2014 Proposed General Law Changes

For review and input at the 2014 Association Mid-Year Conferences
Proposed General Law changes are organized into three basic categories for 2014 and may be presented as such:

1. Changes to reduce the required number of Lodge officers
2. Changes to allow cross-sponsorship between men and women in the Moose
3. Changes to update General Law language and/or policies
Category One

Changes to reduce the required number of Lodge officers

- **Reasoning:** Due to the lack of members willing to serve, the following changes reduce the Board of Officers from nine (9) officers to seven (7) officers, which includes six Elective Officers and the Junior Past Governor, so more lodges can maintain a full Board. All amendment changes in this section are based on the concept of reducing the number of trustees from three (3) down to one (1).

- **Considerations:** Current trustees will not be removed immediately, but rotated off as their terms expire until one remains. Quorums remain at (5) five.
Section 33.1 – Elective Officers

Current: The elective officers of a lodge shall consist of a Governor, Junior Governor, Prelate, Administrator, Treasurer, and three (3) Trustees who must be active members of the lodge in which they are elected. All officers, except the Administrator and Trustees, shall serve for one (1) year. The Trustees shall be elected to a three (3) year term, providing their terms are so arranged that one (1) expires annually. No officers shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one office, unless the General Governor issues a dispensation. Each officer shall serve until his successor is elected and installed.
Proposed: The elective officers of a lodge shall consist of a Governor, Junior Governor, Prelate, Administrator, Treasurer, and Trustee who must be active members of the lodge in which they are elected. **All officers, except the Administrator, shall serve for one (1) year.** No officers shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in any one office, unless the General Governor issues a dispensation. Each officer shall serve until his successor is elected and installed.

**Reasoning:** Due to the lack of members willing to serve, the Board of Officers is being reduced to seven (7) officers so lodges can maintain a full Board.
Amendment #2  Chapter 37 – Junior Governor

Section 37.2 – Assist Governor
(Change of responsibilities of the Jr. Governor)

**Current:** He shall assist the Governor in preserving order and decorum in the lodge, and with the Governor, count all votes (not ballots).

**Proposed:** Delete entire section: Add – He shall, along with the Trustee and Prelate, approve all bills to be paid.

**Reasoning:** The Jr. Governor is automatically expected to assist in preserving decorum in the Lodge and the proposed amendment adds a responsibility that strengthens the financial oversight. This is also needed to due to the reduction in the number of Trustees.
Amendment #3  Chapter 39 - Prelate

Section 39.1 – General Duties
(Change of responsibilities of the Prelate)

Current: He shall be a member of the House Committee. In the absence of the Governor and Junior Governor, he presides over the deliberations of the lodge or the House Committee and performs all other duties required of him by the laws of the Order. He also serves as a member of the Auditing Committee, but not as its chairman.
Amendment #3  Chapter 39 - Prelate

Section 39.1 – General Duties (Cont.)
(Change of responsibilities of the Prelate)

*Proposed:* He shall be a member of the House Committee. In the absence of the Governor and Junior Governor, he presides over the deliberations of the lodge or the House Committee and performs all other duties required of him by the laws of the Order. He also serves as a member of the Auditing Committee, but not as its chairman. **He shall, along with the Trustee and Jr. Governor, approve all bills to be paid.**

*Reasoning:* With the deletion of two Trustees, the approval of bills would be entrusted to the one remaining Trustee, plus the Prelate and Jr. Governor.
Amendment #4  Chapter 40 - Trustees

Section 40.1 - Inventory

Current: The Trustees shall take an inventory of all furniture, fixtures and other physical property of the lodge at least once each year, and at other times as required by the Governor or the lodge.

Proposed: The Trustee, along with the Jr. Governor and Prelate, shall take an inventory of all furniture, fixtures and other physical property of the lodge at least once each year, and at other times as required by the Governor or the lodge.

Reasoning: With the reduction in the number of Trustees, this duty would be shared with the Prelate and Jr. Governor.
Amendment #5  Chapter 40 - Trustees

Section 40.2 – Examine and Approve Bills

Current: The Trustees shall examine and approve all bills, except recurring overhead items, and report to the lodge or the House Committee their recommendations as to payment. A majority of the Trustees may act. They shall perform all other duties required of them by the laws of the Order or by the lodge.
Amendment #5  Chapter 40 - Trustees

Section 40.2 – Examine and Approve Bills (Cont.)

*Proposed:* The Trustee, along with the Prelate and Jr. Governor shall examine and approve all bills, except recurring overhead items, and report to the lodge or the House Committee their recommendations as to payment. A majority may act when necessary. They shall perform all other duties required of them by the laws of the Order or by the lodge.

*Reasoning:* With the reduction in the number of Trustees, this duty would be shared with the Prelate and Jr. Governor.
Amendment #6 Chapter 40 - Trustees

Section 40.3 – Loss Prevention Committee

Current: The Loss Prevention Committee shall be comprised of five (5) members. The Trustees shall serve on the Loss Prevention Committee of the lodge and perform monthly inspections of the facility and property in accordance with guidelines provided by Moose International. The One Year Trustee shall serve as Chairman.
Amendment #6  Chapter 40 - Trustees

Section 40.3 – Loss Prevention Committee (Cont.)

