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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 121st International Convention
Chicago, Illinois

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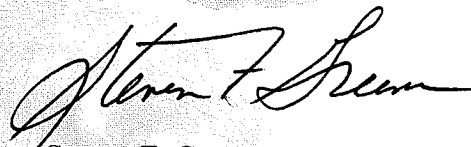
Dear Brother Administrator:

In compliance with Article XII of the Constitution and Section 14.2 of the General Laws of the Loyal Order of Moose, notice is hereby given that the Judiciary Committee and Supreme Council are recommending the enclosed proposed amendments for adoption to *The General Laws and Constitution and By-laws of Moose International and the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose*. The proposed amendments will be voted on at the upcoming 121st International Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

The proposed amendments are intended to update new procedures and increase membership. The proposed amendments should be prominently posted in your lodge. If you have any questions concerning the proposed amendments, please call the General Governor's office at (630) 966-2207 or e-mail me at sgreene@mooseintl.org. In addition, your questions can be addressed at the International Convention at our booth.

Thank you for all you are doing for the fraternity. We are looking forward to a great convention in Chicago and hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours,



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Enclosure

**Proposed Amendments to the General Laws
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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: To make the transition to the word “active” members, all references will be stated as “good standing (active) members”. This change will occur in 33 sections of the General Laws.

Proposed Amendment #2

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 Operating Officer, 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 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 Amendment #3

Sec. 10.4 - Proceedings

Current: The proceedings of the International Convention shall be kept. The official record shall be published and mailed to each lodge, and to any Past Governor or Representative in attendance who makes a written request prior to the close of the convention.

Proposed: The proceedings of the International Convention shall be kept. The official record shall be published and provided to each lodge, and to any Past Governor or Representative in attendance who makes a written request prior to the close of the convention.

Proposed Amendment #4

Section 19.2 (f) – Specific Powers

Current: 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 professional and trained assistants. No contract shall be entered into in connection therewith except by expressed authority of the Supreme Council.

Proposed: (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.

Proposed Amendment #5

Section 20.1 (e) – Duties

Current: (e) Appoint deputies and assistants as approved by the Supreme Council.

Proposed: Delete (e) in its entirety.

Proposed Amendment #6

Chapter 21 – Treasurer

Current: The Treasurer shall perform the duties of Treasurer for the corporation known as Moose International, and duties usually performed by the treasurers of similar corporations. The Treasurer shall, immediately upon request of the Supreme Council, present all his books and papers to that body, or their authorized representatives, for examination. The Treasurer shall also perform duties as directed and authorized by the Director General or Supreme Council.

Proposed: **Sec. 21.1 – Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer** - The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer shall perform the duties of Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer for the corporation known as Moose International, and duties usually performed by the treasurers of similar corporations. The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer shall, immediately upon request of the Supreme Council, present all his books and papers to that body, or their authorized representatives, for examination. The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer shall also perform duties as directed and authorized by the Director General or Supreme Council.

Proposed Amendment #7

Sec. 21.2 - Audit and Budget

Current: At least annually, upon the approval of the Director General and the Supreme Council, the Treasurer and/or chief financial officer is granted power and authority to employ the services of a certified public accounting firm to audit the books and records of Moose International, any subsidiary corporation, the Supreme Lodge, and all departments, degrees, or units, acting under the authority of Moose International, or the Supreme Lodge. All related or subsidiary foundations, endowment funds, trust funds, and corporations shall cause similar audits of their books and records. The report of the auditors shall be made to the Supreme Council and printed in the proceedings of each Annual International Convention.

The Treasurer and/or chief financial officer shall, upon the direction of the Director General and the Supreme Council, prepare annually detailed budgets covering anticipated receipts and expenditures of Moose International and all its designated departments, to be made during the succeeding year. The budgets shall include the anticipated receipts and expenditures of all units, degrees, auxiliaries and all other bodies or departments operating under the authority of Moose International, or the Supreme Lodge.

The Treasurer and/or chief financial officer shall appoint assistants and clerks as approved by the Director General.

Proposed: At least annually, upon the approval of the Director General and the Supreme Council, the Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer is granted power and authority to employ the services of a certified public accounting firm to audit the books and records of Moose International, any subsidiary corporation, the Supreme Lodge, and all departments, degrees, or units, acting under the authority of Moose International, or the Supreme Lodge. All related or subsidiary foundations, endowment funds, trust funds, and corporations shall cause similar audits of their books and records. The report of the auditors shall be made to the Supreme Council and printed in the proceedings of each Annual International Convention.

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The Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer shall appoint assistants and clerks as approved by the Director General.

Proposed Amendment #8

Section 23.1 – General Duties

Current: The General Governor shall perform duties as required by the Director General, the laws of the Order and the Supreme Council. He shall pass upon proposed by-laws of lodges and approve them when consistent with the laws of the Order. He shall hear and decide complaints and questions of law submitted to him in writing by good standing members of the Order. His decisions shall be final and in full effect unless and until reversed upon appeal as

provided by the General Laws. He shall pass upon all requests for dispensations required by the General Laws.

Proposed: The General Governor shall perform duties as required by the Director General, the laws of the Order and the Supreme Council. **He shall review proposed by-laws of lodges and approve them when consistent with the laws of the Order.** He shall hear and decide complaints and questions of law submitted to him in writing by good standing members of the Order. His decisions shall be final and in full effect unless and until reversed upon appeal as provided by the General Laws. **He shall review all requests for dispensations required by the General Laws.**

Proposed Amendment #9

Section 24.11 – (b) – Procedure of Appeals

Current: (b) Within forty five (45) days of the filing of the written notice of appeal, the appealing party or parties shall file with the Clerk of the Supreme Forum a statement briefly stating the questions involved, how the decision, order or judgment is in error, any relevant exhibits. The Supreme Forum may elect not to consider any alleged error not specified in the statement.

Proposed: (b) Within forty five (45) days of the filing of the written notice of appeal, the appealing party or parties shall file with the Clerk of the Supreme Forum a statement briefly stating the questions involved, how the decision, order or judgment is in error, and any relevant exhibits. The Supreme Forum may elect not to consider any alleged error not specified in the statement.

Proposed Amendment #10

Section 26.2 – Dispensation for Charter

Current: A lodge shall not be instituted until a dispensation in proper form is issued by the General Governor and placed in the possession of the duly authorized representative of the charter applicants.

