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SECTION 3:

A YEAR-END AWARDS PROGRAM SHALL BE HELD IN MARCH UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED BY THE PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE MADE AT ANY TIME BY A TWO-THIRDS AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING PRESENT AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB.

ARTICLE IX

BY-LAWS

BY-LAWS FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS OF THIS CLUB MAY BE ADOPTED, REVOKED, OR AMENDED AT ANY TIME BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING PRESENT AT A REGULAR OR SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CLUB.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1:

ANY PERSON WITH AN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHY MAY BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CLUB WITH PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES.

SECTION 2:

FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE CLUB, HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS MAY BE AWARDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. HONORARY MEMBERS SHALL HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS ALL OTHER MEMBERS.

ARTICLE II

DUES

SECTION 1:

THE ANNUAL DUES OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING. DUES ARE PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY. WHEN THE ADMITTANCE OF A NEW MEMBER IS AFTER JANUARY, THE DUES SHALL BE PRORATED FOR THE BALANCE OF THE YEAR.

SECTION 2:

BOTH SINGLE AND FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS DEFINED AS A HUSBAND AND WIFE OR SINGLE PARENT AND THEIR CHILDREN SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER.

SECTION 3:

ANY MEMBER WHOSE DUES ARE IN ARREARS FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS SHALL BE DROPPED FROM THE ROSTER. THE TREASURER MUST NOTIFY THE DELINQUENT MEMBER AT LEAST 15 DAYS BEFORE TAKING THIS ACTION.

ARTICLE III

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & CHAIRS

SECTION 1:

ON OR BEFORE THE OCTOBER PICTORIAL MEETING, THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT A NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF AT LEAST THREE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATE A SLATE OF OFFICERS AND CHAIRS FOR THE NEXT YEAR, WHICH SHALL BE PRESENTED AT THE FIRST OCTOBER MEETING. THE PRESIDENT SHALL ACCEPT ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR AT THAT TIME.

SECTION 2:

A VOTE SHALL BE TAKEN AT THE FIRST NOVEMBER MEETING, AFTER THE NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN CLOSED. THIS VOTE SHALL BE BY WRITTEN BALLOT OR BY A SHOW OF HANDS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THOSE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST VOTE FOR EACH OFFICE AND CHAIR SHALL TAKE OFFICE AT THE FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY.

ARTICLE IV QUORUM

SECTION 1:

ONE-THIRD OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THIS CLUB SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

SECTION 2:

A MAJORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

ARTICLE V ORDER OF BUSINESS

ALL BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE CLUB SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ROBERT'S "RULES OF ORDER REVISED."

ARTICLE VI CHAIRS

THE VARIOUS CLUB ACTIVITIES SHALL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE STANDING OR SPECIAL CHAIRS. STANDING CHAIRS ARE:

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| 1. MEMBERSHIP | 11. NEWSLETTER |
| 2. PROGRAMS | 12. EQUIPMENT |
| 3. PICTORIAL SLIDES | 13. LOCATION & SET-UP |
| 4. NATURE SLIDES | 14. EXHIBITS AND PUBLICITY |
| 5. PICTORIAL PRINTS | 15. REFRESHMENTS & BANQUET |
| 6. NATURE PRINTS | 16. LIST SERVE NEWS GROUP & E- |
| 7. PICTORIAL PDI | MAIL |
| 8. NATURE PDI | 17. WEBSITE |
| 9. PDI TECH (LAPTOP & PROJECTOR | 18. POINTS AND AWARDS |
| 10. FIELD TRIPS | 19. PSA |

ARTICLE VII

COMPETITION YEAR

THE COMPETITION YEAR SHALL BEGIN JANUARY 1 AND END DECEMBER 31.

ARTICLE VIII

COMPETITION RULES AND PROCEDURES

RULES FOR THE MONTHLY AND ANNUAL COMPETITIONS MAY BE MODIFIED AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CLUB MEMBERS.

SECTION 1:

THE CLUB WILL CONDUCT FOUR DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMPETITIONS: SLIDES, PROJECTED DIGITAL IMAGES OR PDI, FORMAL PRINTS, AND INFORMAL PRINTS. ALL COMPETITIONS WILL BE REGULATED BY THE RULES THAT FOLLOW:

THE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF THE COMPETITION IS THAT ALL SIGNIFICANT CREATIVE INPUT INTO THE FINAL IMAGE IS TO BE THE WORK OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER. GIVEN THAT, PARTS OF THE PROCESS USED TO CREATE THE FINAL IMAGE CAN BE EXECUTED BY SOMEONE ELSE – A COMMERCIAL PRINTER, FOR EXAMPLE – IN ANY OF THE PRINT CATEGORIES. COMPUTER (DIGITAL) PRINTERS MAY BE USED TO CREATE THE FINAL PRINT IN ANY OF THE PRINT CATEGORIES. WHEN THE FINAL IMAGE IS PRODUCED BY SOMEONE ELSE, HE OR SHE SHOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE ANY MODIFICATIONS OR ENHANCEMENTS TO IT.