**Proposed:** The Loss Prevention Committee shall be comprised of the Trustee plus two (2) members appointed by the Governor. This committee will perform monthly inspections of the facility and property in accordance with guidelines provided by Moose International. The Trustee shall serve as Chairman.

**Reasoning:** With only one Trustee, this would allow the Governor to appoint lodge members to serve with the Trustee.
Category Two

Changes to allow cross-sponsorship between men and women in the Moose

- **Reasoning:** Eliminates one of the barriers to expediently bring prospective members into the Loyal Order of Moose or the Women of the Moose.

- **Considerations:** Discussions on how awards, honors and degrees would be impacted by this proposed change will occur between now and the International Convention, prior to any vote on the amendments.
Amendment #7  Chapter 28 - Membership

Section 28.2 – Application for Lodge Membership

**Current:** Each person applying for membership in a lodge must be sponsored by another active member of a lodge. An active member of the lodge to which the applicant is making application must also endorse the applicant. An applicant must properly complete and sign an official membership application on the form provided by Moose International, as authorized by the Supreme Council. Both the sponsor and endorser must sign the application. The completed application will be a part of the condition of membership between the member and the lodge.
Amendment #7  Chapter 28 - Membership

Section 28.2 – Application for Lodge Membership (Cont.)

Proposed: Change first sentence, “Each person applying for membership in a lodge must be sponsored by another active member of a lodge the Order.”

Reasoning: To allow any member of the Order to sponsor men or women into the fraternity through the LOOM and the WOTM.
Amendment #8  Chapter 50 – Private Lodge and Social Quarters Operation

Section 50.2 – Admission Regulations

(Part 1)

Current: 2 (a) An active lodge or chapter member’s immediate family. (Note – There are no limits on the number of times a qualified family member may be admitted as a guest unless he or she qualifies as a prospective member of the person signing them into the social quarters.)

Proposed: 2 (a) An active lodge or chapter member’s spouse. (Note – There are no limits on the number of times a spouse may be admitted as a guest.)

Reasoning: This would clarify the guest policy for spouses with the change in allowing cross sponsorship into the Order. Otherwise, everyone over 21 would become a prospective member.
Amendment #8  Chapter 50 – Private Lodge and Social Quarters Operation

Section 50.2 – Admission Regulations

(Part 2)

Current: 2 (a) An active lodge or chapter member’s immediate family. (Note – There are no limits on the number of times a qualified family member may be admitted as a guest unless he or she qualifies as a prospective member of the person signing them into the social quarters.)

Proposed: 2 (b) An active lodge or chapter member’s immediate family. (Note – There are no limits on the number of times a spouse or qualified family member under the age of 21 may be admitted as a guest, however, all other immediate family members would be limited to two visits as they now qualify as a prospective member of the person signing them into the social quarters.)
Amendment #8  Chapter 50 – Private Lodge and Social Quarters Operation

Section 50.2 – Admission Regulations

(Part 2)

Reasoning: This proposal would keep the guest policy for family members essentially the same, with the exception of spouses. It would however, limit the number of visits of immediate family members over the age of 21, regardless of whether they are male or female.
Amendment #8  Chapter 50 – Private Lodge and Social Quarters Operation

Section 50.2 – Admission Regulations

(Part 3)

Current: 2(b) The lady friend of an active lodge member or the gentleman friend of an active chapter member. (Note- There are no limits on the number of times a qualified lady friend or gentleman friend may be admitted as a guest.)

Proposed: 2(b) Eliminate the current section 2 (b) from The Private Policy.

Reasoning: Everyone besides a spouse or immediate family member under the age of 21 would become a prospective member, thus a lady friend or gentleman friend would be limited to two visits.
Amendment #8  Chapter 50 – Private Lodge and Social Quarters Operation

Section 50.2 – Admission Regulations

(Part 4)

**Current:** 2 (c) A prospective member is defined as any guest that is accompanied by a member who can sponsor them for membership in the Order. As permitted by the House Committee, a prospective member may be admitted subject to the following:

**Proposed:** 2 (c) A prospective member is defined as any guest that is accompanied by a member who can sponsor them for membership in the Order, with the exception listed in 2 (a) of this section. As permitted by the House Committee, a prospective member may be admitted subject to the following:

**Reasoning:** Everyone besides a spouse or immediate family member under the age of 21 would become a prospective member.
Category Three

Changes to update General Law language and/or policies
Amendment #9  The Constitution of Moose International Inc. and the Supreme Lodge

Article XII – Amendments to the Constitution and General Laws

Current: At the next meeting of the Supreme Lodge, if there has been compliance with this article, the proposed amendments shall be contained in the report of the Judiciary Committee to the Supreme Lodge. Upon the report of the Judiciary Committee being approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the eligible members present and voting, the amendment(s) shall be declared adopted and immediately take effect as part of this Constitution and General Laws, unless otherwise provided.
Amendment #9  The Constitution of Moose International Inc. and the Supreme Lodge

Article XII – Amendments to the Constitution and General Laws (Cont.)

