

IMAGES International Photography Club

The Constitution

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Club Rules

Article 1 Name and object

- i) The name of the club shall be IMAGES International Photography Club, the official language of the club being English.
- ii) The object of the club shall be to promote the advancement of photographic techniques and artistic expression among the members by exchange of ideas and information, critiques, speakers, competitions, workshops and the like.
- iii) The club year shall run from 1 September to 31 August.

Article 2 Membership

- i) Membership shall be open to those persons who, having accepted the club's purposes and rules, pay the required subscription.
- ii) Applications for membership shall be made to the Membership Secretary.
- iii) A member who does not pay dues by 31 October of each Club year shall automatically terminate membership, including all rights and privileges.
- iv) In cases of unsuitable conduct, the Committee may terminate a membership. This is to be done in writing.
- v) Members wishing to resign should notify the Membership Secretary in writing.
- vi) Prospective members may attend one meeting without obligation. After one meeting, prospective members are expected to apply for membership.

Article 3 Management of the Club

- i) The affairs of the club shall be controlled by a committee. The committee shall consist of a minimum of four members and the following roles should be covered: Chairman; Vice Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Website Editor. It is recommended that no member should hold more than two Committee Positions.
- ii) Members of the Committee shall be elected annually to hold office for the ensuing year and shall be eligible for re-election.
- iii) The Committee may appoint other temporary committee members or form sub-committees as required.
- iv) Elected Committee members may be dismissed by majority vote at a General Meeting.
- v) A quorum at a Committee meeting shall consist of more than half of the number of Committee members.
- vi) Payments made from Club funds must be signed by the Treasurer or the other designated bank signatory for the Club account.
- vii) Any payments made to the Treasurer must be approved by another Committee member.
- viii) The Committee must approve all expenditure except for the routine operating expenses.

Article 4 Nominations

- i) Each year in May the Committee shall invite nominations for new Committee members.
- ii) Nominations may be made in writing to the Secretary at least two weeks before the AGM (Annual General Meeting) in June.
- iii) Nominations shall not be accepted at the AGM unless there is no candidate for a position.

Article 5 Elections

- i) Each year, during the AGM in June, there will be elections for the next year's Committee positions.
- ii) Newly elected Committee members shall assume office at the beginning of the Club year, i.e. 1 September.
- iii) A valid election requires a quorum of one-third of the membership, including proxy votes.
- iv) In the event that only one candidate has been nominated for a Committee position, election shall take place by acclamation.
- v) Where more than one candidate has been nominated for the same position, the election shall take place by closed ballot, the Committee having appointed two scrutineers to conduct the ballot.
- vi) Any member wishing to vote by proxy should advise the Secretary in writing of the name of their proxy voter prior to the meeting.

Article 6 General Meetings

a. General

- i) At a General Meeting, resolutions may be adopted if at least one-third of the Club members with voting rights are present, including proxy voters, (see Art.5, vi).
- ii) Only fully paid-up full members have a right to vote at any General Meeting. Full members living permanently overseas as of the date of the AGM or EGM will not have voting rights.
- iii) The resolutions passed at either AGM or EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) shall be adopted by the Club.

b. Annual General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year in June, the purpose of which shall be as follows:

- i) to receive from the Committee a report on its activities and on the activities of the Club during the past year;
- ii) the Committee will render an account of the management of finances during the past completed financial year and will have a financial report available for inspection by members. In this respect, the financial year shall run from 1 June to 31 May.
- iii) if necessary, a nomination may be made by the Committee or from the floor to appoint an Honorary Auditor.
- iv) to elect Committee members for the ensuing year.

c. Extraordinary General Meetings

These may be convened:

- i) by the Committee, with notice being given to the members not less than one week prior to the meeting;
- ii) at the request of one-third of the members, addressed to the Committee. Such a meeting should be held not later than one month after the request is received.

d. Dissolution

- i) A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be adopted at a General Meeting, when there is a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership for the resolution.
- ii) In the event of a dissolution, the liquidation of the club and its assets shall be entrusted to the Committee.

Article 7 Subscriptions

- i) All subscriptions shall be payable annually, and shall be fixed at the AGM.
- ii) Subscription renewals shall be paid no later than 31 October.
- iii) Persons who become members after 31 January shall pay reduced dues for the current year of subscription.

Article 8 Amendments of the Rules

- i) The rules of the Club may be amended or expanded by a vote at a General Meeting. Notice of such amendments or additions must be circulated to all members not less than one week before such a meeting.

Article 9 Membership Lists

- i) The membership list shall be for the personal use of club members only and may not be used for commercial purposes.

Article 10 Indemnity

- i) The Club shall not be responsible for personal injuries, or damage to or loss of members' property during Club functions.