

BY-LAWS OF GORGE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

ARTICLE I MISSION

The mission of this club is to study, enjoy, and promote the art and science of photography.

ARTICLE II Membership

Paragraph 1. Membership is open to all persons interested in photography.

Paragraph 2. Any person who has paid annual dues is a member-in-good-standing for that year and shall be entitled to the benefits of membership.

Paragraph 3. (a) Any member whose dues are in arrears four months shall be suspended from receiving the benefits of membership until dues are paid. Delinquent member shall be notified in writing or by e-mail one month before suspension is imposed.

(b) A member so suspended shall be reinstated from the date when dues in arrears are paid in full.

Paragraph 4. Benefits of membership shall include participation in all club and Columbia Council of Camera Clubs activities.

Paragraph 5: The business of the club shall be generally conducted according to "Robert's Rules of Order".

Paragraph 7. A majority vote of a quorum of the membership will be the act of the membership, except where otherwise provided by these by-laws. One half the members-in-good-standing shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE III Dues

Paragraph 1. Annual dues shall be established or changed by a majority vote of the members present at the annual meeting.

Paragraph 2. Dues are due and payable at the first meeting in September for the following year.

Paragraph 3. The dues of any person may be waived by a vote of Board of Directors.

Paragraph 4. New Members joining after February 1 may pay dues at one half the regular rate.

ARTICLE IV Officers and Board of Directors

Paragraph 1. The Board of Directors will be at least five and not more than seven members.

Paragraph 2. The Board of Directors will include the officers, the immediate Past President and an elected Director-at-Large. Officers shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Paragraph 3. The term of office for Officers and Board shall be one year.

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Paragraph 4. A member may hold two elective offices at the same time excepting the office of President and Treasurer shall not be held by the same person.

Paragraph 5. A quorum at a board meeting shall be a majority of the Directors in office but shall not be less than three. When a quorum is present, action shall be taken by a majority vote of Directors in office.

Paragraph 6. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President.

ARTICLE V
Nomination and Election of the Board of Directors

Paragraph 1. Any member-in-good-standing may be nominated for any Board position.

Paragraph 2. Nomination for election of officers and director shall be made in any or all of the following manners:

- (a) By action of the nominating committee submitting its slate of candidates.
- (b) By written nomination delivered to the nomination committee not later than the first regular meeting in May.
- (c) By nomination from the floor at the first regular meeting in May.

Paragraph 3. All proposed nominees shall be approached as to their willingness to serve and their consent obtained prior to their names being placed on the ballot.

Paragraph 4. Incumbency of one office shall not render anyone ineligible for nomination and election to another.

Paragraph 5. Elections shall be held during the annual meeting in May, with the successful candidates taking office at the close of the meeting in June.

Paragraph 6. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a written ballot is requested by any member. Request shall be made at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting. No absentee or proxy vote shall be counted. Candidates will be elected by a majority vote of the members-in-good-standing present at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI
Duties of Officers and Board Members

Paragraph 1. The Board is the legal representative of the Club and as such, in conformity with law shall hold and administer all the property and funds thereof in trust for its uses. Board meetings shall be held at the call of the President or any three Directors. The Officers shall be ex-officio Directors, the President serving as the Chairman of the Board. In his absence, the First Vice President shall act as Chairman.

Paragraph 2. President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Club and shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding at its meetings. S/He shall, with the assistance of the Board of Directors, administer the affairs of the Club. Subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, s/he shall make all Special Committee appointments and shall appoint the Chairman of each Standing Committee. Except for the Club bulletin, s/he shall approve all official matters to be published or sent out for publication by the Club and shall endeavor to assume active leadership of the Club at all times.

Paragraph 3. First Vice President shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the club in the absence of the President. In the event of death, resignation, incapacity, or removal of the President, s/he shall assume the duties of that office. S/He shall serve as chairman of the Program Committee.

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Paragraph 4. Second Vice President shall take the office of the President in the event that office is vacated and the first Vice President is also unable to assume the chair or take the office. S/He shall serve as chairman of the Exhibition Committee and coordinator of the intra-club competition.

Paragraph 5. Secretary shall keep an accurate record of actions taken at monthly business meetings of the Club, record minutes for all meetings of the Board of Directors and maintain a file of the official papers, minutes and committee reports of the Club. The Secretary shall fulfill these and other duties not above specified, but which are usually incumbent upon that office.

