

FORESTERS CAMERA CLUB

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE 1 – EXECUTIVE BOARD & RESPONSIBILITIES

The following officers will be elected, as per Article II of the By-Laws, and will serve on the Executive Board:

The President shall preside at all business and Executive Board meetings, including the Board of Directors, and Executive Board; appoint members to fill vacant positions, act as the club spokesperson, and generally supervise all club activities.

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence, and act as liaison between the general membership and the Executive Board, and serve on the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall collect dues, maintain custody and control of all club funds and financial records, and prepare interim and annual reports on the club's financial condition. and serve on the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall record, and make available to the membership, the official minutes of business and Board meetings, send get well and/or condolence cards as necessary, prepare election ballots and conduct all other club correspondence.

The Immediate Past President shall serve in an advisory capacity to the President and other executive officers, provide guidance and insights born of experience, and help to insure continuity within the organization.

The responsibilities of the Executive Board shall be to make policy, resolve competition challenges and other disputes, take disciplinary action as necessary, and approve nominees to vacated elected positions.

ARTICLE II – ELECTIONS

Election of club officers shall be held annually in May. No officer shall be elected to the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

The President shall appoint a Nomination Committee of three (3) members. One of the three (3) members shall be from the Executive Board and serve as the Chairperson of the committee. The committee will prepare a slate of officers, as well as obtain their agreement and willingness to serve if elected. The Chairperson shall present the slate of nominees to the general membership at the last meeting in April, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

The election will take place at the May business meeting. Elected officers' terms will begin after the May awards banquet.

Nominees for vacated offices shall be selected by the President and submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

In the event that the President's office is vacated, the Vice President will be elevated to the Presidency and will serve in that capacity until the next annual election. Should that occur, the partial term served as President will not count as a full term. The Vice President that was elevated to the Presidency shall be eligible to serve an additional two (2) consecutive terms as President, if elected.

In the event that the Past President is unable to serve, the President shall consider previous retired Presidents in chronological order, the most recently retired considered first. If there are no Past Presidents available to serve, the President will nominate a qualified replacement, a choice that requires approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE III – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The Executive Board shall meet periodically. The President shall call meetings over the summer in order to plan for the year. During the season, meetings shall be called as needed. Others may be invited to the meetings to provide necessary feedback, research, advice, or other assistance. At board meetings, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Board members.

ARTICLE IV – FINANCE

The annual membership dues will be set annually by the Executive Board. Dues are payable in September.

Dues for new members joining in January or later will be prorated.

A club bank account shall be established with three authorized signatories from the Executive Board, including the Treasurer. The Vice President shall sign checks for approved expenses only in the absence of the President or Treasurer. The Treasurer shall sign checks for approved expenses. In the absence of the Treasurer, an authorized signatory shall sign. The Treasurer shall disseminate annual reports to the general membership.

ARTICLE V – AWARDS

The type of competition awards shall be determined by the Competition Rules. The Competition Rules shall determine the competition categories and procedures.

An annual Most Valuable Photographer (MVP) award recipient will be chosen by secret ballot of the members present at the April business meeting.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

Any member may propose amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws. If approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board members, the amendments shall be adopted.