

One year ends and so begins another year for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). As provided in the Secretary report at the Annual Convention we have accomplished much and there is still a lot more that needs to be done.

We are happy to report that during the Mid-Year Conference the Association financial records were reviewed by Moose International and we passed with flying colors! Whew – looks like I must be doing something right!? The QuickBooks program has made the tasks so much easier and provides us with good financial information that allows the Executive Committee to make good sound business decisions. Thanks to everyone who has supported the online invoicing process by paying your Association dues electronically!

With that being said we have taken on a tremendous fundraising effort (and probably the largest one in our Association's history) committed to purchase one of the new homes on the Mooseheart campus specially designed to accommodate special needs individuals. This is part of a three-year major fundraising campaign known as Uniting Hearts; Expanding Horizons. The flyer for this project is included in this newsletter. The CNMA would like to raise the funds necessary to purchase a brand-new, purpose-built home that will offer independence with dignity on the Mooseheart campus. Our first goal is to raise \$500,000 in the next three years. Can we do it? I believe we can if we all pitch in and dedicate ourselves to the worthwhile project. Wow a new home we can say was built and funded by the CNMA! We are excited about this opportunity and hope you will assist us in making this happen.

We have plans to finish some of the things we promised like Committee descriptions, CNMA Youth Awareness guidance, CNMA Council of Higher Degrees guidance, and a District Recognition Awards program.

Congratulations to the many lodges who earned the 5 Star Award and their new banners. Please take the time to read the updated criteria so your lodge will be able to earn this prestigious award either again or for the first time!

I want to take a minute to remind everyone that they should be in possession of a **blue membership card**. If you have an older version membership card the scanners cannot read your data and therefore your attendance at the Annual Convention or Mid-Year Conference is not being recorded. It is so easy to request a new card by calling (630) 906-3658 or emailing the HelpDesk, helpdesk@mooseintl.org providing your name and MID and they will send a card to your address listed on your moose record. Of course, you can always ask your Territory Manager to order one for you!

I want to thank each and every one of you for your support. I thoroughly enjoy being the CNMA Secretary and want to ensure that I provide the best services possible to you our members. Without you nothing would be possible!