

Official Communication for May 11, 2022

2022 Moose Convention Registration is Open

Registration and housing information for the 2022 International Moose Convention in Orlando, Florida is on the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org) All active members are welcome to register and attend the convention.

Important items to note:

- Convention dates are **June 30 – July 4, 2022**; registration opens the afternoon of June 29, although the first meeting is on June 30. The preliminary convention scheduled is listed on the website, although it can be subject to change.
- Early-bird registration is open now until June 1, 2022. Online registration is \$50; mail-in registration is \$60; and any registration following June 1 is \$100.
- All meetings will take place at the Rosen Shingle Creek Orlando.
- The housing reservation link provides access to rooms at the Rosen Shingle Creek (until sold out). For options at all Rosen properties listed, please use the toll-free number – 866-996-6338.
- **Scooter rental** is now available when members register for the convention online. Rental dates and costs will be listed as part of the registration form. This option is not available on the mail-in form, and therefore, members using this method will need to reserve scooters on-site when they arrive.
- Saturday, July 2nd will be a celebration of **Moosehaven's 100th Anniversary**. Round-trip bus transportation will be available for a fee on the on-line and written registration forms, although members who have their own transportation may attend at no cost. Food, beverages and entertainment will be available on the Moosehaven campus.
- ACM and CMA New Artist of the Year, **Jimmie Allen**, will be the featured entertainer at the **25 Club/Moose Fun Night** event on Sunday, July 3rd. Qualifying 25 Club members will be provided complimentary preferred seating for the concert (plus guest), but any convention attendee may purchase tickets at \$30 apiece when they register.

Procedure for Alternates at International Convention

The annual Moose International Convention is an opportunity to gain knowledge, inspiration, know-how, and new ideas. For these reasons, every Lodge is required to send its President and Administrator, who are the Lodge's official representatives. However, any active Lodge member selected by the Lodge may serve as an alternate representative in the event the President or Administrator is unable to attend.

The procedure to have an alternate is as follows: when an alternate has been voted on in a general membership meeting, they shall bring with them a statement on lodge letterhead to present at the **Information booth (located next to registration)** at convention. The letter shall state that Jamie Jones, MID # _____ was selected at a general membership meeting on (Date) 00/00/0000 to be the alternate for the Administrator or President at the Moose International Convention.

This letter is to be signed by both the President and Administrator, with the lodge seal applied (if available).

This letter can also be sent ahead of time if the vote has already been made at a Lodge General Membership meeting in order to be more expedient. It should be mailed to Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, Cherie Staples. **If a copy of the letter was faxed or emailed you should also bring the original with you to give her at the Information Booth, or mail the original as soon as possible. Please contact Cherie Staples at 630-966-2209 with any questions regarding this process.

The Moose Membership Cards - Clarification

Last week we indicated that all members should now have a white Moose membership card or a Valued Veteran membership card, which is incorrect. Men that had paid their dues in advance could still have a valid blue membership card and should be allowed into the lodge. For all three types of valid membership cards, the date on the bottom right is the lodge expiration date. This is the date on the card that allows members access to the lodge home.

Blessing of the Bikes

Attention Moose Riders, the Blessing of the Bikes is just around the bend. Beautiful weather is coming and bike riding time is going to be here fast, so please make the first ride of the year to Mooseheart for its 18th Annual Event on Saturday May 21, 2022. There has been some changes to this event and we will follow the state and CDC guidelines. As of now, we are mask free and open to the public. You may register online via www.mooseintl.org, or scan the QR code on the attached flyer to register. You can also mail in your form, if more convenient. Please post the attached flyer at your lodge and share with your Moose Riders group. Just remember, ride safe and enjoy.

Lodge Safety Form Submissions Due May 30th

Online submission for the Lodge Safety Form is open and the deadline has been extended to May 30th. Failure to submit the form by the deadline will result in a 10% modifier on the Lodge's Risk Assessment. Tips to ensure proper submission:

- Sample Lodge Safety Form is available in the Insurance Reference Manual (Download from Moose International site)
- Use the sample to walk around your Lodge and complete the inspection.
- Online submission is the only form accepted. You may access the form through LCL Web.
- Make sure that there is no "ERROR" message which you will see on top of the screen. The form will not save until you correct the error.

If you go back to the form and it is blank, this means that the form did not save.