined in Section 28.3)
- 5) Community Service Committee
- 6) Loss Prevention Committee
- 7) Publications Committee (whose chairman shall be responsible for any lodge publication)
- 8) Government Relations Committee
- 9) Sports Committee
- 10) Moose Legion Committee
- 11) Moose Family Activities Committee
- 12) Ritual Committee

Proposed: At the first regular meeting after being installed, he shall appoint *active members of the lodge to serve as chairmen of standing committees as required by the General Laws.* The chairman and each member of the Moose Legion Committee must be *active* members of the Moose Legion. With the exception of the Auditing Committee, he shall be a member of all committees of the lodge, unless he is disqualified (i.e., cannot be a member of the Moose Legion Committee unless he is an *active* member of the Moose Legion or Fellowship Committee if the degree has not been conferred to him). He may require reports from all committees (except the Fellowship Committee),

activity units and officers of the lodge at his pleasure. The regular standing committees of each lodge shall be:

- 1) *Moose Charities Committee*
- 2) *Auditing Committee*
- 3) *Membership Committee*
- 4) *Application Review Committee (as defined in Section 28.3)*
- 5) *Community Service Committee*
- 6) *Loss Prevention Committee*
- 7) *Communications Committee*
- 8) *Government Relations Committee*
- 9) *Activities Committee*
- 10) *Moose Legion Committee*
- 11) *Ritual Committee*

Proposed Amendment #47

Sec. 35.6 - Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Committee

Current: He shall chair the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Committee. The committee shall consist of the Governor, Jr. Governor, Jr. Past Governor and Administrator. The Administrator shall serve as correspondent. The duties of this committee are to assist the Admissions Department at Moose International on all applications for admissions to Mooseheart and to Moosehaven and to cooperate with the Mooseheart/ Moosehaven Admissions Representatives.

Proposed: *Delete entire section.*

Proposed Amendment #48

Add new Section 35.6 – Delegate

By virtue of the office, the Governor shall be a delegate to the International Convention, association conferences, conventions and district meetings.

Proposed Amendment #49

Sec. 35.7 - Appoint Auditing Committee

Current: At the first regular meeting after being installed, the Governor shall appoint two (2) members of the lodge (one of whom shall be chairman) to serve with the Prelate on an Auditing Committee. The three (3) members of the committee shall serve for one (1) year. No other elected officer shall serve on the Auditing Committee. The Governor shall demand and receive from the officers or members of the lodge all stocks, bonds, notes, accounts, records and documents necessary to enable the Auditing Committee to conduct an audit and make a full and correct report.

Proposed: At the first regular meeting after being installed, the Governor shall appoint two (2) members of the lodge (one of whom shall be chairman) to serve with the Prelate on an Auditing Committee. The three (3) members of the committee shall serve for one (1) year. No other elected officer shall serve on the Auditing Committee. The Governor shall demand and receive from the officers or members of the lodge all stocks, bonds, notes, accounts, records and documents necessary to enable the Auditing Committee to conduct an audit and make a full and correct report. *The Audit Committee shall*

prepare a detailed report of their findings of the lodge's membership and financial position, including the funds of ALL committees – (including the House Committee), groups or activities of the lodge. The report shall be completed within ten (10) days of the close of the prior month's business and reported at the next general membership meeting. All committee members shall sign the report and the report shall be maintained in the lodges files for not less than seven (7) years.

Proposed Amendment #50

Sec. 35.13 – Drop Members from the Rolls

Current: He may direct the Administrator to drop from the rolls any member who has neglected to pay fines, charges or any other lawful obligation due the lodge or House Committee within thirty (30) days after the same became due. A member may not be dropped for failure to pay a fine, charge or other lawful obligation unless the member has received thirty (30) days written notice of the intent of the lodge to drop him if the obligation is not paid.

Proposed: - ***Expel Members From the Order:*** He may *request the General Governor* to *expel* any member who has neglected to pay fines, charges or any other lawful obligation due the lodge or House Committee within thirty (30) days after the same became due. A member may not be *expelled* for failure to pay a fine, charge or other lawful obligation unless the member has received thirty (30) days written notice of the intent of the lodge to order him *expelled* if the obligation is not paid.

Proposed Amendment #51

Sec. 35.16 - Conferring Honor of Past Governor

Current: The honor of Past Governor may be conferred upon any good standing member of a lodge in good standing. A written resolution setting forth the reasons shall be filed with the member's lodge, read by the Administrator in open session and recorded in the minutes of the lodge. If adopted by the lodge, a certified copy under the seal of the lodge shall be sent to the General Governor. The certified copy shall be accompanied by a written request for the conferring of the honor. The written request shall be signed by the lodge Governor and the Administrator under the seal of the lodge, setting forth the action of the lodge upon the resolution as recorded in the minutes of the lodge. If the honor is being conferred on the Governor, the Junior Governor and Administrator shall sign the resolution. If the honor is being conferred on the Administrator, the Governor and Treasurer shall sign the resolution.

