

ARTICLE XX

Michigan Moose Association Policies 5-1-2021

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Section 1. District Composition

The current composition of the Association is as follows:

DISTRICT #20: Ypsilanti #782, Monroe #884, Taylor Twp. #887, Woodhaven #966, Lincoln Park #1665

DISTRICT #21: Garden City #538, Wayne/Westland #835, Northville #1190, Ann Arbor #1253, Livonia #1317, Redford Twp. #1743, Dearborn Heights #1795, South Lyon #2685

DISTRICT #22: Port Huron #158, Pontiac #182, Avon/Rochester #409, Mt Clemens #1278, Hamtramck #1670, St Clair Shores #1837, Richmond #2575

DISTRICT #23: Albion #406, Marshall #676, Coldwater #677, Hillsdale #921, Adrian #1034, Brooklyn #2651

DISTRICT #24: Otsego #345, Buchanan #449, Three Rivers #474, South Haven #697, Dowagiac #933, Niles #978, Benton Harbor #1570, Celery City #2694

DISTRICT #25: Grand Rapids/Sparta #50, Wyoming #763, Holland #1116, Manistee #1128, Fremont #1555, Greenville #1939, Dorr #2541

DISTRICT #26: Lowell #809, Ionia #998, Delton #1649, Dewitt #2291, Charlotte #2565

DISTRICT #27: Fenton #430, Holly #1168, Flushing #1437, Grand Blanc #2344, Highland #2370, Lapeer #2433, Durand #2508

DISTRICT #28: Saginaw #82, Bay City #169, Caro #1049, Midland #1541, St. Louis #1566, Birch Run #2426, Sanford #2519

DISTRICT #29: Cadillac #531, Reed City #705, Mancelona #2254, Kalkaska #2348, Ewart #2452

DISTRICT #30: Sault Sainte Marie #717, St. Ignace #999, Munising #1386, Manistique #1972

DISTRICT #31: Alpena #571, Mio #1035, Grayling #1162, Cheboygan #2314, Lewiston #2495

DISTRICT #32: Gladwin #287, Skidway Lake #440, Houghton Lake #1616, West Branch #2051, Harrison #2235, Clare #2268

Section 2. District Meetings

Each District within the Association shall hold a minimum of ten (10) monthly meetings per calendar year. Four (4) meetings, with at least one held each quarter, shall be in person. The remaining six (6) meetings may be held in person or by virtual means. The meetings of the Districts shall be conducted in accordance with an agenda furnished by the Association. Any deviation from this will be at the discretion of the duly authorized Representative of Moose International with the approval of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Training

Subsection A: All elected to District and Association Office shall be current in Lodge Leadership/Social Quarters training within 60 Days of the start of their term.

Subsection B. All elected to District and Association Office that are not current in their Leadership Training shall be notified and given 60 days to bring their training up-to-date either in-person or on-line. **Failure to do so could result in removal from their position**

~~Subsection C. All Executive Board Members that do not complete the required training within the 60 days may be subject to removal from their position.~~

Section 4. Honorary Past President

The Association may, at its convention, after recommendation by the Executive Board of Officers, confer the title of Honorary Past President upon a member.

Section 5. Compliance

Any Member Lodges ~~and Member Chapters~~ not participating in the annual State Convention or Mid-Year Conference may be subject to disciplinary action that may result in the loss of their Social Quarters privileges, the assessment of monetary fines including per capita increase or both, by authority of the duly authorized Representative of Moose International with the approval of the State Executive Board of Officers.

Any Member Lodges not participating in the District meetings may be subject to disciplinary action that may result in the loss of their Social Quarters privileges, the assessment of monetary fines including per capita increase or both, by authority of the duly authorized Representative of Moose International with the approval of the State Board of Officers.

Section 6. Association Dues

Subsection A: Each Member Lodge of the Association shall remit to the Secretary on the first day the fiscal year starting May 1 and quarterly thereafter a sum equivalent, but not to exceed 20% Per Capita dollars as assessed by Moose International. The computation is based upon the beginning fiscal year (May 1) total of good standing members on rolls. The Executive Board of the Association will have the authority to ~~change~~ **lower** this percentage.

