



# Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

### Organization Name and Terms used herein

- A. The name of this organization shall be  
“**Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians**”
- B. The acronym “FORM” used herein refers to the Fellowship of Rotarian Magicians.
- C. The term “magic” and derivations of that term used herein refer to the art of producing illusions as entertainment by the use of sleight of hand, legerdemain; conjuring, deceptive devices, etc. It does not include the use of charms, incantation or various other techniques that purport to employ human control of supernatural agencies or the forces of nature.

## ARTICLE II

### Purpose

The purpose of FORM shall be to promote fellowship among Rotarian magicians and to advance the objectives and ideals of Rotary through our magic.

## ARTICLE III

### Status

- A. FORM shall be a nonprofit organization operated only for purposes specified in ARTICLE II
- B. The Fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International Policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by Rotary International.

## ARTICLE IV

### Membership

- A. “Full Membership” shall be extended to any Rotarian or spouse of a Rotarian who is in good standing in a Rotary Club and who is performing, collecting, dealing in, or interested in magic or the history of magic.
- B. “Rotary Executive Membership” shall be extended to the President of Rotary International and the Supervisor of Rotarian Fellowship programs.
- C. The Executive Committee may confer or withdraw “Honorary Membership” to any individual who has distinguished himself/herself in the field of magic and whose affiliation may benefit FORM.

## ARTICLE V

### Dues

- A. Those in “Full Membership shall pay annual dues of \$25 USD which is payable 1 July of each year. Those with other types of membership do not pay dues and do not vote at FORM meetings.

- B. Dues are used to cover the cost of membership mailings, a web site, and other administrative costs of the Fellowship. Dues may also be used to cover costs associated with a FORM booth or meeting at a Rotary International Convention.
- C. Officers and appointed officials shall not receive compensation for services, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Reimbursement may not include expenses to Magic or Rotary meetings.

## ARTICLE VI

### Officers and Committees

- A. Officers
  - 1) The officers of FORM shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate past Chairperson.
  - 2) The five officers listed above shall comprise the Executive Committee.
  - 3) The officers shall be responsible for the orderly operation of FORM.
  - 4) Officers shall be elected at a regular meeting as described in ARTICLE VII
  - 5) The Executive Committee may call a special meeting to fill an unexpected vacancy.
  - 6) Officers, except the immediate past chairperson, shall be elected for a two year term.
  - 7) The Chairperson and Vice-chairperson may be reelected to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms; but may be elected to serve again after a lapse of at least one term.
  - 8) The Secretary and Treasurer may be reelected to serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms; but may be elected to serve again after a lapse of at least one term.
- B. Committees
  - 1) There shall be no standing committees.
  - 2) Temporary Committees will be appointed by the Chairperson for a period of time necessary to complete their assigned responsibility.
  - 3) The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of the Executive Committee.



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### **Article VII Meetings**

- A. FORM will hold at least one meeting each year for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business.
- B. When possible a meeting of the members will be held in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention. Fellowship business may be conducted at this meeting only if a majority of the members are in attendance and a majority of members in attendance vote favorably.
- C. Meetings may be conducted by postal mail or internet mail provided that:
  - 1) Motions may pass and officers may be elected only with a majority of the Full Members voting favorably.
  - 2) Notice of said meeting and all motions to be considered must be presented to the membership at least two weeks prior to the voting deadline.
  - 3) Votes will be collected and tabulated by the Secretary.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **Duties of the Officers**

- A. The Chairperson shall:
  - 1) Chair all meetings of FORM.
  - 2) Call special meetings when authorized by the Executive Committee
  - 3) Chair the Nominating Committee.
  - 4) Encourage individual communication among members of FORM.
  - 5) Appoint committees as needed to operate FORM.
  - 6) Approve or disapprove payment of all expenditures.
  - 7) Assure that an Annual Report is filed by 1 October each year with the General Secretary of Rotary International.
- B. The Vice Chairperson shall:
  - 1) Fulfill the responsibilities of the chairperson any time the chairperson is unable to do so.
  - 2) Serve as chairperson at such time as that office is unexpectedly vacated.
  - 3) Assist the chairperson in the performance of *his/her* duty as requested.
- C. The Secretary shall:
  - 1) Maintain membership records of current and former members.

- 2) Take and preserve all records of meetings and other FORM events and pass them on to the next secretary.
- 3) Handle correspondence for FORM as directed by the chairperson.
- 4) Notify the membership of meetings, including the agenda.
- 5) Issue notification of annual dues and collect and record dues.
- 6) Forward any monies received to the Treasurer after recording the receipt.
- 7) Issue membership cards to members in good standing.
- 8) Conduct balloting and tabulate all election results.

#### **D. The treasurer shall:**

- 1) Be responsible for all financial transactions of FORM.
- 2) Write all checks in payment of approved expenditures within three days of approval by the Chairperson..
- 3) Publish an annual financial report to all full members and to Rotary International.
- 4) Keep an up-to-date balance of the financial books at all times.

### **Article IX**

#### **Alteration of Constitution**

- A. The constitution may be modified as follows:
  - 1) Any member in good standing with FORM, may propose a change in the constitution, at any time, by presenting a written request to the chairperson explaining the proposed alteration.
  - 2) Upon receiving such a request, the chairman will appoint a constitution committee of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) members, for the purpose of reviewing the proposed change and making a recommendation to the executive Committee.
  - 3) If any two members of the Executive Committee favor the modification the proposal shall be put before the Full Members for consideration.
  - 4) Any such change must be approved by a majority of the full members..
  - 5) Any changes will take effect on a timetable determined by the Executive Committee but no later than 1 July following approval..