

OMAHA CAMERA CLUB  
BYLAWS

Modified May 19, 2009

ARTICLE I - NAME

Sec. 1 - The name of this organization shall be OMAHA CAMERA CLUB OF NEBRASKA.

Sec. 2 - The OMAHA CAMERA CLUB OF NEBRASKA shall be a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II -OBJECT

Sec. 1 - The object of this organization shall be to improve the abilities of its members through the exchange of photographic knowledge.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1 - This is an equal opportunity organization.

Sec. 2 - Membership is open to anyone that is interested in photography and is 16 years of age or older. There is an age exemption for any Omaha Home for Boys boy that would participate in club meetings and be less than 16 years of age.

Sec. 3 - The membership year shall be from June 1st through May 31st.

Sec. 4 - Dues shall be established by the Executive Board with the approval of the general membership. Dues will fall into the following categories: Individual One year; Family One Year; First Time Applicants, Individual prorated from Jan. 1st.; First Time Applicants Family prorated from Jan. 1st. Dependent children governed by Family memberships must be sixteen (16) years or older to participate in competitions, vote or hold office. Dues for the following season will be accepted beginning immediately following the close of the Business Meeting in May and must be paid by first regular meeting of the season.

Sec. 5 - New members must pay dues upon application for membership.

Sec. 6 - The Executive Board shall have the authority to increase or decrease dues in accordance with the operating expenses of the organization.

Sec. 7 - Any member that obtains property belonging to the organization, whether through elected office or not, is responsible for its replacement if the property is lost or stolen.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

TERM OF OFFICE

President One (1) year

Vice President (Program Director) One (1) year

Secretary-Treasurer One (1) year

## CHAIRPERSONS

### TERM OF OFFICE

Slide-Digital File One (1) year

Print One (1) year

Sec. 1 - The officials of this organization shall be installed at the Annual Banquet. The tenure of office runs from June 1st through May 31st.

Sec. 2 - Should an elected official vacate their tenure in office for any reason, the vacated office will be temporarily filled (PRO-TEM) through progression where applicable. Nominations and election must take place as soon as possible.

Sec. 3 - Each elected official will receive an office title badge from the Secretary. Each officer must sign for and be responsible for this badge. The badges must be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer at the end of tenure.

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Sec. 1 - The regular meetings of the organization shall be three times a month from September through April unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board.

Sec. 2 - The annual business meeting of the organization shall be in May. Its purpose is to elect officers and conduct any other business that may arise.

Sec. 3 - The Executive Board shall be required to hold a minimum of three (3) board meetings per year. Time, date, and location will be determined by majority vote of the Board.

Sec. 4 - Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President with the approval of two (2) board members. The Executive Board itself may call for special meetings if three (3) board members are in agreement to hold such a meeting.

Sec. 5 - A minimum of four (4) Executive Board members must be present at any board meeting.

## ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 - Special Committees are appointed by the President as needs arise, to carry out specific tasks. Upon completion of such task special committees automatically cease to exist. Special committees will not fall within the assigned functions of Standing Committees.

Sec. 2 - Standing Committees are to perform a continuing function and shall continue their duties until their successors have been chosen and installed.

Sec. 3 - Special and Standing Committees shall report to the membership or the Executive Board depending on the nature of the report.

ARTICLE VII -AFFILIATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Sec. 1 - This organization shall be affiliated with the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and the North Central Camera Club Council (N4C). The Treasurer shall maintain membership by paying all dues or fees. This action does not need the approval of the Executive Board.

Sec. 2 - This organization may become affiliated with other organizations active in the field of photography upon the approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sec. 1 - The Officers of the organization including the Slide-Digital File Chairperson and the Print Chairperson shall constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1 - The rules contained in the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED shall govern this organization in all cases to which they are applicable to these bylaws.

ARTICLE X - APPEALS

Sec. 1 - Any member of the organization who may find cause for dissatisfaction with its operation may appeal in writing to the Executive Board. After due consideration and investigation the Executive Boards decision shall be final.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1 - The Bylaws may be amended by majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting, providing the prepared amendment had been read at a previous meeting.

ARTICLE XII - ORDER OF BUSINESS

Sec. 1 - The order of business for regular meetings shall be directed by the President.

