

Photographic Alliance of America (PAA)

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The 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Photographic Alliance of America (PAA) was held on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., at the DoubleTree Hilton, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, 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 all to PAA's fifth 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 United States of America. The PAA Executive Committee members and the PAA Board of Directors were introduced.

The activity of the PAA during 2021-2022 was reviewed. This review featured a description of the *Wildlife Only* free FIAP Contest that was held in 2022 and a showing of the images by the USA photographers who received acceptances; the publication in the FIAP News of Mini-Recommendations of photo opportunities in the USA written by PAA members with the articles shown; and a report regarding the participation in the FIAP Photo Academy development and programs by USA photographers. The new PAA Honors, Distinctions, and Patronage programs were introduced and briefly described.

The presentation of the 42 2022 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 Ioannis Lykouris, MFIAP, EFIAP, HonEFIAP, FIAP Secretary General, and their photo was taken. Next on the agenda was a review of the 2023 FIAP Distinction registration and application process, including the introduction of a required new Word document with thumbnails and titles for all images included with FIAP Distinction applications submitted

by that person. This Word document is required even for an AFIAP application. PAA 2023 FIAP Distinction Registration opens November 1.



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