

## Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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### FIAP & PSA Sign Second Memorandum of Understanding

FIAP and PSA signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the conduct of International Exhibitions of Photography in 2019 during the PSA Festival in Spokane, WA. Over the next three years, a majority of the agreed items were implemented, most importantly, the institutionalization of the handling of Ethics violations.

In the fall of 2021, discussions between the FIAP and PSA Presidents created in a list of potential items for a second PSA-FIAP Memorandum of Understanding. Videoconferences between the principals helped refine the concepts and some reports including recommendations were prepared by joint committees. Meetings in Colorado Springs, CO, during the September 2022 PSA Festival, further clarified these topics. In the evening of December 1, 2022, following the FIAP Board Meeting and before the start of the 2022 FIAP Congress in Asturias, Spain; the second Memorandum of Understanding was signed by FIAP President, Riccardo Busi, and PSA President, JR Schnelzer. The following statements are the results of the past year's meetings to protect the mutual interests of PSA and FIAP, and comprise the essentials of this second Memorandum of Understanding. These items will go into effect beginning January 1, 2024.

**1-**The number of acceptances for any one section of a PSA-recognized and/or FIAP-Patronage exhibition/salon shall be no more than 30%.

**2-**The August 2022 FIAP-PSA Joint Committee on Ethics Violations in Exhibitions Report is approved and will be implemented by January 2023. A joint paper regarding the FIAP-PSA ethics relationship and procedures will be written and published by both organizations for entrants to understand.

**3-**A joint PSA-FIAP Photojournalism definition is agreed for implementation beginning January 1, 2024. PSA will implement this definition in January 2023.



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Guidelines for Photojournalism judges will be written and completed by December 31, 2023.

**4-**FIAP and PSA will maintain both the "Nature" and "Wildlife" definitions for Nature. Guidelines for judging Nature and Wildlife images will be written. A joint Task Force has been formed to identify a set of animal welfare examples of situations that may be acceptable in one culture, but not in another culture; however, that will not be accepted in PSA/FIAP exhibitions.

**5-**The PSA Photo Travel definition has no potential to come to a mutual agreement.

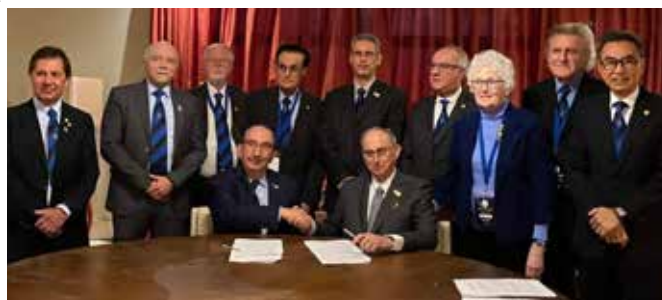
**6-**The identification and training of appropriate judges is the most important subject for PSA and FIAP to develop common standards, methodologies, and judge performance tracking. A Judge Registry concept has been discussed. Both organizations agree to establish their own judge "tracking," "online listing," or "registry" of judges, communicating the basics with each other. There is a significant need to have well-trained Nature and Photojournalism judges and to ensure that knowledgeable Nature and Photojournalism judges are utilized. A Task Force will be created to establish guidelines for salons to follow regarding: the lead time judges will have before receiving the images to be judged, ensuring sufficient time for each judging, whether any judges should be

limited to judging specific sections of any salon/exhibition.

**7-**Judges, General and Section Chairs, Salon Organizers, and the software developer in any exhibition will not be allowed to enter any section in that exhibition or Circuit.

**8-**The number of awards available and presented in any one section/salon/circuit may be limited to a specific number or a percentage of the accepted images in that section. Both organizations will gather actual award number/percentage data over the next year and agree that only one Award may be awarded to an entrant in any one section. An entrant may receive an award in any other section of that salon or circuit. The software used cannot show any awards an entrant may have received in other sections.

**9-**Quarterly Zoom meetings will be held to report on the current status of each Task Force. These Zoom meetings are scheduled for: March 2023, June 2023, September 2023, and December 2023.



FIAP & PSA Presidents Shaking Hands