



FLORIDA CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL By-Laws

Amended: November 30, 2006

Article 1

Section 1 - In addition to the regular members authorized by Article 3, Section 1, of the Constitution, there may be a Contributing Membership. Any individual or group may become a Contributing Member by making application for such membership as prescribed by the Board of Directors and paying the prescribed dues. Contributing Members may not hold office in the Council, nor vote.

Article 2

Section 1 - The Annual Dues shall be payable at the beginning of the fiscal year and the amount per year shall be \$15.00. The membership of the club shall be identical with that of the voting strength of that club at the Annual Meeting. If such dues have not been paid by the last day of the first month following the due date, such member club shall automatically be suspended of all rights and privileges. The suspension will be lifted by payment of dues in arrears. Any member club which has been suspended for two months may, after due notice, be dropped from the rolls.

Section 2 - Dues shall not be prorated.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall request from each member club, prior to December 1st of each year, a statement of its active club membership, including the name, address and telephone numbers of the club President and Representative, and a check for Council dues.

Section 4 - The Board of Directors may expel any member club for the good of the Council by a two-thirds vote, provided the following procedure has been complied with: Any motion for the expulsion of a member club shall be submitted in confidence and in writing to the President and a full statement of the evidence on which the motion is based. The Board of Directors shall consider the evidence and act thereon.

Article 3

Section 1 - This Council shall operate on a fiscal year beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.

Section 2 - Each member club shall designate one official Representative who shall vote for the organization at the general membership meetings or in any mail voting.

Section 3 - Each member club shall be entitled to one vote, plus an additional vote for each ten members or any fraction thereof equal to or greater than one half the membership.

Article 4

Section 1a - The President each year, not later than the first day of October, shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three members which shall nominate a slate of officers in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. The Nominating Committee need nominate only one person for each office. Additional nominations for each office may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting by persons qualified to vote. Election shall be by ballot in the event that more than one person is in nomination for any office, but only for those officers where such plural nominations exist.

Section 1b - The Nominating Committee shall report to the Board of Directors for the purpose of discussion. This information shall be provided to the Club Representatives for them to discuss with their fellow members prior to the nominations being made at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 - Because the President and the Secretary work closely together in conducting the business of the Council, it should be the policy for guidance of the Nominating Committee that the person nominated for Secretary should be from the same geographical area as the President. This is to facilitate communications and eliminate, or reduce as far as possible, telephone toll charges and postage expenses.

Article 5

Section 1 - The President each year, not later than the first day of November, shall appoint a Budget Committee consisting of the Council Treasurer as Chairperson and two additional members chosen from the membership of two different clubs. It shall be the duty of the Budget Committee to prepare a budget estimate of anticipated expenses for the next fiscal year. From this information and from an estimate of expected income, a budget shall be drawn up for presentation and approval at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 - Each Chairperson or Officer may, during the year, spend the amount budgeted to him for the purpose authorized without further approval. Any amount required for Council operation over and above budget will require approval by the majority of the Board of Directors before expenditure can be made.

Article 6

No resolution which has not been considered by the Board of Directors shall be voted on at any general membership meeting. The purpose of this is to avoid putting the Council on record on any matter not directly connected with the business or interest of the Council.

Article 7

Section 1a - The Board of Directors of the Council shall meet from time-to-time as necessary for the purpose of managing the affairs of Council, as prescribed in Article 4 of the Constitution. Such meetings shall be called by the President and notification shall be mailed to all Board members by the Secretary at least ten days before the meeting date.

Section 1b - The President, as an alternate method, may obtain approval of the Board by a mail meeting or by telephone canvas, or by e-mail when deemed necessary.

Section 2 - Should any officer or director fail to attend three consecutive meetings after having been duly notified with valid and reasonable grounds for absence, such member shall be requested to resign. Exceptions to this can be made only with the approval of the majority of the remaining Board members.

Article 8

Section 1 - The Board of Directors may amend these by-laws at any time by a majority vote of the full Board. Such amendments shall be published to the membership.

Section 2 - Amendments to these by-laws which are proposed by the membership shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for action.

Article 9

Section 1 - To recognize a person who has been of exceptional service to FCCC, or to amateur photography in Florida, the Board of Directors is authorized to establish an FCCC Honors Award. Any person receiving this award may place the letters HFCCC after their name. The Honoree shall be recognized at the annual convention.

Section 2 - Any member club, or any Board member, may recommend to the Board persons to be considered eligible for the Honors Award. The recommendations shall be in writing and submitted no less than three months before the annual convention to the Secretary. The Board shall review all such recommendations and make a determination by majority vote.