
CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
FOR
THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MAGICIANS
QUEEN CITY MYSTICS
ASSEMBLY #11

–RESTATEMENT–

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AND AS AMENDED MAY 14, 2010

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Article 1 - Name

1.1. Name. The name of the organization is the “Queen City Mystics, Assembly #11 of the Society of American Magicians”, located in Cincinnati, Ohio (hereinafter, “**Assembly 11**”).

Article 2 - Objects

2.1. Objects. The purposes of this organization will be to:

- 2.1.1. Promote the Art.** Promote magic and its kindred arts in Cincinnati, Ohio to the highest degree.
- 2.1.2. Provide Entertainment Opportunities.** Provide opportunities for magicians to entertain in the form of magic.
- 2.1.3. Website.** Maintain an Internet website (www.Assembly11.com) to notify members of magic doings and Assembly 11 activities (“Assembly Website”).
- 2.1.4. Public Performance.** Hold public shows and other magic demonstrations.
- 2.1.5. Fellowship.** Join together in the fellowship of magicians, through mutual efforts, advance in skill and knowledge of the art of magic and assist each other in such advancement.

Article 3 - Members

3.1. Requirements for Membership. Requirements for membership are:

- 3.1.1. Age.** At least 18 years of age.
- 3.1.2. Member of National.** A member of the national organization, the Society of American Magicians (“**SAM**”).
- 3.1.3. Membership Form.** Complete a local membership form, which requires the sponsorship of 2 Assembly 11 members in good standing.
- 3.1.4. Processing Fee.** Pay the Membership Processing Fee.
- 3.1.5. Annual Dues.** Pay yearly Local Dues.
- 3.1.6. Demonstrated Nexus to Magic.** Demonstrate a sufficient nexus to magic or mentalism, to the satisfaction of a majority of the Elected Officers by one of the following means:
 - 3.1.6.1. (Magic Performance.)** basic competency in performing 3-10 minutes of magic or mentalism;
 - 3.1.6.2. (Related Arts Performance.)** basic competency in performing 3-10 minutes in a related entertainment art, such as acting, clowning, geek show, juggling, story-telling, etc.;
 - 3.1.6.3. (Historian.)** provide a 5-10 minute presentation on an aspect of the history of magic; or

- 3.1.6.4. (Collector.)** provide a 5-10 minute presentation relating to the applicant's collection of magic.
- 3.2. SYM.** Members of the Society of Young Magicians (a.k.a. SYM) may attend Assembly 11 Regular Meetings, but do not have a voting authority.
- 3.3. Dues / Failure to Pay.** All membership dues are payable by July 1st each year. Members in arrears with their dues will be suspended from membership. Any member, whose dues are less than 12 months in arrears, may be reinstated by paying a year's dues. Such reinstatement will be dated from the date the member's dues became in arrears. Any person more than 12 months in arrears must make an application as a new member
- 3.4. Expulsion - Basis.** A member may be expelled by a majority vote of the Board for the following offenses:
- 3.4.1.** unbecoming conduct,
 - 3.4.2.** intentional violation of the SAM National Code of Ethics, and/or
 - 3.4.3.** violation of any Assembly 11 or SAM resolution in force and in effect.
- 3.5. Expulsion – Charges.** Charges for expulsion, preferred against a member by another member, must be in writing, and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary will notify a) the member of the charges against him/her and b) each Board member.
- 3.5.1. Hearing.** The member against whom the charges have been preferred is entitled to be present at a hearing and be represented by counsel, who must be another member of Assembly 11.
 - 3.5.2. Right to Appeal.** The Board will have the right, after hearing evidence, to expel the member. The member so expelled will have the right of appeal to the members at large at the next regular meeting, providing he/she files a written Notice of Appeal with the Secretary within 10 days from receiving written notice of the Board's action from the Secretary. A 2/3 vote of the members attending that meeting is required to override the vote of the Board.
- 3.6. Resignation.** Resignation from membership will be considered only when a member who is in good standing and not under charges, submits a request in writing, and presents his/her current membership card.
- 3.7. Honorary Memberships.** The Board may, by unanimous vote, confer an honorary membership upon men or women of distinction or upon any person who has rendered distinguished service to the magical arts. Such members will have all the privileges of membership. Annual dues for honorary members are waived. There are 3 classifications of honorary members:
- 3.7.1. Honorary Life Members.** Honorary life membership may be bestowed on members who have performed outstanding service to Assembly 11.
 - 3.7.2. Auxiliary Life Members.** Auxiliary life membership may be bestowed on spouses of deceased members, where the spouse has demonstrated a continued interest in Assembly 11 activities.

3.7.3. Honorary Members. Honorary membership may be bestowed on prominent people who through honorary membership would benefit the image of Assembly 11.

