

CONSTITUTION
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CAMERA CLUB

ARTICLE ONE
NAME

This organization shall be known as the CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CAMERA CLUB, hereinafter called the Club.

ARTICLE TWO
PURPOSES OF THE CLUB

The Purposes of the Club shall be the enjoyment, mastery and furtherance of photography through sharing, cooperation, effort, education and good fellowship.

ARTICLE THREE
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

There shall be two classes of membership in the Club: Member and Honorary Member.

Membership: Any person who is interested in photography or its allied arts and sciences shall become a member of the Club upon payment of dues and fees as prescribed in Article Fourteen.

Honorary Membership: Any Member who has reached age 80 shall, at his/her request, be designated an Honorary Member. Honorary Members shall have their dues waived. In all other respects, Honorary Members shall have all the same rights and privileges as Members.

In addition, any person, not a member of the Club but who has provided outstanding service to the Club may be elected an Honorary Member by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and shall thereafter be entitled to all rights and privileges of other members, without payment of dues.

Section 2

The Membership of the Club shall consist of all Members and Honorary Members. A "member in good standing" is a member who has paid in full all current yearly dues and fees. Honorary Members, though paying no dues or fees, are members in good standing.

ARTICLE FOUR
MEETINGS

Section 1

Meetings of the Club shall be held on dates and at times approved by majority vote of members present and in good standing at the Club's Annual Business Meeting to be held in late April or early May. The Annual Business Meeting shall mark the end of the Club's year.

Other meetings of the Club shall be held on the call of the President after consultation with the Executive Committee or by two-thirds vote of members present and in good standing at a regularly scheduled meeting.

All official meetings of the Club and the Executive Committee shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 2

A Quorum of the Club for carrying out business shall consist of 1/3 of the Members in good standing.

ARTICLE FIVE COMPETITIONS

The Club shall hold regularly scheduled competitions and an Annual Salon. The date and time of the Annual Salon and the frequency, dates, and times of the regularly scheduled competitions shall be determined by the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. General rules and procedures governing Club competitions are set forth in the Club's Competition Guidelines.

ARTICLE SIX OFFICERS

The following officers shall be elected by the membership: (1) President, (2) Vice-President, and (3) Treasurer. Members for these offices shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee appointed by the President, or by a petition signed by three members of the Club in good standing. Membership in the Club is required to be eligible to hold office or be a member of the Executive Committee. The President shall appoint qualified Members to other positions in the Club. These positions are the Newsletter Editor, the Chair of the Projected Images Committee, the Chair of the Print Committee, the Chair of the Judging Committee, the Representative from the Club to the Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association (CICCA) and the Webmaster. All persons nominated to office shall have agreed to serve the positions to which they have been nominated. Persons slated by the Nominating Committee shall be assumed to have agreed to serve. Others nominated shall have agreed in writing to serve. The three elected officers shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE SEVEN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The three elected officers and the immediate Past President, as ex officio, shall form the Executive Committee of the Club. The Executive Committee shall meet on the call of the President, or three members of the Committee. At least three members of the Executive Committee must be present for any action to be taken. The Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Club when action must be taken prior to the next meeting of the Membership. The Executive Committee, together with the Chairs of the Projected Images, Print, and Judging Committees, is also responsible for establishing, and revising as necessary, the Club's Competition Guidelines.

ARTICLE EIGHT DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Duties of the President: To preside at all club meetings and Executive Committee meetings, to appoint Chairs of all committees, to appoint members of special committees and club representatives, and to generally supervise all Club activities. The Club has a scoring machine to be used by judges in scoring images. The President has the responsibility to make sure the equipment is available for each competition. The President may designate this responsibility to other Club members.

Duties of the Vice-President: To assume the duties of the President in his or her absence and to act as Chair of the Annual Salon of the Club.

Duties of the Treasurer: To maintain all financial and membership records of the Club

and keep custody thereof, to receive monies, to collect dues, to make such disbursements as are necessary to meet the ordinary current obligations of the Club, to render an annual report at the annual business meeting. All other disbursements shall be authorized by the members at any business meeting or, in case of special exigencies, by the Executive Committee or the three elected officers.

Duties of the Newsletter Editor: To prepare, publish and distribute the Newsletter each year in the months of May, August, October, January, and March, and at other times as necessary. The March newsletter shall include all information that members may need to participate in the Salon. The Newsletter shall include the following: the Club's program for the remainder of the Club year; a report of the Annual Business Meeting and, throughout the year, any special actions agreed to by the Club; a record of the results of competitions; and a selection of photographs relevant to Club activities.

Duties of the CICCAs Rep: The person appointed as the Representative to CICCAs (CICCAs Rep) shall attend both the Fall and Mid-Year meetings of CICCAs and vote on resolutions as the Membership of the Club would wish. The CICCAs Rep shall also report on the CICCAs meetings to the Club, and bring other matters of importance from CICCAs and CICCAs meetings to the Club. The CICCAs Rep shall also make certain that entries are properly prepared for the CICCAs Fall and Spring Salons and are properly submitted so that all images may be judged at the CICCAs Salons.

