

**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:**

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

**District #2: -Dissolved**

**District #3:**

Annapolis #296, Bel Air #1952, Charm City East #70, Claymont #847, Elkton #851, New Castle #1578, Rosedale #1242

**District #4: - Dissolved**

**District #5:**

College Park #453, Frederick #371, Reistertown #1577, Rockville #1540, Westminster #1381, Wheaton #1775, Williamsport #2462

**District #6: - Dissolved**

**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 Executive Committee Officers**

1. Any member desiring to be considered for an elective office in the Association, other than District Presidents, 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 within 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 nor have a member of the Order place his/her name for nomination for an elected office 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.

### **Nominations and Election of District Officers**

1. A nominee for District President must be a Past Governor/Past President or a Past Regent prior to May 1, 2021 of the Moose, served at least one (1) year in an elected office of the District, and may not have previously served as President of the District. Whereby a District who cannot fill the office of President with a Past Governor/President or a Past Regent who received her

- honors prior to May 1, 2021 shall appeal in writing to the Association Board of Officers for special dispensation.
2. A minimum of 2 nominating meetings must be held. Voting may be held at the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting immediately after nominations. Refer to Section 4 Article XI, Association By-Laws for additional information.
  3. All members in good standing within their Lodge and within the District may vote. Vote must be made in person.
  4. District Presidents shall be installed into office at the convention. See Section 6 Article XI Association By-Laws. Remaining District Officers, including new President if desired, shall be installed at the first meeting following the convention or have a special meeting prior to the convention.

#### District Terms of Office

1. Each elected officer, except the Secretary, shall be chosen for a term of one (1) year to begin at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they are elected. The Secretary shall be elected for a term of 4 years, which shall begin at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which they are elected. District Presidents are elected for a one (1) year term but may be elected for more than one term. Each officer shall serve until their successor has been duly elected and installed.
2. The Board of Officers shall fill vacancies in any elected office for the unexpired term.
3. With the consent and approval of the Board of Officers, the President shall have the power to declare any office vacant, except the office of Secretary, if in their opinion the occupant has failed to perform the duties of such office. The office of Secretary may be declared vacant by a majority of the Board of Officers vote if, in their opinion, the occupant has failed to perform the duties of the office.
4. A District President may only hold office for two years unless they receive dispensation from the Association. The Secretary holds office for four (4) years and if they want to continue after their term ends they must be elected again.

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### **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 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. After each Association Conference, Convention and Meeting each District shall meet and hold a minimum of, but not limited to, four (4) regular District Meetings.
6. The time devoted to the meetings of the Association Conference and Convention 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 Association Executive Committee and approved by the Association Liaison and the Chief Compliance Officer.

#### **Disciplinary Actions**

It is the policy of the MD/DE/DC Moose Association that all Moose 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 Association Liaison 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 can 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 can be 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, Association Liaison 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, Association Liaison 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 **shall** 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 the 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 shall 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).
- d) Must adhere to all Hotel Policies for Hospitality Rooms.

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.

HOTEL ROOM AND TRAVEL COMPENSATED/REIMBURSED

The President and Secretary of the Association shall have their hotel and travel to and from the Annual International Convention provided or reimbursed. Must submit all receipts.

Hotel Rooms Compensated/Reimbursed

The Association shall provide hotel rooms for the following at the Conference and Convention.

5 Nights

Association Treasurer

Association Secretary

Hospitality Chairperson

4 Nights

Association President

Association Vice President

Association Chaplain

Association Jr. Past President

Association Sgt. At Arms

Association Asst. Sgt. At Arms

Association Official Visitor

Power Point Chairperson

Credentials Chairperson

Credentials Co-Chairperson

3 Nights

Association Inner Guard

Association Outer Guard

District Presidents

2 Nights

Convention Book Chairperson

Any Chairperson Required to  
to give a Report

Additional Rooms Compensated/Reimbursed – Annual Convention Only

The Association shall provide hotel rooms for the following for 2 Nights:

9 Members of the Nominating Committee

3 Members of the Election Committee

The Association shall only provide one room if a family holds more than one position.

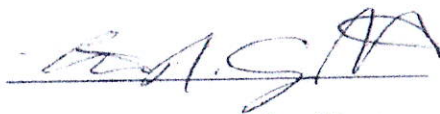
The Association Board of Officers may provide a room to any additional persons upon voting.

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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 18, 2025 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 18, 2025.



President



(Imprint or Seal Here)

Patricia J. C. Cook

Secretary

Attest:

Ricky B. King

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 11 day of November, 2025

Ricky B. King  
Chief Compliance Office Representative

MOOSE INTERNATIONAL SEAL:

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