

**REPORT OF THE**  
**RULES AND ORDER COMMITTEE**

The Rules and Order Committee submits the following report as being the appropriate rules of order and procedure for the conduct of the 138<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Moose and the International Moose Convention.

The 138<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Moose

The 138<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Moose officially opens at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, in Hall C & D of the Oklahoma City Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with the Report of the Chief Executive Officer and the Reports of the Board of Directors of Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and shall adjourn at such time as The Moose, by appropriate action, may determine.

For admission to the assembly hall, and to facilitate identification, members, guests, and others shall be required to wear the Convention badge issued by the Credentials Committee. General Sessions of The Moose shall be open to all members, and follow at times and places indicated in the Convention program. Sessions are to be called to order only when it appears that a quorum is present. Each session shall last approximately two hours, and shall be recessed by the Chairman of the Board, or duly authorized presiding officer, when the session's business is completed.

Immediately after the Opening Ceremonies and Opening Prayer of the Opening Session of the 138<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Moose, the Credentials Committee shall submit its report of Members registered and present.

Following the Credentials Committee report, the International Convention Oath and Obligation shall be given to all Representatives, Past Presidents, Past Regents and Officers of The Moose in attendance by the Pilgrim President, after which the Chairman of the Board shall be given their Obligation and officially presented the gavel as the presiding officer for all of the business of the Meeting of The Moose as provided in Section 10.2 of the General Laws.

Following the International Oath and Obligation, the Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Directors of Mooseheart and Moosehaven shall make their reports, followed by the nomination of the Moose International Chairman of the Board for 2026-27.

At the Second Session of the 138<sup>th</sup> Meeting of The Moose, the Rules and Order Committee shall move for the adoption of its report following the Roll Call. All other reports shall be presented at such time as the Chairman of the Board may direct in accordance with their convenience and other business of the Meeting of The Moose.

All proposed resolutions must be delivered to the Secretary prior to, or during each session, whereupon he shall submit them to the Resolutions Committee for consideration. All proposed resolutions shall be prepared in triplicate, printed on one side of the paper only, and the names of the Representative and the Lodge submitting the resolution shall be affixed thereto.

The Chairman of the Board, or a duly authorized presiding officer, shall refer all matters introduced, which are foreign to the published program of the Meeting of The Moose, to an appropriate committee or an appropriate officer of The Moose.

Elected Officers of The Moose shall be nominated and elected pursuant to Chapter 12 of the General Laws. Nominations of Officers of The Moose shall be made at the Second Session of the Meeting of The Moose to be held on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chairman of the Board, or a duly authorized presiding officer, shall recognize members of The Moose for appropriate nomination motions. The election and appointment of Officers of The Moose shall take place Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. In all cases of election, the votes of the majority of those members of The Moose voting shall elect. When only one candidate for each office has been nominated, the members of The Moose voting, following an appropriate motion and second, by majority action, may order any member of The Moose to cast a unanimous ballot for all offices. In the case of a tie for any office, the voting shall continue until a choice has been made. On Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Officers of The Moose, elected and appointed, shall be installed.

The Chairman of the Board, or a duly authorized presiding officer, shall maintain the decorum of the sessions, with the assistance of the Sergeant-at-Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard and their assistants. Committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Board as deemed necessary for the transaction of the business of the Meeting of The Moose, or as required by the General Laws.

By authorization of the Rules and Order Committee, the proceedings of this Meeting of The Moose shall be fully kept and distributed to the Lodges, the Representatives, and the attending Past Presidents to this Meeting of The Moose in a manner provided in Section 10.4 of the General Laws.

Pursuant to Articles II and III of the General Laws, only those Past Presidents, Past Regents (having received the honor prior to May 1, 2021) and Representatives, who have registered and have credentials, shall be qualified to participate in any proceeding by voice or vote, unless specifically called upon by the Chairman of the Board or presiding officer. All other members, in good standing, who have registered, shall be admitted, but they shall not be qualified to participate in any of the proceedings by voice or vote, unless specifically called upon by the Chairman of the Board or presiding officer.

Members of The Moose, when addressing the presiding officer, upon being recognized - if not already identified - shall identify themselves. They shall state their name, the name and number of their Lodge, and their title, such as Past President, President, Administrator or Lodge Representative, so the Meeting of The Moose proceedings may be accurately recorded.

The Treasurer shall draw checks in such sums as may be found necessary for the purpose of paying the proper expenses of this Convention. The Finance Committee may assist the Treasurer in handling the receipts of the Convention and approving the expenditures.

The Constitution and By-laws of Moose International and The Moose and these Rules and Order shall govern the deliberations of this Convention. All matters not

expressly governed by such Constitution and General Laws, Rules and Order, or by Convention action, shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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