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## *President's Message*

This is my final message as I step down from the Presidency. I am proud to have been able to serve in this capacity through what has been an outstanding year for Ring 76.

In the 2014 - 2015 year, we have seen our membership continually rise, and our members involved in community events including charity shows and programs to assist youth to develop confidence and communication skills through learning to perform magic.

Thanks to Board actions ratified by the membership, our cash flow has been stabilized with a positive carry-over to next year. We have had several excellent lectures and lectures for next year are already in planning. We have had excellent participation in our contests and performance opportunities.

We are in the process of making our Bylaws conform more closely to those adopted by The I.B.M.

Ring 76 received the Honor Ring award from the I.B.M. for being an outstanding example of a ring meeting or exceeding I.B.M. standards and goals. We are only the 3rd out of over 300 rings throughout the world to receive the award.

Our annual Installation Banquet on July 12 is sure to be a fitting conclusion to a great year and I



see the coming year under the new administration as continuing to provide a good environment for members to learn, perform and socialize with fellow magicians with all levels of experience.

Please note the change of date for the August meeting which is to accommodate our members attending the Magic Live Convention held August 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

At the August meeting, the Membership will be holding a discussion and a vote regarding the amendments to our current Bylaws proposed by the Board.

The proposal was published in the May and June issues of MagiCurrents and, again, in this issue. It will be published again in the August issue prior to the August meeting. It was originally intended that the voting take place at the June meeting but several questions arose from the membership so the Board decided to allow more time for review and re-schedule the vote for August.

The proposal is a significant revision of Article VIII which is necessary to bring our policies in line with those upheld by The I.B.M. That helps assure that the Ring has the support of our parent organization on the issues addressed.

There have been questions about the membership vote required to approve the revisions. The issues center around the use of the term "quorum of the membership." Per the Bylaws, In

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order for the Ring to conduct business at a meeting, at least 10 members—including 2 officers—must be present. The meeting is then deemed to be a “quorum”. The proposed amendment requires a simple majority of the quorum to accept the proposal. Note that this does not mean a majority of the 10-member requirement to establish a quorum. It means a majority of the members in attendance, providing a quorum is present.

Please take a few minutes to re-read the proposed Bylaw changes included in this issue as well as the May and June MagiCurrents and which will be published again in the August issue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board Member. Go to [www.Ring76.com](http://www.Ring76.com) and go to the “Officers” page for their contact info.

I want to thank you for the privilege of being able to serve as your President. It has been a pleasure.

Salomon Barajas  
President of Ring 76 – IBM

**WORLD REKNOWNED ILLUSIONIST  
DAN BIRCH TO ENTERTAIN  
AT JULY INSTALLATION  
BANQUET**

**HE WILL BAFFLE OUR SENSES WITH  
HIS OWN INCARNATED STYLE OF  
MAGIC WHICH WILL BRING OUT  
THE CHILD IN US ALL!**

## *Ring 76 2015 Calendar*

Jul 12 Installation Banquet  
Aug 9-12 Magic Live Convention  
Aug 17 Classic Magic\*  
Sept 13 Chris Capehart lecture (Tentative)

\*Opportunity for Members to Perform

*San Diego Ring 76 meets the second Monday of the month at the Clairemont Senior Center, 4425 Bannock Ave, San Diego, CA 92117 at 7pm.*

Our July meeting will be our Installation Banquet on **Sunday July 12**. Please see the details on Page 3.

Note that the August meeting has been moved back a week to avoid conflict with the Magic Live Convention.

Direct any questions concerning the calendar to VP Entertainment Greg Wauson at [gwauson@san.rr.com](mailto:gwauson@san.rr.com)





## Ring 76 Installation Banquet



July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
5:00PM - 9:00PM



### Bob Meigs' House

1402 Via Mil Cumbres, Solana Beach, CA 92075

### Ribs, BBQ Chicken

w/Potato Salad, Hawaiian Coleslaw & Corn on the Cob

(Bekker's Catering)

+

Desserts/ Veggie Tray/Finger Foods, Wine, Beer, Soda, Water  
*and*



### The Magic of Dan Birch

+

**Close up magic demonstrations by members.**

Please come and enjoy a great evening of food, entertainment and fellowship.

