

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND INC

RULES AND BY-LAWS

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**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED**

RULES

1. NAME

The name of the Society shall be the "Nature Photography Society of New Zealand Incorporated".

2. OBJECTS

The Objects of the Society shall be to:

- 2.1 Promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand and overseas. Nature photography is here defined to include photography of all aspects of the natural environment, including landscapes, flora, fauna and close-up photography;
- 2.2 Promote friendship, cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas about nature photography among the members of the Society both within New Zealand and overseas;
- 2.3 Publish any material relating to the objects and aspirations of the Society;
- 2.4 Hold and/or promote exhibitions of nature photography and/or equipment used in the production of photographs;
- 2.5 Associate or affiliate with other nature photography societies around the world, with a view to exchanging ideas and views about nature photography that might promote common interests;
- 2.6 Engage in any or all such lawful activities which may be conducive to or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the Society;
- 2.7 Make any such Rule and By-Law as may be necessary for the regulation of the Society for its activities and for the good conduct of the Society;
- 2.8 Award Fellowships, Associateships, Licentiateships or Service Awards of the Society in recognition of outstanding work or service in the field of nature photography.

3. REGISTERED OFFICE

- 3.1 The registered office of the Society shall be the address of the Secretary or any such place as may from time to time be determined.

4. PROPERTY

- 4.1 The funds, property and assets of the Society shall be under the control of the Management Committee and shall be managed and used in accordance with the objects of the Society.
- 4.2 No member of the Society, or any person associated with a member, shall participate in the making of any decisions or materially influence any decision made by the Society in respect of the payment to or on behalf of that member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever.

5. THE COMMON SEAL

- 5.1 The Common Seal of the Society and its use shall be under the control of the Management Committee and as more particularly defined under Appendix A.

6. MEMBERS

- 6.1 The members of the Society shall be such persons as the Management Committee admits to membership in the following classes: Foundation Members, Ordinary Members, Life Members, Clubs and Societies.
- 6.2 **Foundation Member.** Any member of the Society who paid a subscription fee of \$80 during the first twelve months of operation of Nature Photography Society of New Zealand is a Foundation Member of the Society.
- 6.3 **Ordinary Member.** Any person who is interested in nature photography, who has met the requirements of the rules and by-laws and who has paid the required subscription is an Ordinary Member.
- 6.4 **Life Member. Life member.** Any financial member whether resident in New Zealand or Overseas who has provided distinguished service to the Society may be granted an Honorary Life Membership by the Society at the Annual General Meeting. This member shall not require to pay any annual subscription or levies and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of financial members, including holding office on any committee of the Society. Any financial member may nominate a financial member for Honorary Life Membership in writing to the committee, at least three calendar months prior to the next Annual General Meeting outlining the reason for the nomination. The Committee will consider the nomination and if approved, will recommend the nomination to the Society at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6.5 **Club Members.** Any New Zealand Club or Society the aims and objects of which are compatible with those of the Society, which has met the requirements of the Society's rules and by-laws and paid the required Society's subscription fee, is a member.

7. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1 Candidates for membership shall make application in writing on the Membership Application Form and such applications shall be deemed to be agreement to accept and abide by the existing or future rules and by-laws of the Society.
- 7.2 The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse applications and may not be called upon to give any reason for such refusal.

8. RESIGNATION

- 8.1 A member desiring to retire from the Society shall give notice in writing to the Secretary. No refund of subscription may be made on the resignation of a member. Termination of membership shall operate to relieve all right, interest or title of any member to property, assets and privileges of the Society.

9. EXPULSION

- 9.1 The Management Committee as defined in Appendix A, shall have the power to expel members from the Society.

10. ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 10.1 The Society shall elect a Management Committee which shall operate as stated in Appendix A. The Management Committee shall consist of the officers and committee members as listed in clause 11 and be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. The Management Committee shall continue in office from each Annual General Meeting until the next following Annual General Meeting; at which time all members will retire and may stand for re-election. All members of the Management Committee must be financial members of the Society.
- 10.2 The Auditor is not part of the Management committee.

11. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall consist of:

- 11.1 A PATRON whose position is honorary. A Patron shall be appointed on the recommendation of the outgoing Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- 11.2 A PRESIDENT whose position shall be honorary. A President shall be elected and will promote the good and welfare of the Society and carry out all normal duties pertaining to that office.
- 11.3 A VICE-PRESIDENT whose position shall be honorary. A Vice President shall be elected and will act for and represent the Society at any time the President is unable to do so.

- 11.4 A SECRETARY whose position shall be honorary. The Secretary shall be appointed by the Management Committee.
- 11.5 A TREASURER whose position shall be honorary. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Management Committee. This office may be combined with that of the Secretary.
- 11.6 Seven COMMITTEE MEMBERS shall be elected or such other number as may be decided from time to time at the Annual General Meeting or at any Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society called for that purpose.

12. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held as follows:

- 12.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held once a year. At the meeting the President shall present a report of the Society's activities and proceedings for the year. The Treasurer shall present an audited financial report of the Society's financial affairs. Only financial members of the Society are entitled to vote.
- 12.2 On the recommendation of the Management Committee/Treasurer an Auditor will be appointed.
- 12.3 Notice of any Annual General or Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society shall be given in writing to the last recorded address of members no later than 28 (twenty-eight) days before the date for which the meeting is called.
- 12.4 Extraordinary General Meetings of the Society may be convened by the Management Committee as it sees fit. In addition, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Management Committee within 28 [twenty eight] days of a requisition from members being lodged with the Secretary. Such requisition must state the purpose for the meeting and be signed by no fewer than 15 [fifteen] financial members.
- 12.5 Ordinary meetings of members shall be held once a month or at any other time determined by the Management Committee.
- 12.6 The Management Committee shall meet at least twice a year. Notice for Management Committee Meetings shall be provided at least 7 [seven] days before the meeting or at such other time as members of the Management Committee unanimously agree.
- 12.7 Quorums. Fifteen members at any Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society shall constitute a quorum.
Four members at any meeting of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum.

13. FINANCE

- 13.1 Financial Year. The financial year of the Society shall be from the first day of January to the last day of December in that year.
- 13.2 An Annual Subscription and any other fee pertaining to the Society's activities shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and notified to all members. Any changes to subscriptions and other fees will take effect immediately but shall not be payable by current financial members until the start of the next financial year, being 1st January the year following the AGM.
- 13.3 The yearly payment of the above fees shall fall due on the first day of each financial year and any member whose subscription is not paid within three calendar months from the first day of the financial year shall be deemed unfinancial. If that member having been advised of his/her unfinancial state remains unfinancial for a further three months then he/she shall cease to be a member but shall remain liable for any unpaid subscriptions or fees up to the date of ceasing to be a member.
- 13.4 Any member who resigns from or is expelled from the Society shall not be entitled to any refund of any levy or fees or subscription or any part thereof.
- 13.5 The Management Committee may, in order to promote the objects of the Society, recommend to borrow or raise money upon mortgage of the real or personal property of the Society or part of it, or borrow money from any source with or without security, in such manner as the Society may determine.

14 ALTERATION TO RULES (BY-LAWS)

- 14.1 These Rules may be altered by resolution of the members present at any Annual General Meeting of the Society, provided that any member desirous of moving such resolution shall notify the Secretary in writing at least three calendar months before the date of the next AGM. Such a resolution will be passed provided two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote for it, do so.
- 14.2 The Management Committee itself may from time to time make, amend, or cancel By Laws and Rules for the proper regulation and management of the affairs of the Society and its members including those appended as A – By-Laws of the Management Committee and B – By-Laws of the Honours Board. Such making, amending and cancellation shall be by a simple majority decision at a meeting of the Management Committee of which due notice is given.
- 14.3 No addition to, alteration or recession of the Rules or Bylaws shall be approved if it affects the non-profit aims, personal benefit clause or winding up clause.
- 14.4 The Secretary shall notify the Registrar of Incorporated Societies of any resolution of the members changing the Rules or By-laws of the Society.

15 INTERPRETATION

- 15.1 The Management Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Rules and of the By-laws and regulations of the Society, and the decision of the Management Committee shall be binding on all Officers and members of the Society.

16 APPEALS

- 16.1 Any member of the Society who may find cause for dissatisfaction with the Society's operation may appeal in writing to the Management Committee whose decision shall be final.

