

MANUAL OF THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas the advancement of the Art of Photography and the elevation of the professional character of its members, the establishment of a higher and more perfect system of conducting the business of photography, the promotion of friendly intercourse and feeling, and the unity of purpose in pursuing the direction that points to its greatest success as an art; therefore we, the members of the Convention now assembled in Detroit, Mich., August, 1895, composed of photographers from various sections of the United States, adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be called the Photographers' Association of America. Its aim shall be to encourage the various State organizations, and to promote a friendly intercourse of feeling among such State organizations, and to further unite and encourage the photographers of the United States and Canada in the following objects:

1. To establish the relations between members of the profession and the people at large upon just and business principles, which shall promote public welfare and be of mutual advantage.
2. To improve the science and art of photography by diffusing scientific knowledge among its members, fostering photographic literature, stimulating discovery and invention, and encouraging the production and manufacture of all articles required for photographic use.
3. To discourage and oppose any unjust opposition which tends to hamper the progress of the art.

ARTICLE II.—STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

*Section I.*—The Association shall be constituted as follows:

1. Such State associations as shall become members of the National Association.
2. Such individual members of States and territories where no State or territorial organization exists.
3. Such photographers, inventors and scientific men who may be deemed worthy of distinction to membership.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

*Section I.*—The membership of this Association shall consist of regular and associate members.

1. Regular members shall be such members of State organizations, who are photographers in good standing, or such photographers who reside in a State or territory where no State or territorial organization exists.
2. Associate members shall consist of manufacturers of photographic materials, dealers in same, and their representatives and employees.
3. All present and past presidents of State associations who become members shall be considered *ex-officio* members of the legislative body of this Association.

ARTICLE IV.—POWERS.

*Section I.*—Legislative powers shall be vested in the National Association, which shall be composed as follows:

1. The officers as provided in this Constitution.
2. The national representatives legally elected, appointed or selected.

*Section VI.*—Eminent men in the United States and other countries, inventors, photographers and other scientific men who may be thought worthy of the distinction may be elected honorary mem-

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