

June Horowitz/John deVries Magic Club

Ring #211 Constitution

Article I, Name and Structure

- Section 1. **Name:** This organization shall be known as the *June Horowitz/John deVries Magic Club, Ring No. 211 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians* hereafter referred to as "Ring 211".
- Section 2. **Location:** The Headquarters of this organization shall be in Grand Rapids, MI.

Article II, Objectives

- Section 1. **Interest:** To organize, associate, and encourage those interested in the art of magic and its advances.
- Section 2. **Advancement:** To foster and advance the magical talents, creativity, and knowledge of the Ring membership. To promote improvement in the performance of magic.
- Section 3. **Opportunities:** To provide and support educational and professional opportunities for magicians.
- Section 4. **Forum:** To provide a social forum for professional and amateur magicians.
- Section 5. **Charity:** To support organized programs for charitable and community entertainment.

Article III, Membership

- Section 1. **Membership:** There shall be four classes of Ring membership: Active, Junior, Associate, and Honorary.
- (1) **Active.** An active member must be at least 18 years of age.
 - (2) **Junior.** A junior member must be at least 8 years of age and less than 18 years of age. At age 18, junior members immediately become active members with all privileges.
 - (3) **Associate.** An associate member must be a spouse or bonafide assistant to an active or junior member and be at least 8 years of age.
 - (4) **Honorary.** An honorary membership may be awarded to an active ring member who has significantly advanced the magical arts.
 - (5) **Other.** Special memberships may be established by the Board of Directors.
- Section 2. **International IBM Inc.** All Ring 211 members must join, and remain members in good standing of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.
- Section 3. **Code of Ethics.** All Ring 211 members shall pledge to be bound by the International Brotherhood of Magicians Code of Ethics. All members have a duty to support and promote the growth of magic and Ring 211.
- Section 4. **Voting.** Each member in good standing, holding a current IBM International membership, shall have only one vote at each meeting on matters of business brought before the membership or board.
- Note:** All Ring 211 meetings, including Board of Directors meetings, shall never be closed to any member. All members are encouraged to attend Board of Directors meetings. All members in good standing, holding a current IBM International membership, shall have an equal vote at each board meeting on matters of business.

Article IV, Management and Control

- Section 1. **Board of Directors:** The general management of the affairs of Ring 211 shall be vested in the Board of Directors.
- (1) The Board of Directors shall be composed of ten (10) members: Current President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt. of Arms, Immediate Past President and Immediate Past Vice President, IBM Territorial Vice President and two (2) elected Directors at Large.
 - (2) The Board shall have general charge and management of the affairs, funds, and property of Ring 211.
 - (3) The Board shall be empowered and have the duty to carry out the purposes of Ring 211 according to its Constitution and bylaws.

- (4) The Board shall determine whether the conduct of any member is detrimental to the welfare of Ring 211 and to fix the penalty for such misconduct or any violation of the Bylaws or Rules.

- Section 2. **Officers:** The officers of Ring 211 shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Sergeant of Arms. No one person can serve as more than one of these officers during the same term. All elected officers must hold a current IBM International membership, Active or Associate.
- Section 3. **Committees:** The President of Ring 211 shall have the authority to appoint special committees from time to time to implement the aforesaid purposes of Ring 211.

Article V, Meetings

- Section 1. **Board of Directors Meetings:** The Board of Directors shall hold regularly scheduled meetings (customarily the 2nd Monday of the month). Notice of the time and place of the meeting shall be provided to each member at least 10 days in advance.
- Section 2. **Board of Directors Special Meetings:** The Board of Directors shall convene for special meetings as called for by the President on his own initiative whenever in his judgment it may be deemed necessary, or by the Secretary upon the request of any two members of the Board of Directors. Members shall be given 5 days notice.
- Section 3. **Board of Directors Quorum:** A majority of the Board of Directors (at least 5 of 10) shall constitute a quorum for any board of Directors meeting. Voting ties shall be broken by the Vice President.
- Section 4. **Ring 211 Regular Meetings:** Ring 211 shall hold regular meetings (customarily on the 4th Monday of each month).
- Section 5. **Ring 211 Special Meetings:** Special meetings of members of Ring 211 may be called by the President at any time on his own initiative or by the President and Secretary and Treasurer upon request of the majority of the board, to such officer made in writing.
- Section 6. **Ring 211 Quorum:** At all meetings of Ring 211, either regular or special, the attendance of 25 percent of the current Active, Honorary, and Junior members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 7. **Order of Business:** At all meetings of Ring 211, the order of business shall be set by the President or other presiding officer.

Article VI, Election of Officers/Directors

- Section 1. **Election of Officers:** The officers of Ring 211 shall be elected at a regularly scheduled meeting of the members, on the 4th Monday of April, bi-annually. Officers shall serve a term of two years. Said officers shall be installed at the beginning of the regular business meeting in May, during the same year.
- Section 2. **Election of the Board of Directors:** The Board of Directors of Ring 211 shall be elected at a regularly scheduled meeting of the members, on the 4th Monday of April, bi-annually. Directors shall serve a term of two years. Said directors shall be installed at the beginning of the regular business meeting in May, during the same year.

Article VII, Amendments to the Constitution

- Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regularly scheduled business meeting of this organization by a three fourths (75%) vote of the current Active, Honorary, Associate, and Junior members in attendance and in good standing, provided that the proposed amendment or amendments have been posted and/or read at the two immediately previous regular Ring 211 meetings.