17. HONOURS AND SERVICE AWARDS

- 17.1 HONOURS. The Management Committee may at its discretion appoint an Honours Board which will have the power to recommend to the Management Committee to grant a FELLOWSHIP, ASSOCIATESHIP OR LICENTIATESHIPS to the Society in recognition of ability in the field of Nature Photography. Recipients may append to their names, so long as they remain members of the Society, the following indications of their status:

Licentiateships	LNPSNZ
Associates	ANPSNZ
Fellows	FNPSNZ
Honorary Fellows	FNPSNZ (Honorary)

To include an additional category of Honorary Fellow. This allows the Society where appropriate to recognise an individual who has in the view of the Honours Board and the Management Committee of the Society made a substantial contribution to Nature Photography in general both nationally or internationally or has made a distinguished contribution to the Nature Photography Society of New Zealand over an extended period.

- 17.2 Such Honours Board shall conduct itself in accordance with the Appendix B – By Laws of the Honours Board, appended hereto.
- 17.3 SERVICE. The Management Committee may at its discretion grant a Certificate to any member in recognition of outstanding service or support to the Society.

18. WINDING UP OF THE SOCIETY

- 18.1 The Society may be wound up by a resolution of the majority of the members present at any general meeting. Notice of the proposed resolution must be given with the required notice of any such meeting at which the resolution is to be put.

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18.2 Notice of the passing of such a resolution shall be given by the Management Committee to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. In the event of winding up the property of the Society shall be applied to the payment of the debts and liabilities of the Society and the costs and expenses of the winding up.

18.3 The remaining property shall be transferred to some other society or organisation having similar objects to those of the Society, and to be determined by the Society at or before the time of winding up.

Signed _____

Judy Ashton
PRESIDENT

10/02/2004

Signed _____

Colin Fortune
VICE- PRESIDENT

10/02/2004

Signed _____

Michael Anderson
SECRETARY

10/02/04

**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND
INCORPORATED**

APPENDIX A – BY-LAWS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 1.1 Must conduct itself and manage the affairs of the Society in accordance with Objects of the Society as outlined in Clause 2 of the Rules;
- 1.2 Be the sole authority for the interpretation of the Rules and of the By-Laws and Regulations of the Society and the decision of the Management Committee shall be binding on all the Offices and Members of the Society
- 1.3 Shall manage the funds, property and assets of the Society under its control and in accordance with the Objects of the Society;
- 1.4 May, in order to promote the objects of the Society, borrow or raise money upon mortgage of the real or personal property of the Society or part of it, or borrow money from any source with or without security;
- 1.5 Shall appoint a Secretary who shall retire annually at the first meeting of the newly elected Management Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible to the Management Committee for the minutes of all meetings of the Society in General Meeting and meetings of the Management Committee, for conducting the business and correspondence of the Society and for carrying out such other duties as the Management Committee may from time to time direct;
- 1.6 Shall appoint a Treasurer, whose office may be combined with that of the Secretary;
- 1.7 Shall ensure that all money received by the Secretary/Treasurer be paid into a bank account, in the name of the Society;
- 1.8 May recommend at the Annual General Meeting an honorarium to the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, Auditor or other officers of the Society, in appreciation of their services to the Society;
- 1.9 Shall appoint a Common Seal. The Secretary shall be responsible for the safe custody and control of the Common Seal. Whenever the Common Seal is required to be affixed to any deed, document or other instrument, the Seal shall be affixed pursuant to a resolution of the Management Committee and in the presence of two members of the Management Committee, who shall sign the document to which the Seal is attached;

- 1.10 Shall accept members to the Society in accordance with Rules 6 and 7;
- 1.11 Shall have the authority, if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Society so require, to invite in writing, any member to withdraw from the Society within such time as may be specified in the letter. In the event of two-thirds of the Management Committee voting for his/her expulsion, such member shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Society and the Management Committee cannot be called upon to give any reason for its decision, which shall be final.
- 1.12 May appoint an Honours Board which shall conduct itself in accordance with Appendix B – By-Laws of the Honours Board;
- 1.13 Shall receive appeals from any member dissatisfied with the operation of the Society and make a decision which shall be final.
- 1.14 Shall notify the Registrar of Incorporated Societies of any resolution of members changing the Rules or winding up the Society.

