

VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION

July 2011

Virginia Moose Association Policy

Reference: Section 51.2 of the General Laws
Section 51.5 of the General Laws
Section 46.5 of the General Laws

Lodge Representative

In accordance with Chapter 51 of the General Laws, it is the policy of the Virginia Moose Association that the Lodge Governor and the Lodge Administrator are the Lodge Representatives for the purpose of representing the Lodge at all Association conventions, conferences, district meetings, workshops and training seminars as required by Section 51.5 of the General Laws.

Any Lodge in the Association that does not comply with this policy will be placed in a "Not in Good Standing" status in the Association.

Any lodge that is placed in a "Not in Good Standing" status in the Association will remain in that status until the Association at its discretion determines that the lodge will fully comply with this lodge representative policy and your lodge is represented at all required meetings.

The penalties for being "Not in Good Standing" are:

First Time Violation: Close Social Quarters for 7 consecutive days
Second Time Violation: Close Social Quarter for 14 consecutive days
Third Time Violation: The General Governor will determine the penalty

In addition to the above:

- (1) The Lodge will not receive a Fellowship Degree form
- (2) The Lodge cannot vote on matters before the Association
- (3) The Lodge cannot participate in the Association sporting events
- (4) Other penalties as determined appropriate by the Association that are within the authority of the Association under the General Laws

All requests to be excused as the Lodge Representative at Virginia Moose

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Associations conventions, conferences, meetings and events shall be submitted with justification to **either the President of the Virginia Moose Association or the State Regional Manager. Both of which are granted authority to approve or not approve any request be be excused.**

In any instance where the Lodge Governor or the Lodge Administrator are properly excused as the Lodge Representatives; the Lodge shall select an Alternate Representative. The Alternate Representative selected by the Lodge shall be an elected officer of the current Lodge Board of Officers, **or when necessary, the lodge shall select any active member to serve as an alternate representative.**

Allowing some lodges to not comply with the requirements of Section 51.5 would be unfair to the lodges working hard each day to obey our laws and policies. Therefore, it is only fair and reasonable that penalties be incurred by those Lodges not in compliance with the General Laws.

This Policy replaces and supersedes the Virginia Moose Association Policy, Lodge Representative, dated July 2009.

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