Proposed: A lodge shall not be instituted until a dispensation in proper form is issued by the General Governor and presented to the duly authorized representative of the charter applicants.

Proposed Amendment #11

Section 26.6 – Institution Report

Current: Within five (5) days after the institution of a lodge, the authorized representative instituting the same shall forward to the General Governor a proper institution report. The report shall contain the names and addresses of the officers appointed.

Proposed: Within five (5) days after the institution of a lodge, the authorized representative instituting the same shall forward to the General Governor a proper institution report, complete with regional information.

Proposed Amendment #12

Section 28.1 – (2) (4) & (5) Qualifications of Membership

Current: (2). Be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.

Proposed: (2). Be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Current: (4) Never have been convicted of a felony, unless; the conviction has been expunged, the conviction has been vacated by unconditional pardon or a dispensation waiving this requirement has been obtained from the General Governor.

Proposed: (4) Not be a registered sex offender or convicted felon, unless the conviction has been expunged, the conviction has been vacated by unconditional pardon or a dispensation waiving this requirement has been obtained from the General Governor.

Current: (5) Be of good moral character, physically able to attend an enrollment and mentally capable of understanding its meaning.

Proposed: (5) Be of good moral character.

NOTE: Same changes proposed for Women of the Moose membership requirements.

Proposed Amendment #13

Section 28.2 – Application for Lodge Membership

Current: Each person applying for membership in a lodge must be sponsored by another good standing member of a lodge. Another good standing member of the lodge to which the applicant is making application must also endorse the applicant. An applicant must properly complete and sign an official membership application on the form provided by Moose International, as authorized by the Supreme Council. Both the sponsor and endorser must sign the application. The application together with the answers thereto, shall be a part of the condition of membership between the member and the lodge.

The answers made to the questions contained in the application shall be warranties, and if any answer is materially false, incomplete or incorrect, it may cause forfeiture of all rights and privileges as a member of the Moose Fraternity, unless a special dispensation is granted by the General Governor (i.e., prior felony conviction). If any applicant is elected or enrolled into any lodge in violation of this section, he shall be dropped from the rolls of the lodge, subject to the right of appeal as set out in Section 60.1. Convicted felons not receiving a special dispensation to retain their membership shall be expelled from the Order.

Proposed: Each person applying for membership in a lodge must be sponsored by another good standing (active) member of a lodge. Another good standing (active) member of the lodge to which the applicant is making application must also endorse the applicant. An applicant must properly complete and sign an official membership application on the form provided by Moose International, as authorized by the Supreme Council. Both the sponsor and endorser must sign

the application. The completed application will be a part of the condition of membership between the member and the lodge.

The answers within the application shall be warranties, and if any answer is materially false, incomplete or incorrect, it may cause forfeiture of all rights and privileges as a member of the Moose Fraternity, unless a special dispensation is granted by the General Governor (i.e., prior felony conviction). If any applicant is elected or enrolled into any lodge in violation of this section, he shall be dropped from the rolls of the lodge, subject to the right of appeal as set out in Section 60.1. Convicted felons and registered sex offenders not receiving a special dispensation to retain their membership shall be expelled from the Order.

Proposed Amendment #14

Section 28.3 – Application Review Committee

Current: Every applicant for membership shall be referred to a committee of at least three (3) members appointed by the Governor of the lodge. The Application Review Committee shall conduct a thorough investigation of the applicant from public records and other non-privileged sources and file a written report to the Board of Officers containing their finding, either favorable or unfavorable. When the Application Review Committee reports unfavorably on an applicant for membership, the Governor or presiding officer shall declare him rejected without the formality of a vote. Unless authorized by the General Governor, a rejected applicant cannot again be proposed for membership until after the expiration of a period of six (6) months from the date of the rejection. If the report of the Application Review Committee is favorable, the applicant shall be voted on in the manner provided by Section 28.4. A majority of the Application Review Committee reporting is sufficient.

Proposed: Every applicant for membership shall be referred to a committee appointed by the Governor of the lodge. The Application Review Committee shall conduct a thorough investigation of the applicant from public records and other non-privileged sources and file a written report to the Board of Officers containing their finding, either favorable or unfavorable. When the Application Review Committee reports unfavorably on an applicant for membership, the Governor or presiding officer shall declare him rejected without the formality of a vote. Unless authorized by the General Governor, a rejected applicant cannot again be proposed for membership until after the expiration of a period of six (6) months from the date of the rejection. If the report of the Application Review Committee is favorable, the applicant shall be voted on in the manner provided by Section 28.4. A majority of the Application Review Committee reporting is sufficient.

Proposed Amendment #15

Section 28.5 – Rejection by Lodge Vote

Current: When an applicant for membership is voted on and does not receive a favorable vote, he shall be declared rejected. When an applicant has been voted on and appears to have been rejected, the Governor may immediately upon his own motion, or the request of any member, declare another vote at the same meeting. When more than one (1) applicant has been rejected, the Governor shall require another vote immediately and the applicants shall be voted on in small groups or individually. A rejected applicant cannot be proposed for membership again until after the expiration of six (6) months from the date of rejection, except by special dispensation from the General Governor.

Proposed: When an applicant for membership is voted on and does not receive a favorable vote, he shall be declared rejected. When an applicant has been voted on and appears to have been rejected, the Governor may immediately upon his own motion, or the request of any member, declare another vote at the same meeting. When more than one (1) applicant has been rejected, the Governor shall require another vote immediately and the applicants shall be voted on in small groups or individually.

Proposed Amendment #16

Section 28.6 – Effect of Lodge Rejection

Current: An applicant rejected for any cause, cannot be elected or enrolled into any lodge of this Order except the one in which he first made application, unless the lodge from which he was rejected, upon proper request, gives its written consent. Any applicant who becomes a member in violation of this rule shall, upon discovery, be immediately dropped from the rolls.

Proposed: Delete entire section.

Proposed Amendment #17

Section 28.7 – Orientation and Enrollment of a Lodge Member

Current: A person cannot legally become a member of any lodge until he has been enrolled into the lodge in the manner and form required by the Supreme Council. New members shall participate in an orientation or receive orientation materials as required by Moose International. Unless required by Moose International, a former member, previously enrolled into any lodge in the manner and form required by the Supreme Council, may re-enroll without the necessity of additional orientation or enrollment. If a lodge enrolls candidates by use of the authorized enrollment ritual ceremony, approved applicants, their ladies, immediate family members, members in good standing of the Order, guest speakers and special guests may be permitted by the lodge to attend the enrollment ceremony according to rules and regulations adopted by the Supreme Council.

