

WOTM and the Association



How the Women of the Moose Assist Your Association.

Having Chapter Officers and Members that work well with the Lodge Officers will help make their Lodge home a friendly and successful place to visit. The WOTM also help to make the conventions and conferences run smoothly by helping with the registration desk, selling items, decorating, assisting with Hospitality Rooms, planning events and helping with raffles. Chapters that make their honors by signing new members and turning in all their reports on time help to make this a top Association.

Higher Degrees Committee

The purpose of the Higher Degrees Committee is to assist the Lodges in honoring their Fellows and Pilgrims by selecting the Association's Fellow of the Year and Pilgrim of the Year from the nominees submitted by the Lodges. The committee selects and installs worthy members of the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose, who have been nominated by their peers, into the Association's Hall of Fame. Hosting the meetings of the Pilgrim and/or Fellowship Degrees at the Annual Convention or Mid-Year Conference is another function of the committee and that also includes the Conferral of the Fellowship Degree at the Annual Convention. Another duty is notifying the Pilgrims of the Association when any are in need of help, are sick or have passed away.

Honoring the members of your Lodge that help to make your Lodge successful is a win-win situation. Your Association helps in this endeavor by sending the information and/or nomination forms to be completed by your Lodge officers for the Fellow of the Year, Pilgrim of the Year and Hall of Fame Award.

R. Robert Dale Scholarships

Your Association, in cooperation with Moose International, encourages all members to find high school Juniors to make application for the R. Robert Dale Scholarships. If we get 30 applications within the Association, we can award a \$1,000.00 scholarship via a drawing. If we don't have that many, our candidates go into a large drawing at Moose International. Students must be related to a Moose Members in order to qualify.

Bright Star Awards

For the past several years, Your Association has a "junior" edition of the Moose International Shining Star Awards known as the Bright Star Awards. Lodge Members and Co-Workers are chosen and nominated by their respective Lodges and Chapters in a variety of 6 categories each. Resumes are sent in and judged by the Bright Star Committee in a "blind" selection process. There is also an award for Chapter and Lodge of the Year determined by Moose International statistics. Three nominees are chosen in each of the 6 categories and are invited to the Annual Convention Banquet held on Saturday night in September where the winners are revealed. The winners receive a quality Bright Star Trophy and the "runners up" are rewarded with a special certificate. It's always an exciting night and we encourage all Lodges and Chapters to find worthy candidates within their ranks to vie for the awards. Then join us to honor them.

WHAT DOES THE ASSOCIATION DO FOR MY LODGE AND CHAPTER?



What is the WSNIMA?

Who are we?

We are a group of men and women dedicated to the Fraternal ideas and programs of Moose International which include the work of the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose. We are comprised of the members of 33 lodges and 31 chapters located in Washington State and one Lodge and Chapter located in Moscow, Idaho. Please visit our website at www.wsnima.org for more information.

What is our purpose?

We are dedicated to assuring that all Lodges and Chapters within our Association have the tools, support and knowledge necessary to be successful. These include, but are not limited to, Fraternal education, a quarterly newsletter, a monthly e-bulletin, an Association website and experienced Officers and Chairman that are ready and willing to lend a helping hand to our membership. It is our hope and goal to help all Lodges and Chapters in our jurisdiction win their respective annual awards, the Premier Lodge Award for the men and the Award of Achievement for the women.

How do you reach us?

Please feel free to e-mail anyone on the Board for questions and problems. We are here to help you. Contact with WSNIMA regarding sensitive matters should begin with your District President. You can reach him via the e-mail found on the contact web page at www.wsnima.org/Officers.aspx.

