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Updating Information on the PSA Website

One of the biggest advantages of having information online vs. in print, is its ability to be updated on a moment's notice. But this can also prove to be a disadvantage. People expect that if it's online, it's current, and unfortunately, that's not always the case.

Websites are amazing and filled with potential, but they are, in truth, just a reflection of what they have been told to do. Without human involvement, they can be as static as a printed page. The PSA website information has to be updated—and that's where you, the PSA member comes in.

Change your PSA Membership Contact Information

Have you moved your residence, changed your email or added/changed your website recently? Please let PSA know by logging into the Members Only area and, under Member Tools, follow the links to Update your profile. If you're already logged in, you can go directly to: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?edit-info> to do it. Please note—there are some things you cannot change on the website, such as your join date, membership area, or birth year. If those need to be changed, please contact membership@psa-photo.org.

Change your Member or ROPA Gallery—One of the benefits of PSA membership is the ability to have a gallery of up to 6 images, a biography, and a portrait on the PSA website. All members are entitled to an individual member gallery, which is grouped by area. Those with ROPA distinctions have their galleries in that section, with a link from the individual member section to their ROPA gallery. Older galleries display smaller images in a montage format, while newer ones utilize the slide-show format. If you have one of the older galleries, we encourage you to update your gallery with newer images, updated biographical information, and even a newer portrait, if you have one. To update your gallery, login to the members only area, select the area for PSA Gallery Upload, and choose the appropriate upload button. Remember to mark somewhere in the biography field that this is an update to your gallery. PSA allows members to update their galleries as often as they'd like. Be aware, however, that this is not an automatic update and the change may take as soon as five minutes to as much as a week to occur, depending upon the request queue. Members may also substitute all or some of their already existing images—just be sure to note what you want in the biography field of the update form.

Change your Portrait—PSA tries to include portraits of its directors and chairs when describing a particular PSA activity. Some of these photos may not accurately reflect what the person looks like now—so much so that they might not be recognized if met in person. We encourage PSA members with portraits on the website to update their photos at least every five years. Since most photographers are notoriously camera shy when the subject of a photo, instead of the one taking it, this may not be an easy request—so take it as a suggestion—update your photo as you wish! To update your photo, please send a vertical headshot (no cameras in the image, please), no more than 600px on the vertical side, to webmaster@psa-photo.org.

Update the Web Pages—PSA is, for the most part, driven by hundreds of active volunteers. Many hold more than one director/chair position while others have their hands full with just the one they have. Almost every PSA activity has at least one web page dedicated to it, and these pages need to be updated on a regular basis. Have you just completed a competition? Please send us the results and the winning images. Have the dates or the rules of the competition changed? Let us know. Do you produce a newsletter? Please share it with us so we can put it on your site and share it with the membership. New forms? Send them to us. New directors added or substituted for current ones? Yes, we need that information too. Did we forget to put in an honor or distinction after your name? Please let us know so we can correct that. (Note—we get distinction updates on a regular basis and some may take a few days to implement—if it's more than a few days since you earned your distinction and it's still not appearing on the site, please let us know so we can correct the oversight.)

An up-to-date website benefits you and the PSA membership. We appreciate all the help we can get! ■