

Hello fellow Moose and Moosettes,

In our last newsletter, we were all preparing for our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Mid-Year Conference in beautiful Costa Mesa. As always, we had a great time meeting friends, old and new; visiting the local Lodges and sharing our trials and tribulations amongst our fellow Moose members. We celebrated our gains in membership and strategized for the upcoming year with enthusiasm and purpose.

Now it's time to act. We are firmly in our new "Moose year" with the seasoned veterans of the Fraternity and some new officers mixed in, ready and eager to take their Lodge, Chapter, Moose Legion and our Association to the next level. Let's do everything we can to help these new officers succeed!

***"A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many"***

Lodges have established their standing committees by this time, and quite a few are fresh in that new seat. ***Let us remember that a committee of one is not a committee.*** It's incumbent upon US to mentor them, support them, be members in those committees and brainstorm together.

In Costa Mesa, I met many of you at the Historical Committee table. We talked about establishing a Historical Committee Chair in each Lodge. You already **HAVE** one, and you know who they are. The person (or persons!) that knows the most about their Lodge...**YOUR** Lodge is that chair. We want to encourage them to partner with this committee to further help the Association.

***Nothing but good can happen as a result, I promise.***

In Costa Mesa, the Historical Committee had signup sheets on the table for our Moose History buffs. This was intended to attract those that wanted info about their Lodge or those that had info about their Lodge. We collected a bunch of those sheets and are working through that collection. If you haven't heard anything, sit tight! Some took the sheet back to their Lodge, and hopefully they can attract the attention of the knowledgeable people in their Lodge so that we can record their stories and learn from their efforts.

As your CNMA Historical Committee Chair, I can say with confidence that our new Lodge, Chapter and Moose Legion members, Committee members and Officers can use their energy combined with the wisdom and guidance of the elder members of our Lodges to make our Association the greatest in the Fraternity!

Your thoughts are always welcomed and encouraged! Share your stories with the Historical Committee! Let's get 2026/2027 off to a great start! I am **SO** proud of our Association, and you should be too! Blow that whistle, toot that horn, give each other a high five, fist bump, a pat on the back or whatever... but keep up the good work and let's celebrate our victories together!