



New York State Moose Association



Fellow Moose Members,

Here we are at the start of 2025. Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? Are they broken already? The best Resolutions are small, meaningful and achievable.

Our Lodges should also be making New Year Resolutions. Instead of broad sweeping changes, consider single item projects as the goals! Rather than "Full Building Renovations", make it "Repair the worst Bathroom". Instead of "Become One with The Community", try inviting the Village/Town Mayor & Board to a dinner to celebrate an accomplishment they just completed on behalf of the Community. Most of us get overwhelmed when we look at the big picture. Divide the Resolution project into "small steps" and then divide them among the Board of Officers to get it moving along. This way, no one gets overwhelmed and the project takes it's first steps toward completion. I have always been told whenever I get swamped with work "One step at a time and the mile gets completed"! It makes sense to pass it on.

As a reminder to all, our NYSMA Mid-Year Conference is coming up this April (10th to 13th). We are looking to hold: a Corn-hole Tournament, trainings, workshops, Meet & Greet of the Official Visitor, and another "themed" Member Appreciation Dinner on Saturday night. (Theme to be released shortly) I have also been informed that our Official Visitor will be Scott D. Hart – C.E.O. of Moose International! It will be held in the Binghamton DoubleTree Hotel. This Mid-Year Conference is shaping up to be a great experience and one not to be missed! Let's all have fun at this Mid-Year.

It seems that the Holidays didn't stop all the hard work of our Lodges this past month. Our membership totals ended December with a + 472 on the active rolls. What a great way to end this year.

Thank you for All that you do and **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to One and All!

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