The General Governor shall submit the resolution, certificate and request to the Supreme Council at its next regular session for its consideration. If the Supreme Council finds the resolution, certificate and request in proper form and deems it in the best interest of the Order, it may confer or decline to confer the honor of Past Governor upon the member. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Supreme Council. Except as otherwise stated in these General Laws, any member receiving the honor of Past Governor shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges as any Past Governor of the Order.

Proposed: The honor of Past Governor may be conferred upon any *active* member of a lodge in good standing. A written resolution setting forth the reasons shall be filed with the member's lodge, read by the Administrator in open session and recorded in the

minutes of the lodge. *If adopted by the lodge, an original petition and resolution form shall be sent to the General Governor. The petition and resolution form shall be accompanied by a written request for the conferring of the honor.* The written request shall be signed by the lodge Governor and the Administrator under the seal of the lodge, setting forth the action of the lodge upon the resolution as recorded in the minutes of the lodge. If the honor is being conferred on the Governor, the Junior Governor and Administrator shall sign the resolution. If the honor is being conferred on the Administrator, the Governor and Treasurer shall sign the resolution.

The General Governor shall submit the required documents to the Supreme Council at its next regular session for its consideration. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Supreme Council. Except as otherwise stated in these General Laws, any member receiving the honor of Past Governor shall enjoy all of the rights and privileges as any Past Governor of the Order.

Proposed Amendment #52

Sec. 36.1 - Appointment and Election

Current: The Administrator shall be nominated by the Board of Officers and elected by a majority vote of the membership at a regular lodge meeting. The vote shall be by separate action. The election shall be by secret ballot, if requested by any member. The election shall not be conducted by simply approving the Board of Officers' minutes of the meeting making the nomination. An elected Administrator shall serve for a term of satisfactory service as determined by the Board of Officers and lodge. Immediately upon there being a vacancy, the Board of Officers may appoint an Acting Administrator to serve for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months. Upon becoming the Acting Administrator, or being elected as the Administrator, he shall be a member of the Board of Officers. The Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Administrator on an interim basis until an Acting Administrator is appointed, but in no case for a period of time exceeding six (6) months.

Proposed: The Administrator shall be nominated by the Board of Officers and elected by a majority vote of the membership at a regular lodge meeting. The vote shall be by separate action. The election shall be by secret ballot, if requested by any member. The election shall not be conducted by simply approving the Board of Officers' minutes of the meeting making the nomination. An elected Administrator shall serve for a term of satisfactory service as determined by the Board of Officers and lodge, *subject to approval by the General Governor.* Immediately upon there being a vacancy, the Board of Officers may appoint an Acting Administrator to serve for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months. Upon becoming the Acting Administrator, or being elected as the Administrator, he shall be a member of the Board of Officers. The Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Administrator on an interim basis until an Acting Administrator is appointed, but in no case for a period of time exceeding six (6) months.

Proposed Amendment #53

Sec. 36.6 - Furnishing Members' Names and Addresses

Current: It is forbidden for any person to furnish a list of names or addresses of the members of the lodge to any business, organization or individual for their commercial or business purposes. Names and addresses of members shall only be used for fraternal

purposes and may only be furnished to an individual, business or organization in accordance with the terms of a dispensation obtained from the General Governor.

Proposed: It is prohibited for any person to furnish a list of names or addresses *(including all electronic media)* of the members of the lodge to any business, organization or individual for their commercial or business purposes. Names and addresses of members shall only be used for fraternal purposes and may only be furnished to an individual, business or organization in accordance with the terms of a dispensation obtained from the General Governor.

Proposed Amendment #54

Sec. 36.11 - General Duties

Current: He shall accurately record and maintain the minutes of all lodge meetings, Board of Officers meetings, House Committee meetings and other meetings and hearings. He shall, at the next meeting after receipt, read all reports, bulletins, applications and other communications to the lodge and conduct correspondence as necessary or directed by the lodge, and preserve copies thereof. He shall immediately deliver to his successor in office, all books, papers and other property of the lodge, which may be in his possession. He shall perform all other duties required of him by the laws and ritual of the Order. A lodge member may in writing request an appointment with the Administrator to view non-confidential lodge financial records and minutes. Within twenty-one (21) days from the receipt of the written request, the Administrator shall allow the good standing member of the lodge to view (but not copy or remove) non-confidential lodge financial records and minutes. House Committee records and minutes are considered confidential.

Proposed: He shall accurately record and maintain the minutes of all lodge meetings, Board of Officers meetings, House Committee meetings and other meetings and hearings. *All minutes are to be typed or written in ink on official pages, in a minute book, properly signed by the Administrator and Governor and maintained at the lodge home at all times.* He shall, at the next meeting after receipt, read all reports, bulletins, applications and other communications to the lodge and conduct correspondence as necessary or directed by the lodge, and preserve copies thereof. He shall immediately deliver to his successor in office, all books, papers and other property of the lodge, which may be in his possession. He shall perform all other duties required of him by the laws and ritual of the Order. A lodge member may in writing request an appointment with the Administrator to view non-confidential lodge financial records and minutes. Within twenty-one (21) days from the receipt of the written request, the Administrator shall allow the *active* member of the lodge to view (but not copy or remove) non-confidential lodge financial records and minutes. House Committee records and minutes are considered confidential.