Proposed: A person cannot legally become a member of any lodge until he has been enrolled into the lodge in the manner and form required by the Supreme Council.

Proposed Amendment #18

Section 28.9 – Multiple Memberships

Current: When the new technology at Moose International is implemented, any good standing lodge member may hold membership in more than one lodge at the same time. A member holding memberships in more than one lodge shall be entitled to vote in any lodge in which he is in good standing. With dispensation from the General Governor, a member may hold office in more than one lodge at the same time. Lodge members may participate in ritual teams of one or more lodges according to policies established by Moose International.

Proposed: Any good standing (active) lodge member may hold membership in more than one lodge at the same time. A member holding memberships in more than one lodge shall be entitled to vote in any lodge in which he is in good standing (active). With dispensation from the General Governor, a member may hold office in more than one lodge at the same time.

Proposed Amendment #19

Section 29.1 – Enrollment/Introductory Fee

Current: A fee in an amount determined by Moose International shall accompany each application for membership. The fee shall become known as the Enrollment Fee or Introductory Fee. The Enrollment Fee, or Introductory Fee (which upon enrollment may include the first year's dues, as determined by the Supreme Council), shall contain an amount approved by the Supreme Council to be remitted to or retained by Moose International.

Proposed: **Section 29.1 – Application Fee** – A refundable fee in an amount determined by the Supreme Council shall accompany each application for membership. The fee shall become known as the Application Fee.

Proposed Amendment #20

Section 29.2 – Fee Forfeited

Current: The fee paid by an applicant for membership in a lodge may be declared (by either the lodge or Moose International) forfeited if the applicant fails to appear for enrollment within ninety (90) days after written notice to him of the time and place designated for enrollment. Until the applicant is enrolled in accordance with the laws of the Order, no fees paid shall be considered dues. In accordance with Moose International policy, all or a portion of the fee may be refunded to the applicant if a written request is made to Moose International. No fee shall be refunded after enrollment.

Proposed: (Delete entire section)

Proposed Amendment #21

Section 30.2 – Annual Dues

Current: Each member of a lodge shall, after payment of the Introductory Fee, thereafter 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.

Annual membership dues shall be waived for any member who has been admitted to and is residing at Moosehaven. A Moosehaven resident shall be issued an annual membership card.

The per capita amount and dues for a member residing at Moosehaven shall only be waived while he or she is actually residing at Moosehaven.

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.

Proposed Amendment #22

Section 30.3 – A.B.C. Dollar Account

Current: The General Governor may require a lodge to maintain a separate bank account known as the ABCD Account. Withdrawals shall contain the signatures of the authorized representative of Moose International and the Administrator, unless other arrangements are made with the General Governor. Unless otherwise approved in writing by the General Governor, the lodge Administrator shall deposit to this account all ABCD portion of dues, membership fees, and endowment funds or other charitable or philanthropic collections which are for the benefit of the fraternity. All ABCD and membership fees, endowment funds or other related collections shall be remitted as directed by Moose International. Electronic transfers shall be permitted if approved by the General Governor.

Proposed: (Delete entire section)

Proposed Amendment #23

Section 30.4 – When Dues Credited

Current: Terms for dues shall be annual. Dues paid by a member shall be credited as of the date the dues are posted by the Lodge Administrator, Moose International or its authorized representative. Upon receipt by Moose International, an entitled member shall be issued a membership card. Prior to enrollment, new members shall pay dues for at least the next year. However, new members shall not be required to pay dues for the balance of the month in which they are enrolled. All memberships shall begin from the date of compliance with Section 28.7.

Proposed: Terms for dues shall be annual. Dues paid by a member will be credited as of the date the dues are posted by the Lodge Administrator. **Moose International will issue a membership card on behalf of the lodge to each member upon notice of enrollment or receipt of dues payment.**

Proposed Amendment #24

Section 30.5 – Non-payment of Dues

Current: Every member shall be in arrears after the expiration date of his dues and becomes a member not in good standing. A member in arrears shall not be entitled to any privileges of membership, including but not limited to: 1) attending fraternal meetings, 2) attending association meetings or social functions, 3) enjoying the privileges of any social quarters or home, or 4) participating in any fraternal gatherings or activities. It is the member's responsibility to know the date his dues will become delinquent. A member's failure to receive notice of his dues or arrearages shall not release him from his responsibility to pay his dues on or before the dues expiration date. Moose International or the Lodge Administrator shall drop from the rolls any member in arrears after the expiration of twelve (12) months.

Proposed: Every member will be in arrears after the expiration date of his dues. A member in arrears shall not be entitled to any privileges of membership, nor be considered a qualified guest. It is the member's responsibility to know the date his dues will become delinquent. A member's failure to receive notice of his dues or arrearages shall not release him from his responsibility to pay his dues on or before the dues expiration date. A member in arrears shall be dropped from the rolls after the expiration of twelve (12) months.

Proposed Amendment #25

Section 30.6 – Reinstatement of Member

Current; An expired member is a member in arrears on the payment of his dues but has not been dropped from the rolls. An expired member may pay his dues and reinstate into the lodge from which he was dropped or reinstate into General Assembly. After an expired member is dropped (at the end of 12 months), the member has twelve (12) months from the date he is dropped (twenty-four (24) months total from the expiration date of his last membership card) to reinstate into the lodge from which he was dropped or reinstate into General Assembly by paying all past and current dues. 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. As authorized by Section 19.2 (o), General Assembly is a lodge of special jurisdiction operated and governed according to rules and regulations approved by the Supreme Council.

Proposed: An expired member is a member in arrears on the payment of his dues but has not been dropped from the rolls. An expired member may pay his dues and reinstate into the lodge from which he was dropped or reinstate into General Assembly. After an expired member is dropped (at the end of 12 months), the member has twelve (12) months from the date he is dropped (twenty-four (24) months total from the expiration date of his last membership card) to reinstate into the lodge from which he was dropped or reinstate into General Assembly by paying all past and current dues.

Proposed Amendment #26

Add New Section 30.7 – Re-enrollment

Proposed: 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.