District Presidents

The District President is a liaison between the Association and the Lodge. It is the District Presidents' job to assist the Lodges in any areas of need they might have such as Membership Promotion, Promoting of their Community Service and Family Activity programs and wherever else they can help. They help communicate the Association programs by having regular contact with the Lodges. The District President should be visiting the Lodges in their jurisdiction as often as possible, but at a minimum of once per quarter and it should be made known to the Lodges that the District President is their first point of contact when a problem arises. It is often possible that the District President can contact the necessary party and resolve the issue before it gets out of hand. By regular contact with the Lodges, the District President might notice things that are out of the norm and therefore help the Lodge solve a problem they were not even aware they had. The District President should have a Goal for all of the Lodges in their District to receive their Premier Lodge Award and assist them throughout the year by reminding them of things that must be accomplished such as Moose of the Year, Rookie of the Year, monthly reports, etc. The District President must be attentive to the needs of the Lodges in their jurisdiction and let the Lodge know they are there to help; and they must also communicate the good news as well as the bad.



Family Activities Committee

Why are Family Activity events so important?

Every Lodge needs to plan Family Activities into their monthly schedules so that all ages of our Membership feel included in their Lodges. A monthly Teen Club event or a Pinochle afternoon for Seniors keeps members viable and involved. When you open opportunities for all ages to be included in the Volunteer schedules it makes them feel like they are contributing to the success of a Lodge. We are, after all, the Family Fraternity and we need to pay more than just lip service to that idea.

How does the Association help?

As with Community Service, the Family Activities committee at the Association level is there as a resource for ideas and assistance. Check the website at www.wsnima.org under the Family Activities category for 101 ideas for Family Activities as well as the rules and regulations for becoming a Moose Family Center; another goal of the committee. Our goal is to have 90% of the Lodges in the Association as Family Centers. This Committee also reminds the Lodges via E-mail of the deadline to submit the twice yearly report which is one of the items required to qualify for the Premier Lodge Award. Contact the Chairman at familyactivities@wsnima.org.

Moose Youth Awareness Program

What is the Moose Youth Awareness Program?

This is one of the cornerstones of the Moose International Six Point Community Service Program. Each year, Lodges and Chapters are asked to sponsor at least two high school students grades 9-12 to participate in one of the Student Congresses held throughout the state. These students are asked to develop short presentations called "Kids Talks" (10-20 minutes) suitable for audiences of 4-9 year olds that will encourage them to make safe and healthy choices in their lives. Past presentations have included fire safety, stranger danger, nutrition, water safety, dental hygiene, and anti-bullying. Students are asked to conduct 3 Kids Talks and submit short reports on them. These reports are then judged by a student peer group and the winning students are awarded scholarships locally of up to \$1,000. The top winner is also awarded an all expense paid trip to attend the Moose International Youth Awareness Student Congress for an opportunity to win scholarships totaling \$30,000!

How does the Association help?

Lodges and Chapters should have a Youth Awareness chairperson, or the Community Service chairperson can fill this role. Their responsibility is to coordinate with the WSNIMA Youth Awareness chairman and ensure program information is disseminated to their members and identify deserving students to participate in the program. This great program awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to students each year, promotes positive messages to children through Kids Talks, and enhances the image of the Moose by highlighting the many generous contributions. The WSNIMA Chairman plans and coordinates the local initial information meetings for the students through area Lodges and encourages Lodges to sponsor students as part of their requirement for the Premier Lodge Award. Contact the Chairman at youthawareness@wsnima.org.

Community Service Committee

Why do we need Community Service?

Moose Community Service enables the Fraternity to prove that, indeed, we are an asset in our hometowns and communities. Community Service is our advertisement for the people in our own neighborhoods to see why we are a vital asset. It is up to our Lodge Community Service Chairmen to canvass our Communities and see where we are most needed. We may have a Homeless Shelter that is in need of donations or a Senior Home that could use some magazines. If we have the opportunity to sponsor a local youth sports team than that, too, is a great way for people to see the Moose Name on a regular basis. It is also our job to let the Community know what services we are able to do. If we have the ability to become a Moose Alert Center, than we should let the local emergency service offices know of this. We also should let the local communities know about Mooseheart and Moosehaven and how we support these great causes through our Endowment Fund and the Gimme 5 Program.

How does the WSNIMA help?