Proposed Amendment #55

Section 36.13 – Representative to International Convention

Current: By virtue of the office, the Administrator shall be a delegate to the International Convention.

Proposed: *Delegate* – By virtue of the office, the Administrator shall be a delegate to the International Convention, *association conferences, conventions and district meetings.*

Proposed Amendment #56

Add new Section 40.3 – Loss Prevention Committee

The Loss Prevention Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members. The Trustees shall serve on the Loss Prevention Committee of the lodge and perform monthly inspections of the facility and property in accordance with guidelines provided by Moose International. The One Year Trustee shall serve as Chairman.

Proposed Amendment #57

Sec. 42.2 - Board of Officers' Meetings

Current: The elected officers of the lodge and the Jr. Past Governor shall meet as a board at least twice a month and at other times, as in their judgment the business of the lodge requires. The regular scheduled officers' meeting shall be held at a stated date and time. The membership shall be notified in advance of the days and times of the regular officers' meetings. If possible, officers' meetings shall be held in the regular lodge room. If the officers' conduct a meeting at any other place or time than on the regular meeting night, the Administrator, Governor or other presiding officer shall give a report of the meeting to the lodge at the next regular general membership meeting.

At the officers' meeting, only business may be transacted that has been referred to the board or deemed by the officers to be in the best interest of the lodge. A member may attend the officers' meeting upon a majority vote of the board in attendance. The member shall have no voice in the meeting unless called upon by the Governor. If the Governor refuses to call on a member, the Governor's decision may be overruled by a majority vote of the board members present at the meeting.

At the officers' meeting, the report of the Application Review Committee concerning applications for membership shall be received. The Board of Officers receives the report of the Application Review Committee, but does not vote to accept or reject an application for membership.

Officers shall make a full and complete report of each officers' meeting to the membership at the next regular meeting of the lodge and no decision of the officers shall be binding upon the lodge until the lodge concurs.

Proposed: The elected officers of the lodge and the Jr. Past Governor shall meet as a board at least twice a month and at other times, as in their judgment the business of the lodge requires. The regular scheduled officers' meeting shall be held at a stated date and time. The membership shall be notified in advance of the days and times of the regular officers' meetings. If possible, officers' meetings shall be held in the regular lodge room. If the officers' conduct a meeting at any other place or time than on the regular meeting night, the Administrator, Governor or other presiding officer shall give a report of the meeting to the lodge at the next regular general membership meeting.

At the officers' meeting, only business may be transacted that has been referred to the board or deemed by the officers to be in the best interest of the lodge. A member may attend the officers' meeting upon a majority vote of the board in attendance. The member shall have no voice in the meeting unless called upon by the Governor. If the

Governor refuses to call on a member, the Governor's decision may be overruled by a majority vote of the board members present at the meeting.

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Officers shall make a full and complete report of each officers' meeting to the membership at the next regular meeting of the lodge and no decision of the officers shall be binding upon the lodge until the lodge concurs.

Meetings with an Operations Analyst, Regional Manager, or other designee of Moose International shall be documented in the lodge officer's minutes as a special officers meeting. The names of all in attendance, topics discussed and any specific recommendations provided to the lodge shall be included in these minutes.

Proposed Amendment #58

Sec. 42.3 - Special Meetings

Current: The Governor may at his discretion call a special meeting of the lodge at any time. He shall call a special meeting any time he receives a request, in writing, by eight (8) members or two (2%) percent of the good standing members of the lodge, whichever is greater. At special meetings, no business shall be transacted, except as specifically stated in the call notice sent to the membership.

The Administrator shall prepare and mail (or personally deliver) all notices for special meetings to all good standing members of the lodge at least seven (7) days previous to the special meeting. In calculating the seven (7) days notice requirement, the lodge shall not count the day of mailing or the day of the special meeting. The notice shall state the special business to be considered, and no other business shall be considered or transacted at the meeting.

Proposed: The Governor may at his discretion call a special meeting of the lodge at any time. He shall call a special meeting any time he receives a request, in writing, by eight (8) members or two (2%) percent of the *active* members of the lodge, whichever is greater. At special meetings, no business shall be transacted, except as specifically stated in the call notice sent to the membership.

The Administrator shall prepare and mail (or personally deliver) all notices for special meetings to all *active* members of the lodge at least seven (7) days previous to the special meeting. In calculating the seven (7) days notice requirement, the lodge shall not count the day of mailing or the day of the special meeting. The notice shall state the special business to be considered, and no other business shall be considered or transacted at the meeting. *Lodges may notify members via electronic messaging if previously approved by members at a special meeting. Those members without access to electronic media must receive all notices by postal service mail.*

Proposed Amendment #59

Sec. 42.10 - Decorum During Meetings

Current: Lodge meetings, Board of Officers meetings and House Committee meetings shall be conducted with true gentlemanly decorum. Vulgar, profane and indecent conduct or language is absolutely prohibited. Any Moose violating this provision shall be

disciplined in accordance with the laws of the Order, including suspension or expulsion of membership. Any lodge permitting a violation of this law may have its charter suspended or revoked. The lodge shall be responsible for the conduct of all members attending meetings. The presiding officer may impose a fine upon any member being disruptive in a meeting.