**\$20.00 Per Person – Please R.S.V.P.**

Guests are welcome

Contact Sal at [salomonbarajas@yahoo.com](mailto:salomonbarajas@yahoo.com) to R.S.V.P.

If you wish to dazzle the guests with your magic, come prepared.

Space will be available

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## **Installation Banquet Schedule**

### **5:00PM - 6:00PM**

- Raffle Sales & Happy Hour -

There will also be performance/jam session tables available  
for those interested.

### **5:30PM - 7:00PM**

- Dinner -

### **7:00PM - 7:30PM**

- Raffle Prize Announcements -

- Awards Ceremony & Officer Installation -

### **7:30PM – 8:00PM**

- The Magic of Dan Birch -

## **Directions to Bob Meigs House**

Take Lomas Santa Fe off-ramp on I-5 (one off-ramp north of the Del Mar Fairgrounds). Go east 8/10 of a mile; Via Mil Cumbres is on the left at the top of the hill. We are on the NE corner of Via Mil Cumbres and Lomas Santa Fe. Phone # (858) 481-5453.



### Minutes of the June 8, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting

The meeting was convened at 7:00 pm by President Sal Barajas. Prior to 7:00, Ring Library books and DVDs were available to the members to borrow.

V.P. Membership, James Thayer, reminded members that dues are due.

V.P. Entertainment, Greg Wauson, got right to it and introduced this month's theme, "Children's Magic!" The theme attracted seven performers and five children were in the audience.

Bob Meigs opened the show with his Invisible ball in Brown Bag, the famous Coloring Book, and a Time Prediction. Bob's routines are time-tested from his years of performing for children.

Terry Lunceford made a rare club meeting appearance and performance and did the Vanishing Bandana.

Mago Ruly opened his set with a flurry of appearing coins.

Charlie Gott gave the audience his version of the Cut and Restored Rope.

Dr. Jeff Pearson performed a lot of healthy magic including a Jumbo Coin production, Jumbo Coin levitation, and several others.

Jeff Marcus had the stage next, and he performed a Phil Deck-ish routine of his own modification, followed by a comedy vanishing and reappearing silk routine.

Joe Mystic closed the performing portion of the meeting with his presentation of the Professor's Nightmare, a Lota Jug, the Miser's Dream, and the production of a real bunny!

In other business, a vote was taken for Member of the Year by secret ballot and the Board of Directors Slate was approved.

President = Kenny Shelton  
VP of Entertainment = Richard Ustick  
VP of Membership = James Thayer  
Treasurer = Bob Meigs  
Secretary = Jacques Lord

Sergeant at Arms = Jeff Sargent  
Member at Large = Mago Ruly  
Member at Large = Malcolm Campbell  
Member at Large = Salomon Barajas (Immediate Past President)

After cleaning up the meeting room and putting the chairs away, most of the members went to Denny's. where we spent the better part of an hour continuing the conversations and laughter.

..... jacques lord, secretary



### Shavings From The Board

#### MINUTES OF RING 76 BOARD MEETING JUNE 22, 2015 (Condensed for publication)

**The meeting was called to order by President Sal Barajas at 7:30 pm.** Present were President Barajas, VP Membership James Thayer, Sergeant-At-Arms Jeff Sargent, VP Entertainment Greg Wauson, Member at Large Joe Mystic, Member at Large and Librarian Kenny Shelton, Guest Lupe Shelton, Treasurer Bob Meigs, Guest Donna Greenbaum, Guest Alex Greenbaum, Member at Large and Editor Malcolm Campbell. Secretary Jacques Lord arrived at 8:20.

Malcolm Campbell served as Acting Secretary and recorded the minutes.

#### **Approval of previous minutes**

Approval of the previous Board minutes was tabled until the next Board meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Bob reported that we will have cash in reserve at the end of this year. The new Board will establish a budget for the 2015 – 2016 year.

We have several outstanding checks totaling \$200 which were issued for fees associated with our previous meeting venue. Numerous attempts have

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## CHILDRENS' MAGIC PERFORMERS



**Bob Meigs**



**Charlie Gott**



**Mago Ruly**



**Jeff Pearson**



**Joe Mystic**



**Jeff Marcus**



**Audience**

## PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH AWARD

- as determined by vote of the membership -  
goes to

**JOE MYSTIC**



***Congratulations Joe!***



# June 2015

## Dues are Due!

Ring 76 dues for the 2015-16 membership year are now due. And it will not be long before the dues will be past due. So please do get your dues in by June 30th!



