

Founded in Zurich in August 1906 under the name "Schweizerischer Amateur-Photographen Verband" and renamed "PHOTOSUISSE" at the Assembly of Delegates of 23 March 1997.

Bylaws

These bylaws describe function and office designations in their male form. However, they apply equally to men and women.

I Name, Objective

Art. 1

According to art. 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code (ZGB) an association of interested photographers exists under the name of PHOTOSUISSE.

Art. 2

The seat of the association is identical to the residence of the president.

Art. 3

The association is politically and confessionally neutral.

Art. 4

The association is member of the Fédération Internationale de l'Art Photographique (FIAP).

Art. 5

Objectives of the association are:

- 5.1 Promotion of members and affiliated clubs in the field of photography and mutual exchange.
- 5.2 Cooperation with other Swiss and foreign associations in the field of photography.

II Bodies of the association

Art. 6

Bodies of the association are:

- 6.1 The Assembly of Delegates (AD)
- 6.2 The Committee (C)

a) The Assembly of Delegates (AD)

Art. 7

The AD is the most important assembly of the association and has legislative character; it determines the activities of the Association and gives discharge to the Committee.

Art. 8

The delegates of the clubs and the individual members form the AD.

Art. 9

Each club is entitled to a number of delegate votes related to their number of members. The delegate votes are calculated as follows: Number of members divided by 10, rounded up to the nearest whole number.

Individual members may freely participate in the Assembly of Delegates. Their right to vote must be legitimized by 10 proxies from other individual members before the meeting.

Art. 10

Members cannot cumulate their affiliation to the association by joining several clubs.

Art. 11

The C is not eligible for election as delegate.

Art. 12

Delegate votes are transferable to one or more members of the club represented. The club must be present at the AD.

Art. 13

Delegates and members may be elected to perform a task.

Art. 14

The AD meets once a year.

Art. 15

The date of the AD will be published at least two months in advance on the homepage of PHOTOSUISSE.

Art. 16

The C has the right to invite guests and non-delegated members (authorities press, etc.) to the AD.

Art. 17

The AD deals with the following matters:

- 17.1 Appointments:
 1. Scrutineer
 2. President of the day
 3. Translator(s)
- 17.2 Approvals:
 1. Protocol of the last AD
 2. Annual reports
 - (a) President
 - (b) Financial manager
 - (c) Auditors
 - (d) Competition observer
 3. Budget for the current financial year
 4. Management of the C in the past financial year
- 17.3 Elections:
 1. President (P)
 2. Other members of the C
 3. Club to be entrusted with the cash audit
- 17.4 Financial issues:

Determination of the annual fee for the following financial year.
- 17.5 Voting on proposals and postulates of the Clubs or members and the C.
- 17.6 Determination of the club to be entrusted during the next AD.
- 17.7 Miscellaneous.

Art. 18

Applications to the AD must be submitted in writing by 31 December of each year to the C so that they can be processed at the next AD. Applications can be submitted by one club or ten individual members.

Art. 19

Applications will be sent to all clubs and individual members at least one month before the AD, with any comments from the C for examination.

Art. 20

Extraordinary Assembly of Delegates:

- 20.1 An extraordinary AD may be convened at the request of 2/3 votes of the clubs or an absolute majority of the C members.
- 20.2 The Board shall decide on the date and place of the AD.

Art. 21

The C is obliged to implement the resolutions passed at the AD.

Art. 22

The executive committee is composed of at least seven members:

President

- Secretary / Membership Administration
- Person responsible for finances (cashier)
- Responsible for competitions
- Responsible for information technology
- FIAP responsible
- other tasks determined by the C

The persons responsible for competitions and other assistants determine their collaborators themselves.

Art. 23

Members of the C are elected until the next AD.

Art. 24

The C constitutes itself, with the exception of the President, who is nominally elected by the AD.

In the event of a vacancy or resignation, temporary absence or death of a member, the C shall appoint a replacement for the current term of office.

Art. 25

The C may appoint persons responsible for certain scopes. The C will ask these persons about their area or invite them to the relevant meetings. Members with special tasks:

The C may appoint members of the clubs with special tasks (e.g. instructors, etc.) for a limited period of time.

