

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE RASCALS, ROGUES, AND RAPSCALLIONS**

## **Article I NAME**

The name of this society is the Rascals, Rogues, and Rascallions (RR&R).

## **Article II OBJECT**

The Rascals, Rogues, and Rascallions is a fraternal society dedicated to exploration and discovery. This society of intellectually curious men seeks to challenge its members to discover the extraordinary in the ordinary, the heroic in the mundane, and the historic in the forgotten.

It improves the life and well-being of its members by adhering to the following principles: the world is more interesting than most people imagine, self-discovery is a product of other-discovery, the fun begins where the road ends, and real life can be stranger than fiction.

## **Article III MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. Members shall be males of at least 21 years of age.

Section 2. Candidates for membership must demonstrate service to and participation in the society and firmly hold to the above-stated objectives to be considered for membership. Such a candidate shall be proposed at any regular meeting by two members of the lair. Election to membership shall be by a unanimous vote of the voting members present and voting at the meeting.

Section 3. Voting members of the lair shall consist of those members who have obtained the rank of Rascal and demonstrate continued commitment to the objectives and well-being of the society, including but not limited to prompt payment of dues, adequate attendance at meetings and service to the RR&R.

Section 4. A member who fails to fulfill his duties to the RR&R or causes injury to a fellow member, lair, or the RR&R, may be removed from membership by approval of two-thirds of the voting membership of his lair. He may appeal his removal to the Ephorate.

## **Article IV EPHORATE**

Section 1. The Ephorate of the Rascals, Rogues, and RapsCALLIONS embodies the ideals and traditions of the RR&R and owns all intellectual, personal and real property of the RR&R.

Section 2. The Ephorate shall grant charters to the lairs. It may withdraw the charter of a lair if that lair substantially deviates from the ideals and traditions of the RR&R.

Section 3. RR&R members, officers, and lairs may appeal to the Ephorate to resolve disputes. All decisions by the Ephorate are binding on the RR&R.

Section 4. The Ephorate shall be bound by the Constitution and will establish its own rules of conduct including the induction and expulsion of members of the Ephorate.

Section 5. The Ephorate shall be composed of not less than three members who have demonstrated a sustained and zealous commitment to the ideals and well-being of the RR&R.

Section 6. All members of the Ephorate shall be members of the Order of the RapsCALLION.

Section 7. The Ephorate shall make an annual report of its activities to the lairs.

## **Article V LAIRS**

Section 1. The basic unit of the RR&R is the lair. A minimum of six men may petition the Ephorate for a charter. They must adopt the constitution and symbols of the RR&R. No group may use the name or symbol of the RR&R without a charter.

Section 2. Each lair shall have a regular meeting at least four times a year.

Section 3. No business extraneous to the RR&R may be conducted at any meeting.

Section 4. An emergency meeting may be called if one-quarter of voting members petition the Director. The emergency meeting will occur within two weeks of the receipt of the petition.

Section 5. Full jurisdiction, control, and supervision over the business of the lair shall be exercised by the voting members of the lair at any meeting. The lair may establish offices, reassign responsibilities of officers, and constitute ad hoc committees as it

deems necessary. Decisions will be made by simple majority of votes cast by the voting members.

## **Article VI LAIR ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1. There shall be a Director who presides at all business and social meetings of the lair. He shall arrange and coordinate all the business and social activities of the lair. He shall serve for a term of one year and may be reelected.

Section 2. There shall be an Assistant Director who assists the Director and presides at meetings when the Director is unavailable. He shall serve a term of one year and may be reelected.

Section 3. There shall be a Secretary who corresponds and communicates with the membership, other lairs, the Ephorate, and the community. He shall keep the minutes of any meetings and keep the records of the lair. He shall serve a term of one year and may be reelected.

Section 4. There shall be an Archivist who maintains the archives and history of the lair. He shall serve a term of one year and may be reelected. The archives are the property of the Ephorate and are held in trust by the lair.

Section 5. There shall be a Treasurer who collects dues, pays bills, and keeps the accounts of the lair. He shall serve a term of one year and may be reelected. He shall give an annual report of all financial transactions.

Section 6. Officers must be Rogues of the lair and are elected by a simple majority of votes cast by the voting members at the last regular meeting of the calendar year. Terms begin on the first day of January of the next year.

Section 7. Any officer may be removed from office by the approval of two-thirds of the voting members of the lair.

Section 8. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the Director for the duration of the term.

**Article VII  
RANKS & ORDERS.**

Section 1. Members join at the rank of Postulate. Postulates may not vote at RR&R business meetings. They may, however, vote in any Mass Challenge in which they participate.

Section 2. A Postulate becomes a Rascal upon participation in a Mass Challenge and a Research Reports meeting within a two-year period. Rascals have full voting rights.

Section 3. A Rascal becomes a Rogue upon the completion of a Rascal Challenge. Rogues may be elected officers of the RR&R.

Section 4. Rogues are admitted to the Order of RapsCALLIONS by the existing members of the Order. The Order of RapsCALLIONS is common to all lairs.

**Article VIII  
AMENDMENTS AND BYLAWS**

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution can be made if one-tenth of the voting membership petition the Ephorate with a proposed amendment. This proposal will be circulated amongst the voting membership within two weeks. Approval by two-thirds of the voting members in two-thirds of the lairs is required to adopt the amendment.

Section 2. Each lair may adopt its own set of bylaws in as much as they do not contradict the letter or spirit of this constitution. Prospective bylaws will be submitted in writing to the director of the lair not less than one month before the next meeting. The prospective bylaw will be circulated throughout the voting membership of the lair within two weeks. Bylaws are adopted by a majority vote cast by the voting members of the lair.

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