2. RULES OF OFFICE BEARERS

- 2.1 The President shall promote the good and welfare of the Society and carry out all normal duties pertaining to that office.
- 2.2 The Vice-President will act for and represent the Society at any time the President is unable to do so.
- 2.3 The Secretary shall:
 - (a) Record the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Committee meetings and Extraordinary Annual General Meetings when these are held.
 - (b) Conduct the required correspondence and keep files of the incoming and out going correspondence.
- 2.4 The Treasurer shall:
 - (a) ensure that all money received is deposited in the Society's bank account.
 - (b) Pay all accounts as directed by the Management Committee with cheques counter signed by the authorised additional officer.
 - (c) Present a statement of annual audited financial accounts to the Society's members at the Annual General Meeting and forward a copy to the Registrar, after it has been accepted at the Annual General Meeting, as per section 23 of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

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APPENDIX B – BY-LAWS OF THE HONOURS BOARD

1. CREATION OF HONOURS

The Honours Board, created under Clauses 17 of the Rules, shall be empowered to recommend to the Management Committee of the Nature Photography Society of New Zealand Incorporated, the following Honours which the Management Committee may award in the name of the Society:

The Licentiateship	LNPSNZ
The Associateship	ANPSNZ
The Fellowship	FNPSNZ
The Honorary Fellowship	FPSNZ (Honorary)

2. APPLICATIONS FOR HONOURS

- 2.1 The Closing Date for Applications will be set at the December meeting of the Society each year.
- 2.2 Awards will be given at the AGM of the Society in March each year.
- 2.3 The application fee will be \$80 or such other amount as the Management Committee may from time to time decide.

3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR HONOURS

The qualifications for the above Honours shall be as follows:

3.1 The Licentiateship (LNPSNZ)

- (a) The applicant must be a financial member of the Society.
- (b) The Licentiateship recognises a high order of proficiency in the field of nature photography. The applicant shall apply for this Honour on the prescribed form and submit ten (10) examples of their work (either slides or prints) showing the breadth of the applicant's skill but does not need to be based around a theme. The work must be solely that of the applicant. Images may be processed by a trade laboratory.
- (c) There is no restriction on the size of the prints submitted.
- (d) The applicant may be given permission to present his/her own material to the Honours Board at a mutually agreed time.

3.2 The Associateship (ANPSNZ)

- (a) The applicant must be a financial member of the Society.
- (b) The Associateship recognises a high order of proficiency in the field of nature photography. The applicant shall apply for this Honour on the prescribed form and submit twelve (12) examples of their work (either slides or prints) showing the breadth of the applicant's skill but does not need to be based around a theme. The work must be solely that of the applicant. Images may be processed by a trade laboratory.
- (c) There is no restriction on the size of the prints submitted.
- (d) The applicant may be given permission to present his/her own material to the Honours Board at a mutually agreed time.

3.3 **The Fellowship (FNPSNZ)**

- (a) The applicant must be a financial member of the Society.
- (b) The applicant must be an Associate of the Society.
- (c) The Fellowship recognises an outstanding ability in the field of nature photography. The applicant shall apply for this Honour on the prescribed form and submit eighteen (18) examples of their work (either slides or prints) around a particular theme. The work must be solely that of the applicant. Images may be processed by a trade laboratory.
- (d) There is no restriction on the size of the prints submitted.
- (e) The applicant may be given permission to present his/her own material to the Honours Board at a mutually agreed time.

3.4 **The Honorary Fellowship (FNPSNZ – Honorary)**

This allows the Society where appropriate to recognise an individual who has in the view of the Honours Board and the Management Committee of the Society made a substantial contribution to Nature Photography in general both nationally or internationally or has made a distinguished contribution to the Nature Photography Society of New Zealand over an extended period.

4. SUBJECT BOUNDARIES

- 4.1 The subject boundaries are guided by Clause 2.1 of the Rules of the Society. This states:

“The objects of the Society shall be: To promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand and overseas. Nature photography is here defined to include photography of all aspects of the natural environment including landscapes, flora and fauna, and close-up photography.”

