

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Professional Photographers of Nebraska, Inc.

INTRODUCTION

The Professional Photographers of Nebraska, Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska for the express purpose of:

- (a) Uniting into a common organization those engaged in photography as a profession, and to promote the common business interests and to improve the business conditions of its members.
 - (b) To create, foster, promote and maintain cordial relations and cooperation and interchange among members and to acquaint members with new advancements in the profession.
 - (c) To formulate and maintain ethical standards for the guidance of its members in their relations with each other and with the public.
- [excerpted from the Articles of Incorporation]

MEMBER CLASSIFICATIONS

There are nine classes of membership as follows (read by-laws for full description and benefits) :

ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, LIFE, COLLEAGUE, ASPIRING, RETIRED, SUSTAINING, FIRM, OUT OF STATE

– **Active Membership** . . . would be held by any individual whose **full-time** business or occupation consists of the making of photographs; electronic imaging, service specialist, (those who provide handicraft services to the profession); and any other individual who meets the requirements as follows:

- a) The major portion (75%) of the individual's annual earned income including salaries, wages and net profits come from the business of, or employment in the business of, photography.
- b) The individual maintain an established place of business, either in a store front or a separate portion of their home, or is employed at same.
- c) The individual maintain established business hours consistent with his trade area and that he is open to the public at least 32 hours per week or is employed at least 32 hours per week in photography.

Each active shall have all rights and privileges as set forth in the by-laws including, but not limited to:

- the right to vote in all matters coming before the membership
- newsletter and magazine
- use of seal
- entering of prints into competition
- degree program
- serving on the Board of Directors
- holding office in the corporation
- membership registration fees

The spouse of an active member may also attend the events and activities of the corporation without payment of additional dues to the corporation, however, the spouse shall pay any fees assessed to attend the event or activity. Spouses may not vote, hold office, enter prints into competition, or participate in degree or award programs unless separate dues are paid for them.

– **Associate Membership** . . . would be held by an employee of an Active Member in good standing; or a member of another photographic association who does not have an established place of business in Nebraska (provided such out-of-state applicant meets the Active Membership qualifications).

Each member shall have all rights and privileges as set forth in the by-laws including, but not limited to:

- entering of prints into competition
- degree program
- member registration fees
- newsletter and magazine
- use of seal

The spouse of an associate member may also attend the events and activities of the corporation without payment of additional dues to the corporation, however, the spouse shall pay any fees assessed to attend the event or activity. Spouses may not vote, hold office, enter prints into competition, or participate in degree or award programs unless separate dues are paid for them.

- **Life Membership** . . . May be held by any individual, group or other entity.

Such individual group or other entity must first be proposed for Life Membership by any member of the corporation in good standing to the Board of Directors, either in writing or verbally. The Board of Directors at their next regularly scheduled meeting will take the following into consideration:

The proposed for Life membership has provided outstanding service to or for the corporation over an extended period of years.

- a) In the form of financial support. b) In the form of service to the corporation. c) In the capacity of officer or employee of corporation.

Membership Classifications (continued)

– **Colleague Membership** . . . may be held by any individual who derives part of his/her income from the making of photographs; a service specialist (those who provide handicraft services to the profession); and other individuals who meet the following requirements:

- a) The applicant must maintain an established place of business, either in a storefront or in a separate portion of their home; or be employed at same.
- b) The applicant's business must maintain established business hours.
- c) The applicant must be a member in good standing of the Professional Photographers of America, Inc
- d) The applicant must have a valid state sales tax number.

Colleague membership is for the express purpose of learning more about the profession and improving abilities and business skills. Benefits are:

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| -newsletter and magazine | -service on committees |
| -member registration fees | -entering state competition |
| -eligible for state award programs | Colleague members may not vote or hold office. |

The spouse of an colleague member may also attend the events and activities of the corporation without payment of additional dues to the corporation, however, the spouse shall pay any fees assessed to attend the event or activity. Spouses may not vote, hold office, enter prints into competition, or participate in degree or award programs unless separate dues are paid for them.