Proposed: Revise last sentence to read, “Upon the report of the Judiciary Committee being approved by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the eligible members present and voting, the amendment(s) shall be declared adopted and effective on the first day of the month following the close of the International Convention unless otherwise provided.”

Reasoning: This change more accurately reflects current practice and policy relating to when changes to amendments take effect. This removes a conflict of Section 11.6 of the by-laws, Chapter 11 – Powers of the Supreme Lodge.
Amendment #10  Chapter 2 - General Definitions

Section 2.5 - Moosehaven

Current: Residence at Moosehaven for any eligible member and/or their spouse shall be subject to rules and regulations prescribed by the Moosehaven Board of Directors. Residence may be terminated at any time, at the discretion and direction of the Admissions and Demissions Committee appointed by the Moosehaven Board of Directors.

Proposed: Delete last sentence.

Reasoning: The current statement is redundant as the termination policy already exists in the rules and regulations prescribed by the Moosehaven Board of Directors.
Amendment #11  Chapter 6 – Mooseheart

Board of Directors

Section 6.1 – Mooseheart - Creation and Duties

*Current:* The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of The Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.

*Proposed:* The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose Order.

*Reasoning:* This would allow for a larger selection pool of potential board members who may have academic degrees or professional experience within select disciplines needed to operate a child care facility.
Section 6.4 – Mooseheart - Qualification of Directors

Current: A member elected to the Mooseheart Board of Directors must be an active member of the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose or be an active member of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.

Proposed: Delete entire section.

Reasoning: The qualifications are already defined in section 6.1 – Creation and Duties.
Current: The Mooseheart Board of Directors shall make rules and regulations as they deem proper for the admission of children to Mooseheart. They shall prescribe the terms and conditions under which any child may reside at Mooseheart, the employment of the mother of any child residing at Mooseheart and for the discontinuing of the residence of any child or employment of its mother at Mooseheart. They shall have complete authority to determine in each case who shall be admitted to Mooseheart, the conditions under which any person may reside at Mooseheart and may terminate the residence and/or employment at Mooseheart of any person at any time.
Proposed: The Mooseheart Board of Directors shall make rules and regulations as they deem proper for the admission of children to Mooseheart. They shall prescribe the terms and conditions under which any child may reside at Mooseheart, the employment of the mother of any child residing at Mooseheart and for the discontinuing of the residence of any child or employment of its mother at Mooseheart. They shall have complete authority to determine in each case who shall be admitted to Mooseheart and the conditions under which any person may reside at Mooseheart. and may terminate the residence and/or employment at Mooseheart of any person at any time.
Amendment #13  Chapter 6 - Mooseheart
Board of Directors

Section 6.5 – Admission Regulations & Rules
(Cont.)

Reasoning: This is dated information. Mooseheart no longer employs the mother, or the family members, of admitted students.
Amendment #14  Chapter 7 – Moosehaven
Board of Directors

Section 7.1 – Moosehaven - Creation and Duties

Current: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of The Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.

Proposed: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose Order.

Reasoning: This would allow for a larger selection pool of potential board members, who may have academic degrees or professional experience within select disciplines needed to operate a retirement community.
Amendment #15  Chapter 7 – Moosehaven
Board of Directors

Section 7.4 – Moosehaven - Qualification of Directors

Current: A member elected to the Moosehaven Board of Directors must be an active member of the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose or be an active member of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.

Proposed: Delete entire section

Reasoning: The qualifications are already defined in section 7.1 – Creation and Duties.
Amendment #16  Chapter 7 – Moosehaven
Board of Directors

Section 7.5 Admission Regulations & Rules

Current: 2nd Paragraph - When an applicant is admitted to Moosehaven, he/she shall be presented an annual non-beneficiary (if applicable) membership card by his/her lodge/chapter during the continuance of his/her residence at Moosehaven. The board may delegate the review, determination and sufficiency of admission procedures, contracts, rules and regulations to an Admissions and Demissions Committee.
Amendment #16  Chapter 7 – Moosehaven
Board of Directors

Section 7.5 Admission Regulations & Rules
(Cont.)

Proposed: Delete first sentence - When an applicant is admitted to Moosehaven, he/she shall be presented an annual non-beneficiary (if applicable) membership card by his/her lodge/chapter during the continuance of his/her residence at Moosehaven. The board may delegate the review, determination and sufficiency of admission procedures, contracts, rules and regulations to an Admissions and Demissions Committee.

Reasoning: This is no longer part of Moosehaven regulations required by the Moosehaven Board of Directors. Life membership cards are only active while the member is residing at Moosehaven.
Amendment #17  Chapter 8 – Moose
Foundation Board of Directors

Section 8.1 – Creation

Current: The number of directors of the corporation shall be equal to twice the number of "Beneficiary Organizations" of the corporation, as defined in the Articles of Incorporation, less one (1).

Proposed: The number of directors of the corporation shall be equal to twice the number of "Beneficiary Organizations" of the corporation, as defined in the Articles of Incorporation of The Foundation less one (1).

