By-Laws of the Illinois Presenters Network

ARTICLE 1: Name
The name of this corporation shall be: The Illinois Presenters Network

ARTICLE II: Offices
The corporation shall have such offices within the State of Illinois as the Board of Directors from time to time shall determine.

ARTICLE III: Purpose
The purpose of this corporation will be:

1. To implement a system of cooperative booking of performing artists including but not limited to price negotiations, calendaring, artist selection and residency coordination.
2. To create a communication network of organizations which present or sponsor performing arts events.
3. To provide for the collection, compilation and dissemination of information to members concerning the buying and marketing of the performing arts, the facilities in which they perform and in such other areas as the members desire.
4. To improve the quality and skills of members in all aspects of presenting the performing arts.
5. To create a unified effort in advocating for the presentation of the performing arts.

ARTICLE IV: Membership

1. Composition. General membership in the corporation shall be composed of any organization whose primary function is to present a professional program of live music, theatre, or dance for the benefit of the public; or any organization as may be admitted in a manner approved by the General Membership.
2. Meetings. The corporation must meet at least once a year with an annual meeting taking place in the month of September for the election of Directors and Officers who will assume office January 1. Time and place for meetings will be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
3. Quorum. The quorum necessary for conducting business at a meeting of the General Membership shall be one-fifth of the General Membership in good standing. Such certification shall be the responsibility of the Secretary-Treasurer.
4. Agenda. The agenda for meetings of the General Membership shall be set by the Board of Directors and mailed out within fourteen (14) days prior to the meetings.
5. Dues. The amount and method of assessing dues to the membership shall be formulated by the Board of Directors and presented to a meeting of the General Membership for approval.

ARTICLE V: Board of Directors

1. Composition. The Board of Directors shall consist of up to nine (9) Directors whose organizations are members in good standing, who shall be responsible for the overall policy development of the corporation. The directors should consist of at least one (1) director from each of the districts in Illinois, as described by the Illinois Arts Council Agency. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting by the General Membership in a manner prescribed by the Nominating Committee. Upon incorporation, three members shall be elected for one-year terms, three members shall be elected for two-year terms, all subsequent terms to be two-year renewable terms.
2. Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Chair and approved by the Board of Directors for the duration of any unexpired term. Should the Chair become vacant, the Board of Directors, as a group shall appoint an Acting Chair, subject to review at the next meeting of the General Membership.
3. Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time at a place called by the Chair and three (3) or more Directors; a quorum necessary to conduct business is four (4).
4. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the corporation shall be July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE VI: Officers

1. Composition. The Officers of the corporation shall be members of the Board of Directors and shall consist of:
    a. Chair. Shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of the General Membership. The Chair shall oversee the implementation of the actions and policies of the Board of Directors and General Membership and shall delegate duties as necessary with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors.
    b. Vice Chair. Shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair and shall assume other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors. Shall be responsible for member recruiting and retention.
    c. Secretary-Treasurer. Shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and General Membership and be responsible for all official record keeping of the corporation. Shall see that grants received are properly monitored and reported upon and shall oversee the keeping of all accounts and further be responsible for the preparation and submission of the annual budget to the Board of Directors for referral to the General Membership for approval.
2. Election. The Officers shall be elected by the General Membership in the manner prescribed in Article V, Paragraph 1 of these By-Laws. Officers shall assume duties July 1 or upon interim appointment. Any Officers may be reelected for an additional term or terms.
3. Vacancy. Any vacancy in Officers shall be filled by the Board of Directors subject to the approval of the General Membership.

ARTICLE VII: Committees

1. Nominating Committee. Shall be composed of three (3) members, the Chair of this committee being the Vice Chair of the organization and two (2) other members

appointed by the Chair of the Board of Directors with the approval of the Board of Directors. The term of the Nominating Committee shall commence three (3) month's prior to the Annual September Meeting and shall end at the close of the elections. The Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of selecting nominees for Officers and Directors which shall be announced along with the agenda, fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual September Meeting. Additional nominations shall be accepted from the floor.

2. Other Committees. Other committees may be appointed when deemed appropriate at the discretion of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII: Amendment Process

These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority at any meeting of the General Membership. Proposed amendments must be mailed by the Board of Directors to the General Membership fourteen (14) days prior to that meeting