Proposed: Lodge meetings, Board of Officers meetings and House Committee meetings shall be conducted with true gentlemanly decorum. Vulgar, profane and indecent conduct or language is absolutely prohibited. Any Moose violating this provision shall be disciplined in accordance with the laws of the Order, including suspension or expulsion of membership. Any lodge permitting a violation of this law may have its charter suspended or revoked. The lodge shall be responsible for the conduct of all members attending meetings. *Violations could result in a fine by the presiding officer requiring a thirty (30) day demand letter for payment.*

Proposed Amendment #60

Sec. 43.6 - Financial Payments to Moose International

Current: Should Moose International not receive the required funds due Moose International from the lodge each month, the General Governor may notify the lodge. Upon receipt of written notification from the General Governor, the lodge shall within ten (10) days provide each member of the lodge written notification that the lodge is not in good standing. The Supreme Council, at their next session after notice from the General Governor, may suspend or revoke the charter of the lodge unless all the funds owed Moose International have been received.

All charitable contributions received by a unit of the Order, shall be immediately remitted to Moose Charities. Moose Charities shall receive such contributions as agent for the appropriate foundation, endowment fund, trust fund or subsidiary or related corporation. Moose Charities shall maintain a contemporaneous record of each donor, together with the date of each contribution and the value and amount of each gift. The unit shall provide to Moose Charities all requested information necessary for it to maintain a record of gifts.

Proposed: *Each lodge shall pay to Moose International such amounts as required by the Supreme Council. There may be included in the payments an amount per member as determined by the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council shall allocate funds received by Moose International for the support of Mooseheart, Moosehaven, other charitable enterprises, magazine subscriptions, and other operational expenses of the Order. (Omitted from current edition in error.)*

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Should Moose International not receive the required funds due from the lodge each month, the General Governor may notify the lodge. Upon receipt of written notification the lodge shall within ten (10) days provide each member of the lodge written notification that the lodge is not in good standing. The Supreme Council, at their next

session after notice from the General Governor, may suspend or revoke the charter of the lodge unless all the funds owed Moose International have been received. (Reverse order of paragraphs)

Proposed Amendment #61

Sec. 46.12 - Use of Lodge Home for Political Purposes

Current: A lodge home shall not be used for political purposes, fundraisers or rallies. A lodge shall not participate or designate any funds toward any political activity. With approval of the General Governor, a lodge may, as a community service, allow the community to use the lodge for a "meet the candidates forum". Neither the lodge, nor any member acting on behalf of the lodge or the Order, shall endorse a political candidate or party and the activity shall not involve the raising of funds or the support of any particular candidate or party. A lodge may not be used to promote any political cause or agenda.

Proposed: A lodge home shall not be used for political purposes, fundraisers or rallies. A lodge shall not participate or designate any funds toward any political activity. With approval of the General Governor, a lodge may, as a community service, allow the community to use the lodge for a "meet the candidates forum". Neither the lodge, nor any member acting on behalf of the lodge or the Order, shall endorse a political candidate or party and the activity shall not involve the raising of funds or the support of any particular candidate or party. A lodge may not be used to promote any political cause or agenda. *A lodge may be used as a polling place without the necessity of a dispensation.*

Proposed Amendment #62

Sec. 46.14 - Mooseheart Founders Day

Current: October 27 is hereby designated Mooseheart Founder's Day. This day should be observed by proper exercises and ritualistic services in all lodges and other organizations created and existing in the name of the Moose Fraternity. The exercises and ritualistic services shall be commemorative of the establishment of Mooseheart and the birthday of James J. Davis, its Founder, and exemplify the principles and ideals which give Mooseheart's program of service its essential and exceptional attributes.

Proposed: *October 27 is hereby designated as Mooseheart Founder's Day. This day commemorates the birthday of James J. Davis as Founder.*

Proposed Amendment #63

Sec. 47.2 - Leasing of Lodge Home

Current: A lodge may not allow a non-member to rent or use the lodge hall or home for private or business purposes. A lodge may, without the necessity of obtaining a dispensation from the General Governor, allow a good standing member to rent or use the lodge home for a legitimate family function of the member or the member's immediate family, and on other occasions authorized by the General Governor, subject to the following restrictions:

1. The social quarters shall be closed to non-members.
2. There shall not be a cash bar.

3. The member must pay for all food, beverages and other financial obligations generated by the activity.
4. Non-members may not make any purchases or spend any money in the lodge.
5. The lodge shall furnish a bartender (if a bartender is used) who shall have complete control of the dispensing of beverages.
6. The lodge shall have an officer or employee present at all times who shall be responsible for maintaining decorum.
7. Renters shall have insurance coverage as required by the Supreme Council.