Reasoning: This proposal simply clarifies which Articles of Incorporation are being referenced.
Amendment #18  Chapter 9 – Moose
Charities Board of Directors

Section 9.1 – Moose Charities - Creation and Duties

Current: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of The Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.

Proposed: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of active members of the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose and active members of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose Order.

Reasoning: This would allow for a larger selection pool of potential board members, who may have academic degrees or professional experience within select disciplines needed to operate a nonprofit fund raising organization.
Amendment #19  Chapter 9 – Moose
Charities Board of Directors

Section 9.4 – Moose Charities - Qualification of Directors

**Current:** A member elected to the Moose Charities Board of Directors must be an active member of the Supreme Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose or be an active member of the College of Regents of the Women of the Moose.

**Proposed:** Delete entire section

**Reasoning:** The qualifications are already defined in section 9.1 – Creation and Duties.
Amendment #20 Chapter 14 – Supreme Lodge Committees and Duties

Section 14.1 – Appointments and Number

Current: The regular committees of the Supreme Lodge shall be as follows:

(a) Judiciary                      (h) Rules and Order
(b) Resolutions                    (i) State of the Order
(c) Ritual                        (j) Government Relations
(d) Credentials                   (k) Activities
(e) Grievance                     (l) Communications
(f) Audit                         (m) Loss Prevention
(g) Community Service             (n) Special Committees

(may be appointed as deemed necessary)
Proposed: The regular committees of the Supreme Lodge shall be as follows:

(a) Judiciary
(b) Resolutions
(c) Ritual
(d) Credentials
(e) Grievance
(f) Audit
(g) **Heart of the Community**
(h) Rules and Order
(i) **State of the Order**
(j) Government Relations
(k) Activities
(l) Communications
(m) Loss Prevention
(n) Special Committees

(may be appointed as deemed necessary)

Reasoning: The Grievance Committee is no longer required by the Supreme Council. The information attributed to the State of the Order Committee is actually provided by the Jr. Past Supreme Governor during his report to the convention.
Amendment #21  Chapter 14 – Supreme Lodge Committees and Duties

Section 14.6 – Grievance Committee

**Current**: The Grievance Committee shall investigate all matters referred to it and file a written report with the Supreme Lodge containing its recommendations.

**Proposed**: Delete entire section

**Reasoning**: The Grievance Committee is no longer required by the Supreme Council.
**Amendment #22** Chapter 14 – Supreme Lodge Committees and Duties

**Section 14.7 – Audit Committee**

*Current*: The Audit Committee shall compute and certify in writing the correctness of all claims of officers, committeemen and all others who are, by law, entitled to claim per diem, mileage, actual transportation expense or other expenses as authorized by the Supreme Council, for those in attendance at the International Convention. The committee shall pay or cause to be paid from funds received from the Controller approved claims and shall immediately return to the Controller all funds remaining in its hands after the close of the convention.

The current section is being rewritten in its entirety.
Proposed: The Audit Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Supreme Council”) of Moose International, Inc. is charged with overseeing the quality and integrity of the company’s accounting, auditing and reporting practices, with the goal of ensuring (a) reliable and trustworthy policies and practices for accounting, financial reporting and disclosure, (b) an adequate system of internal financial controls, (c) compliance with applicable law concerning “excess benefit transactions”, and (d) compliance with applicable law and the company’s own policies concerning conflicts of interest, including “interested director transactions”.
Reasoning: This is to clarify we no longer have a Controller paying approved claims at International Convention. Also, the committee, which is comprised of members serving on various boards, oversee the financial reporting practices.
Amendment #23  Chapter 14 – Supreme Lodge Committees and Duties

Section 14.10 – State of the Order Committee

*Current:* The State of the Order Committee shall be composed of all Past Supreme Governors in attendance at the meeting of the Supreme Lodge. It shall report on the state of the Order and make appropriate recommendations. The committee shall also act as a committee on necrology.

*Proposed:* Delete entire section

*Reasoning:* The information attributed to the State of the Order Committee is actually provided by the Jr. Past Supreme Governor during his report to the convention.
Amendment #24  Chapter 19 – Supreme Council

Section 19.2 – Specific Authority (q)

**Current: (q)** The Director General, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, shall appoint operating officers, directors, assistant directors, managers and assistant managers, who shall operate under his general supervision. They shall have power, with proper identification and written authorization, to demand and receive at any time from any lodge or chapter, or any officer, all papers, books, records, files or evidence of indebtedness or other property for the purpose of fully inspecting and auditing the accounts and affairs of the lodge or chapter. Upon demand, each officer or member thereof shall immediately deliver to the authorized assistant representative all books, records, files and papers of the lodge or chapter.
Amendment #24  Chapter 19 – Supreme Council

Section 19.2 – Specific Authority (q) (Cont.)

