



# LINDENHURST MOOSE LODGE 1421

## GENERAL LAWS FOR ELECTIONS 2026

### **Moose International – General Laws for Elections (2025 August)**

**Sec. 33.5** - Eligibility of Officers - Only active Lodge members, who are also either active members of one of the men's higher degrees or a Women of the Moose unit (or establish such active membership within sixty (60) day following installation), may be considered for any elected office. Eligibility requirements for Lodge offices are as follows:

**President:** Been an active member of the Lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election and completed at least one (1) year in another elected office (not a combination of offices) of the Lodge in which they seek office.

**Vice President:** Been an active member of the Lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election.

**Chaplain:** Been an active member of the Lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election.

**Treasurer:** Must be an active member of the Lodge for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the date of election

**Trustee:** Must be an active member of the Lodge.

Exemptions from these qualifications require a special dispensation from the Chief Compliance Officer. A special dispensation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. These requirements shall not apply to a newly instituted Lodge.

No member shall be eligible for election to more than one (1) office in the Lodge at the same time. A member removed from office by a Commissioner or the Chief Compliance Officer for disciplinary reasons or who resigned from office at the request of the Chief Compliance Officer shall not be eligible to hold office again for three (3) years unless a dispensation is obtained from the Chief Compliance Officer. For prior violations of the General Laws, the Chief Compliance Officer may, in their discretion, prohibit any member from holding office.

An officer, whose term will not expire at the time of the election, regular or special, can be nominated for another office, but they must resign their present office, thereby creating a vacancy, which shall be filled at the regular or special election. The resignation is automatic and effective on April 30 for a regular election or on the actual date of a special election.

A member under suspension because of disciplinary charges preferred against them shall be eligible as a candidate for election to office if their dues are current and they are not otherwise disqualified. If found guilty of a charge affecting their membership, or if the member has been removed from office rendering them ineligible to hold office for three (3) years, the office shall be declared vacant and the Lodge shall proceed to fill the vacancy according to the provisions of Section 33.10.



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**Sec. 33.7** - Campaigning for Office Prohibited - The printing, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, tickets, other written or printed matters, or through any social media (texting, Facebook, etc.) by a member or anyone acting on their behalf, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office, is hereby prohibited. For any violation of this section, the Chief Compliance Officer may suspend the offending member or members, and in their judgment, may declare the election of such officer or officers void and order a new election.

**Sec. 33.8** - Voting - Only active members physically present are eligible to vote for the election of officers. The candidate for each office receiving a majority (if there are two (2) candidates) or a plurality (three (3) or more candidates) of "yes" votes cast shall be declared elected. "No" votes are not counted. If there is only one (1) candidate for each office, the Lodge may dispense with the necessity of paper ballot and conduct the election by using the voting sign of The Moose. If the annual election of officers is to be by use of the voting sign, the Lodge must vote to approve this method at a general membership meeting prior to the election. At special elections, the members present and voting may unanimously select to use the voting sign but if a member objects, the Lodge must conduct the election by paper ballot.

No absentee ballot, write-in ballot or proxy vote shall be allowed. A Lodge may by majority vote of the membership at a general meeting, conducted at least two (2) weeks prior to the election, decide to use the Australian ballot. If the Australian ballot is used and the election is contested and subsequently declared void by the Chief Compliance Officer, the Lodge shall thereafter be prohibited from using the Australian ballot unless the Chief Compliance Officer issues a special dispensation.