Duties of the Webmaster: The person appointed as the Webmaster shall maintain a functional and attractive Club website that is easy to navigate and has up-to-date information and relevant links. He/she shall post information (for instance, newsletters, announcements, and Best in Show forms) in a timely manner and remove out-dated information promptly.

Duties of Projected Images Chair, the Print Chair and the Chair of the Judging Committee are described in Article Nine.

ARTICLE NINE COMMITTEES

The following standing committees shall be established to conduct Club activities:

- (1) Projected Images Committee.
- (2) Print Committee.
- (3) Judging Committee.

The Chairs of these three committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the other elected officials. These committee Chairs, together with the Executive Committee, are responsible for establishing, and revising as necessary, the Club's Competition Guidelines. Committee chairs may recruit other Club members to serve on their committees.

The Chair of the Judging Committee shall develop a list of qualified individuals to serve as judges. He/she will be responsible for obtaining the judges for monthly club competitions and for certain other club-sponsored competitions (e.g., the I-74 Challenge), informing them of the competition categories, and acquainting them with the scoring criteria and judging process.

The Chair of the Projected Images Committee shall be in general charge of projected

image competitions as scheduled by the Club. He/she shall ensure that appropriate equipment is present for projecting the images and keeping track of scores given to each image. He/she is also responsible for competition numbers, assigning them to members and maintaining an accurate, up-to-date list.

The Chair of the Print Committee shall be in general charge of print competitions as scheduled by the Club. He/she shall ensure that appropriate equipment is present for viewing the prints and keeping track of scores given to each print.

Club's Annual Salon Committee: The Vice-President shall chair this committee. He/she will work with the Chairs of the Print and Projected Images Committee to ensure a smooth running Salon. The Salon Chair shall make certain that suitable locations are available for the judging of the images. He/she shall be responsible for obtaining judges for the Salon. These judges ordinarily will be volunteers from other CICCA clubs. The Vice-President shall, in conference with the Treasurer, make sure that only members whose dues are paid-up at least a month before the Salon are allowed to enter the Salon.

Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three members of the Club not on the Executive Committee to prepare a single slate of officers for consideration at the Annual Meeting. The President shall appoint the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Any person nominated by the Nominating Committee shall give his/her assent to being so nominated. The Nominating Committee's slate shall be presented to the Membership no later than the last Club meeting prior to the Club's Annual Salon held in April.

Other committees: The President may appoint ad hoc committees as necessary to consider matters of special interest to the Club. These committees shall be discharged at the termination of their work, or at the conclusion of the Club's year in early May, whichever comes first.

ARTICLE TEN AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Club must be signed by five members in good standing and submitted in writing to the President, who shall at the next meeting of the Club at which a quorum is present, read such proposed amendments and distribute copies to those present and send by email copies to all Club members having email. Discussion and voting upon the proposed amendments shall take place at the next meeting following presentation by the President. Voting on amendments may take place only if a Quorum is present. Proposed amendments shall become effective only after they have been approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present and in good standing.

ARTICLE ELEVEN ELECTIONS

After the Nominating Committee described in Article Nine has presented its slate for officers, additional nominations may be made by the membership as follows: a person can be nominated for election as one of the officers upon written nomination by three members of the Club. The written nomination shall be delivered to the President at least seven days prior to the Annual Business Meeting, and shall contain a statement by the nominee that he or she is willing to serve. The President shall inform all members via email of all persons nominated for an office. When officers are elected at the Annual Business Meeting, the Club may vote to use a written ballot in electing an officer.

ARTICLE TWELVE
VACANCIES

Vacancies in Club offices may be filled by the President subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall become President and the new President shall fill the vacancy in the office of Vice-President according to the first sentence in this Article.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN
THE CLUB'S ANNUAL PROGRAM

At the Annual Business Meeting, the Club shall determine its program for the next Club year that begins with the first meeting following the Annual Business Meeting. Prior to the date of the Annual Business Meeting, there shall be one scheduled meeting devoted to the development of the proposed program for the following year.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

Membership dues and other fees shall be set by the Executive Committee subject to approval by a majority of the Club, a Quorum being present.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN
CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

The President shall appoint persons to represent the Club in meetings of organizations in which the Club has membership or an interest.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN
ADOPTION OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall be adopted when it is approved by a two-thirds vote of members present and in good standing at the first Annual Meeting after it has been presented to the Club, provided a Quorum is present.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN
DISTRIBUTION OF CLUB FUNDS UPON DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

Should club membership ever diminish to the point that maintaining a viable club is no longer feasible, or if the club should ever need to be dissolved for some other reason, the President shall appoint an ad hoc committee of then active club members to develop a set of alternatives for the distribution of any club funds that then exist in the club's treasury. Such alternatives will then be discussed and voted on by the club members in good standing. The alternative selected shall be the one receiving a simple majority of the votes of the club members in good standing.

Although the alternatives presented are strictly up to the members of the appointed ad hoc committee, it is the belief of the membership of the club as of the adoption of this constitution, that the unused club funds should be donated to an organization or entity that is involved in the furtherance of photographic pursuits (e.g., a school photography

club; a community-based photography club; a library that maintains a collection of instructional books on photography; or a school that has a photography curriculum).