SECTION 2:

SLIDE COMPETITIONS, PDI COMPETITIONS AND INFORMAL PRINT COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD ON EACH REGULAR MEETING NIGHT, EXCEPT

FOR THE FOLLOWING. SLIDE COMPETITIONS, PDI COMPETITIONS AND FORMAL PRINT COMPETITIONS (COLOR AND MONOTONE) WILL BE HELD DURING THE MONTHS OF MAY AND SEPTEMBER FOR NATURE COMPETITIONS AND THE MONTHS OF MARCH, JULY, AND NOVEMBER FOR PICTORIAL COMPETITIONS.

SECTION 3:

COMPETITIONS SHALL HAVE TWO CLASSES, TYRO AND ACCOMPLISHED.

- A. MEMBERS MAY CHOOSE THE CLASS IN WHICH THEY START. HOWEVER, ANY MEMBER IN THE TYRO CLASS WHO EARNS SIXTY (60) POINTS IN ONE YEAR, IN EITHER THE PICTORIAL OR NATURE DIVISION, MUST MOVE TO ACCOMPLISHED CLASS. IN ADDITION, WINNERS OF ANY TYRO PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS MUST MOVE TO ACCOMPLISHED CLASS.

- B. THERE WILL BE SEPARATE COMPETITIONS FOR THE TWO CLASSES WITH POINTS AWARDED ACCORDINGLY.

- C. TO KEEP YEAR-END JUDGING EQUITABLE, MEMBERS MAY ONLY MOVE FROM TYRO TO ACCOMPLISHED CLASS AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW COMPETITION YEAR.

SECTION 4:

IN SLIDE OR PDI COMPETITIONS, EACH MEMBER MAY SUBMIT NOT MORE THAN ONE SLIDE OR PDI WHICH MEETS THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

- A. ANY TWO INCH BY TWO INCH MOUNTED COLOR TRANSPARENCY MADE BY A PHOTOGRAPHIC PROCESS OR FOR DIGITAL IMAGES, ANY DIGITAL FILE IN .JPG FORMAT WITH THE LONGEST SIDE NO MORE THAN 750 PIXELS.

- B. SLIDES MUST BE THUMB SPOTTED AND SHOW A TITLE, THE PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME, AND EITHER (T)YRO OR (A)CCOMPLISHED. THE THUMBSPOT MUST BE MARKED IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER WHEN THE SLIDE IS HELD AS IT WILL APPEAR ON THE SCREEN.
- C. DIGITAL IMAGES SHOULD BE E-MAILED TO THE PDI TECH AT LEAST 1 DAY BEFORE THE COMPETITION AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TITLE, PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME, AND WHETHER TYRO OR ACCOMPLISHED. IF TIME PERMITS, THE PDI TECH MAY ALSO ACCEPT DIGITAL IMAGES AND INFORMATION AT MEETINGS.

SECTION 5:

FORMAL PRINT COMPETITIONS WILL HAVE MONOTONE PRINTS AND COLOR PRINTS AS TWO SEPARATE COMPETITIONS. EACH MEMBER MAY SUBMIT NOT MORE THAN ONE PRINT ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

- A. ALL PRINTS MUST BE MOUNTED OR MATTED, WITH A MAXIMUM OUTSIDE DIMENSION OF TWENTY BY TWENTY-FOUR INCHES. THE MATS MAY BE "WINDOW" MATS OR FLAT MATS. PRINTS MUST NOT BE FRAMED.
- B. SIGNATURES MUST BE COMPLETELY COVERED.
- C. ALL PRINTS MUST BE TITLED ON FRONT OR BACK.

SECTION 6:

INFORMAL PRINT COMPETITIONS AND PDI COMPETITONS WILL BE HELD THE SAME NIGHTS AS SLIDE COMPETITIONS AND WILL HAVE THE SAME CATEGORIES (E.G., "OWLS"). AT ANY ONE MEETING, EACH MEMBER MAY COMPETE IN ONE COMPETITION. FOR INFORMAL PRINT COMPETITIONS, EACH MEMBER MAY SUBMIT NOT MORE THAN ONE PRINT ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFICATIONS:

- A. PRINTS MUST NOT BE MATTED OR FRAMED, BUT THEY MAY HAVE

BORDERS. MAXIMUM SIZE FOR INFORMAL PRINTS IS EIGHT AND ONE-HALF BY TWELVE INCHES. PRINTS CAN BE MOUNTED ON A BACKING NOT GREATER THAN 1/8 INCH THICK.