Article 4 - Officers & Board of Directors

4.1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors (“**Board**”) will consist of the following:

4.1.1. Elected Officers,

4.1.2. Immediate Past President, and

4.1.3. Advisors (if any).

4.2. Elected Officers. The elected officers of Assembly 11 are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms (collectively, the “**Elected Officers**”).

4.3. Advisors. Up to 3 additional Board members may be appointed at any time by the Elected Officers, to assist the Elected Officers in their duties (“**Advisors**”).

4.4. Elected Officers’ Duties. The duties of the Elected Officers are as follows:

4.4.1. President. The President will preside at all meetings of Assembly 11, including Board Meetings, the Annual Meeting, Regular Meetings, and Special Meetings; and will have a general supervision of the affairs of Assembly 11.

4.4.2. Vice-President. The Vice-President will assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and assume the duties of the President in the event of the absence of the President.

4.4.3. Secretary. The Secretary will keep a record of the proceedings of Assembly 11, including Board Meetings, the Annual Meeting, Regular Meetings, and Special Meetings; and will safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records and documents belonging to Assembly 11.

4.4.4. Treasurer. The Treasurer will keep and account for all moneys, credits and property, of Assembly 11, which will come into his/her hand; keep an accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed, with proper vouchers for moneys disbursed; and to render such accounts, statements and inventories of moneys received and disbursed, and of money and property on hand, and other matters pertaining to this office, as will be required by the Board.

4.4.5. Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms will be responsible to keep order at all meetings and to assure that all present are members in good standing or honored guests.

4.4.6. Board of Directors. A member of the Board will have the full and complete power to: review the acts of the Board members and committees; direct matters of policy to which the Board members will adhere to; and to review and determine all matters relating to disciplinary actions imposed on members.

4.5. Term for Board Members. The Board members will hold their respective position on the Board as follows:

- 4.5.1. Term for Elected Officers.** Elected Officers will hold offices for one year or until their successor is elected. The President and Vice President may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- 4.5.2. Term for Advisors.** Advisors will take office immediately upon notification of appointment. Advisors will hold their office on the Board until the Elected Officers appoint a successor for that office or determine for the time being to no longer have that Advisor's office filled. Advisors otherwise have no limit on the number of consecutive terms they may hold their office.
- 4.5.3. Term for Immediate Past President.** The Immediate Past President will hold their position on the Board until a new President is elected.
- 4.6. Removal of Board Member.** Despite Section 4.5 (Term for Board Members), any Board member may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote at any special Board Meeting called for that purpose.
- 4.7. Death, Resignation, Disqualification or Disability.** In the event of death, resignation, disqualification or legal disability of any Elected Officer except the President, the President will appoint a replacement to serve until the next annual election.
- 4.8. Committees & Functions.** The President may establish any committee or function deemed necessary to the welfare of Assembly 11.
- 4.9. Voting Authority Limitations.** Despite anything to the contrary in this Constitution & Bylaws document, only the Elected Officers and the Immediate Past President will have voting authority with respect to Board decisions; and such voting authority will not extend to other participants on the Board, including Advisors and honorary Board members.

Article 5 - Nominations & Elections

- 5.1. Elections.** Elections will be held at the last regular meeting before June 1 of the current year (usually May).
- 5.2. Nominations.** Only members in good standing can be nominated for an office. Nominations for any office can be made at the election meeting. Members in good standing present at the meeting will then vote on the nominees.
- 5.3. Assumption of Office.** The newly elected members of the Board will assume their board positions/responsibilities at the first meeting following the summer break (usually September).

Article 6 - Meetings of Members

- 6.1. Types of Meetings.** The type of meetings will be: regular, election, Board, and special.
- 6.1.1. Regular.** Regular meetings will be held on the second Friday of every month from September through May at Haines House of Cards at 7:30PM, unless other arrangements have been made ("**Regular Meeting**").
- 6.1.2. Election.** Election meetings will be held pursuant to Article 5 (Nominations & Elections) ("**Election Meeting**").

6.1.3. Board. Board meetings will be held at the discretion of the President at least once a year, and as often as otherwise needed (“**Board Meeting**”). The Board members participate in the Board Meetings, although any members in good standing are invited to participate.

6.1.4. Special. Special meetings can be called by the Board if and when needed for any business pertaining to Assembly 11 (“**Special Meeting**”). Notice of Special Meetings will be made by telephone, letter, e-mail, and/or posting on the Assembly Website.

