

## ARTICLE I

### Name and Purpose

This constitution establishes The New Hampshire Professional Photographers Association (NHPPA) as a non-profit association of professional photographers and other interested persons who are dedicated to photography as an art, business and science. The purpose of the NHPPA is to raise the standard of professionalism among its members through group and individual participation in activities and through the exchange of knowledge.

## ARTICLE II

### Code of Ethics

**Section 1.** Each member of the association will:

1. Endeavor to maintain dignity in the presentation of photography and services as well as in the other forms of public contact.
2. Observe the highest standards of honesty, avoiding the use of false, confusing, inaccurate and misleading terms, descriptions and claims.
3. Endeavor to produce photographs of a quality equal or superior to the samples displayed, to apply one's best efforts toward providing the best possible photographic services, and to play a personal part in raising the general standard of photographic craftsmanship.
4. Have a sincere and friendly spirit of cooperation to fellow professional photographers and assist them whenever they are in need.
5. Avoid the use of unfair competitive practices and the violation of Federal Anti-trust laws and related statutes.
6. Assist one's fellow photographers by sharing knowledge with them and encouraging them individually and collectively to achieve and maintain the highest standards of quality in producing a photographic product or providing photographic services.
7. Recognize the authority of this Association in all matters relating to the interpretation of this Code.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

#### Section 1. Membership Categories

- 1. Professional Photographer** – A working photographer – the qualified applicant must have submitted a portfolio of work consisting of ten (10) 8x10 prints for review, that has been deemed "Average Professional" or above, by a majority of the NHPPA print review committee. The print review committee shall consist of five (5) NHPPA members who are Master and/or CPP photographers available from the membership. A portfolio review is not needed and will automatically be issued Professional status for individuals who have: **a.** earned their PPA Masters of Photography degree or CPP designation, or **b.** have achieved a combination of ten (10) average or above images or prints from either PPA or affiliate competitions and/or NHPPA portfolio submission.
- 2. Active Photographer** – A photographer (full or part time) whose intent is to produce a professional quality of work. This individual will present a portfolio of work consisting of ten (10) 8x10 prints for review by an NHPPA print review committee. If the majority of the committee determines the portfolio to be "Average Professional" or above, the individual will be deemed Professional status.
- 3. Associate Member** – A non-photographer member.
- 4. Student Photographer** – An individual enrolled in an accredited photography degree program. Proof of enrollment is required.
- 5. Vendor Member** – An individual, or business, whose products or services are utilized by the NHPPA membership.
- 6. Honorary Life Member** – An individual who has rendered outstanding services to the Association. They shall be nominated and approved by a majority of the Executive Board. They shall not be required to pay dues or convention fees.
- 7. Out-of-State Member** – A non-NH resident, member of another state association, who is engaged in the business of photography. In-state membership in any other state association precludes membership in the Professional or Associate categories. Out-of-State Members, who were active members in fiscal year 2000-2001, and who continue to pay Professional or Associate dues, without lapse in membership, may continue in the Professional or Associate Membership categories.

#### Section 2. Membership applications, rights and privileges

1. Membership applications are subject to approval by the NHPPA Board of Directors, and accompanying portfolios are subject to approval by the NHPPA print review committee, as defined in Article III, Section 1, Item 1.
2. The right to vote is limited to those members in good standing in the following membership categories 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.
3. The right to hold office is limited to persons in categories 1, 3, 5, and 6.
4. Membership dues for each category of membership shall be established annually by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall be published in the association newsletter.
5. Application for membership shall be submitted in writing accompanied by a dues check in the correct amount. Checks for unaccepted memberships will be returned.
6. The Code of Ethics shall be incorporated with and shall be a formal part of every application for membership. Each applicant shall sign the application, such signature to be in addition to the customary writing or printing of the applicant's name on the application form.