**Proposed:** **Add** – The Director General, with the advice and consent of the Supreme Council, shall appoint operating officers, directors, assistant directors, managers, assistant managers and authorized agents who shall operate under his general supervision. **With proper identification, they shall be empowered to attend any meeting of a fraternal unit, or its committees.** They shall have power, with proper identification and written authorization, to demand and receive at any time from any **fraternal unit**, or any officer, all papers, books, records, files or evidence of indebtedness or other property for the purpose of fully inspecting and auditing the accounts and affairs of the **fraternal unit**. Upon demand, each officer or member thereof shall immediately deliver to the authorized agent all books, records, files and papers of the **fraternal unit**.
Amendment #24  Chapter 19 – Supreme Council

Section 19.2 – Specific Authority (q) (Cont.)

Reasoning: This change would expand the definition of authorized representatives and, with proper identification from Moose International, provide all those representatives the authority to review records of all fraternal units or attend meetings of any fraternal unit.
Section 20.1 - Duties

Current: Chapter 20 – Secretary - The Secretary shall perform the duties of Secretary for the corporation known as Moose International and maintain correct corporate records of the corporation and perform all duties usually performed by secretaries of similar fraternal organizations as Moose International and the Supreme Lodge. The Secretary shall do the following:
Proposed: Chapter 20 – Corporate Secretary - The Corporate Secretary shall perform the duties of Secretary for the corporation known as Moose International and maintain correct corporate records of the corporation and perform all duties usually performed by secretaries of similar fraternal organizations as Moose International and the Supreme Lodge. The Corporate Secretary shall do the following:
Amendment #25  Chapter 20 - Corporate Secretary

Section 20.1 – Duties (Cont.)

Current: Chapter 20 – Secretary (Cont.)
(a) Give due and proper notice of all meetings of the Supreme Lodge, the Supreme Council, and other similar bodies and attend meetings as directed by the Supreme Council.
(b) Keep a true and correct record of the action of the Supreme Lodge, Supreme Council, and other similar bodies and record the same in books of record.
(c) Have custody of the seal of Moose International and in an official capacity sign all documents requiring the signature of the Secretary or as directed by the Supreme Council or other competent authority, and affix the seal of the corporation thereto.
(d) Perform any and all duties under the general supervision of the Director General and Supreme Council.
Proposed: Chapter 20 – Corporate Secretary (Cont.)

(a) **Ensure that** due and proper notice of all meetings of the Supreme Lodge, the Supreme Council, and other similar bodies is given and attend meetings as directed by the Supreme Council.

(b) **Ensure that** a true and correct record of the action of the Supreme Lodge, Supreme Council, and other similar bodies is kept and **maintained** in books of record **or in electronic format**.

(c) Have custody of the seal of Moose International and **in an official capacity** sign all documents requiring the signature of the Corporate Secretary or as directed by the Supreme Council or other competent authority, and affix the seal of the corporation thereto.

(d) Perform any and all duties under the general supervision of the Director General and Supreme Council.
Amendment #25  Chapter 20 - Corporate Secretary

Section 20.1 – Duties (Cont.)

Reasoning: Since we no longer have a Supreme Secretary, the Corporate Secretary ensures that proper procedures are followed. This position is appointed by the Director General.
Amendment #26 Chapter 20 – Corporate Secretary

Section 20.2 – Annual Report to Convention

Current: Annually, the Secretary shall file a written report of the assets and membership of all lodges, chapters and Moose Legions, which shall be included in the convention proceedings.

Proposed: Delete entire section

Reasoning: This is no longer the duty of the Corporate Secretary. The Corporate Secretary only ensures the report is done.
Amendment #27  Chapter 27 – Dissolution of Lodge

Section 27.1 – Requirements to Dissolve

Current:  (4) A lodge cannot voluntarily dissolve if seven (7) active members object to the dissolution.

Proposed:  (4) A lodge can voluntarily dissolve with a majority vote of active members present.

Reasoning:  A majority vote of those in attendance will carry dissolution of the lodge.
Amendment #28  Chapter 28 - Membership

Section 28.5 – Rejection by Lodge Vote

Current: When an applicant for membership is voted on and does not receive a favorable vote, he shall be declared rejected. When an applicant has been voted on and appears to have been rejected, the Governor may immediately upon his own motion, or the request of any member, declare another vote at the same meeting. When more than one (1) applicant has been rejected, the Governor shall require another vote immediately and the applicants shall be voted on in small groups or individually.
Proposed: When an applicant for membership is voted on and does not receive a favorable majority vote, he shall be declared rejected. When an applicant has been voted on and appears to have been rejected, the Governor may immediately upon his own motion, or the request of any member, declare another vote at the same meeting. When more than one (1) applicant has been rejected, the Governor shall require another vote immediately and the applicants shall be voted on in small groups or individually.
Amendment #28 Chapter 28 - Membership

Section 28.5 – Rejection by Lodge Vote (Cont.)

Reasoning: To clarify that only a majority vote is needed. Many members confuse this with General Law ballot, which requires a 2/3 majority vote.
Amendment #29 Chapter 28 - Membership

Section 28.8 – Multiple Memberships

Current: Any active lodge member may hold membership in more than one lodge at the same time. A member holding memberships in more than one lodge shall be entitled to vote in any lodge in which he is in active. With dispensation from the General Governor, a member may hold office in more than one lodge at the same time.
Amendment #29  Chapter 28 - Membership

Section 28.8 – Multiple Memberships (Cont.)