Regular Members: \$30  
Youth Members (12-18 years): \$15  
Associate Members (Spouses and Designated Drivers of Youth Members): \$0  
New Members joining after Dec 1st: \$15

Renewing Members who pay after June 30th will pay \$5 extra!



Dues can be mailed to:  
Ring 76  
c/o James Thayer  
9556 Babauta Road  
San Diego, CA 92129

-- James Thayer, VP Membership

<http://www.printable2015calendar.org/>



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been made to contact the payees with no results. The Board decided to suspend further effort on the matter.

### **Library**

Kenny reported that the library has received a donation of approximately 50 video tapes from Paul Reindollar. They will be put on DVDs and added to our collection.

### **Membership**

James reported that we now have approximately 49 members who have renewed their membership plus 7 Life Members for a total of 56. It is expected that there will be a significant number of additional renewals around the June 30 deadline.

### **Old Business**

#### June meeting

Sal reported that the June membership meeting with the Children's Magic theme was well received with seven members participating. Because of school schedules, the group of children expected from a local school was not there, but there were sufficient children to make a good audience.

#### Bylaw amendments

Concerns over the language and other details of the proposed Bylaw changes were discussed. It was decided that we would proceed with a vote on the proposal at the August membership meeting. President Barajas will address the general concerns and clarify the Board's position in his President's Message in the July newsletter.

#### Youth program grant

Sal reported that most of the youth he is in contact with who are already interested in magic have expressed little interest in the proposed program to mentor them. It was decided that we could continue our plans to assist those who wish to continue as Ring members with their I.B.M. dues for the next year.

Malcolm reported for Jacques on the Rady Children's Center program. The next instruction

session is on 6/30/15. There is high interest among the children; Some have already mastered their trick and will be working on their stage presence. Others are practicing while some will be given materials for their selected trick at the next session. A successful show in August is anticipated.

Bob reported that he will continue to pursue a Thursday night schedule in the fall for the program he is working on with Nativity Elementary School. A small stipend will be offered to the professional magicians from the Ring who assist in the instruction sessions.

#### Installation Banquet

It was decided that a fee of \$20 per person will be charged to cover the cost of the meal and other incidentals. Sal will coordinate with the caterer. Plaques and other awards which will be given to deserving members at the banquet have been ordered.

### **New Business**

#### Fall lecture

Sal reported that he had been contacted by magician Chris Capehart who is available to present a lecture on Saturday, September 13. The Board agreed to allow Sal to make the arrangements.

Bob suggested that Chris might also present a program to the Nativity School group while he is in town, his fee being paid out of the grant money. That will be looked into.

#### Senior Center show

Sal reminded the Board that part of our agreement with the Senior Center where we meet is to provide them with a magic show. The new Board will look for a date in the fall to do that.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted.

Malcolm Campbell, Acting Secretary



## Focus On *THE LINKING RING*

*Each month, MagicCurrents features an item in the current issue of The I.B.M.'s The Linking Ring in which we feel the members might be especially interested.*

Want to read a first hand account of how the shell game was played before Columbus left for the New World? Lay your hands on original notes and diaries written by the world's greatest magicians? See drawings of magic effects and props 400 years old?

You can do that and much, much more if you visit the *Conjuring Arts Research Center* in NYC which is featured in the June issue of *The Linking Ring*. The article describes the history, operation and future of the center which is a fabulous resource available to the magic community.

Four million pages of the collection have been scanned and are available to I.B.M. members through Ask Alexander. Log on to your account at the I.B.M. website to access this material.

..... editor

## Focus On *THE I.B.M.*

The I.B.M. has just announced an amazing new exclusive member benefit which is the **Build Your Magic Show** kids & family magic show course which sets new standards in kid show education.

Intended for all levels of magicians who do kids and family shows, this course will jump start beginners, provide focus and direction for advanced amateurs, while unearthing gems and nuggets of commercial material for pros. Mark Daniels from KIDABRA calls it "a modern day Tarbell".

