

BYLAWS  
OF  
THE CARL MOORE RING 60  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

**PREAMBLE:**

*Ring 60 is committed to the preservation, encouragement and advancement of all segments and phases of the art of magic and related arts. These Bylaws are intended to provide Ring 60 with an orderly framework of organization within which it can pursue these goals by:*

- (i) Providing its members with educational and performance opportunities that will permit them to learn, develop and improve their skills and interests in magic and all related arts;*
- (ii) Promoting the highest ethical conduct in all matters related to magic and magicians;*
- (iii) Promoting the protection of the secrets and traditions of magic;*
- (iv) Participating in magic related functions and activities with organizations; and*
- (v) Advancing the benefits of magic and magic related entertainment through community involvement and charitable performances.*

**DEFINITIONS**

*Capitalized terms, not otherwise defined in these Bylaws, shall have the meanings set forth in this section of these Bylaws:*

“Board” shall mean the Board of Directors of Ring 60, comprised of each Officer of Ring 60 and each At Large Director of Ring 60.

“Bylaws” shall mean these Bylaws duly adopted by Ring 60, as they may be amended or revised from time to time.

“Chair” shall mean the President of Ring 60, acting as the presiding officer of the Board of Directors of Ring 60,

“Director” and “At Large Director” shall mean a Member in Good Standing duly elected or appointed to serve as a Director of Ring 60. Each Officer of Ring 60 serves as a member of the Board of Directors.

“Directorship” shall mean any of the positions of Director or Director at Large authorized by these Bylaws.

The phrase “in Good Standing” shall mean that a Member: (i) has paid all dues, late fees and other assessments or charges due and owing to Ring 60; (ii) has not been removed from the membership of Ring 60; (iii) is not under suspension by Ring 60; and (iv) is a then current member of IBM as reflected upon the membership rolls of IBM, with all dues, late fees and other assessments fully paid to IBM.

“IBM” shall mean the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

“Member” shall mean any one member of Ring 60 of any class of membership.

“Members” shall mean all members of Ring 60, of every class, including, but not limited to, Active, Junior, Associate and Honorary Members.

“Office” shall mean President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms, and Immediate Past President of Ring 60.

“Officer” shall mean a Member that has been duly elected or appointed to any Office of Ring 60.

“Policy and Program Manual” shall mean the written or electronic compilation of the policies and programs of Ring 60, as adopted by the Members, and as it is modified and amended from time to time.

“Published” shall mean that an item has been or is to be distributed or made known to the Members by any of the following methods, as selected by the Board:

- (i) By regular mail to the official postal address of each Member;
- (ii) By e-mail to the official e-mail address of each Member;
- (iii) By publication in the newsletter of Ring 60; or
- (iv) Such other means as may be specifically found by the Board to insure a reasonably probable likelihood of completing actual notice to a substantial majority of Members in Good Standing.

An “official” address of a Member shall be the last address reported by a Member in writing to the Secretary of Ring 60. The determination of the “official address” of a Member by the Secretary shall be final and conclusive as to all Members.

“Ring 60” and “Ring” shall mean The Carl Moore Ring 60, International Brotherhood of Magicians.

## ARTICLE I

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND PRIVILEGES

#### Section 1.

Application for Active membership must be made by the full completion and submission of an approved membership form, which is to be signed by the applicant verifying the accuracy of the information provided by the applicant. The Board of Directors shall approve all membership forms to be used for application for membership, and the application must require a regular postal mail address or an e-mail address for the applicant. Two (2) Members of Ring 60 must endorse each application for consideration, and such endorsements shall state that:

- (a) The endorsers personally know the applicant;
- (b) The applicant is seriously committed to the magical or related arts; and
- (c) The applicant is worthy of membership in Ring 60.

#### Section 2.

Junior membership in Ring 60 shall be limited to those persons under the age of 18 that meet all other qualifications of Active membership, and shall follow the same procedures for application for membership as are required for Active membership. Junior members shall enjoy the same privileges as Active members except that Junior members shall not have the power to vote upon matters that come before the membership of Ring 60, and they shall not hold an Office or serve as a Director of Ring 60. However, Junior members may serve on committees and hold other appointments. Upon reaching the age of eighteen (18) years, Junior members shall automatically be recognized as Active members in Ring 60.

#### Section 3.

Associate memberships in Ring 60 are limited to those persons that are family members (living in the same household) of an Active member, that meet all other qualifications of Active membership, and shall follow the same procedures for application for membership as are required for Active Membership. Associate Members shall enjoy the same privileges as Active members.

