

STATE AND PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATIONS

Chapter 51 - Organization

Sec. 51.1 - Creation - By consent of the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors, the lodges of any state, territory or province shall organize and maintain a state, territorial, or provincial association composed of lodges of that state, territory or province. ~~With consent of the General Governor and Grand Chancellor, an association organized and maintained pursuant to this section may also include chapters.~~ When advisable, an association shall be divided into districts or regions. Members of a district or region shall organize or maintain an association composed of lodges ~~(and chapters if so included)~~ of the district or region.

Associations are organized and exist for the sole purpose of promoting, supporting and coordinating the programs of Moose International ~~and the Supreme Lodge~~. They shall promote and support all authorized programs of Moose International, including those regarding membership, ritual, sports, and community service programs and projects. The association shall adopt programs and projects for the betterment of Mooseheart and Moosehaven to include the building of the endowment fund for the support of these institutions.

Sec. 51.2 - Powers and Limitations - Each association shall have power to regulate its own internal affairs when not inconsistent with the Constitution and General Laws, or the official and authorized actions of the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors. Except concerning its own internal affairs, no association shall have or exercise any executive, legislative or judicial functions or have jurisdiction over the lodges ~~(and chapters if so included)~~ of which it is composed, or of their members, unless specifically authorized in these General Laws or by the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer.

Sec. 51.3 - By-laws - Each association shall adopt by-laws which shall not become effective unless and until the same have been approved by the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer. Each association shall enact by-laws and amendments thereto as proposed by the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer and approved by the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors, when the same are not inconsistent with the Constitution and General Laws ~~of the Order~~. All by-laws and amendments shall be submitted to and approved in advance by the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer.

Sec. 51.4 - Incorporating - The associations shall incorporate under the laws of the state or province in which it is located unless Moose International shall determine that incorporating is not necessary. A copy of the proposed Articles of Incorporation or any amendments must be submitted to Moose International prior to being filed with the authorized public officer responsible for receiving and recording these documents. A copy of the certified Articles of Incorporation shall be submitted to Moose International within thirty (30) days after being filed. It is the responsibility of the association to maintain its Articles of Incorporation in compliance with the General Laws.

Sec. 51.5 - Participation - Unless authorized by the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer, all lodges ~~(and chapters if so included)~~ shall be a member of the association duly organized and existing in the state, territory or province in which each lodge ~~(and chapter if included) are~~ is located. To be in good standing with the association, each lodge ~~(and chapter if so included)~~ shall remain current in all financial obligations due Moose International and the association, or have entered into a satisfactory payment arrangement with Moose International or the association to satisfy the outstanding indebtedness. Each lodge ~~(and chapter if so included)~~ shall be represented at all association conventions, conferences, district meetings, workshops, training seminars and schools as required by the association, Moose International or ~~the Supreme Lodge~~the Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors. Each association shall adopt a policy, approved by the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer, to enforce the intent of this section.

Chapter 52 - Limitations

Sec. 52.1 - Supervision by ~~Supreme Lodge~~The Moose - All state, territorial, and provincial associations now or hereafter organized and maintained shall at all times be subject to the supervision and control of Moose International and its qualified officers. Activities involving non-members, leases, purchases and sales of real property, sales of personal property, and purchases of personal property in the amount of \$5,000 or greater are subject to approval by the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer. The ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer may declare any association office or position vacant for a violation by the officeholder of the General Laws or policies of Moose International, or the by-laws of the association.

Sec. 52.2 - Governing Body - The governing body of any association whenever used in these General Laws shall be the association itself.

Sec. 52.3 - No Endorsements - No association shall either directly or indirectly endorse the candidacy of any person for any office in ~~the Supreme Lodge~~The Moose nor take any action whatever in any manner concerning the same. No association shall take any action whatever on any political, legislative or public policy matter, whether general or local, unless the action is in accord with previous action of ~~the Supreme Lodge~~The Moose, or

unless the action taken is approved by the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors before the action is adopted or made public.

Sec. 52.4 - Furnish Information - According to prevailing Moose International policy, each association shall furnish to Moose International an accurate list of the names and mailing addresses of its governing officers and committee chairmen and the lodges ~~(and chapters if so included)~~ composing it. Each association shall promptly furnish to Moose International, or any officer or authority designated by the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors, any other information requested.

The ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors, or any officer or committee of ~~the Supreme Lodge~~The Moose, may call upon the governing body or any officer of any association for advice, recommendation or information concerning any matter arising within the geographical division for which the association is organized. The governing body or officer shall provide the advice, recommendation or information requested. The advice, recommendation or information shall not be binding upon the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors or any officer or committee of ~~the Supreme Lodge~~The Moose making the request.

Sec. 52.5 - Suspension - The ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer may suspend any association when the association has violated any of the provisions of the Constitution or General Laws ~~of the Order~~, a policy of ~~the Supreme Lodge~~The Moose or Moose International, the association's by-laws or a directive from the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors or ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer. With consent of the ~~Supreme Council~~Moose International, Inc. Board of Directors, the ~~General Governor~~Chief Compliance Officer may dissolve any association when such action is justified.

Sec. 52.6 - Dissolution - No lodge ~~(or chapter if so included)~~ shall become, or be a member of, any association ordered to dissolve as provided in the preceding section. No member of ~~the Order~~The Moose shall be or act as an officer or committee person or otherwise of any dissolved association, except for the sole purpose of concluding its affairs. Violation of this section shall be punishable by suspension or revocation of the charter of the offending lodge ~~(or chapter if so included)~~, or by fine, removal from office, suspension or expulsion from the fraternity of any offending officer or member, as provided by the General Laws.