There are over 30 hours of HD video, plus extra audio lessons, and downloadable PDF's, all reinforced with exclusive interviews from David

Kaye, Michael Finney, Ken Scott, John Kimmons, Robert Baxt and more. As an I.B.M. member, you get FREE lifetime access to Module 1 of the course which has over 30 training videos. If you feel it is a good fit for you, you can take advantage of the BIG discount I.B.M. members will be offered for the remainder of the course.

To get this exclusive I.B.M. offer, log into your account at the I.B.M website. It is fast, simple and secure. Have your I.B.M. membership number ready.

..... editor



"Sorry. Miser's Dream doesn't fit our standard requirements for collateral."



## BYLAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENT

### Background

As they exist, the Bylaws of Ring 76 provide for no process to amend them. There are provisions for amending the Constitution to which the Bylaws are appended but they do not apply to the Bylaws themselves. The Bylaws also contain Article X which specified the process by which the Constitution was to be ratified in 2002. This Article is obsolete, having served its purpose to establish the Constitution.

The following proposal deletes Article X and replaces it with a procedure for amending the Bylaws.

## Article X

### Existing, obsolete

## Ratification of the Constitution

- Section 1. The Constitution Committee will present this Constitution to the membership at the regular business meeting February 11, 2002. A reasonable effort will then be made to deliver a copy of the Constitution, to be ratified, to any Active member, in good standing, by mail, within seven business days from this date.
- Section 2. The Constitution shall be presented as the document to be ratified. No further amendment or alterations shall be made at this time.
- Section 3. Each copy of the Constitution shall be presented to each Active member in good standing with a post card ballot. The Active member is responsible to mark the ballot either Yes or No, and return the ballot to the Secretary of Ring 76 no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> 2002. Ballots may be mailed or hand delivered.
- Section 4. No Ballot will be accepted personally by the Secretary after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002, or will be accepted post-marked later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002.
- Section 5. The ratification by a majority of the ballots received shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution between the Active members so ratifying the same.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT

#### **It is proposed that Article X be deleted and replaced with the following:**

*The Board of Directors, whenever a majority of those members present at a meeting consisting of a quorum shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to these Bylaws. At any Business Meeting consisting of a quorum, a simple majority of the membership present may also propose amendments to these Bylaws to be submitted to the Board for consideration .*

*Any amendments to these Bylaws deemed necessary by the Board shall be put before the membership for approval at any regular meeting consisting of a quorum. A simple majority of the membership present must approve the amendment before it can take affect.*

*The amendment must be presented to the membership for review at least 5 days prior to it being presented for approval. Publication in the Ring newsletter and e-mail are acceptable means of distribution.*

Once this amendment is approved and establishes a mechanism for future amendments, the revision to the member discipline policy which follows will be presented for approval.



## **BYLAWS REVISION**

Your Board has reviewed Article VIII of the Ring's Bylaws which addresses member conduct and discipline. As a result, a complete revision was proposed which would bring it in line with The I.B.M.'s Policies and Procedures.

The existing Article is quoted below. It is proposed that the entire Article be replaced with the proposed revision which follows.

Since the Bylaws are silent on the procedure for amending or revising them, Revision #1 (see above) will establish the procedures which will then apply to this proposal. A positive simple majority vote of a quorum of members at the August meeting will be required to put this policy into effect.

**PLEASE READ BOTH PAGES OF THIS PROPOSAL AND ATTEND THE AUGUST MEETING SO THAT YOU CAN VOTE!**

### **ByLaws**

### **Existing Article VIII**

### **Article VIII**

### **Expulsion from Membership**

- Section 1. For certain misdeeds and gross misconduct, including but not limited to, dishonesty, acts involving moral turpitude, serious breaches of ethics or divulging the secretive portions of this Constitution and By-Laws, or any act that causes dishonor to this organization, a member may be expelled.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall constitute the investigative body for expulsion. This shall exclude any member of the Board of Directors who is to be investigated for possible expulsion as outlined in Section 1.
- Section 3. Upon receipt of reasonable and sufficient evidence to warrant expulsion, the aforementioned investigative body shall confront the accused with said evidence and request his/her resignation from membership. If said request is denied, the President shall impanel a jury of five active members to hear evidence and question witnesses, if any. The accused member shall be present at such proceedings and shall have the right to question witnesses and present evidence in his/her defense.



