

# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

## London Magicians Guild

### **ARTICLE I - Name**

\* Section 1 - This organization shall be known as the London Magicians Guild.

\* Section 2 - The London Magicians Guild is affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and is recognized by the IBM as Ring #265.

### **ARTICLE II - Purpose**

\* Section 1 - To gather together individuals interested in the study, practice and promotion of the art of magic and its advancement.

\* Section 2 - To encourage and assist every effort which may tend to foster, elevate and advance the art of magic.

\* Section 3 - To facilitate the exchange of ideas and promote harmony and cooperation between those interested in or practicing the art of magic.

\* Section 4 - To abide by the Constitution and bylaws of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and amendments thereto.

\* Section 5 - To advance the ethics of the magical profession, as well as those interested therein, insofar as their relationship to the magical fraternity is concerned.

\* Section 6 - To oppose exposures of the principles of the art of magic to the general public.

\* Section 7 - To expand the membership of the London Magicians Guild. To encourage the populace to take up magic as a hobby or intellectual study.

\* Section 8 - To increase and enhance the entertainment of adults and/or children in the community by exposing them to the performance of magic and thus enhance the imagination of children and recognition of adults.

\* Section 9 - To improve the overall well being of the community by support of worthwhile activities of the community.

### **ARTICLE III – Membership and Dues**

\* Section 1 - The classifications of membership are:

- Regular Member (12 years of age or older);
- Honorary Member.

\* Section 2 - Applicants for any class of Membership (except Honorary) must pay appropriate membership dues and fees as determined by the Executive.

\* Section 3 - Honorary Memberships are conferred by a unanimous vote of the membership at any Regular Meeting following:

- a unanimous recommendation by the full Executive; and
- the publication in the Ring Newsletter of the meeting date and action that is to take place on the perspective Honorary Member's selection.

\* Section 4 - All members in good standing can vote and hold office.

\* Section 5 - Members who allow their dues to lapse may, within a three year period, become members in good standing by paying current dues. After three years in arrears, individuals must reapply for membership.

\* Section 6 - Annual dues for each classification are as stated in the Policy and Program Manual of the London Magicians Guild.

\* Section 7 - A member may be expelled for unbecoming conduct or unethical practice in magic or indiscriminate exposing of magic, in which case a 3/4 majority vote of the membership shall be required for expulsion.

#### **ARTICLE IV – Officers**

\* Section 1 - The officers elected to hold office by simple majority vote of the membership are as follows:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sergeant at Arms

\* Section 2 - All officers shall serve one year with the right of re-election at the end of their term.

\* Section 3 - Elections for officers will be held annually.

#### **ARTICLE V – Fees or Special Assessments**

\* Section 1 - Fees or special assessments can be assessed at any time upon approval of a simple majority of the membership present at a regular meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VI - Duties and Privileges of Members and Code of Ethics**

\* Section 1 - Article VIII, Duties and Privileges of Members and Code of Ethics Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the by-laws of the International Brotherhood of Magicians are adopted in their entirety as Article VI of these by-laws.

**ARTICLE VII - Rules of the order**

\* Section 1 - The rules of the order shall be governed by the Robert's "Revised Rules of Order".

**ARTICLE VIII - Amendments**

\* Section 1 - Amendments to these by-laws may be made at any regular meeting by a 3/4 majority vote of the membership.

**ARTICLE IX - Dissolution**

\* Section 1 - The London Magicians Guild as described herein will cease to exist should any of the following criteria be met:

- The International Brotherhood of Magicians revokes the club's official IBM Ring status.
- The club fails to hold a regular meeting for six consecutive months.
- 3/4 majority vote of the membership in favour of club dissolution.