



Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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The Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) is a *national* (country) photography organization whereas the Photographic Society of America (PSA) is an *international* photography organization. The Photographic Alliance of America provides specific services for PSA-member clubs, and the members of those clubs who are individual PSA members, in the United States of America (USA).

The services of PAA are of two types: 1) those services leading to PSA members in the USA receiving photographic distinctions from the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP), and 2) those services that lead to PSA-member clubs and councils in the USA as well as PSA chapters obtaining patronage from the International Federation of Photographic

Art for an international exhibition/salon of photography that the club, council, or chapter will hold.

PAA Membership and Club Rep Role

The Photographic Alliance of America member clubs, through their Club Representatives, elect the PAA Officers who are the PAA Executive Committee. The PAA Executive Committee elects the PAA FIAP Liaison Officer. The PAA manages its own activities and services, and conducts its Annual General Meeting (AGM) during the annual PSA Conference. The Annual General Meeting is attended by the Club Representatives (or their proxy) of the USA PSA-member clubs.

The Club Representative for each PSA-member club in the USA received an invitation for the Club Rep, or a member of the club who can represent the club, to attend the 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA).

2019 PAA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, in the Grant Room at the Centennial Hotel Spokane, 303 West North River Drive, Spokane, WA 99201, during the annual Conference of the Photographic

Society of America (PSA). The meeting will be called to order by PAA President, Joanne Stolte, HonPSA, MPSA, EFIAP. Joanne will report PAA's activities during 2018-2019 and conduct the election of the 2019-2021 PAA Executive Committee.

Presentation of 2019 FIAP Distinctions

The highlight of the PAA Annual General Meeting will be the introduction of those who have been awarded FIAP Photography Distinctions in 2019. A PowerPoint program of the each FIAP Distinction recipient's application images will be presented as each FIAP Distinction recipient is introduced and presented their FIAP Distinction certificate and pin by the PAA President. Very special congratulations to each recipient will be given by the President of FIAP, Riccardo Busi, MFIAP, EFIAP/p, HonEFIAP; and the FIAP Vice President responsible for the FIAP Distinctions program, **Freddy Van Gilbergen, EPSA, MFIAP, EFIAP/s, HonEFIAP**; with the entire FIAP Board of Directors in attendance!

For information regarding the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA): <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?paa>, and follow PAA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Photographic-Alliance-of-America-1986883941590941/>. ■

These images were included with three 2019 PAA FIAP Distinction applications.



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