By reinstating, a member retains his prior years of service to the fraternity. If a member re-enrolls (vs. reinstating) the member loses all prior years of service to the fraternity.

Proposed Amendment #27

Section 31.1 – Purchase of Life Membership

Current: Any good standing lodge member may purchase a life membership in his lodge by paying to Moose International the sum of six hundred (\$600.00) dollars, one-half of which shall be retained by Moose International and one-half remitted to the member's lodge.

Proposed: Any good standing (active) lodge member may purchase a life membership in his lodge by paying to Moose International the sum of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars, one-half of which shall be retained by Moose International and one-half remitted to the member's lodge.

Proposed Amendment #28

Section 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. A lodge shall not give a life membership to a member as a gratuity.

Proposed: 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 Amendment #29

Section 32.1 – Issuance of a Request for Transfer

Current: A request for transfer shall be completed by the Administrator of the lodge receiving the transferring member, upon receipt of:

1. A completed application, the same as for a new member, for transfer into the lodge.
2. A five (\$5.00) dollar transfer fee deposited with the Administrator of the lodge receiving the transferring member.

The Administrator shall deliver the Request for Transfer to the member's current lodge. The transferring member's current lodge shall have fourteen (14) calendar days to object to the transfer for the reasons set out in Section 32.2. An initial objection may be made by telephone, but must be followed up in writing within the fourteen (14) calendar days.

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.

The transferring member's *current* lodge shall be notified and have (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 #30

Section 32.2 – Objections to Transfer

Current: The transferring member's current lodge may only object to the transfer for the following reasons:

1. The member is not in good standing.
2. Disciplinary charges are pending against the member (does not include actions of the House Committee).
3. The member has not paid all fines, assessments and other charges levied against him by the lodge.

Proposed: **Section 32.2 – Rejection of Transfer** – Rejected applicants will remain a member of the current lodge and may not apply for transfer for a period of six (6) months unless granted dispensation by the General Governor.

Proposed Amendment #31

Section 32.3 – Acceptance of Transfers

Current: At the end of fourteen (14) days, if no objection has been expressed and if the receiving lodge has complied with Section 28.3 (Lodge Application Review Committee), the lodge shall present the transfer application at the next open lodge meeting for acceptance by the lodge's membership in accordance with Section 28.4 (voting on lodge applicants). If the vote is favorable, the member shall immediately become a member of the receiving lodge (except for life members - see Section 31.4 regarding additional fees to be paid).

Proposed: (Delete entire section)

Proposed Amendment #32

Section 32.4 – Notification of Transfer Acceptance

Current: The receiving lodge's Administrator shall immediately notify the Administrator of the member's former lodge of the transfer acceptance. Upon receipt of a notification of acceptance, the Administrator of the member's former lodge shall immediately forward to the member's new lodge all correspondence and membership records pertaining to the transferred member, retaining copies of all items sent in the records of the originating lodge. The receiving lodge's Administrator shall report the transfer to Moose International on his next Weekly Supreme Lodge Report. Membership in the Order shall remain continuous and the transferring member's date of enrollment shall not change.

Proposed: (Delete entire section).

Proposed Amendment #33

Section 33.4 – Nominating by Petition

Current: Any member nominated by the Nominating Committee who declines the nomination may not later petition for the office to which he was nominated. However, any eligible member of the lodge who has submitted his name for a specific office, but not nominated by the Nominating Committee, who still desires to be a nominee for that specific office shall have his name placed upon the official ballot of the lodge by the petition and signatures of ten (10) per cent of the first five hundred (500) members plus five (5) per cent of the membership of the lodge in excess of five hundred (500). All members signing the petition must be in good standing and not in arrears for dues at the time of signing the petition. The petition shall not be signed by anyone prior to the report of the Nominating Committee. The petition must contain the member's printed name, Moose membership identification number, signature and the date he signed it. The properly completed petition must be delivered to the Administrator at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

Proposed: Any member nominated by the Nominating Committee who declines the nomination may not later petition for the office to which he was nominated. However, any eligible member of the lodge who has submitted his name for a specific office, but not nominated by the Nominating Committee, who still desires to be a nominee for that specific office shall have his name placed upon the official ballot of the lodge by the petition and signatures of ten (10) per cent of the first five hundred (500) members plus five (5) per cent of the membership of the lodge in excess of five hundred (500). **All members signing the petition must be in good standing (active) at the time of signing the petition.** The petition shall not be signed by anyone prior to the report of the Nominating Committee. The petition must contain the member's printed name, Moose membership identification number, signature and the date he signed it. The properly completed petition must be delivered to the Administrator at least one (1) week before the date of the election.

Proposed Amendment #34

Section 33.5 – Eligibility of Officers

Current: Only members, whose dues are paid and in good standing in the lodge, may be considered for any office. Eligibility requirements for lodge offices are as follows:

Proposed: **Only members 21 years or older who are in good standing (active) in the lodge, may be considered for any office.** Eligibility requirements for lodge offices are as follows:

Proposed Amendment #35

Section 33.8 – Voting

Current: Only members who have their dues paid up to or beyond the date of the election and physically present are eligible to vote for the election of officers. The candidate for each office receiving a majority (if there are two (2) candidates) or a plurality (three (3) or more candidates) of "yes" votes cast shall be declared elected. "No" votes are not counted. If there is only one (1) candidate for each office, the lodge may dispense with the necessity of paper ballot and conduct the election by using the voting sign of the Order. If the annual election of officers is to be by use of the voting sign of the Order, the lodge must vote to approve this method at a general membership meeting prior to the election. At special elections, the members present and voting may unanimously select to use the voting sign of the Order but if a member objects, the lodge must conduct the election by paper ballot.

Proposed: **Only members in good standing (active) in membership and physically present are eligible to vote for the election of officers.** The candidate for each office receiving a majority (if there are two (2) candidates) or a plurality (three (3) or more candidates) of "yes" votes cast shall be declared elected. "No" votes are not counted. If there is only one (1) candidate for each office, the lodge may dispense with the necessity of paper ballot and conduct the election by using the voting sign of the Order. If the annual election of officers is to be by use of the voting sign of the Order, the lodge must vote to approve this method at a general membership meeting prior to the election. At special elections, the members present and voting may unanimously select to use the voting sign of the Order but if a member objects, the lodge must conduct the election by paper ballot.

