

Moose Legion Code of Rules

Approved Changes

Effective: November 1, 2011

Existing:

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Corrects spelling of word “supersede” and removes word “may” on 5th line which is not necessary as this would in fact supersede current rules if used.

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demonstrated required leadership abilities.

He must successfully complete an authorized Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) within one(1) year prior to assuming office and recertify every fiscal year during his term of office.

Adds the requirement the Area Manager be as current with training (and thus rules and policies, etc.) as the Ambassadors and Directors he is overseeing.

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3.3 - Ambassador - The term of office for an International Moose Legion Ambassador shall begin with his installation during the International Moose Convention and end with the installation of his successor at a subsequent International Moose Convention, provided his is a term of satisfactory service. An Ambassador' s term may be ended sooner at the recommendation of a Moose Legion Area Manager.

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- b. **He must have successfully completed an authorized Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) within one (1) year prior to assuming office.**

Sets and puts a recent time frame on the requirement so that attendance several years earlier is not sufficient – the training must have been recent and thus up to date as with the Area Managers above.

Existing:

4.4 - Educational Conferences –

(Third paragraph)

A Moose Legion Secretary shall attend and successfully complete prescribed Moose Legion educational course offerings as a condition of being certified by the International Moose Legion Council. A certified Secretary may be re-certified by the International Moose Legion Council every two (2) years. As part of this re-certification, a Secretary must attend a Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) during this two (2) year period.

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Specifies the intended course name being referred to.

Existing:

8.1 - Purchase of Life Membership - Any good standing Moose Legionnaire may purchase a life membership in his Moose Legion by remitting the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to Moose International. Moose International shall retain one-half and remit one-half to the Moose Legion jurisdiction in which the member is purchasing a life membership.

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8.1 - Purchase of Life Membership - Any **active status** Moose Legionnaire may purchase a life membership in his Moose Legion by remitting the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars to Moose International. Moose International shall retain one-half and remit one-half to the Moose Legion jurisdiction in which the member is purchasing a life membership.

Updates the reference of a member being in good standing to the current used designation of “active status”

Existing:

8.2 - Conferral of Life Membership - Moose International

shall issue a life membership to any Moose Legionnaire that has fifty (50) years or more of continuous membership in the Moose Legion. Life members of all Moose Legions are amenable to all Laws of the Order and the Moose Legion Code of Rules, except the payment of dues. Life memberships are transferable to another Moose Legion upon payment of a fifty (\$50) dollar acceptance fee. In addition, a transfer fee of ten (\$10) dollars is required to start the transfer process for all life members. Life membership for those having fifty (50) years of continuous service are only subject to the \$10.00 transfer fee. The reporting and approval/disapproval of a live member transfer is the same as described in Chapter 9.

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8.2 - Conferral of Life Membership - Moose International shall issue a life membership card to a Moose Legionnaire if Moose International records show that the member meets one of the following qualifications;

- (1) The Moose Legionnaire has fifty (50) years or more of continuous membership in the Moose Legion.
- (2) The Moose Legionnaire has paid dues in advance equal to 50 years of membership.
- (3) The Moose Legionnaire has attained 250 Moose Legion membership units, as reported on LCL.net.

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Brings Code of Rules in line with protocol established in the General Laws for lodge members and paralleling the incentive to sponsor members.

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The annually elected officers are the President, Vice-President, Chaplain, Financial Director and Fraternal Director. All annually elected officers, as well as the Junior Past President, shall serve for a term of one (1) year. The Secretary is elected for a term of satisfactory service. No annually elected officer is eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one office, unless authorized by the International Moose Legion. Each officer shall serve until his successor is elected and installed.

Only one (1) annually elected members of the Board of Directors is allowed from each Lodge in the jurisdiction during the same term (providing the Moose Legion has that number of Lodges), unless authorized in writing by the International Moose Legion Director. Nominations from the floor or by petition are prohibited. (Exception: The International Moose Legion Director may issue a dispensation for nominations from the floor only for an office for which there were no nominees.)

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Only two (2) annually elected members of the Board of Directors are allowed from each Lodge in the jurisdiction during the same term (providing the Moose Legion has at least three (3) Lodges). Nominations from the floor or by petition are prohibited. (Exception: The International Moose Legion Director may issue a dispensation for nominations from the floor only for an office for which there were no nominees.)

1) Removes wording about “preceding May 1st” – to allow for assuming office at a time during the fiscal year to fill a vacancy.

2) Changes the mandate from not more than one “elected director” from any one lodge to not more than two “elected directors” and will eliminate the most common dispensation requested and routinely authorized over the past several years.

Existing:

11.7 - Eligibility of Officers - The following eligibility rules apply to all Moose Legions except those newly instituted:

- a. A Moose Legionnaire is eligible for an elected office after he has been a member of that Moose Legion for a period of six (6) months preceding May 1 of the year of his election. He must also have successfully completed an authorized Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) within two (2) years prior to assuming office. The International Moose Legion Director may issue a dispensation waiving one or both of these requirements.
- b. A Moose Legionnaire is eligible for the office of President after he has completed at least one (1) year in another elected office of the Moose Legion in which he seeks office. He must have successfully completed an authorized Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) within two (2) years prior to assuming office. For compelling reasons, the International Moose Legion Director may issue a dispensation waiving this requirement.

