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*Message from Grand Chancellor  
Barbara McPherson  
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### **Are you on target?**

With just three weeks remaining in this chapter year, it is time to check your membership totals from the beginning of the year and to ensure that you have an increase in membership.

Make certain the Membership/Retention Chairman and her committee has contacted your members who are in arrears to ensure they are counted as “active” co-workers on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Officers should re-check the checklists in the Recorder’s Handbook and in the Officers’ Handbook to make certain that all requirements for the coveted Award of Achievement have been met. Please check your applications in LCL.net. As of April 6<sup>th</sup>, our Chapters have 2,603 “accepted” applications sitting in their records for the 2014-2015 Chapter year that have yet to be enrolled. Please remember that these members will not receive their new member cards until they are enrolled.

There is still time to make certain the chapter has an increase in membership. Only you can ensure the future of the Women of the Moose and our twin cities.

### **Officer Information Entry**

We are requesting that Chapter Recorders **NOT** put “end dates” into Officer records unless the officer has been removed or resigned as it is causing serious problems. On May 1, we will perform a process here at Moose International to insert the “end date” into the Officer record and then on May 3, the Recorder may enter the Officer information for the 2015-2016 Chapter year.

Please make sure that the information for each Elected Officer (i.e. phone number, email address, etc.) is up to date and current. In the event we need to contact one of the Chapter Officers, we need to know how to get in touch with them.

If the Recorder has not entered the Officers for 2014-2015, there is still time. If the Officer information has not been entered, those who are attempting to qualify for honors will not earn them, as we do not know who is serving in office.

### **Nashville 2015!**

Have you registered yet for the International Conference in Nashville, Tennessee? If you plan to attend this exciting Conference, please be sure to register online at [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org).

An updated Conference schedule can be found at [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) as well.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **New Academy of Friendship Members**

The question has been raised regarding the 2015 class of Academy of Friendship members from the State/Provincial and International Conferrals. The question being "Next chapter year, AOF honor night moves to April. Our midyear conference is 1st weekend in March. Do this year's Academy of Friendship matriculants have to wait until April 2016 for their ring ceremony?"

We have determined that the 2015 Class of Academy of Friendship matriculants **may be** recognized at a Special Meeting of the Chapter called for the express purpose of honoring those new Friends or, should the chapter decide, they can wait until April of 2016. It is the choice of the Chapter's new Higher Degree Chairman whether or not she wants to request a special meeting for this purpose. If requested, the meeting should be held after the International Conference and cannot conflict with a regularly scheduled first or second meeting of the month.

While I realize this is probably as clear as mud, in reality, it is the choice of the new Higher Degree Chairman and the Chapter Board of Officers.

### **March of Checks!**

I hope that all of you plan to participate in the March of Checks for Moose Charities in Nashville. Anyone - and everyone - who has a contribution of \$500.00 or more will be able to come up on stage for their presentation. Amounts smaller than \$500.00 will be accepted at the Moose Charities Booth. The larger amounts will also be accepted at the booth, as in the past, and the donor will be given a slip to present on stage.

### **College of Regents**

Co-workers who will be receiving their College of Regents degree in Nashville need to remember to order their cap and gown ASAP. The deadline has passed and you may not have it in time as these are not stocked in Catalog Sales.

### **Paid Officers**

Please remember that it is a violation of the Women of the Moose General Laws for a paid employee of the Loyal Order of Moose to serve as a member of the Chapter Board of Officers. This includes volunteer bartenders who work for tips.

In the event an Elected Officer serves as a volunteer bartender, **all** tips must be donated either to the Lodge or to the Chapter and may be designated for a specific project.

### **Meeting Procedures, Handbooks, Forms, etc.**

Please be advised that our office is diligently working to ensure revised Officers' Handbooks, Meeting Procedures and Agendas, forms and other WOTM materials will be available for publication May 1, 2015. As you know, an electronic copy of the Installation Ceremony is already posted online. Similarly, we will be posting the first and second meeting of the month procedures online in the next few weeks. We will notify each Chapter by Official Communication when the revised Meeting Procedures and Agendas are available for purchase thru Catalog Sales.

Also watch for the 2015-16 forms and chairman's pamphlets to be posted online.

All chapters will receive a mailing in the beginning of the Chapter year which will include printed copies of the Officers' Handbooks, Recorder's Handbook and other valuable publications for Chapter success. Please be patient while we finalize these materials and distribute them to all Chapters.

*Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.  
~Will Rogers*