Sec. 2 - Order of business for regular business meetings;

Sec. 2a - Reading and approval of minutes (if applicable)

Sec. 2b - Reports from;

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President-Program Director
- 3) Secretary-Treasurer
- 4) Standing Committees
- 5) Special Committees
- 6) Slide-Digital File Chairperson
- 7) Print Chairperson
- 8) N4C Contacts
- 9) PSA Representatives

Sec. 2c - Unfinished Business

Sec. 2d - New Business

Sec. 3 - The order of business for Annual Business Meetings shall be directed by the President.

Sec. 4 - Order of business for Annual Business Meetings;

- 1) Regular business (if applicable)
- 2) Report of Nominating Committee
- 3) Nominations from the floor
- 4) Closing of nominations
- 5) Distribution of ballots
- 6) Voting
- 7) Report of Tabulating Committee

#### ARTICLE XIII - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Sec. 1 - The President: shall preside at all membership and Executive Board meetings of the organization (and other meetings as required); shall give reports of the Executive Board meetings; shall, with the approval of the Executive Board, sign all written contracts and obligations of the organization; shall appoint Chairpersons for Special Committees as required; shall also make recommendations for improving the organization or the coming year at the Annual Business Meeting; shall be responsible for meeting location, reservations for the current year and the upcoming year as required to keep the Club on a continuous meeting schedule.

Sec. 2 - The Vice President (Program Director): shall perform the duties of the President during the absence of the President; shall arrange lectures, demonstrations, or entertainment for program meetings.

Sec. 3 - The Secretary: shall take minutes at all business meetings (Annual and Executive Board) shall be responsible for any correspondence pertaining to the organization; shall be custodian of Executive Board title badges; shall read the minutes of business and annual meetings; shall give minutes of Executive Board meetings when directed by the President. Provide copies to the President if requested; shall keep guests register for potential members to sign (name, address, phone number) provide ballots for the annual election.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer: shall be custodian of all financial records and expenditures; shall require Executive Board approval for expenditures over twenty five dollars (\$25.00); shall receive dues and issue membership cards. Shall keep a current list of members names and addresses, shall be subject to an audit each year if called for by the Executive Board. Auditing shall be standard procedure whenever the authority of office changes.

Sec. 5 - The Slide-Digital File Chairperson: shall be responsible for all monthly Slide-Digital File competitions, for selection of judges, and for keeping records of all Slide-Digital File competitions.

Sec. 6 - The Print Chairperson: shall be responsible for all monthly print competitions, for selection of judges, and for keeping records of all print competitions.

Sec. 7 - The Executive Board: shall carry on the routine business and activities of the organization in order to relieve such responsibilities from the general membership and therefore limiting the need to transmit business at the regular meetings; shall evaluate all applications for the Golden Service Award.

#### ARTICLE XIV - DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 - The Program Committee: shall be appointed by the Program Director Vice President) to assist in the arrangement and the arranging of the programs.

Sec. 2 - The Hospitality Committee: shall have the responsibility for refreshments at all meetings (Slide-Digital File, Print, and Program).

Sec. 3 - The Awards Committee: shall arrange for all trophies, certificates, ribbons, and other awards when applicable for the annual competition winners; shall present the Golden Service Award when applicable.

Sec. 4 - The Publication Committee: shall prepare and distribute the bulletin at the first membership meeting of the month; shall set appropriate deadlines for receiving information for distribution.

Sec. 5 - The Website Committee: shall prepare and maintain the Club's website known as OmahaCameraClub.net.

#### ARTICLE XV - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

Sec. 1 - Candidates for office and Standing Committees shall be selected by a Nomination Committee. The chairperson of which shall be appointed by the President. The chairperson shall select two (2) members of the organization who are neither officers nor candidates for office. This shall constitute the Nomination Committee.

Sec. 2 - After presentation of the slate of candidates to the organization, additional nominations may be made from the floor, providing previous agreement of the nominee has been obtained.

Sec. 3 - Officers shall be elected by the majority vote of the members present at the Annual Business Meeting by the use of written ballots provided by the Secretary.

Sec. 4 - Results of the balloting shall be announced by the Nominating Committee Chairperson at the Annual Business Meeting.

#### APPROVALS

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R. R. Douglas

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R. R. Douglas Amended from vote on Bylaws Article III, Membership, Sec 4, May 2001:

President's Signature Tom Tracy

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Exemption added to Article III; Sec. 2 EXEMPTION shall be added: Age exemption for any Omaha Home for Boys boy that would participate in club meetings and be less than 16 years of age. Motion made by Larry Quigley, second by Lee Fenicle, show of hands vote - majority in favor. Motion carried May 19, 2009.

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