Art. 26

Editorial office photobook:

- 26.1 The competition organizer decides on the form and content of the competition book. The C reserves the right to have a say.
- 26.2 The person responsible for the competition will ensure a linguistic balance.

Art. 27

Any organized photographer's club, association or group with at least 3 (three) members can be accepted as a club in the association. The admission is free of charge. Individual members are also admitted to the association.

Art. 28

The C decides on the admission.

Art. 29

In order to be admitted to the association, the secretariat and the financial officer must know the address of the person in charge of the applicant club.

Art. 30

The membership of a club expires upon resignation or exclusion. Resignation can only take place at the end of a calendar year, must be reported to the C at the latest on February 15 of the following year and is valid retroactively to 31 December. Resignations of individual club members and individual members shall also be made no later than this date. Resignation is only possible after fulfilment of all financial obligations to the association. Clubs and individual members (IM) who do not fulfil their obligations towards the

association can be excluded from the PHOTO-SUISSE Association by the C.

Art 31

Exclusion will be communicated in writing to the club or IM concerned.

Art 32

Other categories of members:

32.1 Donor or Benefactor members may be admitted to the Association with the approval of the AD. They can be natural or legal persons.

32.2 Members who have rendered outstanding services to the Association may be appointed honorary members. The AD decides on the appointment on the proposal of the C or a member.

III Administration

Art. 33

The income of the association is composed of

- 33.1 regular annual fees for the entire benefit package
- 33.2 any extraordinary contributions
- 33.3 entrance fees for the competition.

Art. 34

- 34.1 Honorary members (HM) of PHOTO-SUISSE do not pay any contribution.
- 34.2 Members of the C are free of charge.
- 34.3 Members who join after the annual billing of a club or become HM are exempt from paying dues for the rest of the year.

Art. 35

Clubs and members are required to notify any change of address. The address serves as basis for sending the photo book. Photobooks reported by the Post Office as undeliverable will be delivered at the expense of the complaining members.

Art. 36

Clubs are responsible for the payment of their dues according to the membership list. Fees are to be paid to the association's account no later than 30 days after the invoice is issued. PHOTO-SUISSE appeals to the clubs to register all their members.

Art. 37

Individual photo clubs or individual members have no right to the association's assets.

Art. 38

Extraordinary contributions:

- 38.1 Gifts referred to in Art. 33.2 shall be accepted. They are subject to the approval of the AD and shall not in any way affect the freedom of activity of the Association.
- 38.2 C and AD decide about the use of these contributions, if no specification of its use is provided by the donor (Investment in a special fund, special award, etc.-).

Association bodies

Art. 39

- 39.1 The official website www.photosuisse.net reflects the activities and operations of the Association.
- 39.2 Articles of general interest by members and from other sources as well as notices, invitations etc. of the Clubs and the C may be published on the official website.

Elections and votes

Art. 40

- 40.1 Only delegates in possession of a voting card are entitled to vote. Voting cards will be issued by the C before the start of the AD. Individual members may exercise their right to vote under the premise of Art. 9
- 40.2 Elections and votes of the agenda are executed by absolute majority.
- 40.3 A secret vote can be carried out on request.
- 40.4 In the event of a parity of votes, the officiating President decides.
- 40.5 The C can carry out elections and votes per correspondence in case of need or urgency.

Dissolution of the association, Revision of the statutes

Art. 41

- 41.1 The dissolution of the association, revision of statutes and similar matters can only be carried out at an ordinary meeting of delegates.
- 41.2 A majority of 2/3 of the delegates' votes is required for such resolutions.
- 41.3 In case of dissolution of the association, its assets are to be placed in gilt-edged bonds for 10 years for the eventuality that a new association with the same objectives is founded. Should this situation not arise within 10 years, the amount will be paid to the Swiss Federation for Nature Conservation.

Final provisions

Art. 42

For cases not provided for in the statutes, the C decides in the interest of the association, taking into account the decision of the AD.

Art. 43

These Articles of Association shall enter into force in accordance with the resolution of the Assembly of Delegates of 6 April 2019 and replace those of 7 May 2016, which are hereby repealed. They contain the amendments in accordance with the resolutions of the AD 1994, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2007 and 2016.

Olten, 6. April 2019

The President:

Andreas Lanz

In case of linguistic differences the German text is binding.