



On the PSA Website

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Volunteering for PSA

What would PSA be without its volunteers? That's an easy one to answer—nowhere! PSA is mostly run by a dedicated group of volunteers and only a handful of paid or contracted staff. Volunteer positions are usually held for a limited number of years and succession plans exist for most important positions. It's what keeps the organization fresh and vibrant—the passing of the torch from one member to another.

Volunteering for PSA is also the best way to get the most out of a PSA membership—the easiest way to network, learn, meet new people, and find like-minded individuals. For some members, their PSA positions give them a reason to look forward to each day. For others, it gives them an opportunity to hone their own skills as they teach others.

With hundreds of possible positions in the organization, how can you begin to know where your skills would be best met? The PSA website can lend you a hand in this endeavor.

The Easy Route

The easiest way to discover if your skills are needed is to use the Volunteer tab on the top row of any page on the PSA site. This tab takes you to the volunteer page, which has links to the Present Volunteer Opportunities. Some of the positions listed on that page have been there for quite some time, mostly because they require some specific skill set or because most members do not regularly check this page. If you are interested in volunteering, start here.

Don't see a position that interests you? Fear not! Fill out a PSA Volunteer Application even if there is not a specific position that interests you. PSA is always on the lookout for new volunteers and some positions get filled with volunteers before they are even posted. Get your name on the list of potential volunteers if you are interested! The volunteer application asks for specific experiences and skills you may have, including your experience with email, the internet, Photoshop, teaching, speaking, and writing.

The Route Requiring Detective Work

If you fill out a volunteer application and don't get contacted, there are other avenues you can take. Get in contact with a division or chapter chair by choosing the Divisions or Chapters links (on the second row of navigation on each page) and see if there are any current needs. Do something small so you can show your eagerness and ability to work. Each of the directors and chairs on the PSA site is linked to an email. Click the name and your browser should open up onto your default email program.

Don't be afraid to have your PSA friends ask for you. Contact the Membership director for your area or state and see if there is a need. The annual conference often needs volunteers to help at both the planning stages and the conference itself. Contact the conference chair to see if you can help. If you have good organization skills, some knowledge to share, or are willing to do what's necessary, PSA can use you somewhere!

The Creative Route

Do you have an idea for a new program, a mentorship, or a consultancy? PSA wants to hear from you. Contact the director of the area in which you have interest and see what you can work out. PSA is always adding new benefits for its members—if you have one, let someone know. Are you a good writer? Select the *Journal* tab and then the option that says "Writing for the Journal" for details on how you could get your article published.

Let the PSA website be your resource for getting involved. Right now there is probably some area of PSA that could use your assistance. ■

There is a new, easy way to log into the PSA website:

In the past, some members have had difficulty logging into the member portion of the PSA website. We now have a simpler way for you. Once you open the website home page (www.psa-photo.org), there will be a command at the top of the left-hand column for "PSA Member and Club Rep Login."

In the blank for "Username," you can now use your email address. (No need to use the member ID if you don't want to.)

The next blank underneath is for "Password." Create a password that can be used for your PSA login. (Should you forget what the password is in the future, there is that friendly "Forget Password" choice, so you can redo it.)

This process takes you into "My PSA." You will be amazed at all the services, tools, and techniques available to you!

If you want answers to further questions regarding the login, go to the following:

<http://psa-photo.org/index.php?logging-in>

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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.