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*Mr. Sheffield, APSA should have been acknowledged in the September 2015 issue. I apologize for the error and want to thank him and the other donors for their generous contributions.

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Changes to the ROPA Program effective January 1, 2016

For the past nearly 17 years, there was no fee attached to this activity. But probably in part due to its success, the fees borne by PSA have become exorbitant and can no longer be supported without passing the fees on to the users. So, effective immediately the fees will be as follows:

PPSA and EPSA Certificates—\$40 processing fee
MPSA—\$75 for a Certificate or Plaque
GMPSA—\$100 for a Certificate or Plaque
GMPSA/b—\$110 for a Certificate or Plaque
GMPSA/s—\$120 for a Certificate or Plaque
GMPSA/g—\$130 for a Certificate or Plaque
GMPSA/p—\$140 for a Certificate or Plaque

There will be a new link on the webpage of ROPA to pay these new fees via PayPal. Please be sure that all applications received after January 1, 2016, have the appropriate fees attached.

On the PSA Website

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ROPA and Honors Lists

PSA has an extensive system for granting Honors and Distinctions upon its members. Honors are for service to PSA or the photography industry and Distinctions are given as recognition of photographic achievements. Separate lists of PSA members who have received Honors and Distinctions can be found on the PSA website.

To find links to either Honors or Distinctions, look under the main Awards tab, found on any page of the website or go directly to the Awards preview at: <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?awards/overview>. From here you can find links to PSA Honors, under Areas of Recognition of PSA Service; and ROPA, under Areas of Recognition of Photography. You can also find direct links to both the ROPA and Honors recipients lists from the left pane of the page once you get to the awards overview page, or any time you are on one of the subpages of the Awards section.

Honors Recipient List

The Honors Recipient List can also be found linked from the PSA Honors page, or by going directly to: <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?awards/recognition-of-service/psa-honors/honors-recipients>. Alphabetically arranged, the list contains the year in which each honor (APSA, FPSA, HonPSA and HonFPSA) was granted. Since Honors are only granted once a year, at the PSA conference, this list is only updated once a year, unless a notation for “deceased” needs to be added or a member must be removed due to an ethical violation.

ROPA Recipients List

The ROPA Recipients list can be found by going directly to either <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?ropa-recipients-a-to-l> (for those whose last name begins with A through L) or <http://www.psa-photo.org/index.php?ropa-recipients-m-to-z> (for those whose last name begins with M-Z). Once you are on either of these pages, you can also link to the other page by selecting the “click to search” link from the top. Like the Honors list, the ROPA list contains the year in which each of the possible eight distinctions was awarded. If a dash (-) appears in a column, it means that the member had enough Star Ratings to skip that distinction. But unlike the Honors list, the ROPA list also contains links from each name to photographers who have ROPA galleries. If the name appears in a bold red font, it is linked directly to the ROPA gallery.

The ROPA recipient list is updated quite often, as members receive distinctions throughout the year and/or create ROPA galleries to show off their work. We are notified when a member receives a new distinction and the list is usually updated within three business days of receipt of notification (often much sooner). If the member is also an officer or director of PSA, the distinction is updated next to their name on the site.

We do not, however, update Honors or Distinctions on past recipient lists or reprinted *PSA Journal* articles, as the policy is to keep the Honors and Distinction that the member had while either serving in a position or writing the article. So if someone served PSA as a treasurer in 2005 with an APSA honor and an EPSA distinction, that information would not be updated if that person earned an MPSA distinction in 2010. But if someone was a current Treasurer and earned a new Honor or Distinction, that would be updated. In addition, we do not generally include titles with names, such as Dr., Mr., Ph.D., etc. and do not usually include international characters that may be misinterpreted by some browsers.

Though we do everything in our power to keep Honors and Distinctions lists accurate and up-to-date, if you ever spot something that needs correcting, please notify us at webmaster@psa-photo.org. ■