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The purpose of this revision is to include digital competition and to revise the fiscal year.

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ARTICLE I NAME AND PURPOSE

SECTION 1- Name: The name of the club shall be the CIRCLE OF CONFUSION CAMERA CLUB

SECTION 2-Purpose: The purpose of the Club shall be to promote an interest in, and an understanding of, the art and science of photography, and to give members an opportunity to display their work through competitions **and others forms of expression.**

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1- Qualifications: Any person having an interest in the practice of the art and science of photography shall be eligible for membership in this organization.

SECTION 2- Classes of Membership

2.1. Active Members: Persons with full membership privileges.

2.2. Subscribing Members: Persons who wish to limit participation in club activities, with full membership privileges except voting, holding office and entering competition.

2.3. Honorary Members: Persons who have rendered generous and expert service to the club for an extended period, and who are held in high esteem by the members, and who have been nominated by a selection committee that has been appointed by the board. The selection committee shall keep the selection secret until presented at the annual Christmas Dinner. Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of the Active Members.

SECTION 3- Active Members shall constitute those members of the Club whose dues are paid in full.

SECTION 4- Admission to Membership: Prospective members shall fill out an application form. The Membership Chairman shall present that application to the Board with a recommendation. A majority vote of the Board shall be required. Membership becomes effective upon the payment of pro rated membership dues.

SECTION 5- Dues: All dues are payable annually in advance on or before **July** 1st. Dues are assessed as follows:

5.1 Active Member - Fifteen Dollars (\$15) per year.

5.2 Subscribing Member - Seven Dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per year.

SECTION 6- Privileges: Only competing members shall have their dues paid to the Southern California Council of Camera Clubs (S4C)

SECTION 7- Leave of Absence: Members in good standing may receive a leave of absence for a definite period and be reinstated by Board approval.

SECTION 8- Terminations

8.1 Membership may be terminated by resignation, expulsion or non-payment of dues.

8.2 Any member may be expelled on the recommendation of the Board with the concurrence of two-thirds of the voting members present at a regular meeting.

8.3 A member in arrears thirty (30) days in the payment of an obligation shall be notified in writing. If payment is not made within thirty (30) days after such notification the membership shall be terminated, unless the Board grants an extension.

SECTION 9- Assessments: Assessments may be made upon the recommendation of the Board and the approval of two-thirds of the voting members. Voting may be by mail ballot.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND DUTIES

SECTION 1- Officers: the officers of this Club shall be President, Vice- President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION 2- Duties

2.1. President- The president shall be the chief executive officer, shall preside at all meetings of the Club and the Board, and shall have general control and management of the club's affairs, subject to the approval of the Board.

2.2. Vice President- In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President. The Vice President shall superintend arrangements and care of the Club meeting room before and after meetings, and shall be responsible for all Club equipment, excluding Exhibition equipment. The Vice President may appoint equipment manager to assist in such matters as the setting up for meetings. All able bodied members are expected to assist whenever needed. The Vice President shall serve as Program Chairman.

2.3. Secretary- The Secretary shall record business transacted at meetings of the Board, and shall handle correspondence necessary for the operation of the Club.

2.4. Treasurer- The Treasurer shall safely keep the funds of the Club, shall pay all bills duly contracted and authorized, shall keep an accurate account of all financial transactions and shall report to the Board monthly or on the request of the President.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

SECTION 1- The Committee Chairpersons shall be: Editor, Judges, Membership, Hospitality, S4C Delegate, Outings and Sunshine. Competition Division Chairpersons shall be Color, Photo-Travel, Photojournalism, Nature and **Digital**. The duties of the Competition Division Chairperson and the Judges Chairperson are defined in Appendix 1, Competition Rules. The duties of the other Chairpersons are defined below:

1.1. Editor-The Editor shall compile, organize , print and distribute the Club Circular. Distribution shall be by mail.

1.2. Membership- The Membership Chairperson shall collect dues and prepare a new Membership list each year by August 1st. The Chairperson shall order badges for new members. The record of membership shall be kept current. The Chairperson shall, in the interest of acquiring new members, write letters to prospective members. The Chairperson may initiate or recommend to the Board recruiting actions. At regular meetings the Chairperson shall make visitors welcome, sign them in and introduce them to the members.

