



One Moose Vote Scheduled For Milwaukee Convention

Over 600 Moose members attended the One Moose Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 2 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Orlando to see and hear how the Fraternity plans to move toward a unified membership. This plan, formulated by the Stand as One Committee, was presented in a day-long seminar designed to show how a Moose where men's and women's memberships had equal rights and privileges would look. The concept, first mentioned by Director General Scott Hart at the 2019 International Convention, advances the desire of the Supreme Council and Grand Council to create One Moose and to do so as quickly as possible.

In the weeks since that meeting, the Stand as One Committee has processed through the many comments and suggestions made by those who attended.

A vote by Loyal Order of Moose delegates on changes to the General Laws is planned during the 2020 International Moose Convention in Milwaukee. Should the proposal pass, the Fraternity will officially become "One Moose" on May 1, 2021.

Information concerning One Moose has already been sent to lodge leadership via Official Communications from Moose International.

Further information, including scripts and PowerPoint presentations from the Town Hall Meeting, a straw poll to track interest in One Moose and a link to YouTube videos from the Town Hall meeting are available at www.onemoose.org. ■



Embrace the Possibilities Our Future Holds

By **MIKE RIOS**/Director, Membership

Life comes at us fast and we need to be prepared for whatever it has to offer. Our world is changing every day. I miss the old TV shows but enjoy watching them from time to time. It reminds me of a place that I was in my life, much like hearing a familiar song.

The thing is, I don't live there any longer and I can't stay there. There are some new shows that I don't like and I can't understand the lyrics on many of the newer songs. But, if I don't at least try to enjoy where I am or understand the newer ways, I'm doomed to live in the past without knowing the possibilities of the future.

As a leader in your lodge or chapter, you are expected to do so by example. I doubt that the membership voted for you so that you and a few others could fight and struggle to keep things the same. Can we predict the future? Maybe not but, we can acknowledge the fact that where we are may not be where we could be. Potential — it's in all of us. If we work as hard to realize our potential as we do to keep things the same



then we have a template for success. Ask yourself this: Am I here to keep things the same or am I here to make a difference? #createourfuture ■

Teamwork + Planning

By **BOB NEFF**/Director, Higher Degrees

This fiscal year is quickly humming by. The second half is well underway, though much work remains to accomplish the goals we set for this year. It is also time to start thinking about next year. History awaits no one and we must prepare to make our mark.

As the year changes, some say we will usher in a new version of the Roaring 20s. How will we start and navigate this decade? How will we celebrate the 20s this time around? Times are different than they were a century ago. At the same time, most folks thought that the 1920s were a different decade than any before it too!

The Moose organization has a great opportunity to make history during the 20's this time around. The possibilities of a stronger, brighter and more vibrant future are on the horizon. As those plans are being finalized, our officers have a responsibility to stay positive on the current course of operation. That means assuring that all continuing and incoming leaders attend training in order to be knowledgeable and up to date with existing policy and procedure.

It means making sure we examine, encourage and nominate the best possible members to serve our various fraternal units in the year ahead. Is it a little early to be thinking about that since most nominations are not done until spring? Some may think so, but in reality, now is a great time. Training classes often ramp up in the first part of the calendar year. That is a great place to start the planning and preparation to gain knowledge to be in a position to hit the ground running.

Being an officer (no matter what title) is much more than occupying space and attending a few meetings. It takes both desire and dedication to help make a positive difference. It means working together with others, with each pulling their own weight and yet working together as a team. Generally the best teams are those whose members

understand and commit to their individual responsibilities while working together to make each other even better.

Former President Ronald Reagan once said, "There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit." There is no "I" in team. There can be success in the unified effort when the various parts are in sync and truly pulling together in the same direction. We encourage you to be that kind of leader making our program even better going forward. We are 'One Moose' and indeed the best is yet to come! ■



We Will Be Teaching What Moosehaven Is – And What It Isn't

By **MARINA MATHEWS**/Director of Communications, Moosehaven

One Moose. It seems our Fraternity is headed for some exciting changes from which we hope to adapt and grow to fit the needs of a new generation of Moose. In these exciting times, my hope is that our members come to fully understand all about Moosehaven and the benefit it represents.

Over the past 12 years working at Moosehaven, I've realized that many of our members simply do not understand what Moosehaven is, what we do and who we serve. I am constantly amazed by the lack of knowledge about a benefit which represents half of the Moose mission; that of caring for our senior Moose members. Rare is the member who truly understands what our Fraternity is accomplishing on the 63 acres of riverfront property in Orange Park, Florida.

My goal is to create information programs for the lodges, chapters, Associations and Districts to use to educate their members. I want to create excitement about Moosehaven and clarify any misinformation about WHAT WE ARE and about WHAT WE ARE NOT. I will be revitalizing our website (www.moosehaven.org), our social media pages and information that is presented to members at the Mid-Year and Annual Association conventions.

