

**BY-LAWS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS – RING #6
DELAWARE VALLEY CONJURORS’ CLUB**
(November 2013)

ARTICLE I. QUORUM

One-third of the total membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members of Ring #6 (except for “Youth Members” as set forth in Section 6 of this ARTICLE) must be active members of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

Section 2. Annual dues to the Delaware Valley Conjurors’ Club must be current to enjoy full membership in, and to be deemed an active member of, Ring #6. Members of the Delaware Valley Conjurors’ Club who are not current with their I.B.M. dues may not participate in club business, may not vote, may not hold office, and may not compete in contests.

Section 3. Non-active status in Ring #6 does not preclude membership in the Delaware Valley Conjurors’ Club.

Section 4. New members to the Delaware Valley Conjurors’ Club must be proposed to the general membership at a regular meeting by a member in good standing. To apply for membership in Ring #6, applicants must also have applied for membership in the International Brotherhood of Magicians. They must attend two meetings in a one year period, and must perform at least one magical effect or routine at a designated meeting.

Section 5. Applicants may be elected to membership in the Delaware Valley Conjurors’ Club by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting when the applicant performs his/her initiation effect. The applicant must leave the meeting area while the vote is being taken.

Section 6. A rejected applicant may not reapply for membership within 6 months of rejection.

Section 7. Any applicant over the age of seven (7) and under the age of eighteen (18) applying for membership, if elected to membership, shall be deemed a “Youth Member”. Youth Members shall have full privileges with the exceptions of being able to participate in club business, vote, hold office, and compete in contests. Youth Members shall be bound by all rules and regulations except those set forth in Sections 1 and 3 of this ARTICLE pertaining to membership in the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Youth Membership in I.B.M. International is optional for Ring #6 Youth Members.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Ring, call the members to order at the time of meeting, decide on all questions of order, enforce impartially the Constitution and By-Laws, set goals and objectives for her/his term in office in accordance with the growth of the organization, and to appoint whatever committees might be necessary for the good of the organization. The President shall not second a motion of any nature.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside over all meetings in the absence of the President and to preside when the President is engaged in debate and to perform any and all duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings and all other matters of which a record shall be deemed advisable or be ordered by the Ring, or its Executive Committee. The Secretary shall notify the officers and members of their election or suspension, keep a roll of members, and conduct the correspondence of the Association. The Secretary shall submit reports of meetings to the "*Linking Ring*" magazine.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a strict and regular account of all moneys received and expended for the Ring, and render the necessary reports showing accountability for such funds at the regular meeting of the Ring. The Treasurer shall also collect dues and admission fees at the door. The Treasurer shall also keep current the names of dues-paying members, and provide this list to the President for an annual update of the Ring membership list and mailing list.

Section 5. Any chairperson of a committee appointed pursuant to Section 1 of this ARTICLE must be an active member of Ring #6.

ARTICLE IV. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall meet when the President feels it is necessary to maintain the routine functioning of the Ring. The President may also consult the Committee between meetings when timely decisions must be made for the good of the Ring.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to authorize all expenditures, and notify the membership at the following meeting.

ARTICLE V. RESIGNATIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Section 1. All resignations from office or membership should be presented in writing to the Secretary.

Section 2. A member may be expelled from the Delaware Valley Conjurors' Club for just cause by a majority vote of the active members present at a monthly meeting. This vote shall be by secret ballot. The reasons for expulsion include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Unbecoming conduct which may reflect adversely upon the club.
- (b) Unethical practice in magic and/or indiscriminate exposure of magic.

ARTICLE VI. LOCAL FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Membership dues for the Delaware Valley Conjurors' Club shall be set by the Executive Committee each year for all members.

Section 2. Dues become payable by January 1st of each calendar year, and shall be paid at the first general membership meeting of that year. A previous member who re-joins during a calendar year shall pay the full annual fee without respect to the month in which s/he re-joins. A member four months in arrears of dues, that is, a member who has not paid her/his dues by April 30th of the calendar year, shall be automatically suspended. If a member pays her/his arrears, the suspension shall be lifted.

Section 3. A new member is a person who had not previously been a member. The initial membership dues for new members shall be prorated based upon which month s/he becomes a member. If a person joins as a new member between the six-month period January 1 through June 30 of any given calendar year, s/he will be required to pay 100% of the annual membership dues set forth pursuant to Section 1 of this ARTICLE. If a person joins as a new member between the six-month period July 1 through December 31 of any given calendar year, s/he will be required to pay 50% of the annual membership dues set forth pursuant to Section 1 of this ARTICLE.

Section 4. In addition to annual membership dues, new members shall be responsible for the full amount of any meeting fees set pursuant to Section 5 of this ARTICLE.

Section 5. A meeting fee may be set by the Committee when necessary for a special meeting or lecture. Any charge for a particular meeting must be announced to the membership prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE VII. FUNDS

Section 1. All monies received shall be deposited in a bank account designated by the Executive Committee in the name of the Delaware Valley Conjurers' Club.

Section 2. Monies in this Delaware Valley Conjurers' Club fund shall be disbursed by the Treasurer or by the Board appointed designee.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations will be open on the floor at the October meeting.

Section 2. Election of officers will take place at the November meeting by way of secret ballot for all contested offices. Majority rules apply; if no candidate for an office receives a majority of the votes cast, there will be an immediate secret run-off vote between the top two candidates.

Section 3. Officers shall serve from January until December each year, and shall be installed at the January meeting.

Section 4. Officers shall be limited to no more than four (4) consecutive terms in the same office. This Section shall take effect immediately upon ratification such that any officer who has held or been elected to the same office for four (4) or more consecutive terms as of the time of ratification of this Section shall not be eligible for election to that same office during the next election following ratification of this Section.

ARTICLE IX. VOTING

All controversial matters shall be voted upon by secret ballot.

ARTICLE X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the Ring's final authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI. MODIFYING BY-LAWS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of active members of Ring #6 present at any regular meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment(s) is given at the preceding meeting, either in writing or by oral motion made at that meeting.

Section 2. Absentee ballots regarding changing the By-Laws shall not be accepted. A member must be present at the meeting when the vote is taken.

ARTICLE XII. GUESTS

Section 1. Members may bring guests to meetings. Guests may not participate in business meetings. The meeting fee for guests will be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Practicing magicians or persons interested in magic cannot attend more than three meetings in one year without making application for membership in the Delaware Valley Conjurors' Club.

Section 3. Non-members may attend lectures that are open to the general magic community by paying the guest fee determined by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIII. CONTESTS

Section 1. Both stage and close-up competition may be held annually at regular club meetings.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall decide which meeting(s) will be devoted to the competitions and whether to hold stage and close up at the same meeting.
- (b) Competition shall be open to all active members of Ring #6. Acts will be limited to 8 minutes unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.
- (c) There must be at least three competitors for prizes to be awarded.

Section 2. Contest Evaluation.

- (a) The Executive Committee shall announce in advance how the contests will be judged.
- (b) Three prizes in both Stage and Close-Up will be awarded.
- (c) The Executive Committee will design evaluation guidelines to be used during the contest.
- (d) Decisions of the Judges in any contest are not subject to appeal or change.

ARTICLE XIV. RING HISTORY

Ring and Treasurers' Reports shall act as the history of the Ring's activities.

ARTICLE XV. REVISIONS

The Secretary shall maintain the original of this document, and update the Constitution and By-Laws as amendments occur.

ARTICLE XVI. EFFECTIVE DATE

These By-Laws shall be effective one month after acceptance by the general membership.

ADOPTED: _____