

Mission Statement

Our mission at F/Stops Camera Club is to provide programs and service that enhance our community partnerships and the opportunity for members with a wide range of photographic experience and interest to come together regularly to share, learn, and develop skills in an environment that fosters and encourages the growth of artistic vision and technical excellence.

By-Laws

Article I - Name

This organization shall be known as the F/Stops Camera Club.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The object of the F/Stops Camera Club shall be to share, improve, and through cooperation raise the standard of photographic excellence within its membership and the community.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Any person interested in photography may apply for membership. After attending their first meeting as a guest, he or she may become a member at the following meeting.
2. Membership is obtained by completing a membership form and paying the treasurer the annual dues, determined by the Board of Directors. A person joining the club after June will pay 1/2 the annual rate. The annual dues must be paid for active members regardless of attendance at meetings. A receipt is provided to each member as they pay.
3. Membership of any person may be suspended, when sufficient reasons exist, by action of the club Board of Directors. The suspended member shall have the right to appeal suspension, in which case the action of the Board of Directors shall be upheld or rescinded by a majority vote of the Membership.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

The following officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors and approved by a simple majority of the membership: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, and (4) Treasurer.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the club shall have a place, date, and time stipulated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the club shall be directed by a Board of Directors composed of the elected Officers (Article IV), the Chairs of the standing committees, and the Past President ex-officio. The Board of Directors shall meet as often as necessary to transact the business of the club. Five members of the Board will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

Chairpersons of committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors. Special Committees may be appointed as required and discharged by the President when they have completed their assignments.

ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Club may adopt.

ARTICLE IX – FINANCE

The annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors. The fiscal year for the club is the calendar year. Annual reports will be rendered to the members upon request.

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of the President shall be: To preside at all club meetings and Board of Directors meetings; to appoint chairpersons of all committees; to act as club spokesperson; to generally supervise and keep in touch with all club activities.

Duties of the Vice President shall be: To assume the duties of the President in his/her absence. Duties of the Treasurer shall be to maintain financial records of the club.

Duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep records of the minutes of all meetings; to notify members of special meetings and events; to conduct correspondence of the club.

ARTICLE XI - DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

The activities of club committees shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The activities decided upon shall thereafter be carried out by the committee chairs and the members appointed by the chair to the respective committees. Standing committee chairs shall periodically prepare reports of activities and progress for presentation to the Board of Directors or to the membership at club meetings and shall act as club directors on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE XIII - QUORUM

A Quorum of the membership for the purpose of conducting club business shall consist of not less than one third of the total membership.

ARTICLE XIV - ELECTIONS

Election of club officers shall be held annually. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three members. The committee will obtain the agreement from the nominees to serve if elected. The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the slate at to the board for review and approval. No officer can be re-elected to the same post for more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies in the club officers shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to approval by the Board of Directors. Vacancy of the President's office shall be filled by advancement of the Vice President.

ARTICLE XV – PARTIES/SPECIAL EVENTS

Parties and special events shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Refreshments may be provided by the Club as defined in ARTICLE – XVI Non-members attending these events may be assessed an additional fee.

ARTICLE XVI – ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

1. Food and beverages for meetings and parties.
2. Supplies required to operate the Club.
3. Equipment approved by the Board of Directors and reported to the membership.
4. Other activities approved by the Board of Directors and reported to the membership.
5. Guest speakers and judges.

ARTICLE XVII – LIABILITY

The Club and its agents shall assume no responsibility for loss or damage to property. The Club shall assume no liability for injury, illness, or death as a result of Club sponsored outings or activities.

ARTICLE XVIII – DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Club must be dissolved, the treasury balance and all other assets will be disbursed in the manner decided by the members by the Board of Directors.