

# Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) News

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## PAA Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) was held on Saturday, September 30, 2022, at 8:00 am, at the DoubleTree Hilton, in Williamsburg, Virginia, during the annual Photo Festival of the Photographic Society of America Worldwide (PSA). The meeting was called to order by PAA President, Joanne Stolte, HonFPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP, who welcomed everyone to PAA's sixth AGM!

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 USA. The PAA Executive Committee members and the PAA Board of Directors were introduced.

The activity of the PAA during 2022-2023 was reviewed. This review featured a description of the publication in the FIAP News of Mini-Recommendations of photo opportunities in the USA written by PAA members with the articles shown; a report regarding the participation in the FIAP Photo Academy programs by USA photographers; and PAA's participation in the 2022 FIAP Congress in Asturias, Spain. The new PAA Honors, Distinctions, and Patronage programs were described, and the first PAA Honors were awarded.

The presentation of the 2023 PAA FIAP Distinctions was next. Before each Distinction, e.g., AFIAP, EFIAP, EFIAP Levels, the requirements for applying for that Distinction were delineated. Following the requirements, each recipient was introduced with their name, city and state, and headshot; followed by each of the images they included with their application; and ending with their introductory slide that now included

their FIAP Distinction certificate. Those attending the meeting were formally presented their certificate by Riccardo Busi, MFIAP, EFIAP/p, HonEFIAP, FIAP President; and their photo was taken.

A review of the 2024 FIAP Distinction registration and application process,

including a description of the required Word document with thumbnails and titles for all images included with FIAP Distinction applications submitted by that person concluded the meeting. PAA 2023 FIAP Distinction Registration opens November 1.



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Nan Carder receiving PAA Significant Service Honor (SSPAA) © Marty Welter, APSA



FIAP President, Riccardo Busi, receiving the Honorary Advisor of PAA © Marty Welter, APSA



PAA Executive Committee ready for Annual Meeting to begin © Andrew Lewis