

Moose Law Changes at Milwaukee Convention

Fraternal Order of Moose Updates General Laws for 2025

The Fraternal Order of Moose recently approved significant changes to their General Laws during the 2025 International Moose Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These amendments, which were voted on electronically by registered delegates, represent the most comprehensive updates to the organization's governing structure in recent years.

Key Changes Approved. The amendments were organized into four voting categories, each addressing different aspects of lodge operations and governance:

Membership and Guest Policies

The most notable change affects how lodges handle qualified guests. The spouse of a member is no longer considered an indefinite qualified guest, with new language specifying that all qualified family members over age 21 shall be considered prospective members and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Leadership Requirements

Several amendments strengthen leadership qualifications. Lodge Administrators must now be active members for at least six months immediately preceding their appointment or election, while Lodge Treasurers face the same six-month active membership requirement before election.

Financial Oversight

The organization increased financial thresholds requiring dispensation approval. The dispensation requirement threshold has been raised to \$10,000 for both the sale or purchase of personal property or equipment, and lodges must now obtain approved dispensation for all community service and charitable fundraising events.

Operational Clarifications

Many changes provide clearer guidance on lodge operations. Special meetings must now be held separately from general membership meetings, and the organization has established new requirements for adequate meeting space for lodge-affiliated Moose Units or committees.

Additional Updates

The amendments also address modern communication methods, adding social media platforms like Facebook and texting to prohibited campaigning tactics during lodge elections. New provisions were added regarding the use of security cameras in lodge facilities, and clarifications were made about compensation for elected officers who provide additional services.

Implementation

These changes take effect immediately and represent the Fraternal Order of Moose's commitment to modernizing their governance structure while maintaining the traditional values that have guided the organization for over a century. Lodge administrators have been provided with complete documentation of all amendments to ensure proper implementation at the local level.

For complete details on all amendments, members can access the full red-lined versions through the Convention section of the Moose International website at www.mooseintl.org.

TLDR

Removes the spouse of member as an indefinite qualified guest. New language specifies that all qualified family members, over the age of 21, including spouse, shall be considered a prospective member and limited to two visits before making application for membership.

Lodge Administrators must now be active members for at least six months immediately preceding their appointment or election, while Lodge Treasurers face the same six-month active membership requirement before election.

Special Meetings cannot be incorporated into a General Membership Meeting, and must be held as a separate meeting.

- Requires an approved dispensation for all lodge community service and charitable fundraising events.
- Adds Social Media to the advertising options that must conform to set conditions.
- Further defines prohibited campaigning tactics to include electronic social media (texting, Facebook, etc.).

Questions? Come to a Lodge meeting and ask.