B. SIGNATURES, TITLES, AND OTHER WRITING MUST NOT BE VISIBLE ON THE FRONT.

C. A LABEL MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INFORMAL PRINT CHAIR ALONG WITH EACH PRINT. THE LABEL SHOULD INCLUDE TITLE, PHOTOGRAPHER AND (T)YRO OR (A)CCOMPLISHED.

SECTION 7:

WINNING SLIDES, PDI'S AND PRINTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY AN OUTSIDE JUDGE; ONE, TWO, OR THREE EXPERIENCED CLUB MEMBERS; OR BY A TABULATED VOTE OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. THE PROCEDURE FOR ANY GIVEN NIGHT'S COMPETITION WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRS.

SECTION 8:

ENTRIES WHICH PLACED 1ST THROUGH 7TH IN ANY PREVIOUS MONTHLY COMPETITION ARE INELIGIBLE. . A WINNING IMAGE MAY NOT BE ENTERED IN A DIFFERENT FORMAT (I.E., SLIDE TO PRINT).

SECTION 9:

THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE USED FOR JUDGING ENTRIES:

A. THE SLIDES AND PDI'S WILL BE SHOWN ONCE FOR GENERAL VIEWING, AND THEN AGAIN FOR VOTING BY THE JUDGE(S) OR BY THE MEMBERSHIP. THE TITLE OF EACH SLIDE OR PDI WILL BE READ AS IT IS SHOWN FOR THE GENERAL VIEWING.

1. IF TOTAL CLUB JUDGING IS USED, MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON ALL SLIDES OR PDI'S INCLUDING THEIR OWN ON A SCALE OF ONE TO

TEN, WITH FIVE BEING AVERAGE. EACH MEMBER MAY GIVE TEN POINTS GIVE HIS/HER OWN SLIDE, PDI OR PRINT.

2. WHEN ONE, TWO, OR THREE CLUB MEMBERS ARE JUDGING, THEY MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION FOR THE EVENING, BUT WILL BE AWARDED SIX COMPETITION POINTS. A CLUB MEMBER CAN JUDGE ONLY ONCE DURING THE YEAR.
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- B. THERE WILL BE UP TO 7 PLACES AWARDED IN EACH COMPETITION. POINTS WILL BE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS: 8 POINTS FOR 1ST PLACE, 7 POINTS FOR 2ND PLACE, 6 POINTS FOR 3RD PLACE, 5 POINTS FOR 4TH PLACE, 4 POINTS FOR 5TH PLACE, 3 POINTS FOR 6TH PLACE, 2 POINTS FOR 7TH PLACE AND 1 POINT FOR ANY OTHER ENTRIES.
 - C. ENTRIES WHICH ARE DISQUALIFIED WILL RECEIVE NO POINTS. IF TWO OR MORE ENTRIES TIE, EACH WILL RECEIVE FULL SCORE FOR THE HIGHEST PLACE, WITH THE NEXT PLACE(S) OMITTED.
 - D. AFTER THE JUDGING IS COMPLETED, SLIDES AND PDI'S WILL BE SHOWN AGAIN FOR DISCUSSION. NON-PLACING SLIDES OR PDI'S WILL BE SHOWN FIRST; AND PLACING SLIDES LAST IN THE ORDER OF 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. THE ORDER FOR THE EVENING MAY BE CHANGED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRS.
 - E. WHEN AN OUTSIDE JUDGE IS USED HE/SHE WILL CRITIQUE EACH ENTRY. WHEN TOTAL CLUB JUDGING IS USED, A COMMENTATOR MAY BE SELECTED BY THE CHAIRS. IN EITHER CASE, MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ADD THEIR OWN COMMENTS.
 - F. AT THE TIME OF THE FINAL SHOWING, THE CHAIRS WILL READ THE MAKER'S NAME AND TITLE OF ALL ENTRIES.
 - G. THE POINTS CHAIR WILL RECORD AND KEEP A PERMANENT RECORD OF POINTS AWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS SUBMITTING ENTRIES, INCLUDING

ADDITION OF COLORED GELS. ACCEPTABLE FILTERS ARE POLARIZER, WARMING, NEUTRAL DENSITY, SKYLIGHT AND UV.

E. THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT, MICROSCOPES, TELESCOPES, AND TELEPHOTO LENSES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

F. COPYING OF NATURE SLIDES OR DIGITAL FILES SHALL BE PERMITTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAGNIFYING DETAIL ONLY. COLOR ALTERATIONS SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED, EXCEPT AS NECESSARY FOR COLOR TEMPERATURE CORRECTION RESULTING FROM THE DUPLICATION PROCESS. THE DUPLICATE IMAGE SHALL BE AS CLOSELY EQUIVALENT AS POSSIBLE TO THE ORIGINAL IMAGE, EXCEPT FOR SIZE.