#### Section 4.

Honorary membership in Ring 60 may be granted to Active Members in Good Standing, who have attained distinction in the magical or related arts. Recommendations for Honorary Membership may be initiated only by a unanimous recommendation of the Board of Directors. Such recommendation for Honorary Membership shall be submitted to a vote of the membership of Ring 60, and shall be deemed to be approved only upon an affirmative vote of 75% of all voting members present at a monthly meeting of Ring 60 in which this item of business is clearly stated on the Published Agenda or via a mail ballot. In addition to their distinction, Honorary Ring Members shall possess the same privileges as an Active Member. Honorary Members shall pay no dues to Ring 60.

#### Section 5.

Only Members in Good Standing of Ring 60 shall be entitled to vote or hold an Office or serve as a Director.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **MEMBER SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION**

#### **Section 1.**

Members may be suspended or expelled from membership in Ring 60 or removed from any Office or Directorship of Ring 60 for:

- (a) Violation of the Code of Ethics of the International Brotherhood of Magicians;
- (b) Violation of any code of ethics adopted by Ring 60;
- (c) Violation of the terms of any resolution adopted by the membership of Ring 60; or
- (d) Violation of the terms of Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of Ring 60.

#### **Section 2.**

The decision to expel or suspend a Member, or remove any officer or Director, shall only commence with a recommendation by the Board of Directors to do so, and thereafter shall be effective only upon an affirmative vote by 75% of all voting members present at a meeting of the members of Ring 60, where notice of the date, time and place of such meeting and the issue of such expulsion, suspension or removal, has been Published at least twenty-one (21) days prior to such vote. Members considered for suspension or expulsion, and Officers or Directors considered for removal, shall be formally notified in writing of such consideration, and shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to meet with and make a response or other presentation to the Board and the membership of Ring 60, prior to any vote on such issues by the Board or the membership.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **DUES**

#### **Section 1.**

The Board shall, at such times as the Board shall deem proper, determine and propose the amount of annual dues for all membership classes. The Board shall also, at such times as the Board shall deem proper, determine and fix the amount of late fees to be assessed for the late payment of dues or other charges and fees.

#### **Section 2.**

Any change in amount of annual dues proposed by the Board of Directors shall become effective only after such changes are approved by a majority of the membership present at any regular meeting of Ring 60. All Annual Dues shall be due and payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.

Section 3.

Late fees shall be assessed to all Members who have not fully paid their annual dues by January 30 of each calendar year. Any Member whose annual dues remain unpaid beyond March 30 of any calendar year shall, subject to a decision by the Board of Directors, forfeit their membership in Ring 60 and be subject to reinstatement only upon making application as a new member.

**ARTICLE IV**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Section 1.

Subject to the terms and conditions of these Bylaws and its Articles of Incorporation, and the vote of the Members, Ring 60 shall be governed by its Board of Directors. The following nine (9) persons shall serve as members of the Board of Directors:

- (a) President of Ring 60
- (b) Vice President of Ring 60
- (c) Treasurer of Ring 60
- (d) Secretary of Ring 60
- (e) Sergeant At Arms of Ring 60
- (f) Immediate Past President of Ring 60
- (g) At Large Director – Place 1
- (h) At Large Director – Place 2
- (i) At Large Director – Place 3

Section 2.

At Large Directors for Place 1 and Place 2 shall be elected each year by a majority vote, of ballots cast at the same time that Officers are elected. There shall be no cumulative voting for the election of At Large Directors. At Large Director for Place 3 shall be elected at the same time that Officers are elected each year, by a majority vote of the ballots cast of only those Members in Good Standing who have previously served as President of Ring 60.

Section 3.

- (a) The Board of Directors shall meet more than once each calendar year, and at such other times as a meeting of the Board shall be called pursuant to the provisions of these Bylaws. Except in extreme emergency circumstances, as may be agreed upon by a majority of the Board, the Board shall Publish to the Members in Good Standing reasonable advance notice of the time and place of each meeting of the Board.
- (b) A meeting of the Board may be called upon giving 10 days' notice to all members of the Board, delivered in writing or by confirmed e-mail notice, setting forth the date, time and place of the meeting, and a reasonably brief description of the items to be considered and acted upon at such meeting. Members shall be provided at least 7 days' e-mail notice of such Board meeting including the date, time and place of the Board meeting, and a reasonably brief description of the items to be considered and acted upon at such meeting.

