

CONSTITUTION
THE RALEIGH MAGIC CLUB
Effective April 1, 2023

I – Name and Objectives of the Organization

1.01 The name of the Organization shall be **The Raleigh Magic Club**.

1.02 The Organization serves as host to two subordinate organizations:

1.02.1 The Wallace Lee – Dick Snavelly Ring #199 chartered through the International Brotherhood of Magicians (I.B.M.) On May 1, 1970, and

1.02.2 The Raleigh Assembly #199 chartered through the Society of American Magicians on January 15, 2022.

1.02.3 The policies and procedures stated herein apply to all Raleigh Magic Club and subordinate organization members.

1.03 The purpose of the Organization shall be to foster and encourage a greater appreciation of the performance art of magic and to promote the ethics of the magic profession among its members and throughout the Raleigh-Durham community.

1.04 The Organization shall also advance the magical talents, creativity and knowledge of its members, to promote fellowship and social interaction, exchange ideas, information, and cooperation among those interested in the performance art of magic.

1.05 The objectives of the Organization shall be consistent with local, North Carolina, and Federal laws and regulations governing not-for-profit operations.

1.06 The Fiscal Year for the Organization and both subordinate organizations shall be January 1st through December 31st.

1.07 The Quorum for all business meetings shall require 51% or more registered members present.

1.08 Unless otherwise stated in the bylaws or standing rules, a simple majority of votes cast shall be sufficient to approve or reject any matter of business.

ARTICLE 2 – MEMBERSHIP

2.01 Membership in the Organization shall be open to any individual expressing a genuine interest in promoting, preserving, and advancing the performance art of magic and related performance arts.

2.02 The Organization shall recognize and maintain five levels of membership:

2.02.1 ACTIVE MEMBERS, who shall be 18 years of age or older and is a professional performer, a part-time performer, or a performing hobbyist within the art of magic and related performance arts.

2.02.2 SUPPORTING MEMBERS, who shall be 18 years of age or older and is a non-performing enthusiast and supporter of the performing art of magic and related performance arts.

2.02.3 YOUTH MEMBERS, who shall be between 10 through 17 years of age inclusive with a genuine interest in performing, studying, and promoting the performance art of magic and related performance arts.

2.02.4 LIFE MEMBERS, who shall be Active Members who have significantly contributed to the Raleigh-Durham or national Magic Community for an extended period of time, such service being exemplary and exceptional. Candidates for Life Member shall be nominated through the Organization's Executive Committee and awarded by a majority vote of the general membership. Life Members shall be exempt from paying annual dues to the Organization.

2.02.5 HONORARY MEMBERS, who shall be individuals of note who do not reside within or near the Raleigh-Durham community and have significantly contributed to the Magic Community for an extended period-of-time and have significantly advanced the Performance Art of Magic. Candidates for Honorary Member shall be nominated through the

Organization's Executive Committee and awarded by a majority vote of the general membership. Honorary Members shall be exempt from paying annual dues to the Organization.

2.03 The Organization shall comply with all Local, State, and Federal laws prohibiting discrimination based on race, sex, handicap, age, sexual orientation, or political or religious affiliation.

2.03.1 In accordance with policies established by the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians, no individual with a lawful conviction as a sexual offender or predator shall be considered for or retained as a member of the or subordinate organizations.

2.04 Membership in the International Brotherhood of Magicians and/or the Society of American Magicians is not required for Membership with the Organization.

2.05 Active membership with the International Brotherhood of Magicians and/or the Society of American Magicians is required for membership in each respective subordinate organization.

2.06 Active membership in the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians is required of any member serving as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer of the Organization.

2.07 Members shall be suspended from all rights and privileges of Organization membership for nonpayment of annual dues by the March meeting date. Members of the Organization and subordinate organizations shall be promptly reinstated upon presenting proof of payment of annual dues.

2.08 Any Member of the Organization and subordinate organizations may be expelled for unprofessional or disruptive conduct or for a severe violation of the Organization's bylaws or code of ethics.

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

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

2.08.3 Expulsion requires a simple majority vote cast by the Quorum of the General Membership.

ARTICLE 3 – Officers and Duties

3.01. The Officers of the Organization shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. These positions shall serve as the Executive Committee for the Raleigh Magic Club and both subordinate organizations.

3.01.1 The Organization President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve as the de facto officers of both subordinate organizations.

3.02. Additional Executive Committee positions may be created and appointed by the President with the majority approval of the Executive Committee. These may include but are not limited to Members-at-Large, Marketing Director, Membership Chair, Social Media Manager (Webmaster), Nominating Chair, Family Coordinator, Youth Director, and Project Managers.

3.02.01 Additional appointed Executive Committee positions and their duties shall be documented and posted to the Organization's Standing Rules.

