

Seven Ponds Photo Club Board Elections - Shannon Hintz 8-6-2025 page 1 of 2

Hi everyone,

There have been a few questions about the board elections that are coming up. I encourage you to take time to consider the opportunity of being a part of the board. Please read the information below for more information.

Dear Seven Ponds Photography Club Members,

As many of you know, our club has board elections coming up this November. Our club is full of many talented members. The current board members would greatly appreciate it if you would be willing to dedicate some of that time and talent to serving the membership of our club on next year's board.

In our club's constitution, it states that: "The Board of Directors will be nominated or a member may volunteer to nominate him/her self in October of the election year. Election of new Board of Directors will be in November of the odd number calendar years. Upon being elected, the new Board of Directors shall convene to a room outside the general meeting, and among themselves, decide on the officers for the upcoming year. New Board of Director members will take office in January of the following year."

This means that you can nominate yourself or be nominated by another. Your role would be for 2 years starting January 1, 2026. Lastly, the new board would determine roles, meaning you have the ability to advocate for a role which you feel is the best fit. The board meets 4 times a year.

The goal of the election is for there to be 9 board members. In terms of roles that you may be elected into, here are the duties and responsibilities as laid out in our club's bi-laws.

Officers and Directors

The President presides over Board meetings, serves as chairperson of the Board and administers the affairs of the club with the assistance of the Board. The President makes all social media websites and special committee appointments and appoints the chair of all standing committees with the approval of the Board. The President is an ex-officio member of all committees.

The **First Vice-President** presides at all meetings in the absence of the President and is the chair person of the program committee. In the event of the death, resignation, incapacity or removal of the President, the First Vice-President will assume the duties of the President.

The **Second Vice-President** presides at meetings in the absence of both the President and First Vice-President, and is the officer who will assume special projects designated by the President and the Board.

The **Secretary** keeps full records of proceedings at regular membership meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors and is the custodian of all club official records. The Secretary is also responsible for all of the club's formal correspondence. The Secretary may also hold the office of First or Second Vice- President.

The **Treasurer** is the custodian of all monies and securities of the club, is responsible for collecting dues and maintaining a roster of members in good standing. The Treasurer pays all bills approved by motion of the Board. The Treasurer also gives a full accounting of the club's financial affairs at the regular meetings of the Board. An annual financial report summarizing the year's transactions prepared by the Treasurer and approved by a club committee appointed by the Board will be presented to the membership at a regular meeting in October.

Other Board Member Roles

These roles may be absorbed under officer/director positions listed above.

The **Digital Projection Division Manager** is responsible for keeping track of member's GDCCC competition records for digital competition as well as selecting images to move forward to each GDCCC competition. They are responsible for pushing those images forward as well. The DPD manager helps run the competition meetings by projecting images and recording scores on the website, running numbers, and/or judging.

The **Print Division Manager** is responsible for keeping track of member's GDCCC print competition records for print competition as well as selecting images to move forward. The Print manager is responsible for traveling with prints to their designated GDCCC competition location 5 times a year. They help run the competition meetings by projecting images and recording scores on the website, running numbers, and/or judging.

The **Focus Topic Manager** is responsible for determining what the 11 focus topics for each year will be. These are often selected in November or December so that the website can be updated for the new year.

The **Trip Manager** is responsible for arranging and coordinating trips and photography opportunities for membership. They may lead trips or support other members setting up trips. The trip manager also lets people know about self-guided photography opportunities.

The **Social Media Manager** is responsible for keeping Seven Ponds Photography Club's Facebook page up to date with events, shared member images, competition results, and any other important information that members need to know.

The **Fundraiser Manager** is responsible for helping our club raise money. They handle raffles, 50/50, and brainstorm other ideas for raising money.

The **Library Manager** is responsible for maintaining records of what library books are on the photo club cart, checking out/checking in books, and looking for new books to add to the cart.

The **SPNC Activities Coordinator** coordinates communication with Seven Ponds Nature Center and reaches out to photo club members when there are opportunities to represent our club at SPNC events.

Thank You

To those who currently serve or have served on our board, we thank you for the work you have done to support our club.

To club members, please consider dedicating some time and energy to keep our great club running. If you have any questions about being on the board or specific roles, please reach out to any of the board members. We would be happy to provide answers.