

CAMERA CLUB BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization is the GA ERA Camera Club.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 1 Purposes of this club include the following:

- a) To further photography as an art form.
- b) To provide GA Employee Recreation Association Camera Club members an opportunity for social and recreational contact.
- c) To provide opportunities for personal growth and broadened horizons in the photographic disciplines through introduction to new techniques, provision of information and opportunities to practice photography.

SECTION 2 This club does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit or the distribution of profits or dividends to the members thereof.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND RULES

SECTION 1: This club shall be bound by GA Employee Recreation Association Bylaws and its policies.

SECTION 2: Eligibility for membership shall be the same as eligibility for membership in the GA Employees Recreation Association as defined in its bylaws.

SECTION 3: A member is an individual employee or retiree who has applied for membership and has paid his/her ERA & GAERACC dues for that year. Paid members can: (a) submit their photos to competitions, (b) vote in competitions, (c) attend private club events such as workshops or the banquet, (d) be eligible to win awards, and (e) be eligible to hold an officer position in the club.

SECTION 3.1: A spouse and/or minor dependents of members are automatically members and can attend private club events (unless otherwise stated for a particular event), but have no voting rights and cannot hold office. Images submitted for contests cannot exceed the maximum allowed per individual member and any awards are given to the paid member. In the event where a spouse is also an employee or retiree, it is their option to either remain within the constraints of an individual membership, or also pay their own annual dues to provide the full benefits of individual membership, including their own contest submissions, voting rights, and the ability to hold office.

SECTION 4: Guests or visitors are welcome to attend meetings deemed public such as competitions, but shall not be eligible to participate in club competitions, voting, private club events, receive awards, or hold office.

ARTICLE IV- CLUB OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The government of the club shall be entrusted to six (6) of its members to be known as the club officers and who will be elected by the club members as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator and Webmaster. Once chapter representatives are established, all chapter representatives are additionally considered officers.

SECTION 2: The officers shall enter upon their terms of office on the first day of January and shall hold office for one year, unless they surrender their position or are removed from office before the end of their term.

SECTION 3: No officer shall hold the same position for more than three (3) consecutive years.

SECTION 4 The officers shall be the governing body of the club, control all expenditures and property of the club, and act for its interests in any way while remaining consistent with the Bylaws. The officers shall have no power to subject the club to any financial liability beyond the amount of the available funds in the club treasury or appropriation established by its officers and approved by the majority of members in attendance at any one meeting.

4.1 Governing Body: The governing body of the club shall be the Executive Committee consisting of the club officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Webmaster, and Chapter Representatives. The Past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

4.2 Duties of the President: It shall be the duty of the President to oversee the operation of the club, to preside at meetings, to enforce the Bylaws and to provide for the general welfare of the club. The President shall appoint and become an ex-officio member of all committees deemed necessary for the effective operation of the club.

4.3 Duties of the Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President and to act for the President in the event of absence. The Vice President shall be responsible for the educational program and meeting assignments.

4.4 Duties of the Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings and to have custody of and maintain copies of all records of the club. The Secretary shall issue notices of meetings, be responsible for all correspondence, maintain current the membership roll, and notify the ERA President of club officers and members in accordance with ERA requirements.

4.5 Duties of the Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to supervise, collect and disburse funds, maintain current the financial records and report the financial condition of the club periodically as required. The Treasurer shall prepare a financial report for the previous year's operations and a proposed budget for the current year by the end of January each year.

4.6 Duties of the Webmaster: It shall be the duty of the Webmaster to maintain the club website, collect and post pictures as required for each competition and update the website with the winners of each competition. The webmaster shall also collect the winners for the year and distribute copies to the 3rd party judge(s), as required.

4.7 Duties of the Event Coordinator: It shall be the duty of the Event Coordinator to plan and coordinate the annual banquet as well as schedule field trips, workshops, and other non-competition events throughout the year.

4.8 Chapter Representatives: GA ERA Camera Club chapters, when established, will nominate a Chapter Representative who, when approved by the Governing Body, shall be elected by the chapter members using the voting process. Duties and responsibilities of the Chapter Representatives shall be determined at the time chapters are established.

ARTICLE V - MEETING TIMES

The Club shall meet periodically at times and days to be selected at the discretion of the officers and published in the calendar on the club website www.gacameraclub.com. Changes to the schedule will be sent by email to all members and published on the website calendar.

ARTICLE VI - PROCEDURE OF AMENDING BYLAWS

Any article or section of these Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all members at any meeting of the club, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been published prior to the meeting. All changes approved by the membership must be submitted to the Employee Recreation Association.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

At least one month before the annual election, a call for nominations to elected positions shall be published to all members along with a method for nomination response. All nominees must be members of the club and acknowledge a desire and commitment to be an officer.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1: Each year, as provided for, the club officers shall be elected for a term

of one year. The annual election of officers shall be held during 4th quarter each year, and the voting may be held in conjunction with a regular meeting or by ballot. All members of the club shall be notified in writing that an election will be held. A plurality of votes cast at the meeting or ballot shall elect. In the event that no candidate for a particular office receives a majority, there will be a runoff between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

SECTION 2: Vacancies in the Governing Body, excepting the office of President, may be filled by appointment by the President and approval of the remaining officers (i.e., majority vote). In the event of a presidential vacancy, the vice-president shall assume the role of the President. The terms of office for vacancies filled under the provisions of this Section shall end on December 31 of that year.

SECTION 3: In the event an officer is deemed unfit for office, removal of the officer will be done by a majority vote of the officers. At this point a vacancy would be created and subsequently filled via the provisions in SECTION 2. Additionally officers can withdraw from their position, at their own request, in writing to the body of officers.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

SECTION 1: The club shall not incur debts in excess of its assets.

SECTION 2: All disbursements of the club of \$100 or less shall be by check signed by the Treasurer, or by PayPal or equivalent service. Disbursements of more than \$100.00 shall be by check and co-signed by the President or the President's designee.

SECTION 3: Dissolution of the club shall be by a majority vote of the members. In the event of dissolution, all funds remaining after payment of debts shall be given to the GA Employees Recreation Association.

ARTICLE X - ANNUAL DUES

GA ERA Camera Club charges annual dues over and above the GA ERA annual dues. Cost of the member annual dues shall be carried over from the previous year, unless otherwise changed by majority vote of the members. Dues shall be payable by January 31 of the current year or prior to any competition, whichever comes first. If an employee joins in the last half of the year, dues will be reduced to 50%.

ARTICLE XI - CLUB YEAR

The club year is established as beginning on the first day of January. The end of the club year is December 31 of that year.