Proposed Amendment #36

Section 33.9 – Installation

Current: The Junior Past Governor (who served as Junior Past Governor during the past year) shall be the installing officer of his lodge. He shall install all duly elected officers at the last meeting in April each year or at a special installation ceremony approved by the lodge Board of Officers to be held prior to April 30. All officers shall take office as of midnight, April 30, unless the lodge has been notified by Moose International that it is not in good standing. A lodge requiring a Certificate of Good Standing shall make a written request to the Regional Manager. If the lodge is in good standing with the association, the Regional Manager shall contact the General Governor and request a Certificate of Good Standing be issued to the lodge. If for any reason the Junior Past Governor is unable or unwilling to act, any Past Governor of the Order appointed by the Governor-elect may conduct the installation ceremonies. All officers, elected or appointed, must be installed prior to taking office.

Proposed: The Junior Past Governor (who served as Junior Past Governor during the past year) shall be the installing officer of his lodge. He shall install all duly elected officers at the last meeting in April each year or at a special installation ceremony approved by the lodge Board of Officers to be held prior to April 30. All officers shall take office as of midnight, April 30, unless the lodge has been notified by Moose International that it is not in good standing. If for any reason the Junior Past Governor is unable or unwilling to act, any Past Governor of the Order appointed by the Governor-elect may conduct the installation ceremonies. All officers, elected or appointed, must be installed prior to taking office.

Proposed Amendment #37

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. 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 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 Amendment #38

Section 35.1 – General Duties & 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

Proposed: - Add the following bullet point:

- Represent the lodge as a delegate to the International Convention

Proposed Amendment #39

Section 35.5 – Appoint Committees

Current:

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

Proposed:

- (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 Amendment #40

Section 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. The following officers shall not serve on the Auditing Committee: Governor, Administrator, Treasurer or any Trustee. 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.

Proposed Amendment #41

Section 35.11 – Declare Office Vacant

Current: When any "elected" officer (other than an elected Administrator) is absent for three (3) regular meetings of the lodge, Board of Officers meetings, House Committee meetings, special meetings, lodge enrollment ceremonies of new members, or a combination thereof, without being excused by the Governor or presiding officer, the Governor may declare the office vacant and the vacancy shall be filled by election or appointment as provided by the laws of the Order. When any elected officer is in arrears on payment of his dues by more than fifteen (15) days, the Governor shall declare the office vacant and the vacancy shall be filled by election or appointment as provided by the laws of the Order.

The office of Jr. Past Governor is not an "elected" office, but one of condition. The Governor or Board of Officers cannot declare the office of Jr. Past Governor vacant for any reason. Upon a request of the Board of Officers, the General Governor may remove a Jr. Past Governor from office if he is failing to perform the duties and responsibilities of that office or it is in the best interests of the lodge.

Proposed: **When any officer or Jr. Past Governor (other than an elected Administrator) is absent for three (3) meetings of the lodge, Board of Officers meetings, House Committee meetings, special meetings, lodge enrollment ceremonies of new members, or a combination thereof, without being excused by the Governor or presiding officer, the Governor may declare**

the office vacant and the vacancy shall be filled by election or appointment as provided by the laws of the Order. When any elected officer is in arrears on payment of his dues by more than fifteen (15) days, the Governor shall declare the office vacant and the vacancy shall be filled by election or appointment as provided by the laws of the Order.

The office of Jr. Past Governor is not an "elected" office, but one of condition. Upon a request of the Board of Officers, the General Governor may remove a Jr. Past Governor from office if he is failing to perform the duties and responsibilities of that office or it is in the best interests of the lodge.

Proposed Amendment #42

Section 35.12 – Expel or Drop Members From the Roll

Current: Upon receipt of court documents, a certificate from the clerk of any court or other satisfactory proof that a member has been convicted of a felony, he shall order the member expelled from membership in the Order, unless the member has received a special dispensation from the General Governor allowing him to retain his membership. The lodge shall not expel a member convicted of a felony until the affected member has had sixty (60) days written notice of his right to apply to the General Governor for a special dispensation to retain his membership. After the expiration of sixty (60) days from being provided written notice of his right to apply for a dispensation, if the affected member has not applied for a dispensation he shall be expelled. The General Governor may, in his discretion, suspend the membership privileges of the affected member pending receipt of the request for a special dispensation and a final determination by the General Governor.

Proposed: Section 35.12 – Reference for Registered Sex offenders and Convicted Felons
- Upon receipt of court documents, a certificate from the clerk of any court or other satisfactory proof that a member is a registered sex offender or has been convicted of a felony, he shall contact the General Governor. The lodge shall not expel a member convicted of a felony until the affected member has had sixty (60) days written notice of his right to apply to the General Governor for a special dispensation to retain his membership. After the expiration of sixty (60) days from being provided written notice of his right to apply for a dispensation, if the affected member has not applied for a dispensation he shall be expelled. The General Governor may, in his discretion, suspend the membership privileges of the affected member pending receipt of the request for a special dispensation and a final determination by the General Governor.

Proposed Amendment #43

Add new Section 35.13 – Drop Members From the Roll

Proposed: Add the second paragraph of current Section 35.12 :

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 Amendment #44

Section 36.4 – Keep Financial Accounts

Current: The Administrator shall correctly keep records of the lodge, the House Committee, and other authorized funds or accounts in such books, or on computers, as may be required by Moose International. A hard copy of all official reports, records, minutes, documents, etc. shall contain original signatures as required by these laws and be maintained as part of the official records of the lodge. Except as otherwise required by law, he shall issue a receipt for all money received from all sources, including all committees and activity groups of the lodge.

Proposed: The Administrator shall correctly keep records of the lodge, the House Committee, and other authorized funds or accounts in such books, or on computers, as may be required by Moose International. **A hard copy of all official reports, records, minutes, documents, etc. shall contain original signatures as required by these laws and be maintained as part of the official records of the lodge and be retained in the lodge home.** Except as otherwise required by law, he shall issue a receipt for all money received from all sources, including all committees and activity groups of the lodge.

Proposed Amendment #45

Section 36.5 – Membership Records

Current: The Administrator shall keep in books, or on computers, as Moose International may require, true and accurate accounts between the lodge and each member thereof. He shall preserve and file all official applications for membership as part of the permanent records of the lodge. He shall at the first lodge meeting of each month read a detailed membership and financial report from forms provided by Moose International.

