

Constitution of the Photographic Section of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh

Article I

Name

The name of the section shall be The Photographic Section of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh.

Article II

Objectives

The objective of the Section shall be to promote the appreciation of photography in the general public and the Section members and to instruct and encourage members in the advancement of their photographic skills. This Section is organized as a Section of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh, a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, organized March 10, 1890. There shall be no pecuniary gain, incidental or otherwise, to the Section.

Article III

Members

Section 1: Regular Members Subject to such bylaws, rules, and regulations as may be prescribed by the Executive Board, any person, 16 years of age and over, interested in the objects of this Section and in accord with the principles and aims of the Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh is eligible for regular membership.

Section 2: Honorary Members Individuals who have rendered distinguished service to this Section or to the field of photography and have been duly elected to such membership by the members after recommendation by the Executive Board shall be Honorary Members for life. No dues shall be required of honorary members.

Article IV

Meetings of members

Section 1: Annual meetings An annual business meeting of the members of the Section shall be held for the election of officers and elective members of the Executive Board and to transact other business as shall properly come before the meeting. The officers and elective members of the Executive Board shall serve for a period of one (1) year and until their successors are chosen and qualified. At or before the final meeting of the year, the President shall report on the activities of the Section for the year. At the next meeting following the end of the fiscal year, the Treasurer shall report on the status of the finances of the section.

Section 2: Regular Meetings Regular meetings of the members shall be held the second, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month from September to May, except for December.

Section 3: Special Meetings A special meeting of the members may be called by the President, Executive Board, or Secretary upon petition of fifteen (15) members of the Section. Written notice of each such special meeting of the members shall state the purpose of such meetings, the date, the time, and the place of the meeting. This notice shall be given to the members at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of such meeting. No business other than that stated in the notice shall be transacted at that meeting.

Section 4: Quorum The members present at an annual meeting shall constitute a quorum. 20% of the membership shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meeting.

Section 5: Vote A majority of the votes cast at any meeting of the members shall be required for the election of any officer or member of the Executive Board or for the transaction of any other business of the Section.

Article V

Executive Board

Section 1: Powers The control, management, and administration of the Section shall be vested in the Executive Board.

Section 2: Members of the Executive Board The members of the Executive Board shall consist of:

- (a) The officers of the Section as set forth in Article VI, section 1.

- (b) Chairpersons of Standing Committees as set forth in Article V of the bylaws.
- (c) Such other members of the Section as shall be appointed by the President with consent of the Executive Board as evidenced by a resolution of confirmation passed at a duly constituted meeting of the Board.
- (d) Retiring Presidents who shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board for a period of two (2) years after retiring from office and Honorary Presidents who shall be ex-officio members of the Board.

Section 3: Term The members of the Executive Board shall serve for a period of one (1) year from their assumption of duties at the business meeting, following their election.

Section 4: Vacancies Any vacancy existing or occurring in the elective offices of the Executive Board shall be filled by the Executive Board until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 5: Bylaws The Executive Board may make such rules and adopt such bylaws for the conduct of business and affairs of the Section and of its own meetings as it shall deem best for the welfare and interests of the Section; provided that no such rules or bylaws shall be inconsistent with any provision of this Constitution.

Article VI

Officers

Section 1: Officers The officers of the section shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the Executive Board shall deem necessary for the administration and operation of the Section.

Section 2: Term The officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year from their assumption of duties at the business meeting, following their election.

Section 3: Vacancies Vacancies on all elective offices other than the Presidency shall be filled by vote of the Executive Board. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the First Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office.

Section 4: Honorary President The members of the Section may, but need not, elect an Honorary President for exceptional photographic achievement or for special service to the Section as president. This office shall be held for the period of one (1) year and the holder thereof may be excused from payment of dues at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article VII

Nominations

Section 1: Nominating Committee A nominating committee of three (3) members of the Section shall be appointed by the President. The committee shall designate a chairperson.

Section 2: Powers The nominating committee shall designate one (1) nominee for each of the offices of President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Salon Director and sufficient persons for the other positions on the Executive Board as stated in the bylaws.

Section 3: Report The chairperson of the nominating committee shall report to the general membership the candidates nominated by his committee on or before the second regular meeting of members in April of each year.

Section 4: Additional Nominations Other nominees may be presented to the nominating committee or from the floor at the first regular May meeting of members, provided the sponsor of such additional nominee has obtained the assurance of the nominee or nominees that they will serve if elected. No person may be elected an officer or member of the Executive Board at the annual meeting unless nominated in accordance with this Article VII; provided that any person so nominated who is defeated in the election for the positions for which he/she has been so nominated shall be eligible for nomination from the floor at the annual meeting for any other position.

Article VIII

Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Section, the assets thereof shall be distributed to another organization exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954 with amendments and supplements thereof, the identity of such organization to be at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Article IX

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1: Constitution Committee A Constitution committee of three (3) members of the Section shall be appointed by the President. The committee shall designate a chairperson.

Section 2: Duties of Committee This committee shall be the initial recipient of all amendments proposed to either the Constitution or the Bylaws of the Section, and it shall have the duty to review and evaluate all such proposals and to report to the Executive Board on its recommendations. It shall, where desirable, restate the form of the amendment, harmonizing it into the total fabric of the Constitution and the Bylaws. It shall supervise the necessary procedural requirements for adoption of such proposed amendments, and, by written report to the Executive Board, confirm that all procedural requirements have been met.

Section 3: Approval of Amendments Amended versions of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted for approval to the Executive Board at such meeting as may be appropriate and may be accepted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board members. It shall thereafter be submitted to the general membership at a regular meeting, and, if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present, shall be duly adopted. The secretary shall prepare and preserve the minutes of both the Executive Board meeting and the general membership meeting wherein such amendment was ratified by each constituent body.

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Revision Log:

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