## **PROPOSED REPLACEMENT FOR BYLAWS ARTICLE VIII**

### **Article VIII Resignations and Disciplinary Actions**

- Section 1 Resignation from membership in Ring 76 may be granted when a member submits his resignation in writing, returns any Ring property in his possession and forfeits his current membership card , if any.
- Section 2 Disciplinary powers of the Ring shall be limited to imposing discipline concerning Ring matters only. The Ring shall have no power to affect a member's I.B.M. membership status in any manner. Matters which are under I.B.M. authority must be submitted directly to the I.B.M. Grievance Committee.
- Section 3 A member may be automatically suspended from Ring membership for non-payment of dues only. All disciplinary actions for any other reason must be brought before the membership by the Hearing Body at a meeting called to hear the charges. Two-thirds (2/3) of Ring members present at such a meeting consisting of a quorum must vote in favor of sustaining the charges.
- Section 4. Subject to the provisions of Section 3, A member may be suspended, expelled, or be subjected to other disciplinary action for the following offenses:
- A. Unbecoming conduct;
  - B. Violation of the Bylaws or amendments;
  - C. Violation of any Board resolution in force and effect;
  - D. Violation of any Oath or Pledge.
- Section 5. The Hearing Body for alleged offences maybe the Board of Directors or any other group of members which The Board deems appropriate. This shall exclude any member of the Board of Directors who is to be investigated.
- Section 6. Any regular member, member of the Board or outside party may file evidence of an offense with the Hearing Body in writing within 15 days of the alleged offense. Upon receipt of evidence of an offense, the Hearing Body shall notify the alleged offender of the charges and the time and place of any scheduled hearings on the matter. The accused member may respond to the charges in writing or in person before the Hearing Body
- .Section 7. The Hearing Body shall then investigate the charges by discussing the charges and evidence with those involved including the member being charged who shall have the right to question the accusers and the evidence. If the matter is resolved during the investigation or the evidence is deemed to be insufficient to support the charges, there shall be no further action by the Hearing Body except to record their conclusions in the minutes of the Board. The investigation shall be concluded and recommendations formulated within 20 days of receipt of the charges by the Hearing Body
- .Section 8 If the Hearing Body concludes that the charges are valid, it shall decide on the appropriate disciplinary action and take its recommendations to the membership for approval in accordance with Section 3. If the Hearing Body concludes that the charges are not valid, no action by the membership is required and the accused shall be forever free from the charges brought against him and shall be considered a member in good standing.



## NOTES AND REMINDERS

All submissions for publication in *MagiCurrents* are subject to review and editing to fit available space, be free of spelling, punctuation and grammar errors, to be properly illustrated and to meet style and content set for the publication. The final text is, therefore, the sole responsibility of the Editor. In fact, so are misspelled names, omissions and inexcusable outright goofs!



**Remember**, we are looking for product reviews. It doesn't matter if you liked what you paid for or not, we want your opinion for the benefit of the rest of the members. If you're not a writer, we can arrange a short sit-down to gather the facts and write the review.

Have magic to sell, stage equipment to rent? Looking for something to buy or rent? Need a ride or have room for a passenger to an out of town event such as the Magic Castle?

Have a special skill another member might use? Need a temporary assistant?

**Advertise it at no cost to Ring 76 members in *MagiCurrents***

### LIBRARY REMINDER

Ring 76 has a large library of books DVD's, even VHS tapes covering every phase of magic. All of the Materials are available for members to check out and use at home.

Kenny Shelton, our Librarian, regularly brings a sampling to our meetings and those are available for immediate check out. But you may not know that the "Library" link on our website leads you to a complete list. If you find something there that you would like to use, contact Kenny at [magicjugglerks@gmail.com](mailto:magicjugglerks@gmail.com). Tell him what you want and he will bring it to the next meeting.

The intended publication date of each issue of *MagiCurrents* is the Friday 9 days before the monthly meeting. Submissions from officers, reporters and other members are due the Thursday before the publication date. If you want *your* newsletter on time, please be prompt!!



**Thanks to all who contributed to this issue of *MagiCurrents*!**

..... editor