6.2. Order of Business. The order of business at Assembly 11 meetings will be:

6.2.1. Action on minutes of preceding meeting

6.2.2. Report of Elected Officers

6.2.3. Report of committees

6.2.4. Correspondence

6.2.5. Unfinished business

6.2.6. Good and welfare

6.2.7. Elections (if an Election Meeting)

Article 7 - Parliamentary Authority

7.1. Robert’s Rules of Order. The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order will be the authority governing deliberations at all meetings of both the Board and of the members of Assembly 11, except when they are in conflict with any provision of this Constitution & Bylaws.

Article 8 - Fiscal Year

8.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year, for all purposes except the election of Elected Officers, will be from July 1st to June 30th.

Article 9 - Dues & Fees

9.1. Annual Local Dues. Annual dues for continuing membership in Assembly 11 will be established by a majority vote of the Board (“**Local Dues**”).

9.2. Due Date for Local Dues. Dues are payable in advance, annually, on or before the 1st day of July.

9.3. Membership Processing Fee. A membership fee/re-application fee, in an amount set by a majority vote of the Board, is to accompany any petition for membership (“**Membership Processing Fee**”).

9.4. Amount. Current amounts for Local Dues and other fees referenced in this Constitution & Bylaws are set forth in Schedule 9.4.

Article 10- Disbursements from Treasury

10.1.Limited Disbursements by President. The President is empowered to authorize disbursements in amounts not to exceed \$150 per disbursement, not to exceed an aggregate amount for the President's one-year term of \$300. Any disbursements exceeding this amount must have the approval of the Board.

Article 11- Presence of Non-members at Meetings

11.1.Regular Meetings. Regular Meetings can be attended up to 3 times by guests before they are required to join Assembly 11.

11.2.Election & Board Meetings. Election Meetings and Board Meetings may be attended only by members in good standing.

11.3.Special Meetings. Attendance of guests or other non-members at Special Meetings is at the discretion of the Board, to be determined at the time of deciding upon the Special Meeting. Notice as to whether or not non-members may attend a subject Special Meeting will be included with the notice of the Special Meeting.

Article 12- Quorum

12.1.Regular & Special Meeting Quorum. The quorum for Regular Meetings and any Special Meetings will be 10% of the total members in good standing, provided at least 3 Elected Officers are present.

12.2.Election Meeting Quorum. The quorum for the Election Meeting will be a majority of those members in good standing registered for the meeting.

12.3.Board Meetings. The quorum for Board Meetings will be a majority of Elected Officers then in office.

12.4.Evidence of Good Standing. Current records of the Treasurer will serve as evidence of each member's good standing.

Article 13- Amendments

13.1.Proposing Amendments. Amendments to this Constitution & Bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing, for consideration at the Election Meeting or a Special Meeting. The notice will include the complete text of the proposed amendment.

13.2.Timing for Submission. For consideration, proposed amendments must be received in writing by the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered.

13.3.Notice to Members. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be given to all members in good standing at least 10 days prior to its consideration. An email to members and/or posting of the proposed amendment on the Assembly Website will also qualify as "written notice."

13.4.Passage of Amendment. Passage of the proposed amendment will require a majority vote (51%) of all members in good standing and attending the Election Meeting.

13.5. Effective Date of Amendment. Amendments will take effect at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are adopted unless otherwise provided.

13.6. Dues & Fees. Despite anything to the contrary in this Article 13, upon the setting of a new amount for Local Dues pursuant to Paragraph 9.1 (Annual Local Dues) and/or the Membership Processing Fee pursuant to Paragraph 9.3 (Membership Processing Fee), Schedule 9.4 will be replaced with a revised Schedule 9.4 reflecting the new amounts and the date of the revision.

Article 14- Definitions

14.1. Definitions. The locations of terms defined in this Constitution & Bylaws are as follows:

- 14.1.1. “**Advisor**” is defined in Paragraph 4.3.
- 14.1.2. “**Assembly 11**” is defined in Paragraph 1.1.
- 14.1.3. “**Assembly Website**” is defined in Paragraph 2.1.3.
- 14.1.4. “**Board**” is defined in Paragraph 4.1.
- 14.1.5. “**Board Meeting**” 6.1.3.
- 14.1.6. “**Elected Officers**” is defined in Paragraph 4.1.
- 14.1.7. “**Election Meeting**” 6.1.2.
- 14.1.8. “**Local Dues**” is defined in Paragraph 9.1.
- 14.1.9. “**Membership Processing Fee**” is defined in Paragraph 9.3.
- 14.1.10. “**Regular Meeting**” is defined in Paragraph 6.1.1.
- 14.1.11. “**Special Meeting**” is defined in Paragraph 6.1.4.
- 14.1.12. “**SAM**” is defined in Paragraph 3.1.2.

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Schedule 9.4 –Dues & Other Fees

The following dues and other fees are effective as of September 1, 2009.

Name of Fee	Amount
Membership Processing Fee	\$5.00
Local Dues	\$18.00/year

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