Other than legitimate family functions, approved community service and charitable fundraising events under Section 44.3, a written dispensation is required from the General Governor before a member or non-member may use, rent or lease the lodge home or social quarters. Non-members may not participate in any function occurring in the lodge home or social quarters unless there has been strict compliance with the laws of the Order, or the non-member is a qualified guest and the rules applicable to guests are obeyed. Other than as permitted by the laws of the Order, any leasing, renting or letting out of the lodge home or social quarters to, or permitting participation by, non-members therein is strictly prohibited, unless a dispensation has been obtained from the General Governor.

Proposed: A lodge may not allow a non-member to rent or use the lodge hall or home for private or business purposes. A lodge may, without the necessity of obtaining a dispensation from the General Governor, allow an *active* member to rent or use the lodge home for a legitimate family function of the member or the member's immediate family, and on other occasions authorized by the General Governor, subject to the following restrictions:

1. The social quarters shall be closed to non-members.
2. There shall not be a cash bar.
3. The member must pay for all food, beverages and other financial obligations generated by the activity.
4. Non-members may not make any purchases or spend any money in the lodge.
4. The lodge shall furnish a bartender (if a bartender is used) who shall have complete control of the dispensing of beverages.
6. The lodge shall have an officer or employee present at all times who shall be responsible for maintaining decorum.
7. Renters shall have insurance coverage as required by the Supreme Council.

Other than legitimate family functions, approved community service and charitable fundraising events under Section 44.3, a written dispensation is required from the General Governor before *a member may use*, rent or lease the lodge home or social quarters. Non-members may not participate in any function occurring in the lodge home or social quarters unless there has been strict compliance with the laws of the Order, or the non-member is a qualified guest and the rules applicable to guests are obeyed. Other than as permitted by the laws of the Order, any leasing, renting or letting out of the lodge home or social quarters to, or permitting participation by, non-members therein is strictly prohibited, unless a dispensation has been obtained from the General Governor.

Proposed Amendment #64

Sec. 48.1 – Membership

Current: The government, regulation and control of all social quarters or homes operated or maintained by a lodge shall be vested in a House Committee consisting of the elected Board of Officers and the Jr. Past Governor. The House Committee shall hold at least two (2) meetings each month. Five (5) officers of the House Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the House Committee. By special invitation of the House Committee, others may attend for specific reasons. Any person invited to appear before the House Committee may address the committee if recognized by the presiding officer or permitted pursuant to a majority vote of the committee members present. Only members of the House Committee shall be present during a vote in any meeting. The Administrator shall take and keep accurate minutes of every meeting. Unless required or specifically directed by the House Committee, all matters discussed at House Committee meetings are confidential.

The Administrator and Treasurer of the lodge shall be, respectively, the Secretary and Treasurer of the House Committee. The Administrator, Treasurer and any other employees handling funds of the social quarters or home shall give bonds as determined by the lodge.

Proposed: The government, regulation and control of all social quarters or homes operated or maintained by a lodge shall be vested in a House Committee consisting of the elected Board of Officers and the Jr. Past Governor. The House Committee shall hold at least two (2) meetings each month. Five (5) officers of the House Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the House Committee. By special invitation of the House Committee, others may attend for specific reasons. Any person invited to appear before the House Committee may address the committee if recognized by the presiding officer or permitted pursuant to a majority vote of the committee members present. Only members of the House Committee shall be present during a vote in any meeting. The Administrator shall take and keep accurate minutes of every meeting. Unless required or specifically directed by the House Committee, all matters discussed at House Committee meetings are confidential.

The Administrator and Treasurer of the lodge shall be, respectively, the Secretary and Treasurer of the House Committee. The Administrator, Treasurer and any other employees handling funds of the social quarters or home shall give bonds as determined by the lodge. *All minutes must be signed by the Administrator and Governor of the lodge*

Proposed Amendment #65

FOR LODGES WISHING TO IMPLEMENT JOINT HOUSE COMMITTEES: *The government, regulation and control of all social quarters or homes operated or maintained by a lodge shall be vested in a House Committee consisting of the elected Board of Officers of the lodge and chapter. The officers shall be Governor, Jr. Governor, Prelate, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, Administrator and Senior Regent, Jr. Regent, Chaplain, Recorder and Secretary/Treasurer. The House Committee shall hold at least two (2) meetings each month. Seven (7) officers of the House Committee shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the House Committee. By special invitation of the House Committee, others may attend for specific reasons. Any person invited to*

appear before the House Committee may address the committee if recognized by the presiding officer or permitted pursuant to a majority vote of the committee members present. Only members of the House Committee shall have a vote in any meeting. The Administrator shall take and keep accurate minutes of every meeting. Unless required or specifically directed by the House Committee, all matters discussed at House Committee meetings are confidential. Participation in this program requires a three (3) year commitment, a dispensation from the General Governor, and a favorable vote by the lodge and chapter at special meetings.

