

Mid-Michigan Photography Club (MMPC)

By-Laws

Mission Statement: MMPC is a club that promotes photography.

The MMPC is a club where photography enthusiasts, professional, non-professional, and amateurs, feel welcome.

The Club is a proactive organization specializing in improving skills with equipment, software, and artistic expressions of our members by providing updates on improvements, technology, and trends.

Board of Directors

All members of the Board of Directors must be a member in good standing of MMPC.

Election and terms of office: Board members shall be elected by the membership at the October general membership meeting. Each officer shall be elected for a 2 or 3 year term, beginning at the October meeting. Terms of the Board members shall be staggered.

Chairman: An honorary lifetime membership held by the club's founder. Serves as a voting member of the Board and oversees club policies and initiatives.

President: Oversees all club activities. Shall set the agenda for Board of Directors meetings and preside over Board and membership meetings. In addition, the president shall supervise the day-to-day business of the club, shall be a signatory on all checking, savings, and financial instruments. The president may call a special Board of Directors or membership meeting at any time if deemed necessary. This is a 2 year term.

Vice-President: Performs duties of the President in his/her absence and will perform other duties assigned by the President or the Board of Directors. The Vice-President will succeed the President at the end of the term, or if the President position is vacated. This is a 2 year term.

Secretary: Co-ordinates with the Treasurer to maintain an up-to-date list of current members, with contact information, and informs the Board of any changes. Additionally, shall record the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings and submit them to the Board for accuracy. Lastly, shall work in conjunction with the Webmaster to ensure that meeting notices and agendas, member and officer information, are appropriately posted on-line. This is a 3 year term.

Treasurer: Maintains all financial records and accounts, and records all transactions on behalf of the MMPC. Includes, but is not limited to:

Process and accurately record all receipts and disbursements

Maintain a balance checking account

Pay bills budgeted or authorized for payment

Maintain savings account if appropriate

This is a 3 year term.

Board Members at Large: There shall be 3 members-at-large, who shall perform responsibilities as appointed by the President. These are 3 year terms, alternating 1 per year.

Volunteer Positions: All volunteer positions listed here will have voting privileges at board meetings.

Webmaster: Organizes and manages the MMPC website, www.MMPhotoClub.com.

Members are always welcome to express ideas, issues, or concerns for the website.

Program Director: Determines programming and schedules speakers for monthly meetings. Members may contact the Program Director with ideas or to present a member presentation at a future meeting.

Field Trip Coordinator: Organizes field trips for the club membership. Members may provide ideas for future field trips.

Big Cookie Coordinator: Determines the theme for the quarterly club competition. Provides information to be posted in a timely manner to allow members ample time to photograph the project.

Advertising/Marketing Director: Responsible for the promotion of club activities.

Membership dues are waived for all of the above positions.

Board Vacancies: Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote at a regular scheduled meeting of the MMPC. Notification of the vacancy shall be at the first regular membership meeting following the vacancy. The election shall be held at the next month's meeting. If no one runs for the position, the position may remain unfilled until the next regular election for that position.

Members

A member of MMPC must be:

Actively engaged in photography, or interested in the subject of photography.

Eighteen years of age or older. An adult member of the MMPC may sponsor, and accompany, someone 16-18 years of age.

Each member shall pay annual membership dues of \$35. These are due by September 30th of each year. Payment of dues entitles members to participate in all club activities, including Big Cookie, gallery shows, access to the Facebook page, etc.

Membership meetings are held monthly, the first Wednesday of the Month, barring scheduling conflicts. Board of Directors meetings are held monthly, on the third Tuesday of each month.

Termination of membership will occur upon death, resignation, or non-payment of dues. Membership is not transferable.

Amendments

The power to amend, repeal, or adopt new by-laws is reserved exclusively to the members of MMPC. To amend or repeal a by-law, the member presenting must show that at least 30% of the current members endorse the proposed change. The proposed change shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board may accept the proposal as submitted, or may refer the proposal back to the member, with reasons for further development and re-submission. If, by the second submission, the member and the Board still disagree on the proposed amendment, the Board shall submit the proposed amendment, along with the Board's concerns, to the membership for a vote. This vote shall occur at the next regular membership meeting of the MMPC. Proxies may be e-mailed or otherwise delivered to the Secretary, to be received 24 hours prior to the meeting's start. A simple majority of those members in attendance is needed to pass the amendment. The affirmative vote of a majority, either in person or by proxy, is required to approve the proposed change.