

CONSTITUTION OF THE SIOUX CITY CAMERA CLUB

(Voted upon, approved and amended April 28, 2019)

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be Sioux City Camera Club.

ARTICLE II Purpose

The aim of this club shall be: The mutual education and learning in the science and art of photography. To promote and encourage advancement of its members in the knowledge and practice of photography.

ARTICLE III Membership

Any person interested in photography may become a member of this club as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV Officers

The officers of this club shall consist of a President, Vice-president, and combined office of Secretary/ Treasurer. All of these officers shall be elected by a voice vote of the members. The duties shall be as provided in the Bylaws

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the officers of the club and the immediate past President and one director at large. The director at large shall be elected at the same time as the election of officers.

ARTICLE VI Vacancies

Section 1. In the event of absence, resignation, incapacity, death, or removal from office of the President, that office shall be taken over for the unexpired portion of the term by the Vice-President. If for any reason the Vice-President is unable to take over the office, the Secretary/ Treasurer shall assume the Presidency for the unexpired portion of the term, and shall appoint a new Secretary/ Treasurer in his or her place. (The appointment to be ratified by the Board of Directors.)

Section 2. If any office or director at large, except that of the President, shall become vacant for any reason, it shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the President or his *or her* successor (ratified by a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors).

ARTICLE VII Election and terms of Officers *and Director at Large*

The officers and director at large shall be elected every two years for a period of two years. No elective officer or director at large shall hold the same office more than two full consecutive terms of two years each. Election procedure is provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the club shall be held as provided in the Bylaws

Section 2. Such other meetings may be held as are or may be, specified in the Bylaws.

Section 3. All business meetings of the club shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IX Quorum

A quorum of the membership at a business meeting shall consist of not less than one-fourth of the membership of the club, based on the number of members in good standing.

ARTICLE X Committees

The club may have Standing Committees and Special Committees, each committee being constituted as provided in the Bylaws and having the duties assigned therein.

Standing Committees or Special Committees may be provided as needed. The Standing Committees or Special Committees shall be appointed by the President as provided in the Bylaws, as soon as feasible after the election of the officers and shall continue to function until their successors qualify.

ARTICLE XI Fiscal year

The fiscal year of the club shall be from September 1 to August 31.

ARTICLE XII Amendments to Constitution

Any proposed revocation, addition, or amendment to this Constitution may be made as follows: The proposed revocation, addition, or amendment may be initiated by a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors or by not less than three members in good standing. It must be in writing duly signed by said directors or members at a business meeting of the club, at which at least a quorum is present. It shall then be discussed and tabled until the next business meeting at which at least a quorum is present, when it shall be voted upon by written ballot. To be adopted it must be passed by two-thirds of the qualified voters present.

ARTICLE XIII Amendments to Bylaws

Bylaws not in conflict with this Constitution may be enacted, amended, or revoked by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, subject to ratification by a majority vote of at least a quorum of members at ~~the~~ a regular or special business meeting. Proposal for enactment, amendment, or revocation may be made by a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors, or by a letter undersigned by at least three members in good standing, and presented by a motion at a regular or special business meeting at which at least a quorum is present. Such proposed new Bylaw, or amendment, or revocation shall, at the next regular business meeting, be discussed and voted upon by oral vote, or may be postponed and voted upon at the next subsequent regular business meeting. To be adopted it must be passed by at least a majority of members present.

BYLAWS

(Voted upon, approved and amended March 11, 2022)

(Voted upon, approved and amended September 26, 2024)

ARTICLE I Membership

Section 1. Any person who is interested in photography may be declared an active member of the club upon payment of dues. Dues are payable in Sept. & delinquent Dec. 1.

Section 2. Only active members will be eligible to compete in monthly competitions of the club.

Section 3. Any member who has significant experience competing in or judging monthly competitions during their membership may serve as a host judge for monthly competitions. Any member who has been active in club participation or a non-member who has experience in photography or other form of art may serve on a judging committee for competition.

ARTICLE II Dues

Section 1. Annual dues are payable September 1 as follows:

Individual membership \$30.00

Family memberships \$40.00

Student membership 20.00

("Student" is one who is enrolled and attending an institution of learning)

Section 2. Any person who renews or joins the club in September, October, November or December shall pay 100% of the annual dues. Any person who joins the club in January, February, March, or April shall pay 50% of the annual dues. Discount does not apply to late renewal.

