

# Requirements for PAA USA Salons Requesting FIAP Patronage

An organization in the USA applying for FIAP Patronage needs to be a **PSA-member club**, and the **Salon General Chair needs to be an individual PSA member in the USA**.

\* Each **judge's country of residence** (not heritage) must be listed with the Judge's name in the Conditions of Entry and the **photography distinctions** for each judge must be included in the Conditions of Entry.

\* At least **one judge for each section must live in the USA**.

\* It is highly recommended that **all judges have FIAP and/or PSA Photography Distinctions**. The exceptions to this recommendation would be:

- to include a **zoo or wildlife photographer for Nature**, as long as the FIAP-PSA Nature definition is clear to that person, and
- to include a **professional photojournalist for Photojournalism**; as long as the Reality aspect of Photojournalism photography is understood by this person, and the PSA Photojournalism definition is clear to that person if the salon will also apply for PSA recognition.

\* A **husband-wife, parent-child, or member of the same household is not allowed to judge the same** section of the salon; however, they could judge different sections of the salon/exhibition.

\* **No one judge can judge in more than five FIAP-Patronage salons in the USA in one calendar year**.

\* The **spouse, relative, or member of the household of the Salon General Chair and the Software Manager cannot judge any sections of the salon** they are chairing or managing.

\* The **Salon General Chair must have a FIAP Life Card, establish a FIAP Platform Number, and have a Profile, including a portrait, on the FIAP Platform**.

\* The **Salon General Chair must demonstrate that they understand how to conduct/manage a salon, and how acceptances and awards in this salon will be used by entrants**. The **Salon General Chair must have a FIAP photography distinction** based on Salon participation from as this would demonstrate their understanding of how acceptances are used.

\* The **software to be used needs to be identified in the online PAA application and in the FIAP Platform online application** (not in the Conditions of Entry) to ensure that the software includes what is needed to properly manage a salon.

\* The **salon General Chair must schedule and invite the USA Liaison Officer to the video conference medal selection**.

\* **Emails announcing/marketing the salon to prospective entrants must be accurate and not exaggerate claims; for example, not using words like the "best," "most," "exceptional," etc.**

\* **Facebook posts announcing/marketing the salon must be accurate and should be posted at a frequency that does not saturate any photo salon/exhibition Facebook page**, for example, the FIAP PSA GPU Acceptances, Awards, and Salon News Facebook pages.