

Proposing a Candidate for PSA HONORS

Deadline is December 1, 2013

Many of our PSA members around the world give a great deal of their time and energy to the promotion and advancement of photography, as well as to the Society. The Society recognizes photographic accomplishment through the Recognition of Photographic Achievement (ROPA) Distinctions. Members who give so freely of their time and effort to the support the Society, Councils, Chapters and Clubs are recognized by the Society each year with *Honors* at the annual conference. These honors are **Associateship** (APSA), **Fellowship** (FPSA), **Honorary Membership** (Hon PSA) and **Honorary Fellowship** (Hon FPSA).

A *Candidate* for an honor may be proposed by any **PSA member** in good standing, preferably one with good personal knowledge of the Candidate and the Candidate's record. The Proposer enlists the support of two *Endorsers*, who provide statements attesting to the qualifications of the Candidate for the honor. The Candidate's qualifications are detailed in the body of the Proposal. The Proposer may ask the Candidate or anyone else to provide information. However, the Proposer should edit the material obtained to ensure compliance with the instructions. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to present the Candidate's qualifications clearly, completely and accurately in the form prescribed, and to insure the Endorsers' statements attest to the accuracy of the Proposal and follow the requirements for endorsements. For detailed information and the required forms, the Proposer may contact PSA Headquarters, 3000 United Founders Blvd, Suite 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73112-3940. Phone: (405) 843-1437; email: hq@psa-photo.org. The necessary forms and instructions may also be downloaded from the PSA Honors page of the PSA website <<http://www.psa-photo.org>>. **Proposals must be received by December 1st, 2013** to be considered for presentation at the 2014 PSA Conference.

Associate (APSA) The Associateship is awarded for contributions to the advancement of photography that are primarily service oriented. These may include service to PSA or other photographic organizations or photography related service to the general community. While

a high degree of photographic proficiency and achievement are often evident, personal achievement alone does not qualify a candidate for this honor. A majority vote by the eight members of the Honors Committee is required for the Candidate to be elected an Associate.

Fellow (FPSA) is awarded for exceptional service to PSA and photography through organizational and administrative work and the dissemination of acquired knowledge through lecturing, publication of articles, instructing, and judging. While a high degree of photographic proficiency and achievement are often evident, personal achievement alone does not qualify a candidate for this honor. A Candidate for this honor must be a member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years and must have been an APSA for at least two years prior to the above deadline. A three-fourths vote of the Honors Committee is required for the Candidate to be elected a Fellow.

Honorary Member (Hon PSA) The Honorary Membership is awarded for outstanding service to PSA and the broader photographic community in a manner that demonstrates leadership and innovation. Photographic proficiency is not a requirement and the Candidate need not be a member of the Society. A three-fourths vote of the Honors Committee and a majority vote by the PSA Board of Directors are required for the Candidate to be elected an Honorary Member.

Honorary Fellow (Hon FPSA) The Honorary Fellowship is the highest honor bestowed by the Society. It is awarded to members only for unique or outstanding service or contributions of major importance to photography and is limited to twenty-five (25) living recipients. A seven-eighths vote of the Honors Committee and a majority vote by the PSA Board of Directors are required for the Candidate to be elected an Honorary Fellow.

The Honors Committee strongly encourages members to submit Proposals on behalf of other members who contribute so much to the Society, photography and the worldwide photographic community at large. Please be sure to read and follow all instructions and insure your Endorsers do the same. ■

Susan Mosser, FPSA,
Vice Chairman,
Honors Committee

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