

Changes to the Women of the Moose General Laws

Effective for 2010-2011

Chapter year

New Section 29. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS.

- a. To qualify for membership in the Women of the Moose, an applicant must:
- 4) *Not be a registered sex offender or convicted felon*, unless; the conviction has been expunged, the conviction has been vacated by an unconditional pardon, or a dispensation waiving this requirement has been obtained from the General Governor

Reason: Consistency with General Laws of the Loyal Order of Moose.

New Section 43. SENIOR REGENT.

- e. Immediately after election, the Senior Regent shall appoint a Guide, Assistant Guide and all Chairmen of Chapter Development, Standing and Special Committees. A co-worker may serve as chairman of one (1) committee, only. This pertains to chapter development and standing committees. The Senior Regent shall be Chairman Ex Officio of all committees with the exception of Audit, College of Regents, Star Recorder *and* Academy of Friendship.

Reason: Elimination of PEP Committee, Sentinel, Argus, Meeting Coordinator and moving Family Involvement to a Chapter Development Committee.

New Section 46. JUNIOR GRADUATE REGENT.

- j. A Junior Graduate Regent completing her term of office, who qualifies for the College of Regents degree, may be elected as *Chaplain*, Secretary/Treasurer or Recorder. She may also be appointed to serve as:
 - . Star Recorder Chairman if she holds the degree
 - . Musician (if desired, who is not installed)
 - . Chairman of a Special Committee
 - . Serve on the Audit Committee
 - . Chairman of the Family Involvement Committee.

Reason: Elimination of the Meeting Coordinator and PEP Chairman positions as well as the ability for a co-worker who holds the College of Regents degree or a call card for the degree to now hold the elected office of Chaplain.

New Section 50. DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS.

- a. Appointments to serve as an Appointed Officer, or in a special capacity, shall be made by the Senior Regent and are not subject to the approval of the Board of Officers. The appointees shall be installed at the scheduled date for installation.
- b. The Senior Regent shall select the following appointed officers prior to installation, namely:
 - 1. The GUIDE who shall have charge of all the properties and paraphernalia of the chapter and meeting room set up. *She and the Assistant Guide shall be responsible for the doors of the chapter room and shall check membership cards as co-workers enter the chapter meeting room.*
 - 2. The ASSISTANT GUIDE who shall assist the GUIDE.

Reason: Elimination of the Sentinel, Argus and Meeting Coordinator positions.

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New Section 52. CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEES.

a. The Chapter Development Committees shall be Membership/Retention, Publicity, Youth Involvement, Mooseheart/Moosehaven, Community Service, Educational Advancement, *Family Involvement*, *Moose Charities* and Health Awareness. A chairman of a Chapter Development Committee may qualify for her Academy of Friendship Degree by fulfilling the requirements as given in Section 106.

b. The Senior Regent shall select co-workers to serve as Chapter Development Chairmen *as appropriate*.

1. *Membership/Retention – may be any co-worker of the Chapter even those who hold a degree.*
2. *Publicity – must be a co-worker who does not hold the Academy of Friendship or higher degree.*
3. *Youth Involvement - must be a co-worker who does not hold the Academy of Friendship or higher degree.*
4. *Mooseheart/Moosehaven - must be a co-worker who does not hold the Academy of Friendship or higher degree.*
5. *Community Service - must be a co-worker who does not hold the Academy of Friendship or higher degree.*
6. *Educational Advancement - must be a co-worker who does not hold the Academy of Friendship or higher degree.*
7. *Family Involvement - may be any co-worker of the Chapter even those who hold a degree.*
8. *Moose Charities - may be any co-worker of the Chapter even those who hold a degree.*
9. *Health Awareness - must be a co-worker who does not hold the Academy of Friendship or higher degree.*

c. An appointed or elected officer shall not serve as a Chapter Development Chairman.

d. There shall be no co-chairman for any Chapter Development Committee.

e. Immediately following Installation, the Senior Regent shall schedule a meeting of all Chapter Development Committee Chairmen to explain the duties of each chairman and appoint members to each committee.

f. Depending on the chapter size, a chairman may request co-workers to be assigned to her committee. In order that each committee chairman have the same number of members on her list, the Recorder will assign an equal number of co-workers, including officers, to serve on each committee. Each chairman shall have the names of co-workers on her committee and encourage them to attend committee meetings to assist with selection of projects, plans for Committee Activity Night and arrangements for monthly committee meetings. A co-worker shall be appointed to only one (1) Chapter Development Committee.

Reason: Deletion, combination and new Chapter Development Committees.

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New Section 53. THE PURPOSE OF EACH CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE is as follows:

a. The MEMBERSHIP/RETENTION Committee shall promote the membership and retention campaigns from Moose International, as well as developing and promoting membership and retention campaigns within their own chapter. This committee shall welcome new members on Chapter Activity Night. Committee members shall also participate in a chapter mentoring program to instill in the new member the desire to become active in the Women of the Moose programs thereby helping to retain these members. *It shall be the responsibility of the Recorder to make a list available each month to the Membership/Retention Committee Chairman of co-workers who are thirty (30) days or more in arrears of dues payment. The Membership/Retention Committee shall make personal contact by telephone or personal visit to every co-worker who is in arrears in the payment of her dues.*

d. The MOOSEHEART/MOOSEHAVEN Committee shall conduct a monetary gift walk for Mooseheart and Moosehaven at the Committee Activity Night in October. The Recorder shall deposit all cash donations received in the gift walks into the chapter's General Fund and include this amount with the other donations to Moose Charities. In addition, the committee shall include an amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for a special Christmas gift for a Mooseheart child *and an amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for a special Christmas gift for a Moosehaven senior.* (See Mooseheart/Moosehaven Committee Form 114.)