G. SLIDES, PDI'S OR PRINTS DEPICTING DOMESTIC ANIMALS ARE INELIGIBLE. IN GENERAL, HYBRID PLANTS ARE INELIGIBLE. HOWEVER, SLIDES, PDI'S OR PRINTS WHICH DEPICT MACRO DETAILS OF UNIDENTIFIABLE PLANTS ARE ACCEPTABLE.

ARTICLE X

AWARDS

SECTION 1:

A YEAR-END SLIDE, PDI AND PRINT COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. SEPARATE AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH CLASS, TYRO AND ACCOMPLISHED

SECTION 2:

THE FIRST THROUGH THE SEVENTH PLACE WINNERS FROM MONTHLY COMPETITIONS DURING THE YEAR FOR BOTH THE TYRO AND ACCOMPLISHED CLASSES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE SLIDE, PDI, FORMAL PRINT, AND INFORMAL PRINT-OF-THE-YEAR COMPETITIONS. THESE SLIDES, PDI'S AND PRINTS MUST HAVE TITLES AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPER'S NAME AND CLASS, FOR IDENTIFICATION IN THE RECORDS. THE ENTRIES MUST BE GIVEN TO THE APPROPRIATE CHAIRS NO LATER THAN THE SECOND JANUARY MEETING.

SECTION 3:

THE NATURE AND PICTORIAL CHAIRS SHALL CHOOSE THE YEAR-END JUDGE(S) FROM OUTSIDE THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP. THESE JUDGE(S) SHALL NOT HAVE JUDGED SLIDES OR PRINTS DURING THE COMPETITION YEAR.

SECTION 4:

AT THE JUDGING SESSION – BEFORE THE AWARDS PROGRAM – THE JUDGE(S) SHALL VIEW THE PROJECTED SLIDES, PDI'S AND PRINTS. THE JUDGING BOX MAY BE USED EITHER NUMERICALLY OR BY AN "IN/OUT" SYSTEM – AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE(S). THE JUDGE(S) ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS THE ENTRIES AMONG THEMSELVES WHILE JUDGING. THEY SHALL RANK THE TOP SIX ENTRIES AND SHALL SELECT TWO ENTRIES FOR HONORABLE MENTION IN EACH CATEGORY AND CLASS.

SECTION 5:

AT THE AWARDS PROGRAM, IMAGES IN ALL COMPETITIONS WILL BE PRESENTED IN REVERSE ORDER, THAT IS, THE NON-WINNING IMAGES FIRST, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, THEN THE HONORABLE MENTION IMAGES, AND THEN THE PLACING IMAGES

SECTION 6:

HONORABLE MENTIONS WILL BE "HONORABLY MENTIONED" AT THE AWARDS PROGRAM. RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS IN EACH CLASS WINNING FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH PLACE IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TEN CATEGORIES: NATURE SLIDE, NATURE PDI, NATURE FORMAL COLOR PRINT, NATURE FORMAL MONOCHROME PRINT, NATURE INFORMAL PRINT, PICTORIAL SLIDE, PICTORIAL PDI, PICTORIAL FORMAL COLOR PRINT, PICTORIAL FORMAL MONOCHROME PRINT, PICTORIAL INFORMAL PRINT.

SECTION 7:

CUMULATIVE PLATEAU AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE EARNED POINTS IN EITHER PICTORIAL OR NATURE AT THE 75, 150, 300, 500, 750 AND 1000 POINT LEVELS, AND IN 500 POINT INCREMENTS THEREAFTER.

SECTION 8:

“PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR” PLAQUES WILL BE AWARDED IN BOTH NATURE AND PICTORIAL DIVISIONS, FOR TYRO AND ACCOMPLISHED CLASSES, TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS EARNING THE MOST POINTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DIVISION DURING THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.

SECTION 9:

IN EACH CLASS, AN OVERALL “PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR” WILL BE AWARDED A PLAQUE BASED ON THE MOST POINTS EARNED IN THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR FOR ALL ENTRIES (PICTORIAL AND NATURE COMBINED).

SECTION 10:

A PRESIDENT’S AWARD MAY BE GIVEN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENT TO A MEMBER WHO HAS GIVEN OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CLUB DURING THE YEAR. THIS PLAQUE OR OTHER AWARD WILL BE GIVEN AT THE AWARDS PROGRAM.

SECTION 11:

THE BILL WEST MEMORIAL AWARD IS GIVEN TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER WITH THE BEST ANIMAL SHOT. THIS AWARD IS GIVEN IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF BILL WEST WHO WAS A MEMBER FROM 1985 TO 2003.