



Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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

PAA Membership and Club Rep Role

The Photographic Alliance of America member clubs, through their Club Representatives, elect 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 Photo Festival. 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 receives an invitation for the Club Rep, or a member of the club who can represent the club, to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA).

2020 PAA Annual General Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the 2020 PSA Photo Festival, which was

planned for Colorado Springs, CO, has been canceled. The 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA), which would have been held on the final Saturday morning of the PSA Festival, will be held on the planned date, Saturday, October 3, 2020, via videoconference. Those who have received 2020 FIAP distinctions, the PAA Executive Committee, and PSA and FIAP Board members, will receive invitations to attend this video-AGM. The meeting will be called to order by PAA President, **Joanne Stolte, HonPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP**. Joanne will report PAA's activities during 2019-2020. Following the AGM the PAA Annual Report is posted on the PAA website: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?paa-annual-activity-updates>.

Presentation of 2020 FIAP Distinctions via Videoconference

The highlight of the PAA Annual General Meeting will be the recognition of those who have been awarded FIAP Distinctions in 2020. A PowerPoint program of each FIAP Distinction recipient's portrait, followed by their FIAP Distinction application Portfolio images, and ending with their FIAP Distinction certificate will be presented as each FIAP Distinction recipient is asked to say "Hi" and wave to those on the videoconference.

The recipients will receive their FIAP Distinction certificate and pin via postal mail. Following each AGM Distinction presentation, the program of the recipients and their images is posted on the PAA website: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?usa-fiap-distinctions-gallery>.

These images were included with the 2020 FIAP Photography Distinction applications of: Stephen Burgstahler, PPSA, AFIAP; Valentina Sokolskaya, PPSA, AFIAP; and Larry Cowles, HonPSA, GMPSA/P, EFIAP/d1.



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