



## Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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### Thirty-three 2021 PAA FIAP Distinction Applications Approved

2021 is the third year that the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA), the FIAP Operational Member for the USA, submitted FIAP Distinction applications. Twelve applications were approved in 2019, nineteen applications were approved in 2020, and thirty-three have been approved for 2021! The formal celebration and presentation of these FIAP distinctions will be on Saturday, October 9, during the PAA Annual General Meeting during the PSA Photo Festival in Rapid City, SD, and via videoconference for those who cannot attend beginning at 8:00am Mountain time. The certificates, pins, and updated FIAP Photographers Cards will be presented to those attending and mailed separately to those not attending.

### Nineteen PAA Members Received AFIAP

After at least one year since

receiving their first acceptance in a FIAP-Patronage Salon, nineteen PAA members have received the Artist FIAP (AFIAP) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed: 40 acceptances, from 15 different images (titles), in at least 15 FIAP-Patronage salons held in at least eight different countries. They also needed to submit five different digital images that each had three acceptances in different salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose) and were included in the application acceptance list. These digital images could not resemble each other.

### Ten PAA Members Received EFIAP

After at least one year since receiving the AFIAP, ten PAA members have received the Excellence FIAP (EFIAP) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed: 250 acceptances, from 50 different images (titles), in at least 30 FIAP-Patronage

salons held in at least 20 different countries. They also needed to submit five different digital images that each had three acceptances in different salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose), two of which had received Awards (Medal or HM) in different countries and were included in the application acceptance list. These digital images could not resemble each other, or the digital images submitted with their AFIAP application.

### Two PAA Members Received EFIAP/g

After at least one year since receiving the Excellence FIAP Silver (EFIAP/s), **Rowshan Akhter, MPSA, BPSA, EFIAP/g**, of East Elmhurst, NY, and **Gary Potts, APSA, GMPSA, SPSA, EFIAP/g**, of Fishers, IN, have been awarded the Excellence FIAP Gold (EFIAP/g) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction, they each needed 200 new acceptances since receiving the EFIAP/s, from 150 different images



Shirley Avro-Beiling,  
PPSA, AFIAP



Shirley Chan,  
AFIAP



Jie Fischer,  
EPSA, AFIAP



John Andrew Hughes,  
APSA, PPSA, AFIAP



Michael Jack,  
QPSA, AFIAP



Irene Kramer,  
EPSA, AFIAP



Barbara Kuebler,  
APSA, MPSA, AFIAP



Luan Le,  
QPSA, AFIAP



Tam Minh Le,  
QPSA, AFIAP



Pamela Liu, QPSA  
AFIAP



John Livoti,  
APSA, EPSA, AFIAP



Jingru Luo,  
MPSA, AFIAP



Rick Mei,  
AFIAP



An Nguyen,  
AFIAP



Minh Nguyen,  
EPSA, AFIAP



Donna Osborne,  
PPSA, AFIAP



Arijit Pal,  
AFIAP



Gene Schwoppe,  
HonPSA, PPSA, AFIAP



Shirley Trinh,  
AFIAP



Stephen Burgstahler,  
QPSA, EFIAP



Bob Chiu,  
GMPSA, GPSA, EFIAP



Terry Dickerson,  
EPSA, EFIAP



Cristian Donos,  
EFIAP



Tracy Shuxi Feng,  
EPSA, EFIAP



Xin Xin Liang, APSA,  
EPSA, EFIAP



Ken Murphy,  
APSA, MPSA, EFIAP



Angela Poggioni,  
EPSA, EFIAP



JR Schnelzer,  
FPSA, MPSA, EFIAP



Valentina Sokolskaya,  
APSA, EPSA, EFIAP



(titles), in FIAP-Patronage salons from 15 different countries. They also needed to submit six digital images that each had new Awards, in different salons (a circuit is considered one salon for this purpose), from different countries, and were included in the application acceptance list. These digital images could not resemble each other, or the digital images submitted with their previous FIAP distinction applications.

## Two PAA Members Received EFIAP/d2

After at least one year since receiving the Excellence FIAP Diamond 1 (EFIAP/d1), **Larry Cowles**, HonPSA, GMPSA/P, EFIAP/d2, of Sun City West, AZ; and **Mohammad Ali Salim**, GMPSA, GPSA, EFIAP/d2 of East Elmhurst, NY; have been awarded the Excellence FIAP



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MPSA, BPSA, EFIAP/g



Gary Potts, APSA,  
GMPSA, SPSSA, EFIAP/g



Larry Cowles, HonPSA,  
GMPSA/P, EFIAP/d2



Mohammad Ali Salim,  
APSA, GMPSA, GPSA,  
MFIAP, EFIAP/d2

Diamond Two (EFIAP/d2) Photography Distinction. To achieve this Distinction Larry and Salim each needed 100 acceptances that had each received an Award (Medal or HM), with at least 30 different images (titles), in FIAP-Patronage salons in at least 7 different countries. They also needed to submit five digital images that did not resemble each other or previously submitted

images, that each had new Awards (after the EFIAP/d1) and were included in the application acceptance list.

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