

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) News

The national photography organization for the USA



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2023 FIAP General Assembly

The International Federation of Photographic Art (FIAP) General Assembly is convened by the Board of Directors once a year between August and December and can be held either in Luxembourg (FIAP's legal seat) or in another country. The General Assembly meets every two years at the FIAP Congress. The last FIAP Congress took place in Oviedo, Spain in December 2022 and the 2022 FIAP General Assembly took place there. In 2019 the FIAP General Assembly was held in Spokane, WA, during the Photographic Society of America Worldwide (PSA) Photo Festival.

This year the FIAP General Assembly was held on October 27, 2023, in Yerevan, Armenia. The FIAP Board of Directors arrived before the General Assembly and, beginning October 25, a FIAP Board Meeting was held. The FIAP General Assembly is always limited to just administrative meetings. For delegates that wanted to extend their stay in Armenia, an optional program of photo opportunities was available.

The objective of the FIAP General Assembly is to approve: the FIAP balance sheet and accounts, the activity of the FIAP Board of Directors, and the activity of the various FIAP services. The General Assembly is attended only by FIAP Operational Members (country/national photography organization FIAP members) who have fulfilled their legal obligations and paid their annual FIAP membership fee.



FIAP President Riccardo Busi Addressing General Assembly

Every Operational Member is entitled to a single vote. If an Operational Member cannot attend, that Operational Member may be represented by another Operational Member or by a member of the Board of Directors by proxy. In addition to the Operational Member's vote, an Operational Member or a member of the Board of Directors attending the meeting may have up to two proxies for a total of three votes. Operational Members not able to be present could be represented by sending their proxy to the Secretary General indicating the delegate or member of the Board of Directors to receive their proxy, by October 1, 2023. The Photographic Alliance of America submitted their proxy on time so that PAA's vote would be represented. Voting by correspondence or by e-mail is not permitted.



FIAP Board Meeting in Armenia

The number of delegates for each country taking an active part in the administrative sessions is limited to three. Each country's delegation can have only one spokesperson who must have the official voting card. It is required that the members of the delegations of the photography organizations be members of that organization and be either nationals of or persons residing in the member-country.



2023 FIAP General Assembly Group Photo



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