The Community Service Committee for the Association is similar to the Lodges in that it is their responsibility to assist the Local Lodges with resources and reminders to assist Lodges with making their report deadlines to win their well-deserved recognition. The Committee is also responsible for raising awareness of the Fraternity Association-wide. Remember in doing Community Service we prove that a Burden heavy to all can be Borne lightly by many and with our assistance we can help our communities plan for a better tomorrow. Contact the Chairman at communityservice@wsnima.org.

Marketing & Publicity Committee

What is the responsibility of this committee?

The Marketing and Publicity Committee is the conduit for information from Moose International and WSNIMA to the Lodges and Chapters. The Committee maintains an active database of Lodges and Newsletter Editors through which information is passed along to the Membership. The goal of the committee is to ensure that all members are kept abreast of current activities and information.

How does this committee help the Lodges and Chapters?

The Marketing and Publicity Chairman and committee provide a quarterly newsletter called "The Courier" providing information from the Association Officers and Chairmen to the membership. It also produces a monthly E-Bulletin to the Lodges and Chapters that gives timely information on WSNIMA events plus announces Lodge events to the full Association. The committee also assists the Lodges with Promotional Materials they can customize for their local news outlets along with writing and distributing news releases for the Lodge and Association level. The Committee Chairman is available as a resource and provides assistance to all Lodge Newsletter Editors as well as disseminating ads for Association events to insert in Newsletters. Additionally the Committee produces the Association Convention Programs, the WSNIMA Annual Directory as well as various informational posters for sports, membership and fund raising. To contact this committee, e-mail publicity@wsnima.org.

Membership Committee

New members are vitally important to enable us to fulfill our Fraternal obligations to Mooseheart, Moosehaven and our community service responsibilities. New members not only give the Lodges the opportunity to find new leaders but also gives us new and fresh ideas to meet the needs and desires of the today's society. The Association has many thoughts and ideas on how you might attract these key people. Just putting a small article in your newsletter is not your solution to attract new members; the solution lies in many areas. A clean home (Lodge), the friendliest place in town attitude in action, implementing on-going exciting membership campaigns and a strong marketing program are just a few items that must be considered to attract that new member.

How does this committee help the Lodges and Chapters?

Your Association Officers are willing to sit down with your Membership Chairman and Board of Officers to assist you in putting together a program that is designed for your Fraternal unit. To contact this Chairman, e-mail membership@wsnima.org.

New Lodge Development Chairman

The New Lodge Development Chairman is appointed by the Regional Manager and his job is to endeavor to charter new Lodges within the Geographical Boundaries of the Association and to select target communities for new Lodge efforts. He, along with the District Presidents, will encourage members from the Districts and Lodges to become New Lodge Development Directors. He is knowledgeable in all aspects of New Lodge Development, Mooseheart and Moosehaven and he is able to serve as a speaker to persons, institutions, businesses and civic groups in the community. The Chairman and the New Lodge Development Director shall set up meetings with the city fathers, explain the Moose program to the officials and put forth the intent of starting a new Lodge in the area. He will help to set up scheduled organizational meetings once the new Lodge is started. He will work with the Development Director until the New Lodge is successfully completed and instituted.

Ways and Means Committee

The primary objective of the WSNIMA Ways and Means Committee is to raise funds. These funds are used by the WSNIMA to offset the expenses of the Association which are over and above the per capita dues paid by each Lodge; but more importantly to support projects for Mooseheart and Moosehaven. Funds are generated from raffles, selling merchandise, fun nights at conventions and donations. Because of these efforts, we have raised enough money to buy a 15-Passenger Van for Moosehaven and we are now in the process of raising \$15,000 for the remodeling of the Washington / Northern Idaho Home at Mooseheart. The Ways and Means Committee continues to need your on-going support to provide the services explained in this brochure as well as completing our obligations toward the Special Projects we've been assigned by Moose International. To contact Chairman, e-mail waysandmeans@wsnima.org.

Government Relations Committee

What does this committee do?