The following definition has also been included:

Category 1: Nature. Nature photography depicts living, untamed animals and uncultivated plants in a natural habitat, natural landscapes including geology and the wide diversity of natural phenomena, from insects to icebergs. Photographs of animals which are domesticated, caged or under any form of restraint, as well as photographs of cultivated plants are ineligible. Minimal evidence of humans is acceptable for nature subjects, such as welcome swallows or monarch butterflies,

adapting to an environment modified by humans, or natural forces, like hurricanes or tidal waves, reclaiming it. The original image must have been taken by the photographer, whatever photographic medium is used. Any manipulation or modification to the original image is limited to minor retouching of blemishes and must not alter the content of the original scene. After satisfying the above requirements, every effort should be made to use the highest level of artistic skill in all nature photographs.

Category 2: Nature Open. This category is dedicated to those photographers who may wish to interpret nature more creatively, using ultra macro, open apertures, sandwiching, or multiple exposures. Open can include cultivated or domestic flowers, shells, and any other natural object. It does not include anything man made, such as pottery, figurines, paintings etc. After satisfying the above requirements, every effort should be made to use the highest level of artistic skill in this category.

5 PRIVILEGES AND LIMITATIONS OF HONOURS

- 5.1 Those awarded Honours may append to their names, so long as they remain members of the Society, the following indications of their status.

Licentiate:	LNPSNZ
Associates:	ANPSNZ
Fellows:	FNPSNZ
Honorary Fellows:	FNPSNZ (Honorary)

6. DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE HONOURS BOARD

- 6.1 The Honours Board (hereafter called the Board) will be made up of six members and shall elect a Chairperson from their number. A minimum of four members is required for a quorum.
- 6.2 At each Annual General Meeting of the Society the longest serving member shall retire but be eligible for re-election. The Management Committee, on the recommendation of the Board, shall appoint a new member to replace a retiring member not seeking re-election or a casual vacancy.
- 6.3 Each Board member may be on the Board for a maximum of three terms. The initial term of appointment being three years.
- 6.4 The Board is an Honorary Honours Board.
- 6.5 The Board will appoint an Honours Board Secretary annually and will consult with the Management Committee regarding this appointment.
- 6.6 Members of the Honours Board may not bestow Honours upon themselves.
- 6.7 The business of the Board may be undertaken by correspondence as well as by formal meeting.

- 6.8 The President of the Society shall not take part in the deliberations or decisions of the Board.
- 6.9 All decisions shall be conveyed to the Management Committee through the President.
- 6.10 The Board shall submit a report of its activities to the Management Committee, through the President, at the close of each financial year.
- 6.11 The Board may at its discretion waive any of its specific requirements when such a waiver is not inconsistent with the objects of the Society.
- 6.12 The Board shall determine its policy in the issuing of Honours in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Society.
- 6.13 The Board may recommend to the Management Committee any changes to the policies, practices, rules and regulations governing the establishment and awarding of Honours as it seems fit.
- 6.14 The Board shall determine what information it requires from applicants and prepare the appropriate forms on which applications and nominations are to be made.
- 6.15 The closing date for the receipt of applications and nominations for the Honours shall be advised to members at the December meeting of the Society or such other date as the board may decide.
- 6.16 The decision of the Honours Board in accepting or rejecting an application for the Honours shall be final and the Board may not be called upon to give reasons for its decisions.
- 6.17 All records of applications and nominations for Honours shall be destroyed immediately they have been dealt with.
- 6.18 All awards shall be presented and published in such a manner and at such times as the Management Committee may, from time to time, direct.
- 6.19 Certifications to be issued to the recipients of Honours shall be signed by the President of the Society and the Chairperson of the Honours Board.
- 6.20 The Honours Board will operate under the agreed Procedures and Protocols for the Honours Board.

APPENDIX C – CHANGES TO BY-LAWS

The following changes to the By-Laws have been agreed to and appropriately recorded by the NPS Management Committee.

April 2005 – Appendix B By-Laws of the Honours Board

- 6.1 The Honours Board (hereafter called the Board) will be made up of four members and shall elect a Chairperson from their number.

Changed to:

- 6.1 The Honours Board (hereafter called the Board) will be made up of six members and shall elect a Chairperson from their number. A minimum of four members is required for a quorum.

- 6.3 Only one Honours Board member shall reside outside Christchurch

Deleted and following clauses renumbered.