

**NEVADA COUNTY CAMERA CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
Approved September 24th 2007**

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Nevada County Camera Club located in Nevada County, California, hereafter referred to as "The Club".

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The specific purpose of Nevada County Camera Club is to promote the public enjoyment and mastery of traditional film and digital photography through education and cooperative efforts and good fellowship.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Guests may attend two meetings before becoming a member. A guest may apply for membership at the first meeting. After attending two meetings as a guest, membership in The Club is mandatory. Application forms shall be provided by the Membership Committee. As a condition of membership, applicants and members agree to hold the Nevada County Camera Club and its officers harmless from any loss, claim, suit or injury suffered, occasioned, or experienced by reason of any club activity. Membership of any person may be suspended, when sufficient reasons exist, by action of The Club Executive Board. The suspended member shall have the right to appeal suspension, in which case the action of the Executive Board shall be upheld or rescinded by a majority vote of the Membership.

Membership will coincide with the fiscal year of The Club, as defined in Article IX.

New members joining The Club must pay full annual membership dues, except when membership starts after January 1. Dues after January are prorated at 50% of the annual dues. Dues for the year will be determined by the Executive Board.

Annual dues are due at the beginning of the fiscal year. Returning members not paying annual dues by the third meeting of the fiscal year will be dropped from the roster.

Only Club members in good standing may display images at regular meetings of The Club.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

The following officers shall be elected by the membership and serve without compensation: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, and (4) Treasurer. Terms of officers will coincide with the fiscal year of The Club.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Regular meetings of The Club shall have place, date, and time stipulated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The management of The Club shall be directed by an Executive Board composed of the elected Officers (Article IV), the Chairs of the standing committees, and the Past President. The Executive Board shall meet as often as necessary to transact the business of the club. Five members of the Board will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

The following standing committees shall be established to conduct club activities: Program, Membership, Publicity, Fair, and Communications. Chairs of standing committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. Special committees may be appointed by the President as required and discharged by him/her when they have completed their assignments.

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ARTICLE VIII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern The Club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order The Club may adopt.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCE

The annual dues shall be set by the Executive Board. The fiscal year for The Club shall be from September 1 to August 31 as set by the Executive Board. Annual reports will be rendered to the members.

ARTICLE X - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Duties of the President are to preside at all club, Executive Board and business meetings; appoint chairs of all committees; act as club spokesperson; to generally supervise and keep in touch with all club activities.

Duties of the Vice President shall are to assume the duties of the President in his absence; to act as a club director on the Executive Board.

Duties of the Secretary are to keep records of the minutes of all Executive Board and business meetings; to notify members of special meetings and events; to conduct correspondence of club; to prepare ballots for elections; to act as a club director on the Executive Board.

Duties of the Treasurer are to maintain financial records of The Club, keeping custody thereof, and to act as a club director on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI - DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

The activities of club committees shall be determined by the Executive Board. The activities decided upon shall thereafter be carried out by the committee chairs and the members appointed by the chair to the respective committees.

Standing committee chairs shall periodically prepare reports of activities and progress for presentation to the Executive Board or to the membership at club meetings, and shall act as club directors on the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of The Club by a two thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE XIII - QUORUM

A Quorum of the membership for the purpose of conducting club business shall consist of not less than one-third of the entire membership.

ARTICLE XIV - ELECTIONS

Election of club officers shall be held annually at the May meeting. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of three members not on the Executive Board. The committee will prepare a single slate of officers and obtain the agreement from the nominees to serve if elected. The Chair shall present the slate at the annual meeting. Additional nominations can be made from the floor.

No officer can be re-elected to the same post for more than two consecutive terms.

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108 Vacancies in The Club offices shall be filled by Presidential appointment, subject to approval by the Executive
109 Board. Vacancy of the President's office shall be filled by advancement of the Vice President.
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ARTICLE XV – ASSETS & INCOME

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113 The property of The Club is irrevocably dedicated to educational purposes and no part of the net income or assets of
114 The Club shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private
115 person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of The Club, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for
116 payment, of all debts and liabilities of The Club shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation
117 which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable educational purposes and which has established its tax
118 exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.