Constitution for Magicians at The Ohio State University

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Article I - Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy of the Organization

Section 1 - The name of this organization shall be Magicians at The Ohio State University.

Section 2 - The purpose of this organization is to give people a place to meet to discuss the art of magic and everything that it encompasses. This includes magical theory, sleight of hand technique, performance and showmanship, magic culture, and more.

Section 3 - Magicians at The Ohio State University and its Members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II - Membership: Qualifications and Categories of Membership

Section 1 - Anybody currently enrolled as a student at The Ohio State University is eligible for membership.

Section 2 - People not currently enrolled as students at The Ohio State University are eligible for membership. Such Members can attend meetings and events, but cannot hold office or participate in major group decisions.

Article III - Organization Leadership: Titles, Terms of Office, Selection, and Duties of Leaders

Section 1 - Magicians at The Ohio State University shall be governed by three student officers: a President, a Vice President, and a Treasurer. The President may create additional leadership positions as necessary to meet the needs of the organization.

Section 2 - Officers will be appointed by current officers at the end of each academic year to begin their term at the beginning of the following academic year. Re-appointment and self-appointment are acceptable.

Section 3 - There shall be no limit to the number of times a Member may be re-appointed to office, provided that he or she remains enrolled as a student at The Ohio State University.
Section 4 - Duties of the President - The President is to perform administrative duties, such as complete registration and maintain “active” status, in a timely fashion. The President is also to coordinate and preside over meetings and events, act as primary contact and spokesperson for the organization, control the vision and direction of the organization, manage conflict within the organization, recruit and prepare future leaders, and maintain regular contact with Advisors and other members.

Section 5 - Duties of the Vice-President - The Vice President is to assist the President in carrying out his or her duties. The Vice President is also to assume the role of Acting President at meetings and events should the President be absent.

Section 6 - Duties of the Treasurer - The Treasurer is to meet with the Advisors regularly or whenever necessary to discuss finances, request funds when necessary, save all receipts in an organized fashion, complete all financial forms in a timely fashion, manage the organization budget and bank account, and explore and be familiar with various funding sources.

Article IV - Method of Removing Officers and Members

Section 1 - Members can be removed from the organization on the basis of poor conduct at the discretion of the current Officers. Current Officers can also be removed on the basis of poor conduct at the discretion of the other current Officers. In such a case, the remaining Officers would have one week to appoint a current Member to fill the vacant Office. Poor conduct involves acting in such a way as to poorly reflect the organization or acting in such a way as to impede the course of action of the organization.

Section 2 - An Officer can be removed from his or her position at the discretion of the other current Officers if they are not fulfilling their duties as described in Article III.

Section 3 - Current Officers can voluntarily retire, given that they alert the other Officers at least one month in advance so a suitable replacement can be appointed from the current Membership.

Section 4 - In accordance with the Non-Discriminatory Policy of this organization, Members and Officers cannot be removed for any of the reasons listed Article I, Section 3 of this document.
**Article V - Advisor(s) or Advisory Board: Qualification Criteria**

Magicians at The Ohio State University must always have at least one Advisor. Advisors, selected by current Officers, must be members of the University faculty or Administrative and Professional staff. Advisors are expected to maintain regular contact with Officers, to give advice and help to Officers when necessary, to provide continuity and perspective for the organization as Members and Officers change, to approve registration, funding requests, and annual goals, and to co-sign the organization’s bank account. Beyond these listed duties, the Advisors have no administrative or decision-making role.

**Article VI - Meetings of the Organization: Required Meetings and their Frequency**

Time, location, and structure of meetings will be determined by the President on a per-meeting basis. The President should distribute information to Members regarding the time, location, and agenda of a meeting at least three days in advance whenever possible. The minimum frequency for general organization meetings is once per month.

**Article VII - Method of Amending Constitution: Proposals, Notice, and Voting Requirements**

  Section 1 - Amendment Proposals can be made to the President by other Officers or by Members at any time.

  Section 2 - All Proposals will be discussed and voted upon by all current Officers at a time and place determined by the President. If a Proposal receives a passing vote by all current Officers, the Constitution must be amended by the President accordingly.

  Section 3 - If any of the current Officers believe that a particular Proposal is relevant enough to the General Membership that the General Membership should also vote on it, then the General Membership will vote on it at a time and place determined by the President.

  Section 4 - General Members will only be notified of major or relevant Constitutional Amendments. Such Amendments are not effective until the General Membership has been notified.

**Article VIII - Method of Dissolution of Organization**
The organization can be dissolved by a unanimous vote of all current Officers to do so. In such a case, all organization assets will be returned to the University. Organization debts, if any, must be paid off by some means determined by the current Officers before the organization can be dissolved.