**Ophthalmic Photographers' Society, Inc.** 

# **Articles of Incorporation**

The first version of these Articles of Incorporation as recorded by the State of Florida are held by the OPS Historian. These articles may be amended by vote of the Membership as defined in Article IX. Should such amendments be enacted, the amendment date should be recorded here.

Original Articles: 22 June 1970 Transcription to computer file: 9 February 2000

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHERS' SOCIETY, INC.

(A Corporation Not for Profit)

We, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation for charitable and philanthropic purposes, under the provisions of Ch. 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

# **ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation is OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHERS' SOCIETY, INC.

# ARTICLE II.

The general nature of the objects and purposes of this corporation shall be:

- (1) Encourage and maintain the highest levels of quality and service of the ophthalmic photographer.
- (2) Seek and stimulate an interest in the development of new and improved techniques.
- (3) Provide a ready source of technical information and education for those in need.
- (4) Establish and maintain a well coordinated group of professional photographers to represent the craft of Ophthalmic Photography.
- (5) Promote ophthalmic photography as a specialty of Allied Health Personnel in ophthalmology.
- (6) Encourage continuing education in ophthalmic photography by sponsoring national and international meetings, organization of instructional courses and publications of scientific publications on the subject.
- (7) Keep a directory of qualified ophthalmic photographers.
- (8) Act as a placement service for ophthalmic photography.

## **ARTICLE III. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons hereinafter named as subscribers and such persons as, from time to time hereafter, may become members, in the manner provided in the by-laws.

## ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist "perpetually".

#### **ARTICLE V. SUBSCRIBERS**

The names and residences of the subscribers to these articles are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Lee Allen	1815 Rider Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240
Don Wong	41-19 77th Street, Elmherst, New York 11373
Johnny Justice, Jr.	12011 S. W. 172nd Street, Miami, Florida 31157
Roger Lancaster	16 Heritage Road, Acton, Mass. 01720

## **ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The officers of the corporation shall be a President, such number of Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasury, and such other officers as may be provided in the by-laws.

**Section 2.** The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

OFFICE	NAME
President	Lee Allen
First Vice President	Don Wong
Treasurer	Johnny Justice, Jr.

Secretary

**Section 3.** The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors or as provided in the by-laws.

## **ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Johnny Justice, Jr.

**Section 1.** The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have four directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from them to time, by the by-laws, but shall never be less than three.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation.

**Section 3.** Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the by-laws.

**Section 4.** The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Lee Allen	1815 Rider Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52240
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## **ARTICLE VIII. BY-LAWS**

**Section 1.** The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such by-laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

**Section 2.** Upon proper notice the by-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

## **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the membership through a mail poll of the membership in which two-thirds of the active membership responds to said poll. Adoption of any Amendment shall be by majority vote. Such polls shall be conducted in the manner provided in the by-laws.

**Section 2.** Amendment may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given as provided by the by-laws of intention to submit such Amendments provided that two-thirds of the active membership is in attendance at said meeting.

## **ARTICLE X. LOCATION**

The location of this corporation shall be at such places as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The initial location of this corporation shall be at 1638 N.W. 10th Avenue in the city of Miami, County of Dade, State of Florida 33136.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals, this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>June</u>, 1970, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under laws of the State of Florida.

Lee Allen Don Wong Johnny Justice Jr. Roger C. Lancaster