



FLORIDA CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL Constitution

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Article 1

Section 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as the FLORIDA CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL, INC. abbreviated as FCCC.

Article 2

Section 1 - Purpose

The purpose of this Council shall be:

- a. To assist its member club in any way practicable.
- b. To foster the use and appreciation of photography as a science, an art and a hobby, by the members of the member clubs and by the general public.
- c. To provide means for the exchange among its member clubs of assistance, ideas and of technical and organizational information.
- d. To encourage and promote fellowship among its member clubs and their members.

Article 3

Section 1 - Club Membership

Any camera club or other organization having an interest in photography whose headquarters or principal place of meeting is located within the geographical limits of the State of Florida, may apply for membership. The Council Board of Directors may grant membership by a majority vote.

Section 2 - Special Memberships

Individual or other types of memberships may be granted to persons or groups in such grades, and subject to such conditions, as the Council Board of Directors may prescribe.

Article 4

Section 1 - Council Officers

- a. The officers of this Council shall be a President, a Vice President, a Competition Director, and Awards Director, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Newsletter (Bulletin) Editor. These officers shall be elected annually by a majority of eligible votes cast by official Representatives of member clubs at the Annual Meeting. They shall assume office at the close of the Annual Meeting and shall serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected and installed.
- b. All officers must be members of member camera clubs.

Section 2 - Club Representatives

Each member club shall name one of its members as a Representative to represent the club at Council meetings and to interface between the Council and the individual club.

Section 3 - Council Board of Directors

- a. There shall be a Council Board of Directors consisting of the officers, listed in Section 1 of this Article, the last previous Council President, who shall serve for the time his or her successor shall be in office, and the Club Representatives described in Section 2 of this Article.
- b. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any of its meetings or for any business transacted by mail, telephone or electronically.
- c. The Board of Directors shall have full power to manage the affairs of the Council, subject to the general policies established by the membership at the Annual Meetings. They shall make such rules and regulations as they deem proper to make the aims of the Council effective and to carry on the business of the Council. They may change such rules and regulations by majority vote at any time.
- d. The Board of Directors shall fill vacancies occurring among the Officers; such appointees to serve until the next Annual Meeting.

Section 4 - Duties of the President

- a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Council, serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors and have general supervision of the administration of the affairs of the Council. He may delegate authority granted him herein to any other person or persons.
- b. The President, subject to financial limitations prescribed by the Board of Directors, shall create such committees as he deems necessary for the proper execution of the policies of the Council, as established by this Constitution and By-Laws, by the Board of Directors and by the membership.

Section 5 - Duties of the Vice President

- a. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the inability of the President to perform the duties of his office for a prolonged period, the Vice President will assume his duties until such time as the President is available or again able to function.
- b. In the event of the absence of both the President and Vice President, the Board of Directors shall appoint one of the other Council officers to preside at any meeting of the Council or of the Board of Directors. If the absence of both the President and Vice President is prolonged, the Board of Directors may direct the Competition Director to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the membership.

Section 6 - Duties of the Competition Director

- a. Assume all pertinent duties outlined in the Council's "Manual for Competitions".
- b. Supervise the Triannual and Annual print and color slide competitions and ensure they are conducted in accordance with the Council's "Manual for Competitions".
- c. Arrange for member camera clubs to host these competitions, preferably one year in advance of the competition dates and keep the Newsletter Editor informed of these arrangements.
- d. Inform the Newsletter Editor of the name and address to which all entries are to be sent, preferably four months in advance of each competition.
- e. Provide each host club with all necessary instructions and forms at least two months in advance of each competition.
- f. Provide member clubs with the required entry and reporting forms, associated instructions and the name and address to which all entries are to be sent, preferably two months in advance of the competition.

Section 7 - Duties of Awards Director

- a. Assume all pertinent duties outlined in the Council's "Manual for Competitions".
- b. Prepare and maintain Council records of service and photographic achievement for all Council members.
- c. Obtain and distribute all trophies, ribbons, certificates and awards for each Triannual and Annual competition.

Section 8 - Duties of the Secretary

- a. Keep minutes of all meetings of the Council and of the Board of Directors.
- b. Be the Historian of the Council and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
- c. File an annual Uniform Business Report with the State of Florida.
- d. Notify, in writing, two months prior to January 1st, the FCCC Representative of each member club that their annual membership assessment is due and to where the assessment is to be sent.

Section 9 - Duties of the Treasurer

- a. Have charge of the funds of the Council and of their disbursement, as ordered by the Board of Directors.
- b. Keep itemized records of all receipts and expenditures.
- c. Present a financial report at the Annual Meeting and as such other times as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
- d. Perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
- e. The Board of Directors shall cause the books of the Treasurer to be audited annually and shall present the finished audit to the Council at the Annual Meeting.

Section 10 - Duties of the Newsletter Editor

- a. Serve as editor and publisher of the FCCC "Bulletin" newsletter.
- b. Arrange for printing and serve as custodian and distributor of all Council stationery, forms and informational materials.

Article 5

Section 1 - Meetings

- a. An Annual Meeting of the Council shall be held every year at the time and a place designated by the Board of Directors.
- b. Other general or special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors or of the President.

Article 6

Section 1 - Amendments

This Constitution may be amended, supplemented or replaced if approved by two-thirds of the eligible votes of member clubs at any Annual Meeting, or other general or special meetings, provided notice of such proposed amendment, supplement or replacement shall have been approved by the Board of Directors and published to the membership at least two months prior to such meeting.