

Field Photography Collective (FPC)

STATUTE

1. Name of the Organization

Field Photography Collective (FPC).

2. Registration

FPC is registered as a non-for-profit organization in Stockholm, Sweden.

3. Founders (permanent article – cannot be amended)

The founders of the organization are Sofia Zitouni and Fallckolm Cuenca. The founders have the right to exercise a veto on all decisions concerning the development of the organization.

4. Values, Purpose and Functions

FPC is a platform for peace, security, and development professionals that want to convey their personal and honest stories in pictures. The stories are based on individual experiences while working in difficult settings with human challenges from around the world. FPC aspires to recognise ordinary people that live extraordinary lives in often difficult and sometimes precarious conditions. FPC core values derive from equality, respect, creativity, and inclusiveness.

5. Members

Anyone sharing the core values as stipulated in the Statute (§4), can express interest in becoming a Member of FPC. This must be done in writing through the FPC official website. Contributors do not automatically become Members of FPC.

- a. TERMINATING A MEMBERSHIP: Membership can be terminated or suspended at any time by the Member. This must be done in writing via the official FPC e-mail and will take immediate effect.
- b. SUSPENDING OR TERMINATING A MEMBER: Members not abiding to the core values will be excluded from the organization. This will be done in writing and will take immediate effect.

6. The Right to Sign on Behalf of FPC

The right to represent and officially sign any agreements on behalf of FPC is reserved for the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson together. Electronic signatures and e-mail are accepted.

7. Modus Operandi

FPC is primarily, but not exclusively, a platform for publishing photo essays by selected contributors.

All published material on the FPC electronic platform or related social media shall be submitted by the contributors on a voluntary basis. FPC reserves the right to accept, reject and edit any submitted material. All contributors keep the full and unconditional rights of all submitted material.

8. Contributions and Selection

Potential contributors are encouraged to submit material in accordance with the guidelines stipulated herein as well as on the FPC website. The main criteria are that the contributors are or have been working as professionals in peace, security and development cooperation or any related field.

- a. **CRITERIA:** Contributions are welcome from any person/development professionals that want to convey their personal and honest stories in pictures. FPC shall accept content primarily from individuals with (1) experience from working in peace, security, and development; (2) a sincere interest in documenting their work as aspiring photographers; and (3) have a desire to show their work and inspire others.
- b. **CONTRIBUTIONS:** In order for FPC to be able to publish any contribution on the FPC website as well as related social media platforms, all content must be taken by the contributor. The contributor must assure the right to publish the content provided to FPC. By submitting content, the contributor agrees for FPC to potentially publish and disseminate the material.

FPC reserves the right to review and edit all submitted content. Content of pornographic or defamatory nature will not be considered. FPC further reserves the right to erase any content on the website or flag content on social media outlets if deemed inappropriate. Photo essays shall be accepted on a rolling basis. FPC will encourage applications from all countries and contexts.

FPC cannot incur any damages or liability for the views expressed by the contributor. The Contributor therefore bares the sole responsibility for the content.

- c. **CONTRIBUTORS AND DUTIES:** All contributors are encouraged to take active part in promoting and disseminating the content published on the FPC electronic platform as well as relevant social media. All contributors must be informed of their possibility to partake in any of the FPC activities.

- d. **TERMINATING CONTRIBUTION:** Visibility on the FPC website can be terminated or suspended at any time by FPC or the contributor. This must be done in writing and will take immediate effect.

The contributor's profile will be removed from the website. Content on social media may remain. Former contributors are welcome to re-contribute at any time. Previously published content will not be considered for publication.

9. Decision-Making Body

The main decision-making body is the Board of Directors.

10. Board of Directors – Composition

The Board of Directors (the Board) is elected during the General Assembly. Only registered FPC Members can be eligible for positions on the Board. The Board must be composed of a minimum of 5 and maximum of 7 people with various roles and responsibilities. The composition of the Board will be as follows: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and any other delegates that the organization considers necessary.

The Board has the right to consider all matters concerning the development of FPC as presented in the Yearly Plan.

The Board will convene on a six-month basis with the purpose of reviewing the Yearly Plan and evaluate the past years activities or as often as necessary for the development of the organization. Extraordinary meetings can be called by any member of the Board. Voting is conducted by a qualified majority.

Board Members that wish to resign from their duties must do so in writing two months prior.

11. Election of the Board

The election of the Board takes place during the General Assembly. An independent Election Commission (Commission) presents possible candidates in due time to be considered. The Commission consists of a minimum of two persons. The Members of the Commission cannot hold positions in the incumbent Board.

12. General Assembly

The General Assembly (Assembly) consists of all registered Members.

- a. **ASSEMBLY AND INVITATIONS:** The Assembly meeting is called once a year, or as deemed necessary by the Secretary. All participants must be informed either by e-mail or via social media. The call to Assembly must state purpose and topics to be discussed. Invitations should be sent two months prior to Assembly but no later than

one month prior. Members can then suggest pertinent agenda items to be discussed during Assembly.

The following must be discussed during Assembly:

- i. Opening of the Assembly
 - ii. Approval of the agenda
 - iii. Election of Board of Directors
 - iv. Liability of the Board
 - v. Review of current Members
 - vi. Annual review of budget and activities
 - vii. Review of future activities and development
 - viii. Vote on future activities and development as presented by the Board in the Yearly Plan
 - ix. Appointment of the Election Committee
 - x. Closure of the Assembly
- b. PARTICIPATION: All Members are encouraged to participate during Assembly. If not possible to be physically present, electronic platforms shall, to the extent possible, be made available in order to facilitate participation in the decision-making process of the organisation.
- c. VOTING RIGHTS AND ELIGIBILITY: All participants have the right to vote in Assembly. If a participant is not present either in person or electronically, then the voting right will be annulled. All participants must be informed of decisions taken during Assembly in their absence.
- d. EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY: Extraordinary Assembly can be called through written notice to the Board. Extraordinary Assembly can only be called by a motion of at least 50% + 1 of the registered Members. The motion must clearly state the purpose. The Board must in such case convene an Extraordinary Assembly.

13. The Yearly Plan

The Yearly Plan stipulates the FPC activities. The plan is prepared by the Board and reviewed on a six-month basis.

14. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year follows the calendar year.

15. Accounting

The accounting will be conducted by an appointed person within the Board.

16. Changes and Amendments to the Statute

Changes and Amendments to this Statute are decided at the yearly General Assembly. The date of any change or amendment is registered in the Statute. Changes to the statute must be voted unanimously by all attending the Assembly.

17. Applicable laws

Swedish law is applicable in case of any disputes.

18. Closure of FPC

Closure of FPC is decided in Assembly and put in affect by the Board. The decision is to be announced one month prior to executive date. All potential assets will be handed over to another organization with similar goals and objectives.