

**BY-LAWS**  
**THE RALEIGH MAGIC CLUB**  
**Effective , 2022**

**ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

1.01 Candidates for Active Membership are required to present one (1) magic performance before the General Membership during two (2) separate General Meetings for a total of two (2) performances.

1.01.1 Upon completion of the second performance for membership, the Candidate shall be presented to the General Membership at a General Meeting for a simple majority vote of approval.

1.02 Candidates for Supporting Membership are not required to perform.

1.03 Youth Members are considered Supporting Members and shall receive all privileges and benefits of that level.

**ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2.01 Additional officer duties and obligations shall be documented here.

2.02 Additional appointed Executive Committee positions and their duties shall be documented here.

2.03 All Executive Committee members shall maintain individual binders detailing the actions of their offices during the year. Upon expiration of their term of office, each officer will present this binder and all associated records to his or her successor.

2.04 Whenever possible, each outgoing officer will meet with the incoming officer to ensure an orderly and knowledgeable transfer of authority.

2.05 Any Officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice of resignation to the President, or in the case of the resignation of the President, to the Vice President.

2.06 When an Officer position is vacated, the Executive Committee shall hold elections as soon as possible to fill the position by adapting the election procedures herein.

2.07 Any Officer of the Organization may be forcibly removed from office for failure to complete assigned duties in a competent manner, unprofessional or disruptive conduct, or for a severe violation of the Organization's bylaws or code of conduct.

2.07.1 The accused Officer may request a fair and impartial three-member Board of Review to examine the cause for removal. The accused Officer shall have the right to challenge and replace any member of the Board of Review due to assumed bias.

2.07.2 Should the Board of Review find that the cause for removal is just and within the guidelines established herein, the accused Officer's status shall be presented to a Quorum of the General Membership.

2.07.3 Removal requires a simple majority vote cast by the Quorum of the General Membership.

2.08 If the Members are unable to meet and act on a vital issue due to emergency or restrictive time constraints, the Executive Committee may choose to act, by majority consent, on behalf of the members.

2.08.1 The situation and decision shall be presented to the Members via a meeting or by email and social media message at the earliest opportunity.

**ARTICLE III - ELECTIONS**

3.01 The Nominating Committee Chair shall verify member eligibility and present a slate of officer nominations to the club membership no later than the November General Meeting.

3.02 The President shall ensure that the nomination slate is transmitted to all members through all available means of member communication no later than the middle of the month of November.

3.03 The President shall ensure that a fair and impartial election of new officers is scheduled and conducted during the December General Meeting.

3.04 The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Organization shall be elected by simple majority vote by a Quorum of the General Membership during the December General Meeting.

3.05 Secret ballots will be used when an officer election slate lists more than one candidate for an office. A majority show of hands shall suffice when only one candidate is nominated for an office.

#### **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

4.01 General Meetings of the Organization shall be held on the first Saturday of each month unless otherwise directed by the Executive Committee.

4.02 No general, special, or executive meeting shall be called in a manner with the intent to exclude attendance by one or more Members or groups.

4.02 General Meetings shall be open to all Active and Supporting Members, guests and visitors.

4.03 Guests may attend up to three (3) General Meetings per fiscal year without joining.

4.04 The Executive Committee shall decide on guest attendance at lectures and similar special organization functions.

#### **ARTICLE V - FEES AND DUES**

5.01 Annual organization dues shall be considered due and payable by the first regular meeting of the new fiscal year.

5.02 The Executive Committee shall review annual organization dues by the last meeting of each fiscal year.

5.02.1 Changes to the annual organization dues require a majority vote of the membership prior to the commencement of the next fiscal year.

5.03 New members shall pay the full yearly dues if they join between January 1st and June 30th, and one-half that amount if they join between July 1st and December 31st.

5.03.1 There is no prorating of dues for previous or suspended members.

5.04 No refund of dues shall be made upon a member's resignation, suspension or expulsion.

#### **ARTICLE VI - COMMUNICATION**

6.01 The organization shall maintain a current social media presence for the purpose of informing members of club activities, events and changes.

6.02 The organization shall maintain a current webpage providing updated member and public information.

6.03 The organization shall appoint a Social Media Manager responsible for maintaining these sites.

6.03.1 The Social Media Manager shall report to the President.

#### **ARTICLE VII – GENERAL**

7.01 Contracts - No person on behalf of this Organization shall enter into any contractual obligations, or incur any debt or liability on its behalf, unless authorized by the Constitution and Bylaws, or by a vote of a majority of members present at a General Meeting.

7.02 Expenditures - The elected officers of the Ring are authorized to make necessary expenditures for postage, printing, rental, or other incidental expenses necessary in conducting the affairs of the Ring.

7.03 Secretary Report - The Ring Secretary shall submit annually, not later than October 15th, to the International Executive Secretary of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, a report as required by the Organization.

7.03.1 The secretary's annual report to the organization includes the number of members in the Ring, the names of the officers, the number of regular monthly meetings, and whether or not the Ring is incorporated.

7.04 Each member of Ring 199 shall receive a copy of the Ring's Constitution and Bylaws, and any changes thereto, from the Ring Secretary.

7.05 The Quorum for all business meetings shall be 51% or more active members, including life members, present.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - CONSTITUTION & BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

8.01 Amendments to the Ring 199 Constitution and Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the Members present at a General Meeting.

8.02 Any proposed changes must comply with the Constitution and Bylaws of the organization, must be reviewed by committee for recommendations, and shall be announced to the membership no less than 30 days before the scheduled vote.