

**BY-LAWS OF
THE NIAGARA ASSOCIATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ART**

Clause I. Membership

- Annual membership dues are determined by the Executive annually and shall be paid by the member at the beginning of NAPA's new fiscal year.
- Individuals signing up for membership who were members of NAPA in past or other camera clubs will enter competitions at their present level of accomplishment or as close as possible as determined by the Competition Chairs.
- Guests are welcome to attend meetings to assist with their decision to sign up as a member. A reasonable timeframe will be established by the executive.
- Life memberships may be given to members of the NAPA. who have given long, outstanding service to the club. Life Members shall be voted upon by the Executive. Any person so honoured will be presented at end of year with a plaque suitably engraved and shall be exempt for life from the payment of dues.

Clause II. Duties of Executive Officers

- The Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive Officers are detailed at Appendix A of the By-Laws. Changes to the Appendix A are within the responsibility of the Executive and may be changed from time to time by the Executive based on a majority vote at an Executive Meeting and Appendix A to be amended accordingly.
- The President is the Chief Executive Officer responsible for the overall organization and functioning of NAPA.
- The Chairs and their assistants are responsible for developing proposed activities for their areas of responsibility and clearing with the President before proceeding.

Clause III-Elections

Elections shall be held annually at the "Image of the Year" meeting.

1. Annually the nominating committee of three members named by the President two months in advance of the final meeting of the year, will present a slate of proposed officers to the membership to be filled in the upcoming year.
2. Nominations from the floor and seconded will be accepted on the evening of the election.
3. The Chair of the Nominating Committee will conduct an open vote of the general membership by secret ballot when more than one candidate is vying for a position. The Chair of the Nominating Committee with two other Members will act as scrutineers of the ballot count.
4. A sole candidate for a position will be acclamation and confirmed by the Secretary casting a single vote.
5. Results of the Elections will be communicated to the Membership at the first appropriate opportunity.

6. No person may hold more than one elective office at any one time, other than when warranted due to exceptional circumstances.

Clause IV-Dues

1. Dues shall be reviewed annually by the Executive and may be amended by a majority vote of the Executive.
2. The membership at large shall be notified of the current fiscal year's dues no later than the first meeting of the year.

Clause V-Competitions

1. The Competition Chair(s) with Executive approval, shall decide upon the rules for competitions for members and these rules shall be presented to the membership by the first meeting of the year.
2. For competition, members shall be ranked in groups in accordance with their skill and accomplishment levels as recommended by the Competition Chairs to the Executive.
3. Photography competitions may be held and suitable awards given to the winner or winners as decided by the Executive and as advised in the Member's Handbook.

Clause VI- Awards

1. Audrey Mottershead Rookie of the Year award.

The Audrey Mottershead Rookie of the Year award may be presented to the First-Year member based on the spirit and enthusiasm demonstrated over the year.

2. The George S. Butt Trophy

The George S. Butt Trophy may be presented to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to NAPA.

- The Executive shall nominate candidates and conduct a vote by way of a secret ballot to decide an individual deserving of this recognition.
 - The President will oversee the vote and only cast a ballot in the event of a tie.
 - The engraved trophy will be presented at the at the Annual Banquet.
3. The Executive may make other Special Awards to individuals to recognize members whose efforts have made a significant impact within the organization.