

## Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

The inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) was held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at 8:00 am, at the Sheraton Salt Lake City, during the annual Conference of the Photographic Society of America (PSA). The meeting was called to order by PAA President, **Joanne Stolte, HonPSA, MPSA, EFIAP**. Joanne presented a PowerPoint program describing the PAA and the PAA services available for PSA-member clubs and the members of those clubs who are individual PSA members in the United States of America.

The PAA Executive Committee members were introduced and the procedures for voting by delegates from PSA-member clubs in the USA in coming years were outlined.

The organization and structure of the International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) were described. The requirements and procedures for applying for FIAP Distinctions through PAA were defined. A chart of the basic requirements for each FIAP Distinction was provided to those in attendance.

The requirements for a salon in the USA to apply for FIAP Patronage were also described. Some of the basic differences in the requirements for PSA-recognition and FIAP-Patronage were reviewed.

Finally methods for reaching the PAA website: <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?paa> and the PAA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Photographic-Alliance-of-America-1986883941590941/> were described. Those attending were encouraged to bookmark the PAA Website as the best reference for



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information regarding PAA, FIAP Distinction procedures for those in the USA, and FIAP Patronage processes. Attendees were also asked to “Like” the PAA Facebook page as the best way to be reminded of the PAA deadlines for FIAP Distinctions, know who received FIAP Distinctions each year, and see the photography activities and awards of PAA members.



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