



MD, DE, DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION
POLICIES

Composition

For the convenience of carrying out the functions of the Association, Districts, including geographically related lodges, shall be established and shall include new 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, Reistertown #1577, Rosedale #1242

District #4: - Dissolved

District #5:

Annapolis #296, College Park #453, 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. Any member desiring to be considered for an elective office in the Association shall submit their name and resume; to the Nominating Committee no later than the final Association Meeting in September of the current year.
2. Any member desiring to be considered for an elective office in the Association shall have served a complete term as an elected District Officer with the past five (5) years or is currently serving on the Association Board.
3. An elected officer that is requested to resign because of improprieties cannot place not have a member of the Order place his/her name for nomination for an elected officer for a period of three (3) years.
4. 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.
5. Elections shall be done in person by the registered delegates at the Annual Convention. Association Secretary and Election Board shall review and certify the results. Association Secretary shall announce results of the election.

Meetings

1. All Alcoholic beverages and smoking are prohibited from all Association, District and Lodge Meetings.
2. District Presidents shall attend all Board of Officers Meetings of the Association.

3. Should a District President have to be absent they must ensure the Vice President or another District Officers 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. After 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, Mid-year Conference and District Meetings 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 Office 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-year Conferences and/or Annual Conventions shall:

- a) Always conduct themselves in the gentlemanly/ladylike manner.
- 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 room(s).
- c) Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are to be taken from, or, consumed outside of the designated hospitality area(s) and/or room(s).

Failure or non-compliance with the above policy may result in being prohibited from any and all hospitality area(s) 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 Resolution Committee, confer the title of Honorary Past President upon a member of the Moose.

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CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we are respectively President and Secretary of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Moose Association. We further certify that we have carefully examined the foregoing policies of the Association and they constitute a true and correct copy of the policies adopted by the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Moose Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at its Convention held at the Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City Maryland on Saturday October 28, 2023 at which time a quorum was present. The original of the policies will remain on file with the Secretary of the Association.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this day
October 28, 2023.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael J. Bous", written over a horizontal line.

President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia A. C. C. C.", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary



(Imprint or place Association Seal Here)

Attest:

Association Liaison

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the Chief Compliance Officer of Moose International. I do further certify that I have examined the foregoing laws of the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Moose Association, Inc. and find that they are in accordance with the Constitution and General Laws of Moose International and The Moose.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of Moose International the 03 day of January 2024

APPROVED

JAN 03 2024

COMPLIANCE OFFICE

Randy B. King

Chief Compliance Office Representative

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MOOSE INTERNATIONAL SEAL: