

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

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To the Delegates of the General Assembly:

Since the By-Laws of the Society last were published, in 1943, some fundamental changes have occurred in the structure of our organization, particularly with reference to the status of camera clubs. It is necessary to bring the By-Laws up to date in accordance with present practice, and toward this end the Board of Directors has approved the changes in the By-Laws which are enumerated in the attached two-page bulletin.

Ratification by the General Assembly and publication to the membership are required before these changes can become effective. Publication to the membership will take place in the May issue of The Journal of the Society.

As a member of the General Assembly, please advise P.S.A. Headquarters before May 1st of your approval or disapproval of these proposed changes in the By-Laws, which the Directors have accepted.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dorothy L. Barto".

Dorothy L. Barto
Executive Secretary

N.B. The routine changes listed are not to be confused with the work of Mr. Scales' Committee, which has not yet completed its recommendations in connection with the By-Laws.

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The following changes in the By-Laws are recommended:

I. Delete "(a) Junior Member" and "(b) Contributing Member" from Section 1 of Article 1, add provision for Camera Clubs, and have Section 1 read as follows:

Any person or organization interested in photography may become a member of the Society. The following classes are subject to the provision of this Article and of Article 2:

- (a) Active Member, including Charter and Life Member
- (b) Associate
- (c) Fellow
- (d) Honorary Member
- (e) Honorary Fellow
- (f) Camera Club
- (g) Affiliated Association Member
- (h) Sustaining Member

Delete Section 2 of Article 1.

Delete Section 3 of Article 1.

Delete the two references to Junior and Contributing Members in Section 17 of Article 1 and the amount of dues stated.

(The above removes from the By-Laws the Junior and Contributing classifications. This is thought desirable in view of the fact there are no members in either classification.)

II. Change Section 12 of Article 1 to read as follows:

Individuals shall have the right of placing letters after their names as indicated in this section:

- (a) The letters P.S.A. shall indicate Active Membership in the Society and may be used by a member for so long as he remains in good standing in the Society.
- (b) The letters A.P.S.A. shall indicate Associateship in the Society
- (c) The letters F.P.S.A. shall indicate Fellowship in the Society
- (d) The letters Hon. F.P.S.A. shall indicate Honorary Fellowship in the Society
- (e) The letters Hon. P.S.A. shall indicate Honorary Membership in the Society.

(The change outlined in II is proposed to carry out the Board's wish that a person be permitted to retain an Honor even though he may not continue his membership in the Society.)

III. Make deletions necessary to have Section 13 of Article 1 read, Associations of photographic clubs may be elected to Affiliated Association membership by the Board of Directors and become members of the Camera Club Division of the Society.

IV. Drop "The PSA Association of Camera Clubs" from Section 14 (a) and substitute "Camera Club Division." The Section then will read, "Any club may become a member of the Society by joining the Camera Club Division."

V. Delete Section 14 (b).

VI. Have Section 17 of Article 1 read as follows:

Membership dues shall be in accordance with the following schedule, except

as provided for in Sections 4 and 16 of this Article:

<u>Membership Class</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Active Members	\$5.00
Charter Members	5.00
Associates	5.00
Fellows	5.00
Honorary Members	None
Honorary Fellows	None
Life Members	None
Camera Clubs	5.00
Affiliates Association Members	5.00
Sustaining Members	As set by the Board of Directors

(The changes outlined in VI remove reference to Junior and Contributing Members, add Camera Clubs at \$5.00, and omit reference to Section 5 of Article 2, as well as use the new numbering of Sections that will be necessary as a result of the deletion of some Sections.)

VII. Prefix Section 2 (a) of Article 2 so that it will read,

At the time a new national Division is established,
the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a
Division Chairman, who shall serve until the next annual election."

(Section 2(b) of Article 2 already provides for such national Division to elect
its own Chairman thereafter.)

VII. Section 3 of Article 2. Change the word "the" in the sentence "Such local
sections shall be under the general supervision of the National Division Com-
mittee," to "their."

VIII. Delete Section 5, of Article 2. It is obsolete.

Accordingly, change Section 6 to be Section 5.

IX. Delete from the By-Laws "Article 3. The PSA Association of Camera Clubs,"
and change the numbering of all subsequent Article accordingly. (Article 3 is
obsolete by reason of the transfer of funds, members, activities, and services from
the PSA Association of Camera Clubs to the Camera Club Division of the Society.)

X. Section 2 of Article 7 should include the new Standing Committees of the
Society and should read as follows: "The following committees shall be con-
sidered standing committees: Affiliated Associations Committee; Committee on
Honors; Conventions Committee; Exhibitions Committee; Finance Committee; Library
Committee; Membership Committee; Permanent Print Collection Committee; Public
Relations Committee; Publications Committee; Records and Statistical Committee;
Sustaining Membership Committee."

XI. The wording of Section 5(b) of Article 7 should be "The Committee on Honors
shall formulate rules and procedures as necessary and in the awarding of Associate-
ship honors shall consider candidates of their own choosing, or on nomination by
other members of the Society, or on personal application."

XII. Section 4 of Article 7, should be changed to read in part, "This Committee
shall meet at least eight times a year (including the annual and semi-annual
meeting of the Board of Directors). Not more than two months shall elapse be-
tween meetings." This is to replace that portion of Section 4 which reads "This
Committee shall meet monthly ..." It should then follow "This Committee shall
have the power to act for the Board, etc. "