Proposed Amendment #66

Sec. 48.9 - Enforce Decorum

Current: During all social functions, it is the duty of the House Committee to enforce and maintain proper decorum at all times. Participation in the social quarters of any lodge is a privilege and not a right of membership. This privilege is conditioned upon all persons conducting themselves, while in and about any social quarters, home or during activities sponsored by the lodge or House Committee, in a gentlemanly/ladylike and orderly manner. Any person, who fails to comply with this law, shall be denied the privileges of the social quarters or home at the discretion of the House Committee. The House Committee, upon receiving a complaint or on its own accord, shall investigate and take appropriate action regarding any alleged breach of decorum. Any member or guest may file a complaint with the House Committee concerning alleged misconduct occurring during a social function.

The authority of the House Committee to suspend the social quarters privileges of any member, after conducting a hearing, shall in no way affect the member's lodge or chapter membership status, including the member's right to attend official meetings. The House Committee may suspend a member's social privileges pending a hearing. The hearing may take place on the same day as the regular House Committee meeting, but shall be separate from the regular meeting. Separate minutes shall be taken for House Committee hearings.

Unless the accused member in writing waives the right to appear, he/she must attend a hearing before the House Committee can make a final decision. After proper notice, if the accused member fails or refuses to appear before the House Committee, the member shall remain suspended until he/she appears at a hearing before the House Committee.

The House Committee may not fine a member, but may assess restitution for damages to lodge property against a lodge or chapter member. Damages assessed against a lodge member are enforceable as set out in Section 46.19. Damages assessed against a chapter member shall be referred to the General Governor for further instructions. A lodge or chapter member's social privileges may be suspended pending payment of restitution for damages, or a lawful debt owed the House Committee (i.e., bad checks). Action taken by the House Committee of one lodge to suspend the social privileges of a member in that lodge or chapter shall not affect the member's social privileges in other lodges.

A House Committee hearing is an informal investigatory process. Any officer charged with a social quarters rule violation or who has a family member related by blood or marriage charged shall not participate in the determination of the charges. Any officer who has an interest in the outcome, which would prevent him from being fair and

impartial, should not participate in the determination of the charges. Pending a hearing, the House Committee may suspend a member's social privileges. At least five (5) days prior to a hearing, (not counting the day of mailing or day of hearing) the member shall be given written notice of the following:

1. The date, time and location of the House Committee hearing.
2. A detailed statement of the alleged wrongful conduct, including the date and approximate time of the alleged incident, location, circumstances and other information sufficient for the accused to be apprised of the charge(s).
3. The rule or regulation violated.
4. The right of the member to testify at the hearing.
5. The right of the member to bring witnesses to the hearing.
6. That the member is not entitled to be represented or to confront and cross-examine witnesses.

(Note: The authority of the House Committee is limited to this section. References to chapters or sections contained under "Disciplinary Proceedings" are incorrect. Disciplinary proceedings involving formal charges between members are not under the jurisdiction of the House Committee. Any questions concerning the responsibilities and authority of the House Committee should be directed to the office of the General Governor.)

Proposed: *The House Committee shall be responsible for maintaining decorum in an equitable manner for all members.* During all social functions, it is the duty of the House Committee to enforce and maintain proper decorum at all times. Participation in the social quarters of any lodge is a privilege and not a right of membership. This privilege is conditioned upon all persons conducting themselves, while in and about any social quarters, home or during activities sponsored by the lodge or House Committee, in a gentlemanly/ladylike and orderly manner. Any person, who fails to comply with this law, shall be denied the privileges of the social quarters or home at the discretion of the House Committee *which includes all social activities sponsored by the lodge.* The House Committee, upon receiving a complaint or on its own accord, shall investigate and take appropriate action regarding any alleged breach of decorum. Any member or guest may file a complaint with the House Committee concerning alleged misconduct occurring during a social function.

The authority of the House Committee to suspend the social quarters privileges of any member, after conducting a hearing, shall in no way affect the member's lodge or chapter membership status, including the member's right to attend official meetings. The House Committee may suspend a member's social privileges pending a hearing. The hearing may take place on the same day as the regular House Committee meeting, but shall be separate from the regular meeting. Separate minutes shall be taken for House Committee hearings.

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The House Committee may not fine a member, but may assess restitution for damages to lodge property against a lodge or chapter member. Damages assessed

against a lodge member are enforceable as set out in Section 46.19. Damages assessed against a chapter member shall be referred to the General Governor for further instructions. A lodge or chapter member's social privileges may be suspended pending payment of restitution for damages, or a lawful debt owed the House Committee (i.e., bad checks). Action taken by the House Committee of one lodge to suspend the social privileges of a member in that lodge or chapter shall not affect the member's social privileges in other lodges.