– **Aspiring Membership** . . . may be held by any individual who derives part of his/her income from the making of photographs; a service specialist, and other individuals who meet the following requirements for Aspiring Membership:

- a) The applicant must maintain an established place of business, either in a storefront or in a separate portion of their home; or be employed at same.
- b) The applicant's business must maintain established business hours.
- c) The applicant must have a Nebraska state tax number
- d) Aspiring member benefits are restricted to attendance of PPN functions for educational purposes:
 - 1) They may enter print competition and learn from the experience, paying any fees due, but may not be eligible for awards.
 - 2) They are eligible to receive all publications of the association.
 - 3) They may not vote nor hold office in the corporation.
- e) All aspiring memberships are valid for up to five years after application. After such time the Aspiring member must choose to join as an Active, Colleague or Associate member to remain associated with the PPN.

The spouse of an aspiring member may also attend the events and activities of the corporation without payment of additional dues to the corporation, however, the spouse shall pay any fees assessed to attend the event or activity. Spouses may not vote, hold office, enter prints into competition, or participate in degree or award programs unless separate dues are paid for them.

– **Retired Participating Membership** . . . To qualify you must have previously been a Professional Photographers of Nebraska member for 5 years, be retired and now be 55 or older. You may continue to enjoy the fellowship of Professional Photographers of Nebraska, and remain on the mailing list. At state functions (H.O.A. is excluded), there will be no registration charged retired participating members and you may participate by paying for only meals.

– **Sustaining Membership** . . . would be held by manufacturers or distributors of photographic equipment; laboratories; publishers; and firms and individuals providing services and supplies to the photographic profession. The following benefits are provided:

- magazine and newsletter
- member rates for registration
- membership list
- listing in service directory provided to membership along with listing of major product or service provided
- admittance of up to three individuals to staff booths at trade shows or other exhibitors' shows without payment of registration fee.

- **Firm Membership** . . . may be held by a photography studio having (2) or more Active members, or a studio having (1) Active member and at least (1) associate member. Firm membership studios must list ALL employees of their studio with the membership chairman and may bring any of all listed employees to all events and activities of the corporation by paying the appropriate event registration and / or other fees.

- a) Studio may change the firm member list with the membership chairman as employees change with the business, without buying the new employee a separate membership.
- b) Only LISTED Active and Associate members may participate in print and fellowship credits.
- c) Listed firm members benefits are restricted to attendance of PPN functions for educational purposes.
- d) Firm members may enter print competitions and learn from the experience, paying any fees due, but may not be eligible for awards.
- e) Firm members may receive and accumulate Fellowship service credits, however no Fellowship awards may be given to or retained by members in the firm membership category.

- **Out of State** . . . May be held by any individual residing outside the state. The requirements for Out of State shall be identical to those of an Active member with the exception that no Out of State shall hold office, serve on the Board of Directors or be eligible to receive in state print awards.

- a) A separate Out of State award category shall be available for all Out of State entries.
- b) Membership dues shall be the same as Active dues.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP, YOU MUST BE SPONSORED BY AN MEMBER of P.P. OF N

SPONSORS NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PPN MEMBER: _____

- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY -

SECTION I. TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS:

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Studio/Firm Name: _____

Studio Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Studio Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Website: _____

Name any Photography Degree's held: _____

Circle Position: Owner Manager Employee Other: _____

Percentage of income from photography? _____% Number of years in photography business? _____

State Tax # _____ **(Required to be an Active Member)** Federal ID : _____

What type of business are you: _____ sole proprietor _____ partnership _____ corporation

Do you belong to any of the following: (Check all that apply)

_____ PPA (# _____) _____ ASP _____ CPP's _____ OTHER _____

What type of membership do you qualify for: Check one below

___ Active ___ Associate ___ Life ___ Colleague ___ Aspiring ___ Retired ___ Firm ___ Sustaining ___ Out of State

SECTION II. Complete only if applying for Colleague Membership:

List primary occupation _____ Hours/week worked _____

How much time is devoted to photography per week? _____ hours. What percentage of your annual earned income is from photography? _____% Are you associated with any studio? _____ If yes, who? _____

SECTION III. Must be complete by all.

