

Valley Viewfinders Camera Club  
**Bylaws**

ARTICLE 1 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all. A member must be current in payment of dues to be eligible to vote or compete in any competition sponsored by the club. Anyone who becomes three months in arrears shall be dropped from membership.

ARTICLE 2 DUES

The Board of Directors shall determine monthly dues with membership approval. The dues shall be published in the member handbook. Annual dues of the club shall be pro-rated quarterly with September being the first month of the year. Family membership shall consist of two or more persons from the same household.

ARTICLE 3 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for officers for the following year shall be made during the second meeting in May. The election shall be during the second meeting in June or as determined by a vote of the membership. New officers shall take office at the next meeting after the election.

ARTICLE 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

President – shall preside at all regular, special or board meetings of the club. Shall approve all official club publications and news releases. Shall appoint committees as needed.

Vice President – shall preside at meetings of the club in the absence of the President. If for any reason the office of the president should be come vacant, the Vice President shall assume that office.

Secretary/Treasurer – shall record all proceedings, maintain a correspondence file, maintain a current membership roster, maintain a record of all receipts and disbursements and give a treasury report at each meeting. Receipts are required for reimbursement of authorized expenditures.

Photographic Society of America (PSA) and Columbia Council of Camera Clubs (4C's) Representatives – insure that all business relating to PSA or 4C's is completed in a timely manner. Attend PSA or 4C's meetings when appropriate.

Competition Chairpersons – there shall be a Chairperson for each competition in which the club is involved. Shall maintain records of all competition events, send and receive photographs for outside competition, assist in the function of club competition events. Provide verbal report of activities at monthly meetings and have available a written report of the whereabouts and details of all competition photographs in his/her possession each month.

Past President – Serves as member of the Board of Directors following his/her term as President.

Newsletter Editor – Gathers the necessary information and edits it in order to publish an informative and timely newsletter. Serves as member of the Board of Directors.

Webmaster - Gathers the necessary information and edits it in order to publish an informative and timely website. Serves as member of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

Appointed by the President as necessary and reasonable.

#### ARTICLE 6 MEETINGS

Meeting time and place shall be decided by majority vote of the membership.

#### ARTICLE 7 PUBLICATIONS

The club shall publish a Member Handbook, Competition Guidelines and a Club Newsletter as deemed necessary and worthwhile by the membership.

#### ARTICLE 8 COMPETITION

The club shall hold at least one member competition monthly. The number of competitions and categories there-in shall be determined by the members. The Board of Directors may offer special competitions at its discretion --either as a one-time competition or as an annual one.

A photo may not be entered more than once a year and may not be entered again if it places first through third in any previous competition. The number of entries per competition per member is at the discretion of the Board of Directors. All other rules and regulations concerning competition and judging shall be decided on the by the Board of

Directors with the approval of the membership and shall be published in a Competition Guidelines.

Awards shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE 9 CHANGING THE BYLAWS

Additions, deletions or amendments to the bylaws of the Valley Viewfinders Camera Club may be made by a majority vote of at least a quorum of members at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The proposed change in the bylaws must be presented to the membership at least one month in advance of bringing it to a vote.

#### ARTICLE 10 QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of at least 30% of those members in good standing.

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