Proposed: The Administrator shall keep in books, or on computers, as Moose International may require, true and accurate accounts between the lodge and each member thereof. **He shall preserve and file all official applications for membership as part of the permanent records of the lodge, and all applications shall be retained in the lodge home.** He shall at the first lodge meeting of each month read a detailed membership and financial report from forms provided by Moose International.

Proposed Amendment #46

Section 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 and House Committee 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 and House Committee financial records and minutes.

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. 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 (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 #47

Add new Section 36.13 – Representative to International Convention

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

Proposed Amendment #48

Section 42.9 – Offering of New Business

Current: The Governor may direct that all new business presented to the lodge must be in writing and first referred to the Board of Officers of the lodge, who will consider the matter submitted and make a report at the next regular meeting of the lodge.

Proposed: **All new business presented to the lodge must be in writing and first referred to the Board of Officers of the lodge, who will consider the matter submitted and make a report at the next regular meeting of the lodge.**

Proposed Amendment #49

Section 43.2 – Checking Accounts

Current: All money received, from every source (except as otherwise provided by law), shall be deposited by the lodge Administrator and credited to the authorized funds or accounts as approved by the General Governor. All authorized accounts shall be checking accounts.

Proposed: All money received, from every source (except as otherwise provided by law), shall be deposited by the lodge Administrator and credited to the authorized funds or accounts as approved by the General Governor. All authorized accounts shall be checking accounts. **Electronic accounts must have a printed monthly statement reviewed and signed by the Treasurer, and maintained in the lodge records for seven (7) years.**

Proposed Amendment #50

Section 43.5 – Auditing Committee

Current: The Auditing Committee shall review the membership and financial records of the lodge, House Committee, and other authorized funds or accounts, indicated on the Certified Report, prepared by the Administrator, for the period covered by the Certified Report. Any questions raised by the Auditing Committee shall be submitted with the report to the Moose International.

Whenever deemed necessary and appropriate, the Board of Officers may require a special audit of the books and records of the Administrator and, immediately upon demand, the Administrator shall deliver to the Auditing Committee the necessary records to prepare the special audit. If the Administrator refuses to comply with the demands of the Board of Officers, the Governor shall suspend the Administrator and the Treasurer shall act until an investigation is made. Upon suspension of the Administrator, the Governor shall immediately contact the General Governor.

Proposed: The Auditing Committee shall review monthly the membership and financial records of the lodge, House Committee, and other authorized funds or accounts prepared by the Administrator. Any questions raised by the Auditing Committee shall be submitted with the report to the Moose International.

Whenever deemed necessary and appropriate, the Board of Officers may require a special audit of the books and records of the Administrator and, immediately upon demand, the Administrator shall deliver to the Auditing Committee the necessary records to prepare the special audit. If the Administrator refuses to comply with the demands of the Board of Officers, the Governor shall suspend the Administrator with pay and the Treasurer shall act until a prompt investigation is made. Upon suspension of the Administrator, the Governor shall immediately contact the General Governor.

Proposed Amendment #51

Section 43.6 – Financial Payments to Moose International

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

Should Moose International not receive the required funds due Moose International from the lodge each month, the General Governor may notify the Governor and Administrator of the lodge. Upon receipt of written notification from the General Governor, the Governor and Administrator 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.

Proposed: 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 Amendment #52

Section 46.1 – Corporate Officers

Current: The corporate officers of the lodge shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who are the Governor, Jr. Governor, Administrator and Treasurer, respectively. (Note - This section does not apply to those lodges participating in the Joint Management pilot program authorized by the Supreme Council under Section 19.2 (n) of the General Laws.)

Proposed: The corporate officers of the lodge shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who are the Governor, Jr. Governor, Administrator and Treasurer, respectively.

Proposed Amendment #53

Section 46.2 – Compensation of Lodge Officers

Current: Neither the Jr. Past Governor, nor any elected lodge officer, except the Administrator (and the Treasurer if he assumes the duties of Administrator during a vacancy [See 36.12]), shall receive any wage, gratuity or other form of compensation for his services as a lodge officer, or be a paid employee of the lodge or House Committee.

Proposed: No elected lodge officer, except the Administrator (and the Treasurer if he assumes the duties of Administrator during a vacancy (See 36.12), shall receive any wage, gratuity or other form of compensation for his services as a lodge officer, or be a paid employee of the lodge or House Committee.

Proposed Amendment #54

Section 46.3 – Bonding

Current: The following persons shall be bonded under the supervision of Moose International in amounts as it shall determine: Governor, Administrator, Treasurer, Trustees, Social Quarters Manager, House Committee employees and other persons required by Moose International. The lodge shall pay the premium for all bonds.

Proposed: The following persons shall be bonded by the lodge in amounts as it shall determine: Governor, Administrator, Treasurer, Trustees, Social Quarters Manager, House Committee employees and other persons required by the lodge. The lodge shall pay the premium for all bonds.

Proposed Amendment #55

Section 46.5 – Representation to Supreme Lodge and Associations

Current: It is recommended the Governor and Administrator of each member lodge be the lodge's representatives to the Supreme Lodge and delegates to the state, territory or provincial association during their terms of office. The lodge shall select its representatives, delegates and alternates. Any good standing member selected by the lodge may serve as a delegate, representative or alternate.

A representative of a lodge shall not be entitled to a vote in any meeting of the Supreme Lodge while his lodge is in arrears for any lawful charges of the Supreme Lodge. The General Governor shall immediately determine all disputes concerning any charges against the lodge when the representative of the lodge presents his credentials to the committee.

All representatives or delegates shall attend all sessions of the convention, conference or meeting and submit a written report to their lodge, at the next regular meeting following the convention, conference or meeting. A lodge may vote to pro-rate or decline to reimburse the expenses of any representative or delegate who, without valid excuse, failed to attend all or any portion of the required sessions of a convention, conference or meeting.

Proposed: The Governor and Administrator of each member lodge shall be the lodge's representatives to the Supreme Lodge and delegates to the state, territory or provincial association during their terms of office. The lodge shall select any good standing (active) member to serve as an alternate when necessary.

A representative of a lodge shall not be entitled to a vote in any meeting of the Supreme Lodge while his lodge is in arrears for any lawful charges of the Supreme Lodge. The General Governor shall immediately determine all disputes concerning any charges against the lodge when the representative of the lodge presents his credentials to the committee.