3.03 Officer Nomination and Elections shall occur annually during the November and December meetings, respectively.

3.04 The in-coming President shall provide the national offices of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians with the name, contact information, and elected position for each new officer.

3.05 Officer responsibilities shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

3.05.1 The President shall preside over the Executive Committee and all meetings of the subordinate organizations. The President shall, with the advice of the Executive Committee, plan and coordinate the events to be sponsored by the Organization, appoint committees as needed, and act as directed by a majority vote of the membership.

3.05.2 The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, or should the President prove unable or unwilling to perform the duties described above, assume the responsibilities of the President. The Vice President shall serve as the

Program Chair tasked with scheduling and managing lectures, workshops, training sessions, and meeting themes and perform other duties as the President may assign.

3.05.3 The Secretary shall be responsible for recording accurate minutes of the Executive Committee and regular membership meetings. The Secretary shall record all votes of the Membership and Executive Committee. The Secretary shall coordinate the club newsletter, webpage, social media, and Linking Ring reports. The Secretary shall ensure the timely submission of all mandatory annual reports to the national offices of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and the Society of American Magicians.

3.05.4 The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining accurate financial records of the subordinate organizations and shall be allowed to request payment on behalf of the Organization. The Treasurer shall record all receipts and expenditures, pay all authorized bills, balance the club checkbook monthly, and prepare monthly and annual financial reports for the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall present a written report of all receipts and expenditures for the past fiscal year to the General Membership during the February meeting. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate and complete list of the Membership of the and subordinate organizations.

3.05.5 The Sergeant-at-Arms shall guide volunteer members in the set-up and take-down of the meeting room(s). The Sergeant-at-Arms shall personally greet guests to General Meetings to include recording each guest's name and contact information. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall present all guests to the members at the beginning of each general or special purpose meeting.

ARTICLE 4 - Quorum and Meetings

4.01. A quorum shall exist at any General Membership Meeting with at least 51% of Active Members are in attendance.

4.02. Actions requiring a vote of the General Membership may only take place when a quorum is present.

4.02.1 The Secretary shall record the votes and announce the outcome.

4.02.2 The Secretary shall maintain records related to the vote including procedures employed for voting and the vote count.

4.03 A Special Meeting of the General Membership may be called upon written petition to the President of at least fifty percent (50%) of the active registered Members.

4.03.1 All Members shall be notified via E-mail of any special meeting and the nature of the meeting at least one week before such Meeting.

4.04 No Meeting shall be called with the intent to exclude any one Member or a specific segment of the Membership.

4.05 The Executive Committee of the Organization shall meet at such time and place to be determined by the President.

4.05.1 At Executive Committee a quorum shall be deemed to be the attendance of at least three (3) elected Officers of the Organization.

4.05.2 All Executive Committee Meetings shall be open for attendance by all General Members.

4.05.3 No Executive Committee Meeting shall be called with the intent to exclude any one or more Members of the Committee or of the General Membership.

ARTICLE 5 - Voting

5.01 Each Active, Supporting and Life Member in good standing shall have one (1) vote on Organization business.

5.01.1 Honorary Members may not vote on or subordinate organization business.

5.01.2 Youth Members may not vote on Organization business.

5.01.3 Youth Members may select a Youth Delegate to represent their interests and exercise one (1) vote on their behalf at General Membership meetings. The Youth Director represents all Youth Members at Executive Committee Meetings.

5.02 Members must be national members in good standing with the International Brotherhood of Magicians or the Society of

American Magicians to vote on matters related exclusively to either of the subordinate organizations.

5.03 There shall be no absentee or proxy voting with respect to any matter. Members must be present at the meeting to vote.

5.04 Except as noted above, all motions require an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the General Membership to be effective.

ARTICLE 6 - Amendments

6.01 This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Quorum of the General Membership.

6.02 Any amendment to this Constitution shall be attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes.

6.03 This Constitution and any amendments and changes hereto shall be maintained by the Secretary and shall be available to any Member of the and subordinate organizations for inspection upon request.

6.04 The signed Constitution maintained by the Secretary shall be the official Constitution of the Organization.

ARTICLE 7 – Dissolution

7.01 The Organization may be dissolved by a simple majority of a Quorum of the General Membership present and voting at any meeting called for that purpose.

7.02 Disposal of Property upon Dissolution - Upon the confirmation of dissolution, the Executive Committee shall forthwith or by such date specified, proceed to convert all property of the Organization to cash. Upon discharge of all liabilities, the Executive Committee shall donate all remaining funds to a legitimate charitable agency of the General Membership's choosing.

7.03 Upon completion of such disbursement, the Treasurer and the President shall prepare and deliver a written and detailed final financial report recording all receipts, expenditures, and disbursements for the final fiscal year to all Members.

7.04 Upon completion of the obligations listed above, the organization shall be dissolved.