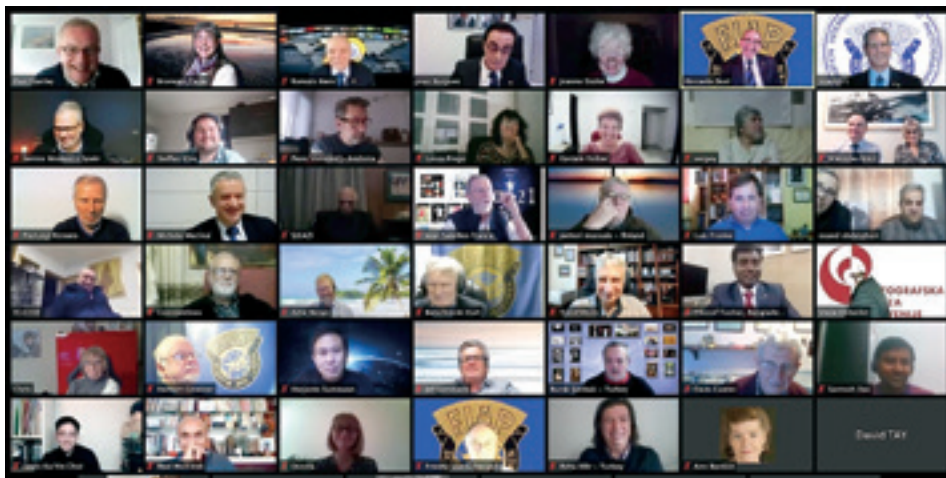




Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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Some of the 2020 FIAP General Assembly Attendees

FIAP Holds 2020 Annual General Assembly via Videoconference

On Saturday, December 19, 2020, the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) held its 2020 Annual General Assembly via Zoom Videoconference. The FIAP General Assembly is the formal meeting where official business is conducted and it meets once a year between August and December, every other year which is during the FIAP Congress. In 2019 the FIAP General Assembly was held in Spokane, WA, during the PSA Photo Festival and this year the General Assembly would have been held during the FIAP Congress, which had to be canceled.

The attendees were located in various

time zones around the world. For example, the FIAP Liaison Officer for Australia, Bronwen Casey, lives in Melbourne and the meeting began at 1:00am Sunday morning for her. The PAA President and FIAP Liaison Officer for the USA, **Joanne Stolte, HonPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP**, attended beginning at 6:00am Saturday, December 19.

The 2020 General Assembly was called to order by FIAP President, **Riccardo Busi, QPSA**. Following a delineation of the year's activities, Riccardo turned the meeting over to FIAP General Secretary, Ioannis Lykouris, who performed a role call of each member country. FIAP country Liaison Officers submitted their

credentials prior to the meeting in order to vote. Following the General Assembly each credentialed Liaison Officer submitted their completed ballot via email.

FIAP Treasurer, Kurt Batschinski, then provided a review of the present FIAP financial status and suggested two auditors for the next audit.



FIAP Treasurer Kurt Batschinski reviewing FIAP Finances

As the 2020 General Assembly came to a close everyone waved goodbye and lingered to see their photo friends as they signed off. The regret of not meeting in person and sharing hugs was most apparent.

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



FIAP President **Riccardo Busi, QPSA**, Opening the 2020 General Assembly



FIAP General Secretary Ioannis Lykouris verifying the country delegates