All representatives or delegates shall attend all sessions of the convention, conference or meeting and submit a written report to their lodge in a timely manner. A lodge may vote to pro-rate or decline to reimburse the expenses of any representative or delegate who, without valid excuse, failed to attend all or any portion of the required sessions of a convention, conference or meeting.

Proposed Amendment #56

Section 46.9 – Insurance Programs

Current: The Supreme Council has established a fund or other programs to provide indemnity for losses to the various lodges, chapters, and other units of the Order and Moose International for liability, as determined by the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council is authorized to pro-rate the cost to the lodges, chapters, other units and Moose International and provide for the collection of the necessary fund. The Supreme Council may make the fund or other programs available to related and subsidiary foundations, endowment funds, trust funds, and corporations

upon terms and conditions it deems appropriate. All lodges, chapters and other fraternal units shall maintain insurance coverage as specified by the Supreme Council.

Proposed: The Supreme Council has established a program to provide indemnity for losses to the various lodges, chapters, and other units of the Order and Moose International for liability. The Supreme Council is authorized to pro-rate the cost to the lodges, chapters, other units and Moose International and provide for the collection necessary for the program. The program is available to related and subsidiary foundations, endowment funds, trust funds, and corporations upon terms and conditions it deems appropriate. All lodges, chapters and other fraternal units shall maintain insurance coverage as specified by the Supreme Council.

Proposed Amendment #57

Section 46.21 – Sick Benefits and Funeral Expense

Current: - Effective January 1, 2005, the distinction between benefit members and non-benefit members shall be eliminated. Members entitled to receive sick benefits and/or funeral expenses as provided by the General Laws in force prior to any amendments, may continue to be eligible for such sick benefits and funeral expenses, provided the lodge continues to have in force such sick benefits and/or funeral expenses. No benefit under any benefit program previously adopted by any lodge shall be considered vested. Any lodge continuing to provide sick benefits and/or funeral expenses shall require at least an additional \$5 annual fee from any member heretofore classified as a beneficiary member. Dues for all members reported to Moose International shall be the same.

Proposed: Delete entire section

Proposed Amendment #58

Section 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.

Proposed: Add: 7. Renters shall have insurance coverage as required by the Supreme Council

Proposed Amendment #59

Section 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 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.

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 Moose International.

Proposed: Section 48.1 (A) – Membership: 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 Amendment #60

Add new Section 48.1 (B)

Proposed: House Committee for Lodges with Chapters – 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 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 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 shall be the Secretary and Treasurer of the House Committee. The Administrator and any employee handling funds of the social quarters or home shall give bonds as determined by the lodge.

NOTE: The following officers will serve on this committee: Administrator, Governor, Jr. Governor, Prelate, Treasurer, One Year Trustee, Two Year Trustee, Three Year Trustee, Senior Regent, Jr. Regent, Recorder, Chaplain, Secretary/Treasurer

Proposed Amendment #61

Section 48.9 – Enforce Decorum

Current: The House Committee may not fine a member, but may assess restitution for damages 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 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 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:

Proposed: 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:

Proposed Amendment #62

Section 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.

Proposed: (1). All good standing (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.

Current: C. A prospective member of the lodge or of the chapter may be admitted subject to the following:

Proposed: C. As permitted by the House Committee, a prospective member* of the lodge or of the chapter may be admitted subject to the following:

* A prospective member is anyone that the member can sponsor for membership.

Current: (5) The prospective member's third visit shall be for the sole purpose of attending an orientation session or enrollment ceremony.

(Note - The three (3) visit restriction only applies to prospective members.)

Proposed: (5) The prospective member shall be limited to two (2) visits. (Delete remaining sentence and note)

Current: 11. Employees (even if they are good standing members) are not permitted to sponsor guests into any Moose home while they are on the clock and being compensated as an employee.

Proposed: Delete entire sentence.

Proposed Amendment #63

Section 50.6 – Unlawful Activities

Current: No illegal gambling nor violations of federal, state, provincial, municipal or any other local ordinance shall be allowed within the lodge home or social quarters at any time. Violation of this section may result in specific discipline being imposed by the General Governor in accordance with the requirements of the General Laws.

Proposed: No violations of federal, state, provincial, municipal or any other local ordinance shall be allowed within the lodge home or social quarters at any time. Violation of this section may result in specific discipline being imposed by the General Governor in accordance with the requirements of the General Laws.

Proposed Amendment #64

Section 50.7 - Alcoholic Beverages

Current: No person in a state of intoxication shall be allowed to enter or remain in any social quarters or home maintained or operated by any lodge. Lodges are required to comply with all federal, state, local statutes, rules, regulations, laws, and ordinances. Sales of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises (package sales) are prohibited.

Lodges in jurisdictions requiring alcohol awareness training for alcohol servers shall attach copies of server certifications to their annual insurance report to Moose International. The social quarters permit of any lodge failing to comply with this requirement may be suspended pending compliance. It is recommended that lodges in non-mandatory jurisdictions enroll all servers/bartenders in an approved alcohol awareness-training program. The General Governor may require all social quarters personnel of a lodge to attend an approved alcohol awareness program such as "TIPS" as a condition of the lodge having a social quarters permit.

Proposed: No person in a state of intoxication as determined by a server shall be allowed to enter or remain in any social quarters or home maintained or operated by any lodge. Lodges are required to comply with all federal, state, local statutes, rules, regulations, laws, and ordinances. Sales of alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises (package sales) are prohibited.

All persons dispensing and/or serving alcohol (employed or volunteer), both on premises and off, currently or prospectively, shall attend an approved alcohol server training program and be certified as having satisfactorily completed all requirements of said program.

Proposed Amendment #65

Section 55.3 – Reasons for Discharge of Officers or Members

Current: 1. Dishonest or immoral conduct, habitual drunkenness or any other disreputable habit tending to reflect discredit upon the Order.

Proposed: 1. Dishonest or immoral conduct, habitual drunkenness or any other disreputable act(s) tending to reflect discredit upon the Order.

Proposed Amendment #66

Section 55.3 – Reasons for Discharge of Officers or Members

Proposed: Add #25. Failure to perform or comply with the duties of the office to which he/she is elected that could cause the fraternal unit to cease functioning.