Paragraph 6. Treasurer shall be Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee. The President OR EITHER OF THE VICE PRESIDENTS and the Treasurer shall be the authorized signatories on all Club bank accounts. S/He shall pay all on-going, pre-approved Club expenses and reimbursements. Other expenditures shall be approved by the Board of Directors. At the second meeting in January and the annual meeting, s/he shall make a written report to the Club of the condition of the treasury. The Treasurer shall send out notices for dues in arrears and provide a receipt for dues received.

Paragraph 7. Director-at-Large shall be the club's representative and have responsibility for inter-club relations including but not limited to representation at the Columbia Council of Camera Club meetings.

Paragraph 8. Past President shall be the designated club host(ess) at meetings. S/he will greet visitors and welcome them, make introductions if the visitor is not a guest of a member.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Paragraph 1. Standing Committees.

- (a) Except for the Program, Exhibition and Budget & Finance committees, the chairman of each Standing Committee shall be appointed by the President. The Chairmen so appointed may appoint other members to their committees.
- (b) The Chairman of each Standing Committee shall be provided with funds allotted in the Budget and shall keep a record of the disbursements of the committee and shall report to the Treasurer the amount so disbursed. Such disbursement must not exceed the amount allotted in the budget without board approval.

Paragraph 2. Refreshment Committee shall consist of a Chairman and all Club members. The Chairman shall schedule one member per meeting to furnish refreshments and shall assist when needed in serving. The Chairman is responsible for maintaining a stock of supplies for serving refreshments.

Paragraph 3. Bulletin Committee shall be chaired by the newsletter Editor. The committee shall include the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Director-at-Large and the Print, EID and Slide Chairmen. Committee members shall inform the Editor of news relating to their position for inclusion in the Bulletin. The Editor shall prepare a monthly bulletin and deliver it to all members-in-good-standing.

Paragraph 4. Publicity Committee shall consist of one or more persons whose duty shall be to handle all public announcements by radio or other media; cooperate with the membership committee on publicity for membership drives; receive from any member ideas or proposals on increasing public interest in photography or the Club.

Paragraph 5. Membership Committee shall consider ways and means of increasing the Club's membership and with the approval of the Board of Directors to instigate and direct any campaign for that purpose.

Paragraph 6. Field Trip and Recreation Committee shall arrange for and take charge of hikes, field trips and all such matters.

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Paragraph 7. Nomination Committee shall be composed of at least three members in good standing. This committee shall nominate a slate of candidates for the annual election. The committee shall approach all proposed candidates as to their willingness to serve and their consent shall be obtained before their names are placed in nomination. The report of the committee shall be made to the Club at its first regular meeting in May and shall constitute an official nomination for all offices.

Paragraph 8. Inter-club Competition Committee shall be composed of 2 members, each responsible for one of the two classes of images submitted for judging outside the club. The classes include prints, ~~slides~~ and electronic images. The committee members shall collect images in their class from members-in-good-standing for submission to all inter-club competitions including, but not limited to, monthly Columbia Council of Camera Club competitions. The chairpersons shall make monthly reports of scoring results and show the club members' judged images at a meeting following receipt of score and award results. The committee shall be responsible for all aspects of judging Columbia Council images when the Club is scheduled to do so.

Paragraph 9. Special Committees may be created by the Board of Directors when deemed necessary to further the activities of the Club. Committees so created shall cease to exist at the end of the fiscal year during which they are created, unless the incoming Board chooses to continue their existence for the ensuing fiscal year.

ARTICLE VIII Meetings

Paragraph 1. Regular Meetings shall be held twice monthly except for December and June which shall have only one meeting and July and August which shall not have any regular meetings. Meeting time and day shall be set by the Board with the consensuses of the membership.

Paragraph 2. Special Meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, the Board of Directors or as a carried motion from the general membership.

Paragraph 3. Annual Meeting The second regular meeting in May shall be designated the Annual Meeting, at which time annual reports shall be presented and election of the Board of Directors shall be held.

Paragraph 4. Location of meetings shall be at a location designated by a vote of the Club members.

ARTICLE IX Changes in Bylaws

Paragraph 1. Changes in Bylaws including additions, cancellations or amendments must be made at a regularly scheduled Club meeting at which a quorum is present. A notice of proposed changes must be sent to every member-in-good-standing at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the proposed changes shall be voted on.