

Florida Camera Club Council, Incorporated  
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I  
NAME

The organization shall be the Florida Camera Club Council, Incorporated, abbreviated as FCCC and organized under the corporation laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE II  
OBJECT

The object of the Corporation shall be to:

1. Promote beneficial relationships among camera clubs in Florida and to assist member clubs and individuals in the conduct of their photographic activities,
2. Supplement and coordinate the scientific and educational efforts of camera clubs in Florida relating to the art and science of photography,
3. Provide instruction in the use of camera equipment and in photographic techniques, and
4. Organize photographic conferences, competitions, judging, and analysis.

ARTICLE III  
OFFICERS

Executive Board

The officers of the Executive Board shall be: a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Webmaster. These officers shall be elected annually in March to a one-year term of duty and shall be current individual members of a FCCC camera club. The Executive Board is responsible for day-to-day governance of the organization. Three members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum at any of its meetings.

Council Board of Directors:

The Council Board of Directors shall include the five Executive Board Officers, the immediate Past President, FCCC Administrator, both Digital and a Print Competition Directors, a Awards Coordinator, a Public Relations Director, a Librarian, and Regional Directors of Northern, Southeast, and Southwest Areas. The purpose of the Council Board of Directors is to advise the Executive Board; set policy concerning the collection of fees; and propose any amendments to the Bylaws and Constitution. Five

members of the Council Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any change to the FCCC Bylaws and Constitution passed by the Council Board of Directors requires a 2/3 vote.

The Digital and Print Competition Directors select three photographic judges for each competition and request payment from the treasurer of up to \$50 per judge, for expenses.

### Club Representatives

The president of each member club shall appoint one of its members as its Representative to represent the club and to interface between the FCCC and the member club.

## ARTICLE IV MEMBERS

Any camera club within the State of Florida shall be a member upon payment of annual dues. All individuals of a member club, current in payment of dues, is an individual member of the FCCC and is allowed to enter photographic competitions. An individual photographer, who is not a member of an FCCC club, may join upon payment of FCCC club dues, currently \$15 per year.

## ARTICLE V MEETINGS AND QUORUM

The Executive and Council Meetings are called, as the need arises, by the President. Alternatively, meetings and voting may be done by e-mail. The meeting is conducted following Robert's Rules of Order. Four members of the Executive Board and five members of the Council Board of Directors shall respectively constitute a quorum.

Alternatively, all meetings and voting may be done electronically.

## ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive and Council Boards, shall appoint all committees as required and shall direct the work of the Council and its Executive Board, as set forth in this Constitution and Bylaws.

Vice President: The Vice President, in the absence or incapacity of the President, shall exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the President.

Secretary: The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of all Executive and Council Board Meetings. In addition, the Secretary shall send out, receive back, and tabulate ballots for the election of Officers and Directors, within two weeks of March 1st of each year.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all funds of the Council, file tax and other returns as required by State and Federal agencies, and shall keep full and accurate records of all banking and

PayPal accounts, as well as, make a written report of the Council's financial condition at Executive Board meetings.

Webmaster: The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining website. Ensure site is functioning properly and is available to users.

## ARTICLE VII ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Elections of officers and directors will be done via e-mail to Club Representatives within two weeks of March 1 st. In the event of a vacancy in any office between elections, however caused, the office may be filled by the President subject to the concurrence of not less than three of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VIII NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

At least three months before March first, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three members, a minimum of one being from the Executive Board. This committee shall present to the Executive Board by February 15<sup>th</sup>, a slate of officers and Directors. Additional nominations shall be solicited from member clubs.

## ARTICLE IX DUES

The Council Board of Directors shall fix and establish the annual dues to be paid by member clubs. Currently, the annual fee is \$15 per club and payable on the anniversary of the club joining the FCCC. Clubs who have been members before 2014, will have an anniversary date of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Individual members of FCCC dues paying clubs are eligible to enter FCCC competitions. Clubs are granted a 60-day dues paying grace period.

## ARTICLE X AMMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended, supplemented or replaced by approval of two-thirds of the Council Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XI USE OF FUNDS AND DISSOLUTION

### Section 1.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distribution to organization that qualify as exempt organization under section 501© (3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law).

### Section 2.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensations for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on; (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or; (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) or the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

### Section 3.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the members of the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the

corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at that time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the members of the Executive Committee shall determine, any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Probate Court of a City and County in the State of Florida, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.