Proposed: Add additional sentence - An Administrator or Governor who has dispensation to hold office in two (2) lodges may represent both lodges at conferences and conventions, but only has one vote.

Reasoning: The Administrator and Governor are required by the General Laws to represent the lodge at conferences and conventions.
Current: A member cannot reinstate after twenty four (24) months from the expiration date of his last membership card. He must re-enroll into a lodge as a new member. He shall furnish a duly executed official application for membership, pay all applicable fees, dues, fines or assessments owed by him, including accruals of interest, costs, etc. The application must receive a favorable vote of the Application Review Committee and the lodge.
Amendment #30  Chapter 30 - Dues

Section 30.6 – Re-enrollment (Cont.)

Proposed: When a member’s dues have expired after six (6) months, he may re-enroll into a lodge by furnishing a re-enrollment application and paying all applicable fees, and dues, plus any fines or assessments owed by him, including accruals of interest, costs, etc. If applying to his original lodge, a re-vote by membership is not required. If re-enrolling into a different lodge, the applicant must be approved by the Application Review Committee and lodge membership. By re-enrolling, the member will receive a new enrollment date and will lose prior years of service to the fraternity.
Amendment #30 Chapter 30 - Dues

Section 30.6 – Re-enrollment (Cont.)

Reasoning: This proposal offers more options for members looking to rejoin the Moose after six (6) months, and, as the member has already been approved once in his home lodge, there would be no reason for a second vote.
Amendment #31  Chapter 31 – Life Memberships

Section 31.4 – Restrictions of Life Membership

**Current:** Life members of all lodges are amenable to all laws and regulations of the Order except the payment of dues. Life memberships are transferable by paying a $20 transfer fee. When approved by the receiving lodge, a $50.00 acceptance fee is due. Life membership transfers for those having fifty (50) years of continuous service are only subject to the $20.00 transfer fee.

**Proposed:** Delete entire section

**Reasoning:** All transfers will be treated equally. A $20 transfer fee payable to the receiving lodge will apply. A lodge does not have to accept a transfer (see Chapter 32).
Amendment #32  Chapter 33 – Lodge Officers

Section 33.3 – Meetings of Nomination Committee -- third paragraph

Current: Any member desiring to run for an elective office (other than the office of Administrator) in the lodge shall submit his name to the Nominating Committee at least one (1) week prior to the date the committee is required to present its report to the lodge. The Nominating Committee shall consider all eligible members and select one (1) or more candidates for each office to be filled. Not later than two (2) weeks before the date of the election, the committee shall at a general membership meeting, file a written report with the lodge, stating the names of those members nominated by the committee. The names of the nominees chosen by the Nominating Committee shall be placed upon the official lodge ballot.
Proposed: **Delete first sentence**  Any member desiring to run for an elective office (other than the office of Administrator) in the lodge shall submit his name to the Nominating Committee at least one (1) week prior to the date the committee is required to present its report to the lodge.

**Reasoning:** In order to give candidates the best opportunity to be considered for office, members may submit their names up until the report of the Nominating Committee on the lodge floor.
Amendment #33 Chapter 33 – Lodge Officers

Section 33.7 – Campaigning for Office Prohibited

*Current:* The printing, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, tickets, other written or printed matters, or through any electronic media by a member or anyone acting on his behalf, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office, is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section, the General Governor may suspend the offending member or members, and in his judgment, may declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election.
Amendment #33  Chapter 33 – Lodge Officers

Section 33.7 – Campaigning for Office Prohibited (Cont.)

Proposed: Delete entire section

Reasoning: This proposal will allow campaigning to create more interest in the lodge and competition for offices.
Amendment #34  Chapter 33 – Lodge Officers

Section 33.11 – Special Elections

Add new Section 33.11 – Special Elections: For vacancies occurring prior to November 1st, a special election shall be conducted. The Nominating Committee shall report all nominations at a regular meeting at least two weeks prior to the special election. All special elections must be conducted at a regular general membership meeting. The Australian Ballot is allowed if voted on by membership at least two weeks prior to the election. Lodges may use the Australian Ballot unless a previous election has been contested and subsequently ruled void by the General Governor. Lodges shall have a sign in sheet and maintain this document as part of the lodge meeting minutes.
Amendment #34  Chapter 33 – Lodge Officers

Section 33.11 – Special Elections (Cont.)

**Reasoning:** This proposal adds a new section that pertains to special elections only. Previously, wording was found in different sections.
Amendment #35  Chapter 35 - Governor

Section 35.11 – Declare Office Vacant

Current: The office of Jr. Past Governor is not an "elected" office, but one of condition. Upon a request of the Board of Officers, the General Governor may remove a Jr. Past Governor from office if he is failing to perform the duties and responsibilities of that office or it is in the best interests of the lodge.

Proposed: Delete entire paragraph.

