

BECKENHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION AND RULES 2025

1. The Society shall be called the BECKENHAM PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY ('the Society')
2. The object of the Society shall be to promote the study and practice of photography and related branches of science and art through meetings, lectures, competitions, outings or other means which the Committee may think desirable. The Society will where possible engage with the local community in the pursuit of the Society's objectives.
3. The management of the Society's affairs shall be vested in a Committee comprising the Eight Officers as set out in Rule 4, and three other Members, the quorum to be six. Committee Officers shall have the power to fill any vacancies. The past president will be co-opted for one year after office but have no voting rights.
4. The Officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programme Organiser, Internal Competition Organiser, External Competition Organiser and Exhibition Organiser.
5. Serving Committee members/officers will be assigned appropriate specific roles for the Society; upon agreement the member will hold these roles for the duration they serve on the committee. These to include but not be limited to Membership, Health & Safety, Social events and communications.
6. The Officers and Members of Committee shall be elected, either by show of hands or by ballot, at the Annual General Meeting. They shall each be nominated by two members of the Society, subject to the consent of the nominee. A member nominated as President must be currently serving on the Committee as an officer or have served within the preceding year. Officers shall be eligible for re-election. Other Members of Committee shall not serve for more than four consecutive years but shall be eligible for re-nomination after one year. The President and Treasurer shall not serve for more than four consecutive years but after one year he/she shall be eligible for re-nomination to the committee.
7. As a mark of appreciation, members shall have power, on the nomination of the Committee, to appoint as Honorary Vice-President to any member who has given special service to the Society. This appointment shall not affect the right of the member to hold any other office in the Society. The position(s) shall not serve on the committee automatically.
8. The committee will meet in addition to the AGM a minimum of 4 times a year
9. Committee meeting minutes will be made available to all Society members via the web site, where there are sensitive discussions, these will be redacted.
10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held within twelve weeks of the end of the Society's financial year, to receive the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts, to transact the formal business of the Society and to elect the Officers and Members of Committee. Co-opted volunteer roles will be announced, these will include the Projectionist(s), Honorary Auditor, Web Master and Bulletin editor for the following year. The position(s) shall not serve on the committee but may be invited to attend on an ad-hoc basis.
11. The subscriptions for the following season shall be recommended by the Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting by members. Subscriptions will be payable at the start of the season.
12. The Committee shall have power to open bank accounts for the Society and shall establish the method of operating them. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Society. The Treasurer shall receive all monies and make all payments concerned with the general fund after payments have been approved by the Committee. The Wide-angle Market shall be under the control of a Manager who shall be appointed by and be responsible to the Committee. An additional officer nominated by the committee shall also have authority to authorise payments and sign cheques for the General

Account.

13. The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting, if requested to by not fewer than ten members of the Society. The request shall be in writing and the proposed business of the meeting shall be clearly stated. Seven days' notice stating the purpose and date of the meeting shall be given to all members in writing
14. The Committee shall have power to manage, control and deal with any matter not provided for in these Rules, including the power to withdraw or withhold membership from any individual, and to appoint any Sub-Committee it wishes.
15. No alteration shall be made to these Rules except at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and no rule shall be altered except with the approval of the majority of members present. Notice of any proposed alterations shall be sent to the Secretary in writing at least fourteen days before the Annual or Special General Meeting and shall be circulated to all members at least seven days before that meeting.

8th October 2025