

CONSTITUTION of the ARUNDEL CAMERA CLUB

FOUNDED 1957

ARTICLE 1

Name

This organization shall be known as the Arundel Camera Club, here and after for the purposes of this document shall be known as “the Club”.

ARTICLE 2

Headquarters

The Club shall be headquartered within Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

ARTICLE 3

Object

The object of the Club shall be the promotion of the art and science of photography in all of its branches through the association of its members for study and education in matters relating to photography; for photographic exhibitions and contests; and for any purpose which will promote greater interest and betterment in the knowledge and practice of photography.

ARTICLE 4

Governing Documents

The business of the Club shall be guided by this Constitution, the Club By-Laws, and the Club Competition Rules. In any conflict between these documents this Constitution shall prevail. In the event that none of those documents provides the guidance needed, the most current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall be consulted.

ARTICLE 5

Membership

Membership is open to all persons over the age of 18 as provided for in the By-Laws.

To be considered a Member in Good Standing a member must have all dues payments current.

A member may be expelled for gross misconduct as defined and provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 6

Officers

The elected leaders of the club shall be the President, the Program Chair, the Contest Chair, the Secretary-Treasurer, and two Members-at-Large. Here and after, this group shall be referred to as “the Officers”.

A member must be in good standing to serve as an Officer.

ARTICLE 7

Board of Directors

In addition to the Officers, the Board of Directors shall include the following unelected members: the immediate Past President, the Maryland Photography Alliance Representative, and the Committee Chairs as outlined in the By-Laws. Here and after the unelected members shall be known as “Directors”. The Board of Directors shall function in accordance with the By-Laws.

A member must be in good standing to serve as a Director.

ARTICLE 8

Elections

The officers shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting in May and take office the following July first. Once elected, an Officer’s term of office shall be two years.

To ensure continuity of purpose and function, Officers will be elected on a biennial cycle. When the Annual Business Meeting falls on an odd numbered year (ex.: 1999) the following Officers shall be elected: the Program Chair, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the first Member-at-Large. When the Annual Business Meeting falls on an even numbered year (ex.: 2000) the remainder of the Officers: the President, the Contest Chair, and the second Member-at-Large shall be elected.

ARTICLE 9

Vacancies

In the event of the absence, resignation, in-capacitation or death of the President, the Program Chair shall fill the vacancy and only serve for the remainder of the term.

In the event of the absence, resignation, in-capacitation or death of any Officer other than the President, the Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, fill the vacancy from the current Board of Directors. Officers elected in this manner shall serve for the unexpired term only.

In the event of the absence, resignation, in-capacitation or death of a Director, the President shall fill the vacancy by appointing a member in good standing from the general membership to serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE 10

Meetings, program year, fiscal year

Meetings of the Club shall be held weekly during the program year as provided for in the By-laws.

The Board of Directors is required to meet a minimum of three times a year:

1. To prepare for the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall meet no later than two (2) weeks prior to the May Annual Meeting.
2. To facilitate the transition to the new fiscal year, both the outgoing Board and the incoming Board of Directors shall meet following the Annual Awards Banquet but prior to the start of the new fiscal year, July 1st.
3. To prepare for the new Program Season the Board of Directors shall meet no later than two (2) weeks prior to start of the new program season, September 1st.

Additional meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held as required by the By-Laws, or at the discretion of the President.

The Annual Business Meeting shall be held in May, at which time the annual reports of each Officer and Director shall be made to the general membership. In addition, the election for incoming Board Officers shall be held.

The fiscal year shall be from July first to June thirtieth of the following year, the year is odd or even based upon the ending year.

The program season shall be from September first to May thirty-first of the following year.

ARTICLE 11

Committees

The President shall create committees as needed to conduct the day-today business of the Club. In addition, the President shall appoint committee chairs, and other designees, as may be called for in the By-Laws and/or as may be necessary to conduct the day-to-day affairs of the Club.

ARTICLE 12

Amendments

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be presented in writing at any regular meeting of the Club provided it is signed by ten (10) members in good standing.

The proposed amendment shall be read at the meeting of introduction and opened for discussion. A copy of the proposed amendment, with any changes and the date of the final vote, shall be sent to each member in good standing within seven days of its introduction. The final vote shall be held at the first regular meeting at least twenty-eight (28) days after the initial introduction of the proposed amendment. No discussion will be held at this time. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at the meeting shall be necessary to adopt the amendment.

If a proposed amendment is rejected, it may not be proposed again for a period of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 13

Quorum

Attendance of one-third (1/3) of the membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular Club meeting and is required for the commencement of the Annual Business Meeting.

ARTICLE 14

Adoption

Adoption of this Constitution shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any regular club meeting and shall take effect immediately.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendment 1

Substitution of revised Constitution (2022) for 1981 version

An Amendment to the Arundel Camera Club Constitution to accept and substitute the attached document for the previous Arundel Camera Club Constitution dated April 1981.

Amendment Approved:

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