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“a” Removal of this wording allows for the case of assuming office at any time during the fiscal year to fill a vacancy.

“b” Clean up (removal) of duplicated wording – already covered in “a” above.

Existing:

11.9 - Vacancy -With approval of the Board of Directors, the President (or qualified presiding officer), may declare an office vacant when:

e. If the President of the Moose Legion fails to perform his duties under any or all of the items listed above, the Jr. Past President may declare his office vacant with approval of the Board and order the vacancy filled as provided by the Code of Rules. If the Jr. Past President is not in active status, the Fraternal Director performs this duty. (add wording in case of the absence of the President)

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Removal of previous “editing note” that should not have been printed in the book.

Removal of unnecessary wording “by the officeholder ” would be understood.

Existing:

12.7 - Lodge Moose Legion Committee - He shall have responsibility for an active Moose Legion Committee in each lodge within the jurisdiction and shall personally visit each Lodge during his term of office. He will concentrate on those Lodges who do not currently have an active Moose Legion Committee by meeting with the Lodge Board of Officers. Through instruction and encouragement, he shall ensure activities are being held for Moose Legionnaires and their families on a regular basis at the Lodge level.

He shall encourage participation in Moose Legion Celebrations and other jurisdiction activities. He shall properly compile each Lodge visitation report and send the report to the International Moose Legion Ambassador on the form required by the International Moose Legion.

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12.7--Lodge Moose Legion Committee - He shall have responsibility for an active Moose Legion Committee in each Lodge within the jurisdiction and shall **ensure that each Lodge Moose Legion Committee meeting is attended at least once by either himself or a member of the Board of Directors** during his term of office. **He will have the sole responsibility of delegating which Lodge Moose Legion Committee meetings are attended by himself or another member of the Board of Directors as established during a planning meeting by the entire Board of Directors.**

He will concentrate on those Lodges who do not currently have an active Moose Legion Committee by **having a meeting, including either himself or a representative from the Board of Directors** with the Lodge Board of Officers. Through instruction and encouragement, he shall ensure activities are being held for Moose Legionnaires and their families on a regular basis at the Lodge level.

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This changes the sole responsibility of visiting lodges and promoting the program from lying only on the President to authorize the President to delegate other board members the additional responsibility to visit lodge committees and assist in promoting the jurisdiction's programs while still maintaining that the President has the overall

responsibility to see to it that it happens. It also sets the standard that all directors are to file a report on said visits, the President is to review and forward them to the Ambassador.

Existing:

13.5 - Membership Records –

(second paragraph)

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Corrects “good standing” to “active status”

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24.4 - Celebrations - Celebrations shall be held at least four (4) times a year, on a quarterly basis: one (1) of which shall be held during the period of March 15 - April 30 each year, designated as the Annual Celebration. Quarterly Celebrations shall be designated as Annual, Summer, Fall and Winter Celebrations. The Annual Celebration shall include an annual report of the Board of Directors, Election of Board of Directors, and any other official business. All attendees at scheduled

Celebrations shall register and pay the required registration fee. All committees and the Board of Directors shall also meet at this time. Celebrations should include family activities for the Moose Legionnaire in good standing and his family (those not currently eligible for membership in the Degree of Service) residing in his household. Conferral ceremonies for new Moose Legionnaires, conducted in accordance with the Code of Rules, are encouraged at any official meeting of the Moose Legion.

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Changes time frame for annual meetings – opening time frame up on front end of period allowed from what was March 15th to March 1st. Also cleans up wording of “good standing” to “active status”.

Existing:

24.7 - Admission to Meetings, Celebrations or Activities

- With the exception of qualified Moose members who have submitted an application for membership and are appearing for conferral during that Celebration, Moose members who are not an active status Moose Legionnaires shall not attend business sessions or social functions of the Moose Legion. A woman accompanying a good standing Moose Legionnaire may attend Moose Legion Celebrations and Lodge Moose Legion Committee social functions. They may be present during the Conferral Ceremony, but may not attend any Moose Legion business sessions.

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Simply more clean up of “good standing” vs “active status”.

Existing:

30.2 - Authorized Medals - A qualified Moose Legionnaire is entitled to wear the following:

- a. Past President [Past North Moose] — A medal suspended on a purple ribbon and purchased through the Moose International Catalog Sales Department.
- b. International Ritual Champion — A medal suspended on a purple ribbon earned by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an annual International Moose Legion Ritual Competition.
- c. Moose Legion Medal of Honor — A medal suspended on a red ribbon honoring the Moose Legionnaire for earning fifty (50) membership units.

All medals shall be worn on the left breast of a jacket or suit coat. When medals are worn on the official Moose Legion blazer or the blazer of the higher degrees, a maximum of three (3) are permitted, with the center medal directly below the left breast patch.

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(a., b. and c. remain as is)

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This instruction clarifies proper placement of medals being in a horizontal line vs. vertical or staggered in any way

Existing:

CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have carefully inspected this edition of the Code of Rules for the government of the Moose Legion, which supercedes and replaces all prior editions as approved by the International Moose Legion Council and adopted by the Supreme Council.

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Corrects spelling of word “supersedes” and establishes new current effective date for these revisions if approved.

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Bruce J Berger
International Moose Legion President

new:

Paul W Curtis
International Moose Legion President

Updates signature page depicting current International President.