Reasoning: This change allows the office of Jr. Past Governor to be treated the same as any other office in the case of missed meetings. No need to request permission from the General Governor.
Amendment #36 Chapter 35 - Governor

Section 35.13 – Expel Members From the Order - (Change of responsibilities of the Governor)

Current: He may request the General Governor to expel any member who has neglected to pay dues, fines, charges or any other lawful obligation due the lodge or House Committee within thirty (30) days after the same became due. A member may not be expelled for failure to pay a fine, charge or other lawful obligation unless the member has received thirty (30) days written notice of the intent of the lodge to request him expelled if the obligation is not paid.
Amendment #36  Chapter 35 - Governor

Section 35.13 – Expel Members From the Order (Cont.)

**Proposed:** He may request the General Governor to expel any member who has neglected to pay fees, fines, charges or any other lawful obligation due the lodge or House Committee within thirty (30) days after the same became due. A member may not be expelled for failure to pay a fine, charge or other lawful obligation unless the member has received thirty (30) days written notice of the intent of the lodge to request him expelled if the obligation is not paid.

**Reasoning:** To correct current wording; members are not expelled if they do not renew dues, they simply are not members.
Amendment #37 Chapter 36 - Administrator

Section 36.1 Appointment and Election

Current: The Administrator shall be nominated by the Board of Officers and elected by a majority vote of the membership at a regular lodge meeting. The vote shall be by separate action. The election shall be by secret ballot, if requested by any member. The election shall not be conducted by simply approving the Board of Officers’ minutes of the meeting making the nomination. An elected Administrator shall serve for a term of satisfactory service as determined by the Board of Officers and lodge, subject to approval by the General Governor. Immediately upon there being a vacancy, the Board of Officers may appoint an Acting Administrator to serve for a period of time not to exceed six (6) months. Upon becoming the Acting Administrator, or being elected as the Administrator, he shall be a member of the Board of Officers. The Treasurer shall perform the duties of the Administrator on an interim basis until an Acting Administrator is appointed, but in no case for a period of time exceeding six (6) months.
Amendment #37  Chapter 36 - Administrator

Section 36.1 Appointment and Election (Cont.)

**Proposed:** Add sentence at end of paragraph, *Termination of an elected Administrator requires a majority vote of the Board of Officers, a majority vote at a general membership meeting and approval by the General Governor.*

**Reasoning:** To protect those Administrators who are complying with the General Laws and Moose International policies but are being targeted by disgruntled officers who are **not** complying with General Laws and Moose International policies.
Amendment #38 Chapter 36 - Administrator

Section 36.4 Financial Accounts

*Current – paragraph 1:* The Administrator shall correctly keep records of the lodge, the House Committee, and other authorized funds or accounts in such books, or on computers, as may be required by Moose International. A hard copy of all official reports, records, minutes, documents, etc. shall contain original signatures as required by these laws and be maintained as part of the official records of the lodge and be retained in the lodge home. Except as otherwise required by law, he shall issue a receipt for all money received from all sources, including all committees and activity groups of the lodge.
Proposed – paragraph 1: The Administrator shall correctly keep records of the lodge, the House Committee, and other authorized funds or accounts in such books, or on computers, as may be required by Moose International. A hard copy of all official reports, records, minutes, documents, etc. shall contain original signatures as required by these laws and be maintained as part of the official records. Of the lodge and All books, records, and electronic equipment, i.e. computers, laptops, tablets etc. shall be retained in the lodge home. Electronic equipment may be transported to and used at official Moose training classes. Except as otherwise required by law, he shall issue a receipt for all money received from all sources, including all committees and activity groups of the lodge.
Current – paragraph 2: Unless otherwise approved in writing by the General Governor, he shall deposit, at least once each week into the bank(s) designated by the lodge, all money received to the credit of the lodge, House Committee, or other authorized funds or accounts. The Administrator shall use due diligence and take reasonable precautions to safeguard all funds received on behalf of the lodge or House Committee until the funds are properly deposited in the bank(s) designated and approved by the lodge. He shall make a deposit slip for each deposit in triplicate, leaving one (1) deposit slip with the bank, retaining one (1) for his records, and giving the other to the Treasurer. He shall secure a receipt for the duplicate deposit slip from the Treasurer.
Proposed – paragraph 2: Add additional sentence - He shall make available at the end of each month all books and records and accounts to the Auditing Committee.

Reasoning for Paragraph 1 & 2: This further defines lodge books and records to include electronic equipment.
Amendment #39  Chapter 36 - Administrator

Section 36.11 – General Duties
(Change of responsibilities of the Administrator)

Current: He shall accurately record and maintain the minutes of all lodge meetings, Board of Officers meetings, House Committee meetings and other meetings and hearings. All minutes are to be typed or written in ink on official pages, in a minute book, properly signed by the Administrator and Governor and maintained at the lodge home at all times.
Proposed: He shall accurately record and maintain the minutes of all lodge meetings, Board of Officers meetings, House Committee meetings and other meetings and hearings. All minutes are to be typed or written in ink on official pages, in a minute book, properly signed by the Recording Secretary and Presiding Officer on sequentially numbered pages and maintained at the lodge home at all times.

