



## **Federation of Indian Photography**

*(Registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1904 as amended by Act 26 of 1965)*

### **MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION-Laws and Bye-Laws**

(As approved and passed by the Representatives of the Founder Members on 15th September 1953, and subsequently amended by the Extraordinary General Body Meeting on 20th December 1967 at Hyderabad, the Second Extraordinary General Body Meeting held on 24th February 1970 at Bangalore and the Third Extraordinary General Body Meeting held on 23rd January 1973 at New Delhi.)

Secretary General

Dr. G. Thomas, FRPS, Hon.PSA, FPSA, Hon. EFIAP.

50, Sri Rama Mandir Road, Bangalore - 560 004.

### **Memorandum of Association of the Federation of Indian Photography**

#### **Name**

1. The Name of the organisation is "Federation of Indian Photography".

#### **Place**

2. The Registered Office of the Organisation will be situated at 50, Sri Rama Mandir Road, Bangalore-4 for the present.

#### **Object**

3. The object for which the Organisation is founded is to bring within its fold and to coordinate the activities of the various Photographic Associations, Clubs, and Societies in India, working to foster, encourage and promote interest in the Art and/or the Science of Photography in all its aspects and the applications thereof.

4. The said object is sought to be attained —

- a) By forming the Organisation with the existing Photographic Associations, Clubs and Societies as are subscribing to the above object, without prejudice to their individual identity and internal autonomy, as Corporate Members;

- b) By enrolling from time to time as Corporate Members such Photographic Associations, Clubs



and Societies as may now-be in existence or as may be formed in future, whenever they may on subscribing to the above object seek admission;

c) By holding regional and periodical conventions in Photography at various centres in India by rotation;

d) By promoting, conducting or holding Photographic competitions, portfolios, exhibitions and Salons, by aiding the Corporate Members to organise them by rotation;

e) By appointing a panel of judges from which any Corporate Member organising a Salon may choose its personnel;

f) By circulating foreign portfolios, exhibitions and Salons among the Corporate Members;

g) By maintaining an information bureau with regard to all matters pertaining to Photography;

h) By encouraging Research in Photography;

i) By publishing original papers as well as journals, periodicals, annuals and books on Photography;

j) By making representations to proper authorities to redress the grievances of Corporate Members as well as individual photographers;

k) By suitably honouring individual photographers of merit;

l) By establishing a National Museum of Photography and a National Gallery of Photographic Art;

m) By forming and maintaining an adequate Library of Photography;

n) By raising funds by Subscription, donation or other means;

o) By purchasing, taking on lease, or otherwise acquiring and also by letting, leasing, or otherwise disposing of any premises or other property for the benefit of the Federation;

p) By maintaining contact with similar national federations and representative organisations of other countries; and

q) By carrying out such other activities as would be of general importance to all the federating Corporate Members and to the progress of Photography and incidental or conducive to the attainment of the object of the Federation.

5. The general management and working of the Federation will be in the hands of the Governing Body of the Federation, which consists of representatives of one from each of the federating Corporate Members.

6. The names, occupations and addresses of the persons who are members of and who form the Governing Body on this date are as follows:

1. Sri A. Arunachalam, ARPS,

Advocate, 120, Thaiyappa Mudali St., George Town, Madras-1

2. Sri K.M.Banerji,

Photographic Dealer, C P. Camera House, Residency Rd., Nagpur, M.P.

3. Sri N. Bhagwandas, IAS,

Collector & Dt. Magistrate, Guntur, Andhra

4. Sri Chandrakumar,

Photographer, 9 Lalbagh Road, Lucknow, U.P.

5. Sri M. K. Bhatnagar,

Photographer, 1 5/251-B, Civil Lines, Kanpur, U.P.

6. Sri Anil Das,

Photographer, Miloni Mess, Room 16, Bunipur P.O., Dt. Burdwan

7. Sri D.P. Durta,

Photographer, P/200, S.Ave. Calcutta.

8. Sri R.R. Ganguli,

Photographer, Sri Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry.

9. Sri Tej Karan Gongwal,

Photographer, Mahavir Park, Jaipur, Raj.

10. Sri T.F. Geti,

Photographer, Salapose Road, Ahmedabad.

11. Sri B.C Kothari,

Publicity Officer to the Govt of Bombay, Nadiad.

12. Dr. K.L. Kothary, ARPS, APSA,

Medical Practitioner, Palanpur.

13. Sri Daman U, Mehta,

Photographer, Sardar Parel Marg, No.2, Ahmedabad.