However, in the event of an emergency, which shall be confirmed in writing by any three (3) members of the Board, the Board may meet upon such notice (but never less than 24-hours notice) as shall be deemed to be reasonable under the circumstances, and notice of the date, time, place of such emergency meeting shall be Published to the Members by e-mail to the last official e-mail address of the Members. The President or any two (2) Directors may call a meeting of the Board.

- (c) Any Director may, within three (3) days of the date that notice of Board meeting is received, add any items to the list of items to be discussed and acted upon, provided that the Members are promptly provided e-mail notice of such additional items to be discussed and acted upon.
- (d) By attending a Board meeting, a member of the Board shall be deemed to have waived any requirement for notice of such meeting, except when a member of the Board attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, a meeting need be specified in any written waiver unless required by these Bylaws.
- (e) Fifty percent (50%) of the Board shall constitute a quorum provided that either the president or vice president is one of the members of the Board in attendance.
- (f) The President shall act as the Chair of the Board of Directors.
- (g) Each member of the Board shall have one vote, including the Chair. A Member may participate in any discussion at a Board meeting, but shall have no vote unless he/she is also a member of the Board.
- (h) Subject to the provisions required or permitted for notice of meetings, unless otherwise restricted by these Bylaws, members of the Board of Directors or members of any committee designated by such Board of Directors may participate in and hold a meeting of such Board of Directors or committee by conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation in such a meeting will constitute presence in person at such meeting, except when a person participates in the meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.
- (i) The Board shall consider and take action on any proposals submitted to it by Members of Ring 60 or which may originate from the members of the Board. The Board may act upon such proposals or prepare from them a suitable motion to be presented for consideration by the Members at any regular meeting of Ring 60.
- (j) All members of the Board shall serve on the Board until their successor is duly elected and qualified. The term of each member of the Board shall commence upon January 1 of the year for which they were elected or appointed (or the date upon which they are elected or appointed if it is after January 1 of the year for which they were elected or appointed) and continue until December 31 or the date upon which their successor takes office, whichever is later.
- (k) Action taken by the Board of Directors without complying with the requirements of these Bylaws shall be voidable.

- (1) Voting proxies by Directors are permitted so long as such proxies are in writing, signed by the Director granting the proxy, and are provided to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Board of Directors meeting to which such proxy applies.

## ARTICLE V

### OFFICERS

#### Section 1.

**PRESIDENT.** The President shall, subject to the oversight and the direction of the Board of Directors, have general powers of oversight, supervision and management of the business and affairs of Ring 60, and will see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The President will have such other powers and duties as usually pertain to such office or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. The President will execute instruments, contracts, agreements and other documentation for and on behalf of Ring 60, except when the signing and execution thereof is expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of Ring 60.

In addition, it shall be the duty of the President to:

- (a) Serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Ring 60;
- (b) Preside at all meetings of Ring 60 and the Board of Directors; and
- (c) Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

#### Section 2.

**VICE PRESIDENT.** The Vice President shall assist the President in the duties of that office, and in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall serve as Ring 60's presiding officer at each meeting of the Members and the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall serve as an ex-officio member of committees in substitution for the President and assume other duties delegated to the Vice President. The Vice President will serve on the Budget Committee and, jointly with the Secretary, maintain the Policy and Program Manual.

#### Section 3.

**SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall: keep a true record of all meetings; maintain files of significant correspondence related to Ring 60; execute in a timely manner Ring 60's correspondence including submission of required reports and requested information to the executive office and officers of the International Brotherhood of Magicians; and perform other duties as delegated by the President and Board of Directors.

#### Section 4.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS.** The Sergeant At Arms will assure that the hospitality of Ring 60 is extended to members and guests, and shall be responsible for maintaining order among the members and guests at any meeting of the Members and the Board. The Sergeant At Arms will insure that all persons attending closed meetings of Ring 60 are Members in Good Standing of Ring 60 or approved guests.

#### Section 5.

TREASURER. The Treasurer will have the custody of the funds and securities of Ring 60, and will keep full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to Ring 60 and will deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of Ring 60 in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will disburse the funds of Ring 60 as may be permitted by these Bylaws or as may be directed by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and will perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. The Treasurer shall report the status of accounts against Ring 60's budget to the Board of Directors on a schedule specified by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will also review Ring 60's financial accounts and recommend alternative banking facilities and other financial transactions and investments to the Board.

Section 6.

In the case of the death, resignation or inability of any Officer or Director to serve, or the occurrence of any vacancy in any Office or Directorship, for any reason, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor who shall serve the remaining unexpired term or fill such vacancy.