g. *The FAMILY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE shall plan family activities for all co-workers and their family members of all ages. The committee shall work with the Lodge Family Activities Chairman in planning joint activities. The Family Involvement Committee shall hold a fundraising project to defray expenses for holding family activities.*

h. *The MOOSE CHARITIES COMMITTEE shall plan fundraising projects to benefit the programs of Moose Charities.*

i. The HEALTH AWARENESS Committee may provide a scholarship in the medical field for a worthy student in the local area. A complete scholarship shall include tuition, fees, uniforms, books, instruments, room, board and spending money. The committee may provide the scholarship for a one (1) year period or for an entire course. The Supervisor/Vice President of Nursing at the local hospital or the principal of the area high school may be consulted for recommendations of qualified students who need scholarships. If funds are not available for a complete scholarship, the committee shall provide a stated amount of money to assist a worthy student.

Reason: Purposes of current Committees.

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New Section 54. STANDING COMMITTEES.

- a. The Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder, and College of Regents committees shall be known and function as Standing Committees. The Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder and College of Regents Committees are limited to members who have received the respective degree.
- b. The Senior Regent may appoint a co-worker who has held the Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder or College of Regents *degree as the Chairman of the respective Committee* provided the co-worker has held the degree for ten (10) months or more. A co-worker who has qualified for or who holds the College of Regents or Star Recorder degree may not serve as Chairman of the Academy of Friendship Committee.
- e. The Committee Activity Night for the Academy of Friendship, Star Recorder, and College of Regents Committees may be held anytime during the respective month.

Reason: Elimination of the PEP Committee and moving the Family Involvement Committee to Chapter Development Committees.

New Section 55. THE PURPOSE OF EACH STANDING COMMITTEE is as follows:

- d. Delete entire paragraph
- e. Move to Section 53, h.

Reason: Elimination of PEP Committee and making Family Involvement a Chapter Development Committee.

New Section 62. AUDIT COMMITTEE.

- f. The Recorder shall transmit the financial report to Moose International between the first (1st) and the tenth (10th) day of the month following the audited month.

Reason: Remainder of paragraph is no longer applicable.

New Section 65. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY NIGHT. (subject to change)

- a. A Committee Activity Night shall be scheduled for the first chapter meeting of each month. Committee Activity Nights are sponsored by committees as follows: May - *Membership/Retention*; June - *Publicity*; July - *Youth Involvement*; August - Academy of Friendship; September - Star Recorder; October - *Mooseheart/Moosehaven*; November - College of Regents; December - Community Service; January - Educational Advancement; February - *Family Involvement*; March - *Moose Charities*; April - Health Awareness. (Refer to instructions for Green Cap Committee Activity Night.)

Reason: Re-organization of Committees due to elimination of PEP, combining Mooseheart and Moosehaven, moving Family Involvement and addition of Moose Charities.

New Section 68. PEP COMMITTEE ACTIVITY NIGHT. *Delete entire Section.*

Reason: Elimination of the PEP Committee.

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*New Section 68. FAMILY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITY NIGHT.
Delete entire Section.*

Reason: Family Involvement Committee is no longer a Standing Committee and is covered in Section 65.

New Section 110. REGALIA

- i. Delete entire paragraph.
- k. After three (3) or more successive years of membership in good standing in the College of Regents, and by having sponsored and enrolled three (3) or more new members into *any Chapter of the Women of the Moose*, a Collegian shall then be invested in her chapter with a red stole at the College of Regents Committee Activity Night. If she is unable to be present, she may be invested at the next Committee Activity Night she attends. A Collegian who moves to another area may request a dispensation from Moose International to be invested in another chapter, providing reason is included with request.

Reason: Paragraph i. is no longer applicable. Clarification of paragraph k.

New Section 114. MATRICULANTS/CANDIDATES TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

- c. Identification Call Cards/letters shall be accepted at any *Academy of Friendship*, Star Recorder or College of Regents Session as long as the co-worker is active and provided she has not disqualified herself.
- d. The co-worker shall register in advance of the *International Academy of Friendship Session*, Star Recorder or College of Regents Session she plans to attend. She shall remit a chapter check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) Matriculant Fee in addition to her registration fees to Moose International with her registration form.
- e. Co-workers present to receive the Star Recorder or College of Regents degree shall wear street length dress with nylon hosiery. In addition, College of Regents matriculants shall wear all black shoes to the session. *Academy of Friendship matriculants shall wear business dress attire.*

Reason: Change in procedures and the addition of the Academy of Friendship Session during the International Conference.

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New Section 115. REPRESENTATIVE/MATRICULANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

d. If approved by the chapter, the maximum allowable expenses for room accommodations shall be as follows:

4. Academy of Friendship candidate expenses include the entire cost of the room for only one (1) night and other designated expenses as approved by the chapter. *Regardless of where the candidate chooses to receive her degree, she shall only receive financial assistance equal to the expenses allowed to attend the Midyear Conference.*

Reason: Limitation of financial assistance available to those choosing to receive the Academy of Friendship degree during the International Conference

New Section 121. ANNUAL STATE/PROVINCIAL ACADEMY OF FRIENDSHIP SESSION.

Reason: Addition of the Academy of Friendship Conferral at the International Conference.