14. Sri G.S. Mohanty,

Asst. Director Fisheries (T), Cuttack, Orissa.

15. Sri B.K. Mukerjee,

Engineer, 24B, Hindustan Park, Calcutta-29.

16. Sri S.R. Pandyan, B.A., L.T.,

Teacher, 37, Rajappa Nagar, Tanjore.

17. Sri Bansilal J. Patel,

Photographer, Magan Bhawan Road, 5, Ellis Bridge, Ahmedabad-5.

18. Sri V. Bapiraju,

Advocate, 13/371, Grand Trunk Road, Rajahmundry, Andhra.

19. Sri S.H.H. Razavi,

Merchant, 63, Yahiapur, Allahabad-3, U.P.

20. Sri Bolai Lal Sen,



Photographer, 85, Rashbehari Avenue, Calcutta-26.

21. Sri Sivarama Sastry, ARPS,

Photographer, Halaharvi, Alur Tq., Kurnool Dt., Andhra.

22. Dr. G. Thomas, FRPS, FPSA,

Medical Practitioner, 50 Sri Rama Mandir Road, Bangalore-4.

Dated at Bangalore

15th September 1953.

## **Federation of Indian Photography**

### **Articles of Association**

#### **Laws and Bye-laws**

#### **Interpretation**

1. In the Articles of Association unless there is anything repugnant to the context:—

a) "Standing Orders" mean and include the rules for the conduct of the various activities of the Federation;

b) "The Federation" and "the Members", "the President", "the Honorary Secretary, "the Honorary Treasurer," and "the Governing Body" refer to the Federation of Indian Photography and the Members, the President, the "Honorary Secretary the Honorary Treasurer and the Governing Body thereof respectively;

c) "The Session of the Governing Body and/or Working Committee and the decision of the Governing Body and/or the Working Committee mean the sitting of a duly constituted meeting of the Governing Body and/or the Working Committee or the circulation of the transaction papers among the members of the Governing Body and/or the Working Committee and the decision taken by a majority of such meeting, or in the course circulation of the transaction papers respectively.

d) "The Central Association" of the Federation of Indian Photography shall mean the corpus of individual members of the Federation of Indian Photography.

e) "The Year" shall mean the English Calendar Year commencing with 1st of January and ending with 31st December following; and

f) The words importing the masculine gender shall be deemed to refer also the feminine gender.

#### **The Federation**

2. The Federation is founded under the name and for the object expressed in the Memorandum of Association.

### **Membership and Subscription**

3. a) Admission to the Federation as Corporate Members shall be open to all Photographic Associations, Clubs and Societies in India working to foster, encourage and promote interest in the Art and/or the Science of Photography, in all its aspects and in the applications thereof.

b) Admission to the Central Association of the Federation as 'Individual Members' shall be open to any individual interested in the art or science of photography from any part of the world.

c) The Governing Body may admit as 'Sustaining Members' any Photographic Firm or any representative of manufacturers of photographic equipment, accessories and goods.

d) The Governing Body may admit any person as Honorary Member for outstanding merit and for services to photography in general and to the Federation of Indian Photography in particular.

4. a) The Membership fee for Corporate Members will be Rs. 40/-per year, with an initiation fee of Rs. 10/-

b) The Membership fee for an Individual Member will be Rs. 15/- per year, with an initiation fee of Rs. 5/- (or U.S. \$ 3.00 or £ 1.00)

c) The membership fee for Sustaining Members admitted as such under 3 (c) will be Rs. 250/- per year.

d) Any individual paying an amount of Rs. 250/- and being admitted as such, will be a Life Member. Any individual paying a lump sum of Rs. 500/- and being admitted as such, shall be a 'Donor Member'. Any individual paying an amount of over Rs. 1000/- and is admitted as such, shall be a 'Patron'

5. Every application for membership of any category indicated above shall be duly published in the Viewfinder and shall be taken as approved by the Governing Body members in the absence of any written objection to the contrary within a month from the date of publication in the Viewfinder. In case of any such objection, the objection shall be communicated to all members of the Governing Body and the majority decision shall prevail.

6. No application or recommendation for membership, if rejected, can be renewed within a period of six months from the previous decision of the Governing Body.

7. For purpose of membership, subscriptions will be considered valid for 12 (twelve) calendar months from the date of joining.

8. Any member not paying the year's subscription within three months of the lapse of his subscription shall be liable to be removed from the rolls.

