

AMERSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Rules of the Society

1. The purpose of the Society shall be to hold meetings for discussions, lectures and demonstrations for those interested in photography; and to organize competitions between members and against other similar clubs/societies.
2. Application for membership shall be made upon the prescribed form and be accompanied by the subscription due for the membership requested (see Appendix A).
3. The subscriptions due for each class of membership shall be proposed by the committee and fixed at the Annual General Meeting and become due immediately following that meeting.
4. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of office holders and elected members (see Appendix B). The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members for specific purposes or to fill a vacancy. Eight members shall constitute a quorum.
5. After recommendation by the Committee and confirmation by a General Meeting, a member shall be invited to become President of the Society. The president shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Committee and any Sub-Committee that may be formed and no period of time shall be put upon this office.
6. All committee members, excluding the President, shall retire annually, but be available for re-election.
7. After recommendation by the Committee and confirmation by a General Meeting, a member or ex-member may be offered honorary membership of the Society.
8. An Annual General Meeting, chaired by the President, shall be held before 31 May each year to receive the reports of the Chairman and Secretaries, to approve the Accounts, to fix the Subscription rates, to elect the Committee, to elect an Examiner, to elect Projectionists and to elect delegates to represent the Society in connected bodies.
9. The Secretary shall display a list for the purpose of obtaining nominations for election at that meeting. To be valid, a nomination requires the names of two sponsors and the signature of acceptance of the nominee.
10. A Special General Meeting can be called at the request of not less than 25% of the voting membership of the Society, if made in writing, stating the purpose of the meeting. The secretary shall make arrangements to hold the meeting within 28 days of the request being received.
11. Alterations to the Rules of the Society may be made only at a General Meeting, only if 14 days notice has been given of the proposed change and only if supported by two-thirds of those members present and voting at the meeting.
12. A minimum of 14 days notice shall be given prior to the holding of any General Meeting.
13. The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all formal Meetings and shall be responsible for conducting the general correspondence of the Society.

14, The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the Society, settle all accounts and keep a record of all transactions. He/She shall maintain a bank account in the name of the Society, withdrawals from which shall require the signature of two officers of the Society, one of which should normally be the Treasurer.

15. The financial year shall run from 1st. April until the following 31st. March.. .

Appendix A - Classes of Membership

FULL MEMBERSHIP

Entitled to all privileges of the Society
Able to enter Internal Competitions and Exhibitions
Able to submit work for External Competitions
Entitled to vote at General Meetings and Hold Office

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

To include children of a family, who must be escorted by an adult member of the family at all times.

Privileges as Full Members

CONCESSIONS

PENSIONER (Receiving State Retirement Pension)

STUDENT (in Full time education, aged over 18)

Privileges as Full Member

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (See rule 7.)

Subscription free

Privileges as Full Member

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP (Past Member or Relative of current Member)

Not entitled to vote at General Meetings or hold office

Not able to enter Internal Competitions and Exhibitions

Not able to submit work for External Competitions

Appendix B – Members of the Committee

1. * The President of the Society (see rule 5)
2. * The Chairman of the Society
3. * The Vice-Chairman
4. * The Honorary Secretary
5. * The Honorary Treasurer
6. The Past Chairman
7. Elected Representative of the Members
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9. The Programme Secretary
10. The Competition Secretary, External
11. The Competition Secretary, Prints
12. The Competition Secretary, Slides
13. The Publicity Officer
14. The Web-Master
15. The Social Secretary
16. The Members Communication Secretary

* Indicates an Officer mandated to sign cheques on behalf of the Society (see rule 14)

Modified Membership 2006 JCE