Proposed Amendment #67

Section 56.1 – Duty to Prefer Charges

Current: - It shall be the duty of every member who has knowledge or information that any member has violated or is violating any law, rule, regulation or order to prefer charges against the member before the proper officer or tribunal.

Proposed: - **Section 56.1 – Preferring Charges:** Any member who has knowledge or information that a member has violated or is violating any law, rule, regulation or order may prefer charges against the member before the proper officer or tribunal.

Proposed Amendment #68

Section 56.3 – Investigating Committee and Procedures

Current: (a) Upon receipt of the charges, the Governor or Senior Regent shall immediately: (1) deliver a copy of the charges to the General Governor, and (2) deliver a copy of the charges to a special committee of three (3) Past Governors or Past Regents, in order of juniority by service, excluding any officer presently serving on the Board of Officers. The members of the committee must be good standing members of the lodge or chapter. If the lodge or chapter does not have three (3) Past Governors or Past Regents able or willing to serve, the General Governor may authorize any qualified good standing member of the lodge or chapter to serve on the Investigating Committee. The General Governor may excuse a Past Governor or Past Regent, otherwise qualified, from service on the committee if the General Governor believes, because of personal bias or prejudice, the Past Governor or Past Regent cannot conduct a fair and impartial investigation. The General Governor may at his discretion appoint a Commissioner without the requirement of an Investigating Committee.

Proposed: (a) Upon receipt of the charges, the Governor or Senior Regent shall immediately deliver a copy of the charges to the General Governor. **Upon direction from the General Governor, the Governor or Senior Regent shall deliver a copy of the charges to a special committee of three (3) Past Governors or Past Regents, in order of juniority by service, excluding any officer presently serving on the Board of Officers.** The members of the committee must be good standing (active) members of the lodge or chapter. **If the lodge or chapter does not have three (3) Past Governors or Past Regents able or willing to serve, the General Governor may authorize any qualified good standing (active) member of the Order to serve on the Investigating Committee.** The General Governor may excuse a Past Governor or Past Regent, otherwise qualified, from service on the committee if the General Governor believes, because of personal bias or prejudice, the Past Governor or Past Regent cannot conduct a fair and impartial investigation. The General Governor may at his discretion appoint a Commissioner without the requirement of an Investigating Committee.

Proposed Amendment #69

Section 56.6 – Receipt of Charges by General Governor

Current: Upon receipt of charges and report of the Investigating Committee from the Administrator or Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, the General Governor may assign a competent and disinterested member of the Order to conduct mediation of all pending disputes in controversy. If the General Governor directs mediation to be conducted, the parties shall submit to mediation in accordance with procedural terms and conditions established by the assigned Mediator. Mediation is a non-binding procedural process designed to avoid the expense, delay

and inconvenience associated with Commissioner trials. If mediation is conducted and the parties are unable to resolve all issues, the General Governor shall appoint a Commissioner to conduct a trial.

Proposed: Upon receipt of charges and report of the Investigating Committee from the Administrator or Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, the General Governor may dismiss the charge or assign a competent and disinterested member of the Order to conduct mediation of all pending disputes in controversy. If the General Governor directs mediation to be conducted, the parties shall submit to mediation in accordance with procedural terms and conditions established by the assigned Mediator. Mediation is a non-binding procedural process designed to avoid the expense, delay and inconvenience associated with Commissioner trials. If mediation is conducted and the parties are unable to resolve all issues, the General Governor shall appoint a Commissioner to conduct a trial.

Proposed Amendment #70

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.
- Note:** 1-5 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).
- (6) Enter into any contract.
 - (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 a savings account, C.D.'s, etc.
 - (10) Withdraw or reduce savings.
 - (11) 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.)
 - (12) Establish and maintain a social quarters operation.
 - (13) Acquire lodge credit card.
 - (14) Creation or use of unofficial supplies, articles, items and clothing.
 - (15) Use of Moose name, logo, emblem or insignia of the Order.
 - (16) 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).
 - (17) The use of electronic recording devices at meetings, hearings, or other fraternal gatherings.
 - (18) To run for office when a candidate is ineligible.
 - (19) To establish savings accounts for lodge activity groups and committees.

- (20) To re-apply for membership within six months if rejected for membership.
- (21) To apply for membership or retain membership if convicted of a felony.
- (22) The use of lethal weapons at lodge sporting events or during a lodge activity.
- (23) To open and maintain a separate or special checking account.
- (24) For a chapter member to file formal disciplinary charges (not a House Committee complaint) against a lodge member and vice versa.
- (25) Institution and granting of a lodge charter.
- (26) Incorporation of a lodge.
- (27) Nominating officers from the floor at a lodge meeting.
- (28) Alternative banking methods (Sec. 35.10, 36.3, 36.4, 38.2, 43.2, 43.3 and 48.8).
- (29) Removal of a Jr. Past Governor from office.
- (30) Fundraising and community service activities not specifically authorized by the General Laws.
- (31) The using, renting or leasing of any lodge property by members or non-members not specifically authorized by the General Laws.
- (32) Conducting public bingo in any location other than the lodge hall.
- (33) Approval of association by-laws and amendments.
- (34) Purchase or leasing of equipment by associations in an amount exceeding \$5,000.
- (35) For unauthorized persons to have keys to the lodge home, office or social quarters.
- (36) Publish a lodge newsletter. (Permission granted by the Publications Department).

Proposed:

- (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, CD.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 if convicted of a felony.
- (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) **Delete this requirement.**
- (27) Removal of a Jr. Past Governor from office.
- (28) Fundraising and community service activities not specifically authorized by the General Laws.
- (29) The using, renting or leasing of any lodge property by members or non-members not specifically authorized by the General Laws.
- (30) Conducting public bingo in any location other than the lodge hall.
- (31) Approval of association by-laws and amendments.
- (32) Purchase or leasing of equipment by associations in an amount exceeding \$5,000.
- (33) **For persons other than the Administrator or paid employees to have keys to the lodge home, office or social quarters.**
- (34) Publish a lodge newsletter. (Permission granted by the Publications Department).

Proposed Amendment #71

THE PRIVATE POLICY

Current: (5) The prospective member's third visit shall be for the sole purpose of attending an orientation session or enrollment ceremony.

(Note - The three (3) visit restriction only applies to *prospective* members.)

Proposed: (5) **The prospective member* shall be limited to two (2) visits.**

*** A prospective member is anyone that the member can sponsor for membership.**

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