

MD, DE, DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION

POLICIES

Composition

For the convenience of carrying out the functions of this Association, Districts, including geographically related lodges, shall be established and shall include ne lodges established from time to time within the general district area.

The current composition of the Association is as follows:

District #1:

Columbia #126, Indian Head #1712, Marlboro #1856, Mechanicsville #495, Patuxent #2393, South County Deale #2279, Waldorf #1709

District 2:

Cumberland #271, Frederick #371, Westminster #1381, Williamsport #2462

District 3:

Bel Air #1952, Charm City East #70, Reisterstown #1577 Rosedale #1242

District 4 - Dissolved

District 5:

Annapolis #296, College Park #453, Glen Burnie #1456,

Odenton #2601, Rockville #1540, Wheaton #1775

District 6:

Claymont #847, Elkton #851, New Castle #1578, Newark #630.

District 7:

Camden-Wyoming #203, East Sussex #2542, Harrington #534, Lewes-Rehoboth #646, Milford #2316, Seaford #1728, Smyrna-Clayton #2046. Bay Country #831, Cambridge #1211, Salisbury #654

Nominations and Election of Officers

1. Names may be sent to the Nomination Committee no later than twelve (12) noon on Thursday of the Annual Convention, which shall be given due consideration.
2. An elected officer that is requested to resign because of improprieties cannot place nor have a member The Moose place his/her name for nomination for an elected officer for a period of three (3) years.
3. The Association President shall appoint an Election Committee composed of three (3) members of the Association who are not officers or candidates for elective office. The committee shall conduct the election, pass on all questions concerning the election, count the ballots and file a written report of the results with the Association Secretary to be read on the floor. Each member of the committee shall sign the report and the report shall be attached to the Association Annual Convention minutes.

Meetings

1. All alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited from all Association, District and Lodge meetings.
2. District Presidents and Vice Presidents will attend all Board of Officers meetings of the Association.
3. Should a District President have to be absent they must insure the Vice President or another District Officer attends to give the President's report at the Board of Officers meeting.

4. District meetings shall be held in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association. No deviations, unless approved by the Executive Committee of the Association. Meetings are to be conducted in accordance with the agenda provided by the Association's Board of Officers.

5. Each District within the Association shall meet immediately following each Association Conference, Convention and Meeting and hold a minimum of, but not limited to, four (4) regular District Meetings.

6. The time devoted to the meetings of the Association shall be limited to three (3) days or six (6) sessions

Order of Business

In the event that Moose International does not establish the agenda the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Opening ceremony
2. Roll call of officers
3. Report of Credentials Committee
4. Appointment of necessary committees
5. Report of Officers
6. Reports of committees
 - (A) Standing Committees
 - (B) Special Committees
7. Report of Nominating Committee
8. Election of Officers
9. Selection of place for next meeting
10. Good of the Order
11. Installation of Officers

12. Adjournment

Lodge Participation

Any lodge not participating in the annual convention or mid-year conference may be subject to disciplinary action that may result in the suspension of their social quarter's permit, not to exceed seven (7) days, as requested by the Regional Manager and approved by the Association Executive Board of Officers and with approval of the Chief Compliance Office.

Disciplinary Actions

It is the policy of the MD/DE/DC Moose Association that all Moose Family Centers and Lodges shall abide by Section 51.5 of the General Laws to include the filing of all required reports on time. Failure or non-compliance shall result in the following:

First Offense:

1. A written letter from the Regional/Territory Manager informing the Lodge of the requirements of Section 51.5 or Association By- Laws concerning officers training, the reason for required attendance, and notification that the lodge's social quarters permit may be suspended for any future non-compliance with approval of the Chief Compliance Office.
2. The Lodge's situation will be analyzed and assistance provided as necessary.
3. A letter from the Association notifying the lodge it is "not in good standing" which means:
 - a: The Lodge and individual officers are disqualified from receiving any Premier Awards.
 - b: The Lodge representatives are ineligible to vote at any official meeting of the Association.
 - c: The Lodge and its members are ineligible to participate in any Association sporting events.

Second Offense:

A written letter from the Chief Compliance Officer notifying the Lodge Board of Officers of the suspension of the Social Quarters Permit for a period of three (3) days. The three (3) days of suspension will be determined at the discretion of the Association Executive Committee, Territory Manager and Chief Compliance Office.

Third Offense:

A written letter from the Chief Compliance Officer notifying the Board of Officers of the suspension of the Social Quarters Permit for a period of seven (7) days to be determined at the discretion of the Association Executive Committee, Territory Manager and Chief Compliance Office.

Returned Checks:

Upon receipt by certified mail, notifying you or your guest of a check returned by the bank for any reason; will result in your need to contact the Association Secretary and pay **ALL FEES and the AMOUNT OF THE CHECK** within five (5) days. This shall result in your non-participation in any Association function and the matter will be turned over to the proper legal authorities for collection. Failure to pay debt owed to Association may result in actions from the Chief Compliance Office.

Fees for a returned check shall be Forty dollars (\$40.00) per check.

Cash, Certified Check or Money Order only will be accepted for these items.

Association Hospitality Area(s)/Room(s)

It is the Policy of the Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Moose Association that all members of The Moose attending the Association Mid-Winter Conferences and/or Annual Conventions shall:

- a. Conduct themselves in the gentlemanly/ladylike manner at all times.

- b. Only members who have an active membership card and conference or convention registration credentials will be permitted to enter the hospitality area and/or rooms(s).
- c. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be taken from, or, consumed outside of the designated hospitality area and/or rooms(s).

Failure or non-compliance with the above policy may result in being prohibited from any and all hospitality areas and/or room(s). The length of time being prohibited shall be determined by the Association Executive Board.

Honorary Past President

The Association may, at its convention, after recommendation by the Resolutions Committee, confer the title of Honorary Past President upon a member of The Moose.