



DELAWARE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, INC.

CONSTITUTION

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Delaware Photographic Society.

Article II Mission Statement

The mission of Delaware Photographic Society is to engage and educate novice to professional photographers in a collaborative and encouraging environment creating artistic images for display for the enjoyment of the community in our region.

Article III Membership

Section 1 - Classes

- There shall be two classes of membership: Member (persons 18 and older) and Lifetime Member.

Section 2 - Member

- Any person at least 18 years of age, seriously interested in photography, may apply for membership. Applicants shall be approved by the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

Section 3 - Lifetime Member

- Lifetime Members may be recommended by the Awards Committee from Members of the Society who have given distinguished service to the Society. Requires confirmation by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors.
- Lifetime Members do not pay dues, but have all other privileges.

Section 4 - Service Awards

The following Service Awards may be presented to Members for distinguished service to the Society over a period of years (See Bylaws, Article VII):

- Bronze, silver, and gold medals
- Special commendation
- Award to outgoing president

Section 5 – Distinguished Statuses

The following Distinguished Status designations may be presented to Members for further outstanding service beyond the award of medals and including photographic expertise. (See Bylaws, Article VII):

- Associate
- Fellow

This section shall not affect the designation of Associate and Fellow conferred in prior years.

Section 6 - Suspension and Termination

Membership of any person may be suspended or terminated when sufficient reasons exist by action of the Board of Directors. The Member in question shall have the right to appeal, in which case, the action of the Board of Directors shall be upheld or recanted by a majority vote of those attending a meeting of the Membership.

Article IV Officers

The elective officers shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Education Director
- Projected Image Director
- Print Director
- Program Director
- IT Director
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer.

Nominations for these offices shall only be made from Members in good standing.

**Article V
Board of Directors/Committees**

Section 1 – Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors shall:

- Have general charge of policy, management and finances of the Society.

Section 2 – Members of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

- Elected officers (See Article III)
- Chairmen of Board Standing Committees (See Article IV)
- The immediate Past President in good standing.

Section 3 – Board Standing Committees

The Standing Committees shall be:

- Community Exhibits
- Equipment
- Wilmington International Exhibits of Photography (WIEP)
- Field Trips
- Future WIEP
- Judges
- Membership
- Publicity
- Reflector Newsletter

Section 4 – Other Standing Committees

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Section 5 – Other Committees

The President shall appoint such other committees as may be required.

**Article VI
Meetings**

Regular and Special meetings of the Society shall have place, date, and time stipulated by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article VII Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by any Member to the Board of Directors, and if approved by said Board, shall be incorporated into the Constitution after approval by a two-thirds majority of a quorum at a Society Membership Meeting.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be published to the members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed to the Board of Directors by any Member, and if approved by said Board, shall become part of the Bylaws.

Article VIII Quorum

Board of Directors:

A quorum shall consist of seven (7) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom is President or a Vice President, provided that due notice of the meeting shall have been issued to all concerned.

Membership Meeting:

A quorum shall consist of at least thirty-five members (35), provided that due notice of the meeting shall have been given to all members.

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