A House Committee hearing is an informal investigatory process. Any officer charged with a social quarters rule violation or who has a family member related by blood or marriage charged shall not participate in the determination of the charges. Any officer who has an interest in the outcome, which would prevent him from being fair and impartial, should not participate in the determination of the charges. Pending a hearing, the House Committee may suspend a member's social privileges. At least five (5) days prior to a hearing, (not counting the day of mailing or day of hearing) the member shall be given written notice of the following:

1. The date, time and location of the House Committee hearing.
2. A detailed statement of the alleged wrongful conduct, including the date and approximate time of the alleged incident, location, circumstances and other information sufficient for the accused to be apprised of the charge(s).
3. The rule or regulation violated.
4. The right of the member to testify at the hearing.
5. The right of the member to bring witnesses to the hearing.
6. That the member is not entitled to be represented or to confront and cross-examine witnesses.

(Note: The authority of the House Committee is limited to this section. References to chapters or sections contained under "Disciplinary Proceedings" are incorrect. Disciplinary proceedings involving formal charges between members are not under the jurisdiction of the House Committee. Any questions concerning the responsibilities and authority of the House Committee should be directed to the office of the General Governor.)

Proposed Amendment #67

Sec. 50.2 - Admission Regulations

Current:

1. All good standing members of the Order shall be admitted to the social quarters of any lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose unless his or her privileges have been suspended in accordance with the laws of the Order.
2. Only the following persons may be admitted as a "qualified guest" into the social quarters or home of any lodge of the Order:
 - a: A good standing lodge or chapter member's immediate family. (Note - There are no limits on the number of times a qualified family member may be admitted as a guest.)
 - b: The lady friend of a good standing lodge member or the gentleman friend of a good standing chapter member. (Note - There are no limits on the number of times a qualified lady friend or gentleman friend may be admitted as a guest.)

- c: As permitted by the House Committee, a prospective member of the lodge or of the chapter may be admitted subject to the following:
1. The prospective member is accompanied at all times by his or her sponsor.
 2. The prospective member is properly signed in as a guest.
 3. The prospective member shall not make purchases.
 4. The prospective member shall leave when his or her sponsor leaves.
 5. The prospective member shall be limited to two (2) visits.

A prospective member is any guest that is accompanied by a member who can sponsor them for membership in the Order.

3. All adult guests of members must be signed in as a guest and leave when the member leaves.
4. Only good standing members of the Order, whose good standing membership has been verified, are permitted to make purchases. Unless prohibited by local law, the sale of refreshments to qualified minor family guests is permitted. It is the responsibility of the House Committee to ensure that all persons entering the lodge home and social quarters are either good standing members or qualified guests. It is recommended that the House Committee adopt a method of distinguishing members and guests to prevent guests from inadvertently making purchases.
5. Members shall at all times be responsible for the conduct of their guests.
6. Gentlemanly/ladylike (orderly) conduct is required of all persons in the social quarters or home at all times.
7. The Supreme Council may adopt additional rules and regulations for the operation of social quarters by Moose lodges and these rules and regulations shall be effective as provided in the written action of the Supreme Council.
8. Each member of the Order shall submit proof of membership when requested by any member of the House Committee or its authorized person.
9. Using the social quarters for any lodge or chapter community service activity is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the General Governor.
10. The term "guest" includes non-member spouses. A member who is not in good standing (i.e., in arrears on payment of dues, but not dropped) shall not enter any lodge except to pay dues. A member not in good standing does not qualify to be admitted as a guest.

Proposed:

1. All *active* members of the Order shall be admitted to the social quarters of any lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose unless his or her privileges have been suspended in accordance with the laws of the Order.
2. Only the following persons may be admitted as a "qualified guest" into the social quarters or home of any lodge of the Order:
 - a: An *active* lodge or chapter member's immediate family. (Note - There are no limits on the number of times a qualified family member may be admitted as a guest *unless he or she qualifies as a prospective member of the person signing them into the social quarters.*)
 - b: The lady friend of an *active* lodge member or the gentleman friend of an *active* chapter member. (**Note:** There are no limits on the number of times a qualified lady friend or gentleman friend may be admitted as a guest.)

- c: *A prospective member is defined as any guest that is accompanied by a member who can sponsor them for membership in the Order. As permitted by the House Committee, a prospective member may be admitted subject to the following:*
1. The prospective member is accompanied at all times by his or her sponsor.
 2. The prospective member is properly signed in as a guest.
 3. The prospective member shall not make purchases.
 4. The prospective member shall leave when his or her sponsor leaves.
 5. The prospective member shall be limited to two (2) visits.
3. All adult guests of members must be signed in and leave when the member leaves.
 4. Only *active* members of the Order, whose *active* status has been verified, are permitted to make purchases. Unless prohibited by local law, the sale of refreshments to qualified minor family guests is permitted. It is the responsibility of the House Committee to ensure that all persons entering the lodge home and social quarters are either *active* members or qualified guests. It is recommended that the House Committee adopt a method of distinguishing members and guests to prevent guests from inadvertently making purchases.
 5. Members shall at all times be responsible for the conduct of their guests.
 6. Gentlemanly/ladylike (orderly) conduct is required of all persons in the social quarters or home at all times.
 7. The Supreme Council may adopt additional rules and regulations for the operation of social quarters by Moose lodges and these rules and regulations shall be effective as provided in the written action of the Supreme Council.
 8. Each member of the Order shall submit proof of membership when requested by any member of the House Committee or its authorized person.
 9. Using the social quarters for any lodge or chapter community service activity is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the General Governor.
- The term "guest" includes non-member spouses. A *member in expired status* shall not enter any lodge except to pay dues. An *expired* member does not qualify to be admitted as a guest.