Reasoning: Allows minutes to be composed on a computer, although a signed hard copy is still required. Also, ensures minutes are legal and available to MI representatives upon any visitation to the lodge.
Amendment #40 Chapter 37 – Junior Governor

Section 37.1 – **Presiding Officer**

*Current:* - He shall preside over the deliberations of the lodge in the absence of the Governor. He shall be a member of the House Committee and preside in the absence of the Governor and perform all other duties required of him by the laws of the Order. In case of a vacancy in the office of Governor, he shall assume the office in an acting capacity, with full authority to perform the duties and the responsibilities until the vacancy is filled.

*Proposed:* - Change section title to: “Presiding Officer”

*Reasoning:* To more accurately describe the duties of the presiding officer in the case of an absent Governor. In most cases, this would be the Jr. Governor, but could be other officers.
Amendment #41  Chapter 45 – Advertising

Section 45.2 - Advertising

Current: Advertising any lodge activity in any manner (i.e., newspaper, handouts, posters, radio, TV, or lodge marquee) that is visible to the public is prohibited unless the advertisement conforms to the following conditions:

1. With the sole exception of the advertising of bingo prices and prizes as allowed by law, absolutely no prices shall be included (i.e., price of admission to a dance, prices of meals, drinks, etc.) in any public advertisement of lodge activities.

2. The words “MEMBERS AND QUALIFIED GUESTS ONLY” shall be prominently displayed.

3. Community Service & Charitable Fundraising events….
Proposed: Advertising any lodge activity in any manner (i.e., newspaper, handouts, posters, radio, TV, or lodge marquee) that is visible to the public is prohibited unless the advertisement conforms to the following conditions:

1. Bingo prices and prizes may be displayed, as allowed by law, without a dispensation.
2. No changes
3. No changes
4. With a dispensation from the General Governor, a lodge can advertise prices (i.e. price of admission to a dance, prices of meals, drinks, etc.) for fundraising events open to the public.
Amendment #41  Chapter 45 – Advertising

Section 45.2 – Advertising (Cont.)

_Reasoning:_ This will allow lodges/chapters to advertise select fundraising events that are open to the general public.
Amendment #42  Chapter 46 – General Provisions

Section 46.2 – Compensation of Lodge Officers

Current: No elected lodge officer, except the Administrator (and the Treasurer if he assumes the duties of Administrator during a vacancy (See 36.12)), shall receive any wage, gratuity or other form of compensation for his services as a lodge officer, or be a paid employee of the lodge or House Committee.
**Amendment #42**  
Chapter 46 – General Provisions

**Section 46.2 – Compensation of Lodge Officers (Cont.)**

*Proposed:* No elected lodge officer, except the Administrator (and the Treasurer if he assumes the duties of Administrator during a vacancy (See 36.12)), shall receive any wage, gratuity or other form of compensation for his services as a lodge officer, or be a paid employee of the lodge or House Committee. **The Jr. Past Governor is not an elected officer and can receive compensation from the Lodge.**

*Reasoning:* To clarify that no elected officer may receive compensation except the Administrator. The Jr. Past Governor is not an elected officer and should be allowed the opportunity to receive compensation.
Current:

A lodge may not allow a non-member to rent or use the lodge hall or home for private or business purposes. A lodge may, without the necessity of obtaining a dispensation from the General Governor, allow an active member to rent or use the lodge home for a legitimate family function of the member or the member's immediate family, and on other occasions authorized by the General Governor, subject to the following restrictions:
Section 47.2 – Leasing of Lodge Home (Cont.)

Proposed: - A lodge may not allow a non-member to rent or use the lodge hall or home for private or business purposes. The lodge may, with dispensation, lease the lodge hall or home to other not-for-profit organizations whose mission is consistent with that of Moose International. A lodge may, without the necessity of obtaining a dispensation from the General Governor, allow an active member to rent or use the lodge home for a legitimate family function of the member or the member's immediate family, and on other occasions as authorized by the General Governor, including the rent or use of the lodge hall or home for business purposes, subject to the following restrictions:

Reasoning: This change would allow lodges the opportunity to generate additional income.
Amendment #43  Chapter 47 – Establishment of Social Quarters

Section 47.2 – Leasing of Lodge Home (Cont.)

(Part 2)

**Current:** - Other than legitimate family functions, approved community service and charitable fundraising events under Section 44.3, a written dispensation is required from the General Governor before a member may use, rent or lease the lodge home or social quarters.

**Proposed:** - Other than legitimate family functions, approved community service and charitable fundraising events under Section 44.3, a written dispensation is required from the General Governor before a member may use, rent or lease the lodge home or social quarters.

**Reasoning:** - The social quarters are not to be rented or leased.
Amendment #44  Chapter 48 – House Committee

Section 48.7 – Monthly Settlement to Lodge

Current: At the first regular meeting of the lodge each month, the House Committee shall make a complete report of its business on the forms provided by Moose International. Unless a special dispensation is obtained from the General Governor, the House Committee shall turn over to the Administrator of the lodge each month all cash exceeding a balance of $5,000.00, which shall be a part of the lodge funds. The House Committee shall, at the end of each month, turn over all its books, records and accounts to the Auditing Committee.

Proposed: Delete entire section

Reasoning: This is no longer required by Moose International.