ARTICLE III Nominations for Election of Officers and Director at Large

Section 1. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President March. The nominating committee shall consist of at least three members, one of which shall be the past President if available. The nominating committee shall perform the duties described in Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws.

Section 2. This committee shall select nominees for the office of President, Vice president, Secretary/ Treasurer and Director at Large. All proposed nominees shall be approached as to their willingness to serve if elected, and their consent obtained before their name shall be nominated. The nominating committee shall report at the first meeting in April.

ARTICLE IV Election of Officers and Director at Large

Section 1. The election shall take place at the second meeting in April. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting before nominations are closed. Oral voting will be permitted except when there is more than one nominee for the same position. In that case, a written ballot shall be used. Election is by a majority vote.

Section 2. Installation of the newly elected officers shall be held at the May meeting and duties of the officers and Director at Large will be assumed no later than September 1 of the year of their election.

ARTICLE V Duties of Officers

Section 1. President. The President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club, serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, shall be ex officio member of all committees except the nominating committee, and shall administer the affairs of the club with the assistance of the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint a digital judging chairperson for each monthly competition and a print judging chairperson for each monthly competition. The President shall appoint all committees. Provisions for the annual competition and annual awards shall be the duty of the President.

Section 2. Vice-president. The Vice-president shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club in the absence of the President. In the event of the vacancy in the Office of the President, the Vice-President shall assume that office. All arrangements for the annual banquet in May shall be the responsibility of the Vice President. This includes the program for the banquet.

Section 3. Secretary/Treasurer. As Secretary, shall keep a record of all meeting notes and schedules and any other records as directed by the President and shall provide meeting notes and schedules to the webmaster for posting to the web site. As Treasurer, shall collect all dues, keep a record of all members and of all receipts and disbursements and pay all bills as authorized by the President.

Section 4. Director at Large. The director at large shall have the same duties as the other directors.

ARTICLE VI Committees, their functions

Section 1. Membership/Public Outreach/Exhibition Committee. The membership/public outreach/exhibition committee shall consist of not fewer than three members. It shall be their duty to consider ways and means of increasing the club's membership and with the approval of the officers, to instigate and direct any campaign or education programs or exhibitions for that purpose. It shall also be their duty to see that all visitors, and therefore prospective members, be properly welcomed at meetings.

Section 2. Social and Field Trip Committee. This committee shall consist of at least three members. It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange for field trips, to set up committees for refreshments at all the club meetings and assist the Vice-president in making arrangements for the annual banquet in May.

Section 3. Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of at least two members and shall review and propose to the club membership any changes necessary to keep the status of the Bylaws current.

Section 4. Nominating Committee. See Article III, Section 1 and Section 2 for appointment and duties.

ARTICLE VII Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the second Thursday and the last Thursday of each month September through November and June thru August. Only one meeting is held in January thru April on the last Thursday of the month due to winter weather conditions.

Section 2. September thru November Meetings. The second Thursday meeting of the month shall be a business meeting followed by programs for the purpose of education and entertainment. The last Thursday meeting of the month shall be a presentation and review of the print and digital competition for that month.

Section 3. January thru April Meetings. Only one meeting will be held on the last Thursday of the month for the presentation and review of the print and digital competitions for that month.

Section 3. June thru August Meetings. The second Thursday and last Thursday meeting of the month will focus on either field trips or educational workshops.

Section 4. December. The second Thursday in December is a special holiday and social event.

Section 5. May. The annual awards banquet will be held on the second Thursday in May - subject to scheduling of banquet program.

Section 6. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President or majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII Competition and Awards

(Amended and voted upon September 26, 2024)

CONSENT FOR USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS – Submission of a photograph (print or digital) to SCCC or N4C for competition shall be considered consent by the submitter to SCCC to use the photograph for the limited use of publication or copying to promote or publicize the SCCC.

Section 1. Monthly Competitions – Club competitions will be held each month, except June, July, August and December. Photo competitions are divided into two photographer classes, Entry Level or Advanced Class. Members may choose to compete in the Entry Level Class until they have accumulated a total of 35 points during their career or are awarded Photographer of the Year for the Entry Level Class. After that they must participate in the Advanced Class. Classes are only changed at the start of a competition season.