9. The general management and the working of the Federation shall be in the hands of the Governing Body, which shall consist of one representative from each Corporate Member of the Federation, who shall be nominated by the Corporate Member of the Federation and who shall be subject to recall by the nominating

10. The Governing Body shall elect from amongst the members of the Governing Body and members of the Central Association of the Federation of Indian Photography, a President, a Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

11. On election, the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer will be deemed as National Representatives and vacate representing any one club.

12. Whenever any casual vacancy occurs in the Governing Body, it shall be filled by the calling for a new Representative from the Corporate Member, which the person vacating



represented and any vacancy in the Officers shall be filled up by the Governing body itself.

13. The Governing Body may delegates all or of its functions to the Working Committee, the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Such delegation of function shall be in writing in the form of 'Standing Orders', to be modified from time to time, which shall not be inconsistent with the duties and responsibilities laid on the various office bearers. In an emergency, it would be open to the Working Committee to take action beyond its capacity, subject to ratification by the Governing Body

14 a) The Working Committee of the Federation shall consist of (i) elected office bearers, (ii) five representatives of Corporate Members, elected by the Governing Body from amongst themselves, one of whom shall be the Representative of the Central Association, (iii) the immediate Past Office bearers.

b) The Governing Body of the Federation shall meet at least once in two years at a predecided place anywhere in the Union of India and as often as necessary. But, the Working Committee shall be in continuous postal session at least once a quarter and may meet as often as is considered necessary.

c) On any Corporate Member ceasing membership on account of default in payment of the subscription or renewal, its representative automatically ceases membership of the Governing Body or the Working Committee.

15. a) The Governing Body shall meet in postal session at least once a year, when the audited accounts of the Treasurer, including income and expenditure statements and Balance sheet are passed. The report and the accounts shall be published in the official journal of the Federation.

b) The quorum of the Governing Body meeting shall be 10 or 10 per cent of the total membership, whichever is lower.

c) Governing Body meetings may be convened at any time by the Secretary or on requisition from the President.

16. a) Special Governing Body Meetings shall be convened by the Secretary on a requisition in writing by at least 20 members of the Governing Body or at least half of the total number of the members of the Governing Body, whichever is smaller. Such a request shall state the business for which such a meeting is to be convened.

b) If these conditions are satisfied, intimation of the Special Governing Body Meeting shall be sent within 10 days from the date of receipt of the requisition, indicating the particulars of the business to be transacted. The date of the Special Governing Body Meeting shall not be later than 40 days from the date of the receipt of the requisition.

17. a) The President shall promote the good and welfare of the Federation, perform all duties customarily appertaining to the office of the President of the Federation and preside at all meetings of this Federation and shall otherwise serve as required by the exigencies of office and by this constitution and these bye-laws.

b) In all matters not specifically provided for in these articles or in the standing orders, if any, passed by the Governing Body, the President shall have discretionary powers subject to ratification of his action by the Governing Body in postal session

18. No President shall hold office for more than two consecutive terms and when he vacates the office, he shall not seek election for any office for one term following his presidency.

19. The Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform such duties as may be

delegated by the President or assigned by the Governing Body.

20. The Honorary Secretary:

a) It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to transact all official business of the Federation, to arrange and attend to all the meetings of the Federation, to prepare minutes of all the proceedings, to conduct all the correspondence of the Federation, except such as may be delegated to any other member or members of the Governing Body.

b) The Honorary Secretary shall be generally responsible for the condition and management of all properties of the Federation, other than those entrusted to the care of other members of the Governing Body.

c) The Honorary Secretary shall have power to employ, from time to time, such servants as may be required for the Federation and to control, punish and dismiss them, provided that on appeal shall lie to the Governing Body in such cases of punishment or dismissal.

21. The Honorary Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Federation, pay such sums as may be directed by the Governing Body, keep an account of all such receipts and payments and render a statement to the Governing Body from time to time. The Honorary Treasurer shall also arrange for auditing of accounts and Balance Sheet by any Registered Accountant, who may be duly appointed by the Governing Body.

22. No officer, official member or employee of this Federation shall commit this Federation as a whole to any policy, agreement, responsibility, project, undertaking or unauthorised expense without the approval of the Governing Body.

23. The immediate past office bearers will be ex-officio members of the Governing Body and the Working Committee for one term.

24. Election of Officers:

a) The Secretary shall call for nominations before the month of December every two years, for Election to the Officers of the Governing Body and the Working Committee.

b) The Governing Body shall formulate a set of Standing Orders for the conduct of elections of office bearers, and may formulate Standing orders for any other purpose from time to time.

c) The election of Office Bearers shall be postal ballot and the election shall be conducted before the end of the term.

25. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Governing Body.

26. Newly elected Officers will function from the 1st of January following.

27. Amendments to the Rules and Regulations:

Additions to or alterations in the Rules and Regulations shall be effected only after one month's due notice of the same is given to the members of the Governing Body and if passed by two-thirds of its members present and/or voting.

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### **Standing Orders**

1. A Statement of any business transacted by the Working Committee (vide Art. 14 b) shall be



published in the Viewfinder, under the F.I.P. Announcements.

2. 'Standing Committees' for promoting 'continuing activities' and 'ad hoc committees' for promoting 'specific activities' of a temporary nature only, shall be erected by a resolution of the Working Committee.

3. These Committees shall make periodic reports to the Secretary General, who will place the reports before the Working Committee.

4. The day-to-day administration of the various Divisions, including the appointment and delegation of the work and termination of tenure of the Divisional Secretaries will be the responsibility of the Secretary General.

5. Legal Documents and the Seal of the Federation of Indian Photography shall be in the custody of the Secretary General.

6. The Honours Committee Panel The Honours Panel deciding recommendations for AFIAP and EFIAP distinctions be constituted by FIP, consisting of only members, who have EFIAP or equivalent distinctions, obtained on actual submission of photographs, and not those whose distinctions have been obtained for service or other considerations; also, for the service award, viz. ESFIAP as well as for the Hon. EFIAP, those with these or equivalent distinctions for service and other considerations, shall be eligible to serve on the panel.

7. The Convener of the Distinctions Committee shall be selected for a term in consultation with the Working Committee.

8. Every year, after the closing date of applications for Distinctions, the Convener of the Distinctions Committee shall choose five names from among the complete panel, by lots, taking care to see that no two judges are from the same area, and then, intimate the chosen judges accordingly.

9. On receiving the circulated evidence, the Distinctions Committee Members will assess the evidence of each candidate and intimate the Convener, confidentially of their appraisal. The Convener will collate these evaluations and send them in a consolidated form to the Secretary General and also announce the names of the judges in an issue of the Viewfinder subsequent to the announcement of results. The Secretary General will intimate the candidates as to the Recommendations, and also take the necessary steps to have these recommendations processed by Directory Board of the Federation International de l'Art Photographique. When the FIAP's approval is received, the Secretary General will intimate the successful candidates of the results.

10. For the Distinction of Honorary Excellence FIAP, however, since no applications are entertained from the candidates themselves, the proposal shall emanate from anyone of the existing Hon. EFIAPs in the country and the proposal voted upon merit by the full panel of the Hon. EFIAPs in the country. Only a three quarter majority vote of those voting will entitle the name to be recommended to the FIAP.

11. Travelling Allowances: The Officers of the Federation, viz. the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary / Treasurer shall be paid Single First Class train fare to and from their normal places of residence, to any place, where duties of the Federation, like Ordinary or Extraordinary Meetings of the Governing Body demand their attendance. A First Class Daily Allowance of Rs. 25/- (Rupees Twenty Five only) per day shall be paid, if claimed.

12. The following Rules hold for any New Awards that may be instituted:

a) The awards may be 'Volunteer Awards' or 'Repetitive Awards'.

b) In the case of Volunteer Awards, the cost of a single award shall, accompany the request for the institution of the award.

c) In the case of Repetitive Awards, they shall be at least for five consecutive annual events.



d) All funds associated with donations for awards shall be under the control of FIP Headquarters.

e) The letters 'FIP' shall not be used as a part of the title of the Award, but, should be mentioned in the explanatory inscription.

13. Elections: When elections to the Offices of the Governing Body and the Working Committee are held as per Art. 24 b, the following procedure will be observed:

a) Provided the Secretary General himself is not a contesting candidate, he will be the "Returning-Officer.

b) However, in case the Secretary General offers himself as a candidate for election to any of the posts, when the nomination stage is completed, if there is a contest for the post, a person, who may be anyone of the officers or a member of the Working Committee, who is himself not a candidate, shall be named by the President as the Returning Officer, with his terms of reference defined to mean that he should receive the ballot papers, scrutinise them tell the votes and announce the results.

14. Surplus Funds of this Federation: These will be invested in the best interest of the Federation of Indian Photography, according to the Rules and Regulations, from time to time, as directed by the Working Committee.

*"Thus are the incidents of time, and the forms of space, simultaneously recorded; and every picture becomes an authentic chapter in the history of the world."*

Lady Elizabeth Rigby Eastlake