Constitution

Article I: Name, Purpose, and Non-Discrimination Policy

**Section 1 – Name:** Photography Enthusiast Society.

**Section 2 – Purpose:**

The purpose of Photography Enthusiast Society is to be an organization for students interested in photography who want to share their experience and knowledge about photography with others. At the same time, this organization will create new ways for members to learn more about photography and gain experience in photography.

Photography Enthusiast Society has three main objectives.

1. **Social**. Be a gathering place for OSU students who are interested in photography; introduce them to each other; create a space to share a good photographic and social experience. In simple words, to be a place for members to have fun.
2. **Educational.** Improve members’ knowledge about photography, increase their skills, and provide new ways of improvement.
3. **Professional.** Provide chances for members to gain photography experience, while at the same time open new ways for them to share their photos with the world.

**Section 3 – Non-Discrimination Policy:**

This organization and its members shall not discriminate against any individual(s) for reasons of age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Article II: Membership Qualifications and Categories of Membership

**Members:** All who have an interest in photography and are a part of The Ohio State University (students, faculty, and etc.) can join Photography Enthusiast Society. *Only students can vote in organization elections.*

There are three different types of members, which are as following:

**Active Photographer:** A member who helps in organization events, or actively participates in meetings and critique sessions.

**Officer:** A member who has a part of the responsibility to operate and run the organization.

**Inactive Member:** A member who does not participate in events and meetings.

Article III: Organization Leadership

Photography Enthusiast Society will have six (6) student officer positions and one Advisor.

1. **President.** Helps to manage the general meetings and plans for the organization. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
2. **Vice President.** Provides general assistance to the president and the rest of the Executive Committee. Responsible for sending weekly emails to members and posting regularly to social media websites. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
3. **Treasurer.** Is head of the organization’s financial issues. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
4. **Events Coordinator.** Helps in planning and execution of events and meetings. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
5. **Marketing and Public Relations.** Helps in spreading the word about the organization and its events, in addition to recruiting new members. Also helps answer members’ questions and emails. Is a member of the Executive Committee.
6. **Webmaster.** Helps maintain and design the website, in addition to other technical duties. Is part of the Executive Committee.
7. **Advisor.** Photography Enthusiast Society advisor’s involvement level depends on the advisor and the Executive Committee.

Article IV: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee represents the general membership and conducts business of the organization.

The ranking of the members of the Committee is as following:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Treasurer
4. Events Coordinator
5. Marketing and Public Relations
6. Webmaster

The Executive Committee has the duty of running the organization, trying to get more members to join the organization, and handling the event planning and financial portion of the organization.

Article V: Method of Selecting and/or Removing Officers and Members

**Members:** Everyone currently affiliated with The Ohio State University can be a member of Photography Enthusiast Society, as long as they have paid their dues.

**Officer Selection:**

Officers in this organization are elected by the entire member body. Elections will be held in front of all members each spring.

All positions will be open and anyone can run for position, with the exception of President. The Presidential position requires a prerequisite of at least one year on Executive Committee.

Current officers may run for their current position, as well as one other. Members not currently on the Executive Committee may only run for one position.

In case of necessary situation (such as organization exponential growth), more Executive Committee positions may be created by the current Executive Committee.

**Officer Removal:** The Executive Committee can remove an officer from his/her position. However, the Executive Committee should warn the officer at least once, before removing the person from the position. After removal of the officer, the Executive Committee should contact the person and let them know that he/she has been removed from the officer position.

At the same time, the Executive Committee is responsible for replacing officers that are deemed as any of the following.

1. **Inactive.** Photography Enthusiast Society does not force anyone to join its ranks and all of its officers are there voluntarily. Therefore, being inactive while being an officer is unacceptable.
2. **Irresponsible.** Each officer is allowed to decline any assigned task before accepting it. However, after accepting any task the officer is responsible for working on the task and accomplishing it, and in case of failure, notifying the Committee. Failure to notify the Committee about the failed task or about any harmful procrastination is unacceptable.
3. **Unfit.** If the Committee sees someone as not fit for the position they should seek a replacement.

**Member Removal:** If a member conducts themselves in such a manner deemed detrimental to advancing the purpose of this organization or is in violation of the OSU Student Code of Conduct, they can be removed through a majority vote of the other voting membership or unanimous vote of the officers, with the consultation of the advisor.

Article VI: Advisor(s) Qualification Criteria

The main advisor of Photography Enthusiast Society must be a member of the University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. However, Photography Enthusiast Society can have more than one advisor at a time and not all advisors are required to be a member of University faculty.

The role of the advisor is to help the organization in ways that he/she can and also advise the Executive Committee in their decisions.

Article VII: Required Meetings of the Organization and their Frequency

Photography Enthusiast Society must have at least two general meetings per month. The Executive Committee must have a minimum of two additional meetings per month. This may be altered by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each year.

Article VIII: Method of Amending the Constitution

All changes to the constitution must be approved by 2/3 of the general members, all officers, and the advisor.

Article IX: Method of Dissolution of the Organization

**Requirements:** All of the Executive Committee must agree upon dissolution of the organization and there must be an election with more than fifty percent of votes for dissolving the organization.

**Procedure:** All of the financial assets of the organization should be taken care of – that is including any debts or payments the organization has to pay. All fundraiser money should be returned to its owners; if that is not possible, based on a vote and election it should be donated to a non-profit organization related to photography, art, or UNESCO.