~~Lodges that participate in Association fundraising may receive a reduced rate on per capita as set forth by the Executive Board.~~

Subsection B: No Member Lodge delinquent in its Association dues or not in good standing with the Association shall host any Association meetings or activities or participate in meetings or activities of the Association. This expressly prohibits group or team entries, such as Ritual Teams; and athletic teams', participation in any Association activities unless Association dues are paid for the current year, as covered in Subsection A (above) of this Article. This section shall not prohibit a Moose Member in good standing of a Member Lodge, delinquent in its Association dues, from attending any and all meetings of the Association, provided he or she meets the requirements thereof, and he or she shall not be a qualified voting delegate on issues before the meetings.

Section 7. Election of Association officers

A nominee for any Elected Office must be a Past Governor/Past President or a Past Regent. **A nominee for executive board must have been a past district president.**

Section 8. Expenses at meetings, conventions, and conferences:

Subsection A: Mileage reimbursement for the ~~Executive Board~~ **Association President & Secretary** at the Moose International Annual Convention shall be at the IRS approved rate or air fare comparison, whichever is less. The air fare comparison shall include: mileage from their

residence to the airport parking, round trip economy air fare, baggage fees, taxi, shuttle, uber, from the arrival airport to hotel at the convention location, taxi, shuttle uber to the departure airport, baggage fees, and mileage back to their residence.

Subsection B: Mileage reimbursement for the Executive Board at the State Mid-Year Conference and State Annual Convention shall be at the IRS approved rate not to exceed 500 miles.

Subsection C: Per Diem for the Executive Board at the State Association Convention, Mid-Year Conference, & Annual Moose International Convention, ~~and the Annual State Convention shall be at the IRS approved rate~~ shall have meals & registration paid by the association for each day in actual attendance and each day necessary for travel.

Subsection D: Michigan Moose Association provided lodging shall be limited to the following: (NOTE: MMA will provide rooms at the standard room rate. All upgrades will be at the member's expense).

~~Subsection D~~ (1): Annual State Mid-Year Conference – up to five nights for the Executive Board members and up to three nights for association committee chairpersons and official guests necessary for the effective management of the Association.

~~Subsection D~~ (2): Annual Mooseheart Graduation and Pilgrim Weekend – up to three nights for the Executive Board.

~~Subsection D~~ (3): Annual Moose International Convention - Up to ~~six~~ Five nights for the Executive Board Association President & Secretary.

~~Subsection D~~ (4): Annual Association Convention - Up to five nights for the Executive Board and up to three nights for other association committee chairpersons and official visitors necessary for the effective management of the Association.

~~Subsection D~~ (5): Founder's Day Weekend - Up to three nights for the Executive Board and three nights for other members responsible for decorating and the tear down of the haunted house not to exceed six members.

~~Subsection D~~ (6): Annual Christmas Party - Up to two nights for the Executive Board and one night for other association members making presentations to the Executive Board.

~~Subsection D~~ (7): Quarterly Association "Good Will" visits to multiple Lodges – up to two nights in conjunction with an Executive Board Meeting preferably at lodges that are sponsoring an MMA event.

Section 9. Official Visitors:

Subsection A: Official Visitors to the State Mid-year Conference or Annual State Convention shall have their expenses after arrival and prior to departure covered by the Michigan Moose Association.

Subsection B: Chairman of the Board visit to Michigan shall have their expenses after arrival and prior to departure covered by the Michigan Moose Association.

Subsection C: The designated escort to the Official Visitors and Chairman of the Board shall have their expenses including all mileage fuel receipts required for the visit, their lodging expenses, and their meal expenses covered by the Michigan Moose Association.

Section 10. District Elections: District elections shall be held annual in accordance with the published schedule of the Michigan Moose Association. Election will be by vote of two members from each Lodge within the District. **No lodge shall have more than 2 members on the district executive board without permission from the state association executive board.**