

ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

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This document outlines the governing Constitution for the Arkansas Professional Photographers Association. It is intended to be the defining source direction for the Arkansas Professional Photographers Association.

ARTICLE I – Name of Organization

- The name of this organization shall be the Arkansas Professional Photographers Association, abbreviated as “APPA” and herein referred to as “Association”.
- The Association shall be an affiliate of the Professional Photographers of America, Incorporated, abbreviated as “PPA”.

ARTICLE II – Purpose and Objectives

The purpose of the Association shall be to enable and support the continual advancement of all phases of professional photography as an art and as a vocation in the State of Arkansas through the cooperative efforts of its members.

ARTICLE III – Membership

The Association shall adopt one or more “*Levels of Membership*”, which should be determined and directed by the presiding Association Board of Directors.

- The presiding Association Board of Directors shall establish the methods for application of membership, the amount of dues, and how the dues are to be paid.
- The presiding Association Board of Directors shall establish the method by which prospective members are selected and approved for membership.
- The presiding Association Board of Directors shall establish the method by which members may be disciplined, suspended, or terminated.
- The presiding Association Board of Directors shall establish the method by which former members may be reinstated to the association.
- The presiding Association Board of Directors shall establish a policy around the use of the Association Seal, Logo, and other types of insignia or marks owned by the Association.
- Membership in the Association shall not transferrable or assignable to any other member OR association.

ARTICLE IV – Association Governance

The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors chosen annually by a vote of its membership.

- The Membership shall determine a set of Officers for the Association.

- The Membership shall determine Terms of Office for all Officers and Board Members.
- The Membership shall approve a code of conduct for the Board of Directors that reflects the ethical integrity of the Association.
 - This code of conduct may be above and in addition to the Associate Code of Ethics

ARTICLE V – Association Meetings

- The Association shall be required to hold an Annual Membership Meeting every year.
 - The Date and Time of the Annual Membership Meeting shall be communicated through appropriate methods relevant to the times a minimum of 30 days in advance.
 - There shall be no fee or charge related to attendance at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- The Association shall hold Special Membership Meetings, otherwise referred to as “*voting meetings*” as deemed necessary.
 - Special Membership Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors as needed
 - Notice of Special Membership Meetings must be provided a minimum of 30 days in advance.
- Regular Board Meetings shall be held by the Board of Directors.
 - Notice of Board Meetings shall be made to the membership a minimum of 14 days in advance.

ARTICLE VII – Association Code of Ethics

The presiding Association Board of Directors shall establish and review an Association Code of Ethics, by which all members must abide.

ARTICLE VII – Amendment of Constitution

- A written petition signed by five (5) or more Active or Life Members and a copy of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration at least 90 days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.
- If deemed in order by the Board, copies of the proposed amendment shall be delivered in a manner appropriate to the times to all members of record at least 30 days prior to the next Annual Membership Meeting.
 - At this time the amendment shall be placed on the agenda for action by the membership.
 - The vote may be conducted in any method deemed appropriate to the times and directed by the Board.
- A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Active and Life Members participating in the vote shall be required to pass the amendment.

- If passed, the President shall direct new copies of the Constitution, as amended, (or copies of the amended portion only, at the option of the Board) shall be distributed to all members of record as soon as possible and in a manner appropriate to the times.
- New members shall be supplied with a current copy of the Constitution as part of their credentials.
- This Constitution and subsequent By-Laws adopted hereunder and not in conflict herewith shall be the sole governing documents of this Organization and all previous Constitutions and By-Laws are hereby repealed, whether in conflict or not.

REVISION HISTORY

Date	Author	Description	Approval Date
2021/06/22	Scott Head	Separation of Bylaws from Constitution for better management of organization	