



PAA News and Updates

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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The 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) was held on Saturday, September 21, 2022, at 9:00 am, at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, in Tucson, Arizona, 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 seventh AGM!

Joanne presented a PowerPoint program describing the PAA and the PAA services available for 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 2023-2024 was reviewed. This review included 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 PAA's continuing efforts to establish a FIAP Exhibition Center in the USA; the participation in the FIAP Photo Academy programs by USA photographers; and PAA's upcoming participation in the 2024 FIAP Congress in India. The new PAA Honors pins and PAA Medal for PAA Patronage Salons were introduced (the medal was passed around), and the 2024 PAA Honors were awarded.

The presentation of the 2024 PAA FIAP Distinctions was next. Before each Distinction, e.g., AFIAP, EFIAP, ESFIAP 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 Joanne Stolte, HonFPSA, MPSA, EFIAP, ESFIAP, FIAP Liaison Officer for the USA; and their photo was taken.

A review of the 2025 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 2025 FIAP Distinction Registration opens November 1, 2024.



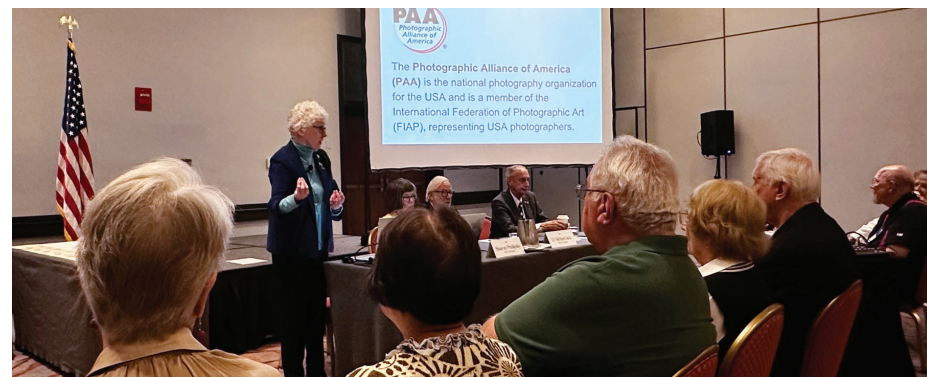
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Joanne Introducing the Photographic Alliance of America
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Joanne with New PAA Gold Medal
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Meeting Overview
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