Section 7.

The Board of Directors may investigate all grievances arising from conduct unbecoming a Ring 60 Officer or Member. The Board may present proposals to the membership for action to expel or suspend any Member or remove Officers from their office, consistent with the terms and provisions of these Bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI**

**FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

Section 1.

No Officer or Member of Ring 60 shall make any expenditure exceeding \$50, or enter into any contract or other agreement of any nature on behalf of Ring 60, unless the expenditure, agreement or contract has been approved by the Board of Directors, either as a special commitment or as part of its annual budget. The chairperson of a committee shall submit a budget to the Board for approval, prior to any expenditure or commitment of funds.

Section 2.

An emergency fund in an amount to be established by the Board may be established for the President's use for unforeseen Ring 60 expenses. Payments made from this fund must be immediately reported to the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VII**

**METHOD OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION**



Section 1.

The Nominations Committee shall be a standing committee and will annually recommend candidates for the elected Officers and At Large Directors of Ring 60. The President shall appoint at least three (3) Active Members to serve upon the Nominations Committee for a term of one (1) year. The recommendations of the Nominating Committee shall not exceed two (2) candidates for each Office and each position of At Large Director. Such recommendations shall be deemed to be nominations, and shall be made known to the members of Ring 60 in a method, and at such time as is determined by the Board of Directors. In addition, any Member in Good Standing, at the meeting at which the annual election is held, may nominate any Member in Good Standing for any Office or Directorship of Ring 60. All nominees for an Office or Directorship must be a Member in Good Standing. Only Active, Honorary and Associate Members in Good Standing shall be entitled to vote in any election. Nominations for each Office and Directorship shall be requested from the Members in Good Standing in attendance at the meeting where such elections are held. Any Member in Good Standing may be nominated for any Office or Directorship by the Nominations Committee, by any Member in Good Standing from the floor or by self-nomination.

Section 2.

Elections for all Offices and At Large Directors shall be determined by a simple majority of the ballots cast. Cumulative voting shall not be permitted. Nominees named for elective offices, or At Large Directors, who are uncontested, may be elected without balloting. Voting proxies will be permitted so long as such proxies are in writing, signed by the Member granting the proxy, and are provided to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the election to which such proxy applies. The Secretary shall verify that only the proxies of Members in Good Standing are being considered as valid for any election, vote or for any other purpose. The determination of the Secretary as to the status of any Member, and whether any Member is a Member in Good Standing, shall be conclusive and binding upon all Members.

Section 3.

The Board of Directors shall, in establishing the rules and timetables for the conduct of the election of Officers and Directors, be guided by the principle that all Members in Good Standing of Ring 60 should have the privilege of voting and holding an Office or serving as a Director.

Section 4.

It shall be the policy of Ring 60 for Officers and Directors to be elected prior to November 30 of each calendar year, typically at the November monthly meeting of Ring 60. However, the schedule and timing of elections shall be determined by the Board of Directors, consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

Section 5.

Elected Officers and Directors shall assume their responsibilities as of January 1 following their election.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Section 1**

Standing Committees and Standing Appointments shall include those created by these Bylaws and those Standing Committees and Standing Appointments created by the Board. All appointments to Standing Committees and Standing Appointments shall be for a period of time to commence upon the date of appointment and end upon the next occurring December 31. All Standing Committees and positions for Standing Appointments shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board. The President, after consultation with the Board, shall appoint Members to serve upon Standing Committees and fill Standing Appointments. The Standing Committees and Standing Appointments of Ring 60 created by these Bylaws shall be the following:

- (a) An Editor who will be responsible for the publication of the Ring 60 newsletter.
- (b) A Webmaster who shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Ring 60 website.
- (c) A Nominations Committee that will present proposed nominees at the October meeting of Ring 60.
- (d) Ring 60 representative to the Texas Association of Magicians.