I hereby apply for membership in the PPN in the membership classification shown. I have enclosed a signed copy of the PPN "Code of Ethics" which I accept in full. I have enclosed my application fee (\$10) plus my first year's dues of \$ _____. I understand that the dues are valid through the last day of December of each year and must be renewed annually in December. I understand that in the event that my application is denied, my dues check will be returned. When accepted I agree to abide by the Constitution, by-laws, and decisions of the Board of Directors. By my signature, I hereby give the PPN and / or its agents permission to seek verification of information given. I understand that any false statement made will invalidate this application.

Date

Your legible signature

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Associate ... \$ 75.00

Colleague ... \$ 125.00

Retired ... \$ 00.00

Sustaining ... \$ 125.00

(FIRST TIME ONLY APPLICATION FEE) \$ 10.00

Active (full member) \$ 125.00

Life \$ 00.00

Aspiring \$ 100.00

Firm \$ 40.00

Out of State \$ 125.00



Professional Photographers of Nebraska

Code of Ethics

I, having been accepted into membership in the Professional Photographers of Nebraska, Inc. do hereby subscribe without reservation to this Code of Ethics, and do solemnly agree that:

1. I will strive at all times to upgrade and improve my knowledge and skill in professional photography, marketing and related areas.
2. I will strive to present all photography and photographic services in surroundings and in a manner that reflects the highest level of professionalism.
3. I will treat all clients and the general public with honesty and integrity; I will refrain from discussing any other photographer or photography studio in other than a professional manner and, if I am confronted about the ethical practices of another photographer or photography studio, I will immediately refer to the PPN Ethics Committee.
4. I will not use any marketing or competitive practice which violates any Federal Trade Commission or other Federal or State regulatory agency rule or regulation, and Federal or State statute or any decision of any Federal or State Court.
5. I will strive at all times to produce photography and photographic services in accordance with the highest levels of professionalism.
6. In all dealings with fellow photographers, students and others who aspire to be professional photographers, I will gladly share the knowledge and skill in professional photography that I possess.
7. I will support the efforts for and assist in the education of all interested persons and the general public in the art and science of professional photography.
8. I will advertise and sell the merits of my services and products and refrain from degrading my competitors.
9. I will reveal all the material facts and avoid concealment of information and refrain from using innuendoes in advertising and selling that might cause consumers to be misled so that the truth about services or products may be fully understood.
10. I will advertise only bonafide prices and products and refrain from use of 'bait' advertising methods.
11. I will fulfill all contractual obligations, offer a reasonable warranty of products and services and perform on such warranty, either written or implied, where justifiable claims are in order, and to do this without hesitation.
12. I will keep confidential all classified or personal information obtained in the course of a professional assignment except, with the consent of the client.
13. When photographing a wedding, I will make every effort to provide each client with a photographic record of their wedding which exemplifies the best of my artistic abilities; I will be prompt in meeting all schedules on the wedding day and for delivery of photographs; I *Will* use only high quality, dependable equipment, film, and accessories which are in good working order and carry spare equipment for use in emergencies; I will conduct myself in accordance with the customs and doctrines of each particular house of worship and conform to prevailing regulations regarding the taking of photographs; I will attend each wedding dressed appropriately for the occasion, photographing in a dignified, unobtrusive manner in keeping with the dignity of the occasion and in harmony with the environment; and I will build a rapport with my clients to make the photographic experience as meaningful as possible.
14. I hereby agree to all conditions and terms as outlined in Appendix III to the by-laws of the Professional Photographers of Nebraska, Inc., as amended August, 1997 or as periodically amended in the future.

In witness whereof I hereunto append my signature the _____ day of _____ 20_____

Studio

Signature

Title