1.3. Hospitality-The Hospitality Chairperson shall make the Christmas Party arrangements, collect the money and make the reservations. The Chairperson shall keep a list of volunteers who will bring the refreshments for the Club meetings. In this regard the Chairperson shall insure that refreshment supplies(cups, napkins etc.) are in good supply.

1.4. S4C Delegate- The S4C Delegate shall represent the Club at all S4C Delegate meetings. They shall convey to the S4C board any concerns the Club may have regarding S4C policy, and shall keep the Club informed of S4C policy.

1.5. Outings Chairperson- The Outings Chairperson shall plan or coordinate outings for the Club.

1.6. Sunshine Chairperson- The Sunshine Chairperson shall send get-well cards to ailing members or consolation cards as appropriate. The Chairperson shall report on the condition of ailing members at Club meetings.

ARTICLE V BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1- The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers, and Committee Chairpersons and the immediate past President.

SECTION 2- The Board shall supervise the activities and operations of the club. The Board shall coordinate the work of the Committees.

SECTION 3- The Board shall meet monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise agreed by the Board. One-half of the Board members shall constitute a quorum. There shall be no meeting in December.

SECTION 4- Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President and the approval of the Board.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. Members- unless otherwise provided, each committee chairperson shall appoint such committee members as are necessary.

SECTION 2. Special Committees- The President may appoint special committees.

SECTION 3. Ex-Officio- The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees excepting the Nominating Committee.

SECTION 4. Reporting- All Committee Chairpersons shall report regularly to the Board.

ARTICLE VII NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. Nominations- At the first regular meeting in **March**, a Nominating Committee of three (3) active members of the Club shall be selected. This Committee shall make nominations for all positions on the board. Their report shall be made to the Club at the first regular meeting in **April**.

SECTION 2. Elections- The election of officers shall be held at the first regular meeting in **May**. Nominations may be made from the

floor. All candidates nominated from the floor must be present or their written consent submitted at the time of nomination.

SECTION 3. Term- The term for all members of the Board shall be for one (1) year beginning **July** 1st. The officers shall be installed at the last meeting in **June**. The committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII CLUB MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular Meetings- The Club shall meet regularly on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. There shall be no meeting in the month of December.

SECTION 2. Business Meetings- Business may be conducted at any regular meeting at which at least one-third(1/3) of the active members are present.

SECTION 3. End-of-the-Year Meeting- The last meeting in **June** shall constitute the last meeting of the year at which all End-of-the-Year proceedings shall take place. These proceedings include installation of Officers and the announcement of chairpersons and the presentation of End-of-the-Year awards.

SECTION 4. Program meetings-The club shall have **five (5)** program meetings during the club year. The program meeting shall be the first meeting in August, **October**, November, March, and **June**.

ARTICLE IX MAIL BALLOTS

SECTION 1. Authorization- Voting on specific issues may be conducted by mail ballot at the direction of the Board. Arguments for and against the issue shall be provided in writing to the members together with the mail ballots.

SECTION 2. Voting Requirements- for any action to be taken by mail ballot at least two-thirds (2/3) affirmative votes from 50% of the active members must be returned within a time prescribed by the Board.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Proposed Amendments- Any amendments to these by-laws must be approved by the Board, and must be read aloud at two (2) consecutive regular Club meetings or submitted in writing to the active members at least two (2) weeks before the meeting at which it is to be voted upon.

SECTION 2. Voting Requirements- Amendments may be enacted by the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members present at a regular business meeting.

ARTICLE XI PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY

The latest revised edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be parliamentary authority for all matters governing the conduct of Club meetings in all cases not specifically covered by these by-laws.

ARTICLE XII BOARD AUTHORITY

When deemed necessary, the Board may suspend or modify parts of these by-laws with a majority vote of the Board. Such suspensions will become permanent with the revision of these by-laws.