One Moose is an exciting concept that will take our Fraternity to new successes and I want Moosehaven to be one of those successes available to members for generations to come. Do you know what Moosehaven is?

To find out more, please visit www.moosehaven.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook. ■

Calling all Amazon Shoppers! Let AmazonSmile Benefit Mooseheart!

By **PAM AMUNDSEN**/Executive Director, Moose Charities

Christmas is on its way shoppers! Before you make that next purchase at Amazon.com, let's talk about AmazonSmile and how it can benefit Mooseheart.

Our most recent donation from AmazonSmile Foundation for Mooseheart Child City & School was \$741.85, all at no cost to supporters like you. As of October 2019, there were 1,419 Amazon.com shoppers who supported Mooseheart. I know we have far more Moose members that are Amazon shoppers!

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For additional information on events, please visit the Moose International website at www.moosintl.org/members/index.php/sports/ or call Camille Ruffino at (630) 966-2213.

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We're At the Halfway Mark

By **BARB McPHERSON**/Grand Chancellor

The holidays are officially in full swing and this is the time of year that marks the halfway point in your chapter year. The International and annual conferences are over; the Women of the Moose training sessions are over for 2019; honors for the Award of Achievement, Green Cap, Academy of Friendship, College of Regents and Star Recorder have been graded; and our office is preparing to celebrate the holiday season with our families, friends and residents at Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

As we prepare to celebrate, we cannot help but reflect on the past six months and the tremendous success in the Women of the Moose. We ended the 2018-2019 chapter year with a decrease of just 451 in membership, but more chapters qualified for the Award of Achievement for the 2018 chapter year than any year during my tenure as Grand Chancellor.

Building on that success, we are faced with a horizon of change, but if we set our sights in the right direction, we will have more opportunities in the coming year than we have had in our 106-year history.

To ensure the chapter is on track for the Award of Achievement, officers should review the Checklist For A Successful Year found in the 2019-2020 Officers' Handbook, beginning on page 69. The completion of

each task listed will ensure a successful chapter year and the chapter earning the Award of Achievement.

The Membership/Retention Chairman and her committee should be contacting the members of the chapter whose dues have expired and have not renewed. The Recorder, or any authorized officer, has the ability to provide detailed lists, via LCL.net and Moose International emails, to the chairman. The chairman and her committee should make personal contact with the members to find out why they have not renewed. It is quite possible they simply forgot or perhaps they are not happy with the chapter for one reason or another.

Once you have verified that the chapter is on track for the Award of Achievement, please make sure that all co-workers attempting to qualify for their various degrees and honors are meeting their personal requirements – enrolling new members, attending training sessions and holding fundraising projects. Please review their requirements in the General Laws so there are no surprises.

Don't forget – elections for new officers are right around the corner.

If the chapter officers and co-workers are positive and working together for the purposes of this Fraternity, everyone will be successful.

On behalf of the entire staff at Women of the Moose headquarters, we wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a successful and prosperous

Your Best Friend During Lodge Elections

By **MICHAEL LEUER**/General Governor

It is already that time of the year when you must start planning for elections in your lodge. Your best friend this time of the year is the Lodge Election Handbook. If you go by what is in it you, will not have any surprises. If your lodge does not have a copy, it can be found on the Moose International website www.mooseintl.org under the forms and documents section, then go to the General Governor section.

The Governor must organize a nominating committee not later than the last regular general membership meeting in February for the regular election. The committee shall give written notice of the time and place of its meetings (three required) to the Administrator of the lodge and by verbal notice in an open lodge meeting. The Nominating Committee report should be read to the floor at the last general membership meeting in March, stating the names of those members nominated by the committee.

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the eight elective officers for the lodge with a full Board of Officers. It shall consist of six officers for lodges using only one Trustee, five Past Governors (if the lodge has so many available) in their order of juniority by service to the lodge, and five members of the lodge appointed by the Governor, each of whom must be an appointed officer, committee chairman or Past Governor (honorary or by service) of that lodge. A larger Nominating Committee may be assembled when the lodge deems it necessary for the good of the lodge.

It is the job of the Nominating Committee to consider all eligible members

and select one or more candidates for each office to be filled. After the written report is read on the lodge floor the Nominating Committee shall automatically dissolve.

The Governor shall next appoint an Election Committee composed of three active members of the lodge who are not officers or candidates for elective office. The Election Committee shall conduct the election at the first general membership meeting in April, count the ballots and file a written report to the lodge of the results of the election. Each member of the committee shall sign the report and it shall be attached to the lodge minutes. Any challenges must be made to a member of the Election Committee within 48 hours of the closing of the election. The Election Committee shall impound the ballots pending final determination by the Election Committee or by any appellate officer or tribunal.

Now that you have followed the Lodge Election Handbook and have a new Board of Officers elected, they must be installed before April 30. The New Board of Officers takes over on May 1.

Now is the time for the New Board of Officers to get started and have a successful and productive year for the lodge and its members.

If you have any questions give the General Governor's office a call at 630-966-2207. ■

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