

Bylaws of the Alaska Society of Outdoor and Nature Photographers

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the Alaska Society of Outdoor and Nature Photographers, (herein “ASONP” or “Society”) a non-profit organization.

Article II—Purpose

Section 1:

The purpose of this Society shall be to:

- A. Promote individual self-improvement in outdoor and nature photography.
- B. Promote, exchange, and share information of outdoor and nature photography.
- C. Promote good etiquette and ethics among outdoor and nature photographers while in the field.
- D. Assist members in the marketing and selling of their photographs.
- E. Inform and educate the public on outdoor and nature photography.

Section 2:

The Society is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and the Society shall not carry on any other activities not permitted an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article III—Membership

Membership shall be open to any person or organization interested in furthering the purpose of the Society, and whose dues to the Society are paid on a current basis.

Article IV—Board of Directors Elections and Terms of Office

Section 1:

The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of ASONP. The Board receives no compensation for their services but may, upon approval of the Board, be reimbursed for incurred ASONP expenses.

Section 2:

The Board shall be comprised of up to 13 ASONP members in good standing. Members of the Board (not including executive committee members) shall be elected biennially at the regular December membership meeting (preceding the January odd-numbered year executive committee election) by a voice vote of the members in attendance.

Section 3:

The term of office shall be for two (2) calendar years.

There shall be no restriction on the number of terms of the Board or committee members except as referenced in Article VII—Officers.

Section 4:

Nominations for Board members (not including executive committee members) shall be submitted by members in writing to the Board President not less than 30 days prior to the December membership meeting (preceding the January odd-numbered year executive committee election).

Section 5:

Vacancies that occur on the Board between biennial meetings (odd-numbered years in January) shall be temporarily filled by an appointment of the Board.

Article V—Committees

Section 1:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). The Executive Committee shall exercise all powers of the Board in between meetings of the Board. Actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board at its next meeting for inclusion in the official minutes of the Board.

Section 2:

Standing committees include the following:

- Finance

- Programs
- Workshops
- Publications
- Technology
- alaskaWILD
- Communications

Each Standing Committee shall have a Chairperson appointed by the President.

Section 3:

The President shall appoint Ad Hoc committees, as deemed necessary, with the approval of the Board.

Article VI—Board Meetings

Section 1:

Board meetings shall be open to all members and held monthly, September through May, or as necessary pending business needs. Special Meetings may be called by the President or any three directors. The date, time, and location of all Board meetings shall be advertised to the full membership one (1) week in advance of the meeting.

Section 2

Fifty (50) percent of the Board plus one (1) shall constitute a quorum for any meeting at which a vote is to be taken. The act of the majority of the directors, at which a quorum is present at a properly advertised meeting, shall be the act and decision of the entire Board.

Article VII—Officers

Section 1:

Elected officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2:

Officers shall be elected by Board members biennially (odd-numbered years) at the January Board retreat. The term of office shall be for two (2) calendar years. The President and Vice-President shall serve no more than three (3) successive terms and shall be eligible for re-election as officers after a period of two (2) years.

There shall be no restriction on the number of terms for all other officer positions.

Article VIII—Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall be used in all cases not covered by this Constitution and Bylaws.

Article IX—Amendments

Proposed amendments to the constitution and bylaws may be submitted to the Board by any member in good standing and upon review of the Board, shall be posted along with the Board's recommendation, on the website and through electronic communication to members. A minimum of thirty (30) days will be allowed for discussion, questions and correspondence. The proposed amendment, together with a ballot, shall be provided to all eligible voting members for an electronic vote. A majority of the ballots cast shall decide the issue.

Bylaws adopted on: 4/26/16 (date)

Officers:




Ray Bulson, President



Harry Walker, Vice-President



Roxanne Peter, Secretary



Glenn Aronwits, Treasurer