



UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER  
**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
GOVERNMENT

## **University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society (UR IMPS)**

### **ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT**

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish The University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society (UR IMPS) of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its governance. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this organization.

### **ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT**

The University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society aims to be an all-inclusive organization where anyone can learn and perform magic, no experience necessary. In addition to learning and performing shows at the University of Rochester, the University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society can travel off campus to learn and perform magic.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

#### **SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Eligibility - All Students' Association (SA) members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member - a student who attends at least ½ of all meetings per semester
- C. Definition of associate member - a student who is registered on the University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society's CCC Page and has attended at least one meeting a semester, but may not vote in elections or serve on the executive board.

## ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

### SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the active membership plus three officers.

### SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.
- C. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

## ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

### SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. All officer positions require at least one semester of active membership to qualify to hold the position.

President - Must have held an executive board position previously to qualify.

Vice-President - Must have been a member of the organization for at least a semester.

Secretary - Must have been a member of the organization for at least a semester.

Business Manager - Must have attended or plan to attend the Fall Leadership Training for Business Managers.

### SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions.
- G. The Vice-President shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association.
- H. The Secretary shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.

### SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Nominations can be made by any member, including any member who wishes to run for that position. All nominations must be seconded. A vote will be taken by secret ballot after the nominee(s) have presented their platforms (5 min max). A nominee must have a majority of votes to be elected.

- B. Term of Office - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Business Manager will serve for a one year term. The President and Business Manager must be able to fulfill the entire term.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur during the spring semester in the second week of April.

#### **SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS**

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in *Article V, Section Three*.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the entire active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

### **ARTICLE VI - FINANCES**

**SECTION ONE** - Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA-funded events conducted by this organization.

#### **SECTION TWO - FUNDING**

- A. The University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society shall be eligible for SA funding.
- B. The University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society shall be eligible to request Supplemental Funding.

### **ARTICLE VII - CLASSIFICATION**

**SECTION ONE** - University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society shall be classified as a performing and fine art .

### **ARTICLE VIII - ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

**SECTION ONE** - Two-thirds of the entire active membership must approve the constitution.

**SECTION TWO** - This constitution will be ratified upon the signature of the Student Organization Administration & Review Committee and approval of the Senate.

**SECTION THREE** - This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association Constitution or Bylaws.

### **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution.

### **ARTICLE X - BYLAWS**

**SECTION ONE** - At least a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority of the active membership must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

**SECTION TWO** - Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA Constitution or Bylaws.

## ARTICLE XI - HAZING POLICY

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by The University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.

## ARTICLE XII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The University of Rochester Illusion & Magic Performance Society of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or organization of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, domestic violence status, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, military/veteran status, national origin, race, religion/creed, sex, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.

Hanna Saba 3/25/19  
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