



## **AMERSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

### **Constitution of the Society**

1. The name of the society shall be AMERSHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
2. 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 organizations.
3. Application for membership shall be made upon the prescribed form and accompanied by the subscription due for the class of membership requested. (See Appendix A for membership classes).
4. Membership of the Society is open to everyone of the age of 16 and over. Current Child Protection regulations require a child under the age of 19, or a vulnerable adult under the age of 26, to be accompanied by a parent or nominated adult.
5. The subscriptions due shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting. The subscription becomes due at the first meeting of the club in the September following the Annual General Meeting. Members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> January shall pay half the appropriate subscription. (See Appendix A for current rates).
6. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Committee of office holders and elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members for specific purposes or to fill a vacancy. Seven members shall constitute a quorum. (See Appendix B).
7. After recommendation by the Committee and by vote at a General Meeting, a member shall be invited to become President of the Society. The President shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee and any Sub-Committee that may be formed and no period of time shall be put upon this office. At the request of no less than 10% of the voting membership of the Society, and if made in writing, a vote for a new President of the Society shall be held at a General Meeting.
8. All committee members, excluding the President, shall retire annually, but be available for re-election.
9. After recommendation by the Committee and confirmation by a General Meeting, a member or ex-member may be offered honorary membership of the Society.
10. An Annual General Meeting, chaired by the President, shall be held before 31 May of each calendar year to receive the reports of the Chairman and Secretaries, to



approve the Accounts, to fix the Subscriptions, to elect the Committee, to elect an Examiner and to elect delegates to represent the Society in connected bodies.

11. The financial year shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> April until the following 31<sup>st</sup> March.
12. A minimum of 14 days' notice shall be given prior to the holding of any General Meeting and also the proposals for an Extraordinary General Meeting.
13. The Secretary shall display a list for the purpose of obtaining nominations for election at the Annual General meeting. To be valid, a nomination requires the names of two sponsors and the signature of acceptance of the nominee.
14. An Extraordinary General Meeting can be called by a Committee decision or 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 decision or the request being received.
15. Alterations to this Constitution, the Competition Rules or the Classes of Membership (see Appendix C) may only be made at a General Meeting, if supported by two-thirds of those members present and voting at the meeting.
16. The Secretary shall keep Minutes of all formal Meetings and shall be responsible for conducting the general correspondence of the Society.
17. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due to the Society, settle all accounts and keep a record of all transactions. The Treasurer 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.
18. Only members who have paid their subscription may enter a competition of the Society.



## **Appendix A - Classes of Membership**

There are five classes of membership: Individual, Pensioner, Student, Honorary and Family.

The subscription rates are set at the Annual General Meeting.

The rates for 2013 – 2014 are:

Individual	£50
Pensioner or Student	£44
Honorary	No subscription required
Family	£84

## **Appendix B - Committee**

The officers of the Society are:

- \*President
- \*Chairman
- \*Vice Chairman
- \*General Secretary
- \*Treasurer (and Membership Secretary)
- Programme Secretary
- Judges' Secretary
- Print Secretary
- Projected Digital Image Secretary
- External Competitions Secretary
- Membership Communications Secretary
- Webmaster
- Publicity Officer
- Outings Secretary

The following posts are not members of the committee and are elected.

- CACC Representative
- NW Fed Representative
- Amersham & District Community Association representatives

Those officers marked with an asterisk (\*) are mandated to sign cheques.



## **Appendix C - Classification of Members for Competitions and Competition Rules**

### **Classification of members for competitions**

There are three classes for competitions: General, Intermediate and Advanced.

The General Class- the usual entry class for new members of the Society

The Intermediate Class – by promotion on merit from the General class.

Promotion is on recommendation from the Print and PDI secretaries to the committee based on results in the previous year. This is also the entry class for members holding the LRPS, CPAGB, or equivalent qualification or who can demonstrate the appropriate level of photographic skill and achievement.

The Advanced Class – by promotion on merit from the Intermediate class.

Promotion is on recommendation from the Print and PDI secretaries to the committee based on results in the previous year. This is also the entry class for members holding the ARPS, DPAGB, equivalent or higher qualification or who can demonstrate the appropriate level of photographic skill and achievement.

### **Annual Print Competition Rules**

There shall be a print competition each year, comprising five rounds.

A member may enter one or two images into a round of a competition.

Thus a maximum of 10 prints can be entered by a member into the print competition. The marks from the 8 highest scoring prints will be used to determine the winner, runner up, etc, in each class.

### **Annual PDI Competition Rules**

As for Annual Print Competition

#### **Print of the Year**

Each year a member can enter one or two images into the Print of the Year Competition, providing the image has already been submitted into the annual print competition.

#### **PDI of the year**

As for Print of the Year



## **Reuse of Images**

No image may be used more than once in an internal APS competition unless it is being entered into the Print of the Year/PDI of the Year.

### **Guidance Notes**

1. For clarity this means an image submitted into the print competition cannot be submitted into the PDI competition, and vice-versa.
2. The purpose of this rule is to prevent one image being judged in both the print and the PDI competitions and being judged more than once. The club wants to encourage members to submit new images and not to recycle old, winning images.
3. APS images may not be resubmitted more than two years after they are first entered at this or any other organization. (PAGB & CACC guidelines for their events require images to be no more than two years old at the start of the event season.)
4. An image that is substantially similar to previously submitted images is discouraged because it ignores the principal of not recycling winning images.

## **Judges**

Judges will be asked to mark competition entries in the range 12 to 20 inclusive. They will be asked to select a first, second and third placed entry together with any entries to be Highly Commended. There is no limit on the number of images awarded "20".

20<sup>th</sup> May 2013