



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/Complimentary 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 and Complimentary Member

- Lifetime Members may be recommended by the Awards Committee from Members of the Society who have given distinguished service to the Society over many years, usually at least 20, and approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors.
- Complimentary Members may be recommended by the Awards Committee from Members of the Society for a specific number of years not to exceed the years of unique service and approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors.
- Lifetime Members and Complimentary Members do not pay dues but have membership 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:
- - Bronze, silver, and gold medal
 - 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:

- Associate
- Fellow

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 rejected 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 by 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
- Chairmen of Board Standing Committees
- The immediate Past President in good standing.

Section 3 – Board Standing Committees

The Standing Committees shall be:

- Community Exhibits
- Delaware Photographic Society Circuit
- Equipment
- Field Trips/Workshops
- Judges
- Hospitality
- Membership
- Publicity
- Reflector Newsletter
- Wilmington Exhibition of Photography (WIEP)

SECTION 4 Rotating Committees

- Audit
- Awards
- Nominating
- Standards

Section 5 – Ad Hoc Committees

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

Section 6 – Term Limitations

Participation as an elected or appointed member of the Board of Directors or chair of a standing committee will be limited to serving two consecutive two-year terms.

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 2/3 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 eleven (11) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom is President or Vice President, provided that due notice of the meeting shall have been issued to all concerned. Policy changes must be approved by a majority of those present.

Membership Meeting:

A quorum shall consist of at least 20% of the membership provided that due notice of the meeting shall be given to all members.

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