Proposed Amendment #68

LIST OF REQUIRED DISPENSATIONS FROM THE GENERAL GOVERNOR

Current:

1. Acquire (by purchase or otherwise) any real estate.
2. Mortgage or sell real estate.
3. Construct or improve a building.
4. Lease real estate.
5. Adopt original lodge by-laws or amend by-laws to change the lodge's name.
6. Encumber assets and any other transaction affecting the lodge financial balance sheet, including the disposal of lodge assets. (Donations from a chapter of the Women of the Moose to its sponsoring lodge do not require a dispensation from

the General Governor, but the funds must be spent as directed if restricted or designated for a specific purpose.)

Note: 1-6 must be approved at a special meeting of the lodge membership. Seven (7) days written notice of the special meeting must be mailed to each good standing member of the lodge (see Section 42.3).

7. Purchase or lease equipment.. (Purchase of property or equipment in an amount less than \$5,000 does not require a dispensation, but does require approval of the membership.)
8. Borrow unsecured funds.
9. Invest funds into or withdraw funds from a savings account, C.D.'s, etc.
10. Establish and maintain a social quarters operation.
11. Acquire lodge credit card.
12. Creation or use of unofficial supplies, articles, items and clothing.
13. Use of Moose name, logo, emblem or insignia of the Order.
14. Anytime the lodge has an activity held off lodge premises, such as a trip to a ball game, family picnic, bus trips, etc. involving persons other than members and qualified guests (for insurance reasons).
15. The use of electronic recording devices at meetings, hearings, or other fraternal gatherings.
16. To run for office when a candidate is ineligible.
17. To establish savings accounts for lodge activity groups and committees.
18. To re-apply for membership within six months if rejected for membership.
19. To apply for membership or retain membership (convicted felon and registered sex offenders).
20. The use of lethal weapons at lodge sporting events or during a lodge activity.
21. To open and maintain a separate or special checking account.
22. For a chapter member to file formal disciplinary charges (not a House Committee complaint) against a lodge member and vice versa.
23. Institution and granting of a lodge charter.
24. Incorporation of a lodge.
25. Nominating officers from the floor at a lodge meeting.
26. Removal of a Jr. Past Governor from office.
27. Fundraising and community service activities not specifically authorized by the General Laws.
28. The using, renting or leasing of any lodge property by members or non-members not specifically authorized by the General Laws.
29. Conducting public bingo in any location other than the lodge hall.
30. Approval of association by-laws and amendments.
31. Purchase or leasing of equipment by associations in an amount exceeding \$5,000.
32. For persons other than the Administrator or paid employees to have keys to the lodge home, office or social quarters.
33. Publish a lodge newsletter. (Permission granted by the Publications Department).

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7. *Participate in Joint House Committee (approved by both lodge and chapter)*
NOTE: This is a three (3) year commitment by lodge and chapter.
8. *To vote on electronic notification for lodge mailings; if approved, special meeting notices can be sent via electronic mail.*

Note: 1-8 must be approved at a special meeting of the lodge membership. Seven (7) days written notice of the special meeting must be mailed to each *active* member of the lodge (see Section 42.3).

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All adult guests must be signed in the guest book and leave when the member leaves. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests. The term "guest" includes non-member spouses. A member not in good standing (i.e., in arrears on payment of dues but not dropped) may not enter any lodge, even as a guest.

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Before making a purchase each day, each member should display his or her membership card. Each member of the Order shall submit proof of membership when requested by any member of the House Committee or its authorized person. Approved applicants for membership, prior to enrollment and becoming a member shall not make purchases.

The House Committees must provide key cards to all good standing members of the lodge and chapter, if the lodge uses such a system. The House Committee may charge a reasonable fee to recoup the costs of the key cards.

Using the social quarters for any lodge or chapter community service activity is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from the general Governor.

These admission rules do not change the authority of the House Committee as provided by Sections 48.1 and 48.9 of the General Laws. Sections 28.8 and 50.3 provide information regarding suspended and expelled members, and undesirable individuals. Expelled members shall not enter any lodge or social quarters as a guest or otherwise except by dispensation of the General Governor.

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The House Committee determines social quarters hours. At the hours designated for closing, all persons shall vacate the social quarters. The admission of minors is subject to compliance with all local laws and according to rules established by the House Committee.

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Questions concerning the Private Policy should be directed to the General Governor. Phone: (630) 966-2207, Fax: (630)-966-2208, E-mail: sgreene@mooseintl.org

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