

Hello Chapter Member,

While we know this is a very lengthy letter, it is imperative you read the entire message since it **AFFECTS YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MOOSE FRATERNITY.**

In response to members requests, Moose International has been working to establish a strategic plan for women and men to have equal opportunities, rights, and privileges within the Lodge throughout the Fraternity where diversity of thought is beneficial to our success. The idea of “One Moose” membership, enabling men and women to have the same opportunity to serve on the Board of Officers and have a lawful vote and voice into the business, programs, and activities of the Lodge, will soon become a reality.

**Effective May 1, 2021, the “One Moose” membership concept will be implemented.**

- All current active members (men and women) will become members of the Moose Lodge.
- A new member must join the Lodge and may also join the Chapter.
- Men and women will be able to serve as officers and on committees together.

**What does this mean for our Women of the Moose Chapter?**

- The Chapter will continue to exist as an affiliated unit of the new Moose Lodge.
- The Chapter will continue to operate similar to the current manner with its own leadership but with fewer positions and meeting requirements.
- The Chapter will maintain its current assets without turning monies over to the Lodge.
- The Chapter’s Recognition and Awards Programs will remain in-tact for the foreseeable future.
- The Chapter will retain its responsibility to monetarily support Mooseheart and Moosehaven through fundraisers and conduct events in support of our local community.
- The Chapter will maintain its responsibility to retain and attract new members.

**CHANGES REGARDING DUES PAYMENTS TO THE LODGE AND CHAPTER**

- All Chapter members must be in “Active” status (meaning your dues are current) beyond April 30, 2021. Chapter members whose dues are due in January-February-March-April must have their Chapter dues **(\$25)** paid prior to April 30, 2021.

Afterwards, Moose International will begin to give all “Active” Chapter members a **Lodge membership** to be effective May 1, 2021. So, you will be a member of both the **Lodge and Chapter**. You will then pay annual Lodge dues and may still continue to be a member of the Chapter, if you continue to pay your Chapter dues (which will be reduced to \$15). **However, Chapter dues will be waived for a maximum of 3 years of the transition to the One Moose structure, provided you pay your annual Lodge dues.**

- Your One Moose Lodge dues **(\$46)** will become payable the MONTH that your current Chapter dues expire. For example, if your current Chapter dues expire January thru April, your One Moose Lodge dues will be due in the respective month in 2022. If your current Chapter dues expire May thru December, then your One Moose Lodge dues will be due in the respective month in 2021.

**CHANGES REGARDING DUES PAYMENTS TO THE LODGE AND CHAPTER** (Continued)

- If a Chapter member’s dues are not current on May 1, she will have to pay her One Moose Lodge dues (currently \$46) and Chapter dues (reduced to \$15) online after May 1, 2021 and **will not be eligible to receive free Chapter dues for the following 3 years.**
- Some Chapter members have chosen to pay their Chapter dues in advance rather than yearly....and they will not forfeit those prepaid dues. In this case, the member will be billed for Lodge dues prior to her Chapter dues expiration month in 2021 or 2022 (depending on the month when her Chapter dues expire). Once her Lodge dues are paid, an additional year of free Chapter dues will be added to her current dues expiration year (for a maximum of three years--via the dues waiver).

Example: Let’s say the Chapter member paid ahead for 10 years of Chapter dues and has an expiration date of September 30, 2031. Her Lodge dues will be payable on or before September 30, 2021. She will then receive a free year of Chapter dues, extending her Chapter membership thru September 30, 2032. Potentially she wouldn’t pay Chapter dues again until September 2034 provided she continues to pay her annual Lodge dues.

- A Chapter member who purchased a Life Membership in the Women of the Moose before May 1, 2021 will automatically receive a Life Membership in the Lodge and Chapter and will never have to pay any dues again. If you are considering this option, your request and payment must be received at the Moose International Dues Processing Center - P.O. Box 88065 - Chicago, IL 60680-1065 **prior to April 1, 2021.** Below are the payment details:

Years of Membership	Cost
0 - 14	\$600
15 - 19	\$400
20 - 24	\$350
25 - 29	\$300
30 - 34	\$250
35 - 39	\$200
40 - 44	\$150
45 - 49	BUYOUT

Enclosed is a handout “One Moose” Frequently Asked Questions you may find useful. We also encourage you to watch the *One Moose REALITY* video on the Moose International YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ycumZHmYNPM>. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to attend our **WOTM Chapter meeting on Tuesday, February 22, at 7:00 P.M. at the Lodge.** We appreciate your membership in our Chapter and hope that you will continue to stay an active member.

Enclosure



Board of Officers  
Women of the Moose - XYZ Chapter