

## **Board Responsibility: NMLRA Legacy Endowment**

-Donations to the NMLRA Legacy Endowment are intended to increase the Association's outreach, both by advertising to new audiences in the hopes of gaining new members and by creating activities meant to retain current members. All donations earmarked are to be spent in accordance with the attached Donor Intent statement.

-The NMLRA Legacy Endowment is intended to operate as a stand-alone fund. Donations to it are for the sole purpose of outreach as determined by the fund's chair and committee. Although the chair and committee work with the office staff and the Board, donations earmarked for this fund fall entirely within the bounds of the Donor Intent and Spending Policy documents attached here.

-The president will appoint an NMLRA Legacy Endowment committee consisting of a chair and six additional members. The committee will determine (a) which activities fairly count as outreach and (b) a process for receiving and judging proposals each year. The NMLRA board has oversight of the process for changing chairs or committee members on a regular, predetermined, basis.

-The Legacy Endowment will have two distinct halves, a PERMANENT POOL and an ANNUAL POOL. The PERMANENT POOL has a fixed spending policy much like the 1-of-1000 Endowment. The NMLRA office and board can only spend from Legacy Endowment funds in accord with this policy. The ANNUAL POOL, consisting of 50% of the previous year's donations, is more flexible. Its primary purpose is to fund proposals for outreach efforts, but funds from this pool can also be used to purchase incentive gifts, pay for advertising, and to reimburse the NMLRA office for staff time. The Legacy Endowment committee will report on the income and expenses from this pool to the board each year.

-The board will work with the NMLRA office and the Legacy Endowment committee to create and maintain a mechanism for receiving in-kind donations and turning them into cash for Legacy Endowment programming. This mechanism will be reviewed on a 3-year basis to consider whether it is the most efficient and cost-effective means available.

-In the unfortunate event that the NMLRA would cease operations, this fund, like all endowed funds, would be transferred to another 501c3 organization with a similar mission.