"The purpose of the Moose Government Relations Committee is to assist in preserving the First Amendment freedoms of the Constitution of the United States. Our priority is to protect the rights of private assembly, freedom of association and self-government guaranteed by the First Amendment". Each Moose Association is required to have a Government Relations Chairman named by Moose International; each District within the Association is required to have a Government Relations Committee; each Lodge shall have a Government Relations Chairman appointed by the Governor. Each of these Chairmen should be chosen for the long term, not just for a year. This will ensure continuity.

What does the Association Chairman do?

One of the main functions of the Association Chairman is to track local and state legislation which could potentially have an impact on the Moose Fraternity. Types of legislation to watch for are potential liquor law changes which could impact social quarters operations; taxing legislation which could impact our tax exempt status, such as taxing of dues or increased gambling and/or liquor taxes. District and Lodge Chairmen should track local legislation of your cities and/or counties which could effect the local Lodges and contact the Association Chairman with any questions and/or concerns at governmentrelations@wsnima.org.

Sports Committee

What is the purpose of the Sports Committee?

Just like the Lodges, this Committee organizes sporting events, except on a larger scale. Each Lodge should have a well-rounded schedule of sports available for its members of all ages, from local dart leagues to sponsoring softball teams and bowling leagues. Sponsored teams should be made welcome in the Lodge for their after competition socializing to their awards banquets. Again, the Association Committee can serve as a resource for the Lodges.

What does the Association Sports Committee do for my Lodge and Chapter?

The Association Committee works on a larger scale to find locations and Lodges to host the Annual Tournaments including golf, bowling, darts, Texas Hold'em and pool to name a few. These are usually week-end events that provide fun competition between Lodges and culminates with an awards banquet and socializing. This provides Lodges the opportunity to host an event while providing extra revenue for the Lodge Social Quarters and the chance to run fund raising activities. The Association Committee assists the Lodges in organizing and running each event and as a resource to help the Lodges set up their own sports program. To contact this committee chairman, e-mail sports@wsnima.org.



Mooseheart / Moosehaven Admissions

What does the Mooseheart/Moosehaven Admissions Committee do?



We help identify the children and seniors within our Association that are in need of our help and work to get them placed at Mooseheart or Moosehaven. In every community, there are children without a stable home life. Some have lost one or both parents; others are living in environments that are simply not conducive to healthy growth and development.

Mooseheart can provide these children with a fresh start in a wholesome home-like environment with the best possible training and education. Likewise, there

are longtime Moose members who wish to retire in a different setting. Moosehaven provides thousands of Moose members and their spouses with a secure, relaxed, and enjoyable retirement experience. Moosehaven residents enjoy their beautiful community without the burdens of home maintenance. Health care is comprehensive and transportation is readily available -- as are plenty of social interaction and activities. Whether it is a senior or a child, the Moose Fraternity provides options that allow an improved life!

How can this committee help the local Lodge or Chapter?

If a Lodge or Chapter has identified a child or senior that they believe the Moose can help, the committee has the necessary paperwork to begin the admission process. The committee will work with the individual, their family, and the Lodge and Chapter to answer any questions anyone may have, assure that all of the requirements for admission are met, assist in the application process, and act as a liaison between the individual and Moose International. If you know of someone that could use our help, PLEASE let us know! Contact the Chairman at admissions@wsnima.org.



LCL.net & QuickBooks Trainers

What is the responsibility of this committee?

The LCL.Net and QuickBooks Trainers help the Lodges and Chapters by holding two day training sessions (2-Hott) on an "as needed" basis. This helps the Lodges and Chapters better understand the need to be accurate with the membership database and the accounting records. This also helps the Chapter Recorders as they are required to attend a 2-Hott session to be eligible to receive their Star Recorder Degree. The Trainers are also available to assist any Lodge or Chapter on an individual basis by telephone or e-mail. Trainers are available to go to Lodges or Chapters for individual trouble shooting and training. They are also available to restore backups and install necessary information to start a new Lodge and/or Chapter. To contact a Trainer, e-mail trainer@wsnima.org.