

COASTAL CAMERA CLUB BYLAWS

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be the Coastal Camera Club and may be referred to in the following Bylaws, Rules and Attachments, etc. as the Club.

Article II Mission and Vision

Section 1: Mission

The purpose of this organization shall be to encourage and promote member interest in all phases of photography; and to encourage active participation in the education of fellow members through the sharing of skills and experiences; to hold contests and present awards; and to promote the photographic efforts of the membership through exhibitions and displays in the local area, when practical.

Section 2: Vision

The Coastal Camera Club is a respected photographic organization that has a reputation as a fine arts organization. We have fun while sharing our knowledge of photography.

Article III Membership

Section 1: Any individual, age 18 or older, with an interest in photography, who pays the required membership dues and abides by these bylaws and by all adopted policies and procedures shall be considered a regular member.

Section 2: Only regular members shall have voting privileges. The term "members" used in these Bylaws, Rules and Attachments, etc. shall refer to regular members unless otherwise stated.

Section 3: Visitors will be allowed to attend a maximum of two (2) meetings before they are asked to become a paid member.

Section 4: Honorary membership shall be conferred to persons of special merit with the approval of two-thirds majority of the Club's regular membership.

Section 5: Any person may be removed from the membership if a motion to the effect is ratified by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Article IV Officers

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 1: Election of officers.

A. The Nominating Committee shall submit at least one nominee for each of the four offices at a business meeting designated by the President, at least one week before the election. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. A member may not be nominated for more than one office at a time.

B. The election will be held at the first regular business meeting in May.

C. The members shall vote by secret ballot for no more than one person for each office having more than one nominee. The nominee receiving the majority of all votes cast shall be declared elected to said office. In the event that no nominee receives a majority of votes, a second vote will be taken between the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes. If an office has only one nominee, a voice vote indicating acceptance is sufficient.

D. Only regular members may be nominated and elected to office.

E. Officers shall serve for two (2) years beginning on the first of June.

F. Voting by absentee ballot will be allowed if the absent member submits his or her vote to any member of the Nominating Committee prior to the election. Absentee ballots shall be counted with the ballots of the members present.

Section 2: Duties of the Officers.

A. The President shall preside over all business meetings of the organization. He or she shall have the power to call special meetings and to appoint members of standing and special committees as is deemed necessary. He or she shall serve as the official representative of the organization. He or she shall, with the advice and consent of the membership, fill any vacancies that occur in any of the elected offices.

B. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of his absence or incapacitation. He or she shall serve as the permanent Chair Person of the Program Committee and be responsible for obtaining speakers and conducting seminars.

C. The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all business and Board meetings. He or she shall conduct the meetings in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

D. The Treasurer shall keep accurate financial records. He or she shall serve as the Chair Person of the Finance Committee and conduct meetings in the absence of the other officers.

Section 3: Removal of Officers.

Any officer may be removed for mismanagement of his or her office if a motion to the effect is ratified by two-thirds of the regular members. The Vice-President shall automatically become President if the Presidency is vacated.

Article V

Committees

Section 1: Committees shall be appointed by the President. Committee members must maintain an active email account. The President may create other committees and appoint their members.

Section 2: The standing committees shall include the Nominating Committee and the Competition Committee. If other committees are not appointed, the duties will be carried out by the President.

A. Nominating Committee:

- 1) The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President as stated in Article IV.
- 2) The Nominating Committee shall select nominees for the various offices by the April meeting and conduct the election of officers.

B. Competition Committee:

The Competition Committee shall be appointed by the President as stated in Article IV.

Section 3: The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 4: Any member can serve on more than one (1) committee.

**Article VI
Meetings and Procedures**

Section 1: Club business can be conducted only when a quorum is present.

Section 2: A quorum shall be one-third of the paid membership.

Section 3: A motion shall pass (except where elsewhere stated) when a quorum is present and a majority of members present vote for it.

Section 4: Special business meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.

Section 5: Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern this organization in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

**Article VII
Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year will be June 1 through May 31.

**Article VIII
Dues**

Dues are required and shall be set annually by the Board of Directors.

**Article IX
Board of Directors**

Section 1: The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected officers and Board Members who may or may not be chairpersons on standing committees.

Section 2: Additional Board Members will be acquired by invitation yearly by the existing Board.

Section 3: The Board of Directors shall manage and direct all business of the Coastal Camera Club.

Section 4: The Board of Directors shall meet as needed at the discretion of the President determined by a motion of the members of which previous notice has been given.

Section 5: Two-thirds of Board Members present will constitute a quorum.

**Article X
Bylaws Changes**

A change to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership. All members must be notified in writing of the proposed change. Absentee votes are permitted. The secretary shall receive and tally the votes and report the result to the membership at the next meeting.

**Article XI
Dissolution of Coastal Camera Club**

If and when the Coastal Camera Club is dissolved, all assets will be distributed to existing 501(c) photography clubs. The then current Board of Directors shall determine this distribution. The receiving organization(s), as a condition of receipt, shall recognize these gifts in writing, which will be used in the official dissolution of the club.