#### **Section 2.**

Ad Hoc Committees and Ad Hoc Appointments shall include those committees and positions of appointment created by the President. The Board may also create Ad Hoc Committees and positions of Ad Hoc Appointments to remain in effect during the term of the President serving at the time such Ad Hoc Committee or Ad Hoc Appointment is created by the Board. The President shall, after due counsel with the Board of Directors, appoint Members to serve upon Ad Hoc Committees and fill Ad Hoc Appointments, as the President shall deem necessary to carry out Ring 60's activities and functions during the term of the President. All Ad Hoc Committees and positions of Ad Hoc Appointments shall remain in effect during the term of the President that created the Ad Hoc Committee or made the Ad Hoc Appointment. The Ad Hoc Committees and Ad Hoc Appointments may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) An Auditing Committee, which shall audit the books and records of Ring 60 at the end of the fiscal year and provide a written record of their findings to the Ring 60 Board of Directors.
- (b) A Budget Committee, which shall present a proposed annual budget to the Board of Directors within forty-five (45) days after the start of the fiscal year.
- (c) An Historian who shall maintain the historical archives and critical permanent records of Ring 60.
- (d) Publicity Committee.
- (e) Such other Ad Hoc Committees as shall be created by the President or Board.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS**

#### **Section 1.**

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made at any meeting of the Members of Ring 60. Such amendments shall become effective when approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Members present at such meeting, provided that the proposed amendments were Published to the Members at least thirty (30) days prior to said meeting, and the proposed amendments have been made available in writing to the Members present at the two (2) meetings of the Members of Ring 60 immediately preceding the meeting during which the vote is taken on said proposed amendments.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1.**

It is anticipated that generally Ring 60 will hold regularly scheduled meetings at a recurring date, time and place to be approved by the Board of Directors, taking into consideration the facilities available, holiday schedules, locations, and other relevant factors (sometimes referred to herein as “monthly” meetings). Changes in the time and place of regularly scheduled monthly meetings shall be made as may be reasonably required by the Board of Directors. In an emergency, the President may set the date, time and place for any meeting. Any business required by these Bylaws to be conducted at a meeting of the Members may be conducted at a monthly meeting or at a special meeting of the membership as described in Sections 2 and 3 below.

#### **Section 2.**

Any five (5) Active Members in Good Standing may call a “special” meeting of the membership of Ring 60. Said five (5) Active Members shall submit their written request for a special meeting of the membership to any member of the Board of Directors at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the requested date of the special meeting (unless emergency circumstances require a shorter notice period). To be effective, said written request for a special meeting must include the date, time and place for said special meeting and shall include a reasonable and fair description of each item to be considered, discussed or acted upon at said special meeting. Upon receipt of such a request for a special meeting by any member of the Board, it shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to immediately Publish notice of said special meeting to the Members, and to provide the Members as much advance notice of said special meeting as is reasonably possible under the circumstances. Notice of the special meeting shall include the date, time and place of the requested special meeting stated in the written request for a special meeting, and shall include a reasonable and fair description of each item to be considered, discussed or acted upon at said special meeting, as was included in the written request for the special meeting.

#### **Section 3.**

Upon a vote by any three (3) members of the Board of Directors requesting a special meeting of the membership of Ring 60, it shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to immediately Publish notice of said special meeting to the Members, and to provide the Members at least twenty-one (21) days advance notice of such special meeting, or as much advance notice of said special meeting as is reasonably possible under the circumstances. Notice of the special meeting shall include the date, time and place of the requested special meeting as requested by the three (3) requesting members of the Board, and shall include the a reasonable and fair description of each item to be considered, discussed or acted upon at said special meeting, as was included in the request for the special meeting.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **DISSOLUTION**

#### **Section 1.**

In the event of the dissolution of Ring 60, the Board of Directors shall, after the payment of Ring 60's financial liabilities, dispose of all its assets to an organization or organizations organized explicitly for the advancement and support of the magical arts. Such organization(s) shall, at the time, be qualified and operating explicitly as an exempt organization, organized under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or future provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Section 1.**

Robert's Revised Rules of Order, latest published edition, shall control all matters of parliamentary procedure and decorum at the Ring 60 meetings when not in conflict with Ring 60's Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws or applicable laws.

#### **Section 2.**

These Bylaws cancel, surpass, supplant and supersede, in all matters, all previously-adopted Bylaws and rules of every nature governing Ring 60.

#### **Section 3.**

The fiscal and administrative year of Ring 60 shall be the calendar year commencing on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each calendar year.

#### **Section 4.**

One quarter (25%) of the Members in Good Standing shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Members, so long as at least Two members of the Board are present and so long as at least one Officer is present. An Officer who is present shall be considered to be one of the required members of the Board in attendance.

**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION**

The foregoing Bylaws of the Carl Moore Ring 60, International Brotherhood of Magicians were voted on by the Membership of Ring 60 at a duly called meeting of the Members of Ring 60. These Bylaws were approved by the Membership on \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_. I, the undersigned Secretary, hereby certify to said results and adoption of these Bylaws.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: A. Ronald Cartlidge  
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