A. Monthly contests will consist of 4 categories for the Advanced Class: Digital Color, Digital Black & White, Color Print and Black & White Print. The Entry Level Class will consist of 2 categories: Digital Color and Digital Black & White.

The following are the various categories for each month's competition September through April
September - Digital Color and Digital Black & White

October – Digital Color and Digital Black & White, Color Prints and Black & White Prints

November – Digital Color and Digital Black & White

December – No competition

January – Digital Color and Digital Black & White, Color Prints and Black & White Prints

February – Digital Color and Digital Black & White

March – Digital Color and Digital Black & White, Color Prints and Black & White Prints

April – Digital Color and Digital Black & White

The Advanced Class can enter 3 print or 3 digital submissions per category.

The Entry Level Class can enter 3 digital submissions per category.

Note: Entry Level members are eligible to enter the advanced class print competition if they choose to do so.

Images that have won First, Second, Third, or Honorable Mention in a previous club competition may never be entered again.

B. Competition rules are published in the "Member Guide" and available in print form or on the website. These club rules comply on comparable classes with all N4C rules as printed in the current "North Central Camera Club Council Handbook and Directory." Any club rule that is in conflict with N4C rules is superseded by the N4C rule.

Section 2. Monthly Awards - During the contest season monthly awards, in the form of ribbons, will be given to First, Second, and Third with the remaining 25% given an Honorable Mention in each photographer class.

A. Color Prints

Prints may be produced by the entrant or commercial laboratory. The original exposure must be the work of the entrant. Prints may be any size or shape not to exceed 11x14 inches and minimum size of 8x10 inches. Print must have the title, entrant's name, home or cell number, camera club, and N4C member number on the upper left corner of the backside.

B. B&W Prints

The print may be produced by the entrant or commercial laboratory. The original exposure must be the work of the entrant. Prints may be any size or shape not to exceed 16x20 inches and minimum size of 8x10 inches. Print must have the title, entrant's name, home or cell number, camera club, and N4C member number on the upper left corner of the backside

Section 3. Annual Awards: 2 entries per member per category. There shall be the following awards:

A. Previously Entered:

- Best Black & White print of the year
- Best Color print of the year
- Best Advanced Class Digital Black & White Image of the Year.
- Best Advanced Class Digital Color Image of the Year
- Best Entry Level Digital Black & White Image of the Year
- Best Entry Level Digital Color Image of the Year

The above entries must have been entered in monthly competition during the current camera club year.

B. Open Class:

The following awards will also be given. These entries need not have been previously entered in camera club:

- Best Black & White print of the Year
- Best Color print of the Year
- Best Advance Class Digital Black & White Image of the Year
- Best Advance Class Digital Color Image of the Year
- Best Entry Level Digital Black & White Image of the Year
- Best Entry Level Digital Color Image of the Year

C. PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR based upon points accumulated during the year for points received each month in the Sioux City Camera Club and N4C. There shall be two such awards, one for Advanced Class photographers and one for Entry Level photographers.

CLUB SCORING

1ST PLACE 4 points
2ND PLACE 3 points
3RD PLACE 2 points
Honorable Mention 1 point

N4C SCORING

1ST PLACE 4 points
2ND PLACE 3 points
3RD PLACE 2 points
Honorable Mention 1 point

D. MAKERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS based upon points accumulated during the year in each category.

Black & White Print Maker of the Year
Color Print Maker of the Year
Advanced Class Digital Color Image Maker of the Year
Advanced Class Digital Black & White Image Maker of the Year
Entry Level Digital Color Image of the Year
Entry Level Digital Black & White Image of the Year

Section 4. Occasional Awards: The following awards are not assumed to be made annually.

A. Fran and Vernice Kingsbury Meritorious Service Award may be awarded by vote of at least four members of the Board of Directors to an individual who has been a member of this club for at least 10 years (not necessarily consecutive). A member who receives this award shall have, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, rendered meritorious service to this club and/or N4C over a period of multiple years. Activities that may be considered meritorious service include, but not limited to, service as a member of the Board of Directors, as a judge chair for monthly contests, as an N4C entry (print or digital) coordinator, as webmaster, or as newsletter editor. Each November, the Board of Directors shall solicit nominations from members (including those on the Board of Directors) for the meritorious service award. There is no limit to the number of meritorious service awards that may be presented each year. Presentations of meritorious service awards shall be made at the annual awards banquet.

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