Ring #211 Bylaws

Article I, Membership Application and Privileges

- Section 1. **Active, Junior:** A person becomes an Active or Junior member of Ring 211 by meeting the following requirements:
- (1) Expressed interest in magic.
 - (2) Payment of annual club dues
 - (3) Hold a current International Brotherhood of Magicians membership

Section 2. Honorary: Honorary membership in Ring 211 may be granted to Active Ring 211 members who have attained distinction in the Magical Arts. Recommendations for Ring Honorary Membership shall be initiated by a unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors and shall be decided by a three fourths (75%) majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting. Honorary Ring Members shall possess the same privileges as an Active Ring Member but pay no annual dues.

Section 3. Associate: Associate Membership in Ring 211 may be granted to spouses and acknowledged performance assistants to ring 211 members, and parents of Junior members. Associate members shall pay dues, shall hold a current International Brotherhood of Magicians membership. Associate members in good standing and have voting rights.

Article II, Member Suspension and Expulsion

Section 1. Members may be suspended or expelled from membership or removed from the executive offices of Ring 211 for;

- (1) Any conduct which is not in the best interest of the Ring,
- (2) Violation of the Code of Ethics,
- (3) Violation of the Ring Constitution and Bylaws

The decisions to suspend, expel, or remove rest on, first, a recommendation of the Board of Directors to do so, followed by a three fourths majority vote of the membership at a meeting in which the membership is notified of the issue for at least one month prior to the voting.

Section 2. Members considered for suspension, expulsion, or removal from office will be formally notified and be given due opportunity to meet with the Board and membership prior to any vote on such action.

Article III, Dues

Section 1. Annual dues for all membership classifications shall be established by the Board of Directors. Any changes in rate will be published in the Ring 211 newsletter. Dues shall be payable by the January meeting for the following 12-month period. (The club's year shall run January through December).

Section 2. Any member who becomes in arrears may be subject to late payment fees, and if for a period of time greater than three months shall, subject to a decision by the Board of Directors, forfeit their membership and be subject to reinstatement only upon making application as a new member.

Article IV, Management Duties of Officers

Section 1. President.

- (1) The President shall preside at all meetings of Ring 211 and of the Board of Directors and shall appoint committees as he/she or Ring 211 shall consider expedient or necessary.
- (2) The President shall have responsibility to insure that the monthly newsletter is published on a timely basis.
- (3) The President shall also be responsible for the annual club show (Hocus Pocus Party) and other revenue or benevolent projects as determined by the membership. The President may assign/appoint others to work on these projects with him/her.

Section 2. Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President in the duties of that office, and in the absence of the President, shall serve as the Ring's presiding officer. The Vice President may serve as an ex-officio member of committees in substitution for the President and assume other duties as delegated to him/her.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- (1) keep a true record of all meetings
- (2) keep files of significant importance related to the Ring

- (3) execute in a timely manner the Ring correspondence including submission of required reports and requested information to the executive office and officers of the International Brotherhood of Magicians
- (4) and perform other duties as delegated by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Treasurer

- (1) The Treasurer shall oversee all deposits and receipts of money of the Ring and shall assure prompt payment of all properly approved Ring obligations, including file all dues and forms per governmental requirements on a timely basis.
- (2) The Treasurer shall maintain accurate accounting records of all receipts and disbursements and report the status of these against the Ring's budget to the Board of Directors on a schedule specified by the Board of Directors.
- (3) The Treasurer shall establish and maintain an annual budget to be presented for board approval at the November meeting. The annual budget shall include a benevolence fund to assist members as the Board of Directors deems appropriate. A budget for this fund shall be established, annually.

Section 5. Grievances with Officers

The Board of Directors shall investigate all grievances arising from conduct unbecoming a Ring officer or member. They may present proposals to the membership for action to suspend, expel, or remove from office, members for such conduct.

Article V, Financial Commitments

Section 1. No officer or any other member of the Ring shall make any expenditure or enter into any contract that becomes a financial obligation of the organization, unless the expenditure or contract has been approved by the Board of Directors either as a special commitment or as part of its annual budget. Committee Chairs of major functions, e.g. Hocus Pocus, Abracadabra, Holiday Party, fund raiser events, etc., shall submit a budget to the Board for approval prior to commitment of funds.

Article VI, Method of Election (Bi-annual)

Section 1. Officers shall be nominated at the two regularly scheduled meetings immediately preceding the April meeting at which the general vote is taken.

Section 2. Directors shall be nominated at the two regularly scheduled meetings immediately preceding the April meeting at which the general vote is taken.

Section 3. Ballots shall be distributed, marked, returned, and tallied at the regularly scheduled April meeting. Election to all offices shall be by a simple majority (51%) of the ballots cast. Uncontested nominees shall be elected without balloting.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall, in establishing the rules and timetables for the conduct of the elections, be guided by the principle that all qualified members should have the privilege of voting.

Section 5. Elected officers shall assume their responsibilities immediately after being officially elected and installed at the April (bi-annual) general meeting.

Article VII, Meetings

Section 1. The Ring shall hold regular Board meetings, customarily on the 2nd Monday of the month. The Ring shall hold regular meetings, customarily on the 4th Monday of the month. At the discretion of the officers, meeting dates that conflict with holidays or other events may be cancelled or moved to a different date. The officers may shift the meeting night to accommodate special events and it may add additional meetings for lectures, other magic and social activities.

Article VII, Amendments to the bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to the bylaws may be made at any regularly scheduled business meeting of this organization by a two thirds (66%) vote of the current Active, Honorary, Associate, and Junior members in good standing, provided that the proposed amendment or amendments have been posted and/or read at the two immediately previous regular Ring 211 meetings.