



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

ACTIVE, ASSOCIATE, FIRM, SUSTAINING

– **Active Membership** . . . would be held by any individual whose business or occupation consists of the making of photographs; electronic imaging, service specialist, (those who provide handicraft services to the profession).

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 - membership registration fees
- serving on the Board of Directors
- degree program
- entering of prints into competition

No Out of State member shall hold office, serve on the Board of Directors or be eligible to receive in state print awards.

(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
- newsletter and magazine
- member registration fees
- degree program
- 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).

– **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.

– 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: _____
Number of years in photography business? _____
State Tax # _____ **(Required to be an Active Member)**
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 ___ Firm ___ Sustaining

SECTION II. 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 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 January. 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 _____ Signature _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Active (full member) \$ 125.00 Associate . . . \$ 75.00 Firm \$ 40.00 Sustaining . . . \$ 225.00

SECTION III. Complete only if applying for Sustaining Membership.

1. List manufacturers you represent; product manufactured; products sold _____
2. Do you also call on non-photographer accounts ? _____
3. What is your territory ? _____
4. Will you attend events and activities of the PPN other than the bi-annual convention and trade show? _____
5. Do you intend to advertise in publications ? _____
6. Would you be willing to sponsor: _____ Programs; _____ Drawings; _____ Hospitality; _____ Meals; _____ Dances: _____ Other activities of the PPN.

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** _____