

Proposing a Candidate for PSA Honors

Deadline is December 1, 2012

Many members of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) worldwide give a great deal of time and energy to the promotion and advancement of photography as well as the Society. The Society recognizes photographic efforts by presenting the *Recognition of Photographic Achievement* (ROPA) distinctions. It also acknowledges those who give so freely of their time and effort to the Society, Councils, Chapters and Clubs as well as achieving photographic accomplishments. To this end, the Society elects and recognizes deserving members each year with *Honors* at the annual conference. The honors are **Associate (APSA)**, **Fellow (FPSA)**, **Honorary Membership (Hon. PSA)** and **Honorary Fellow (Hon. FPSA)**. Other than Hon. FPSA, there are no quotas or limits on how many honors can be bestowed at each conference.

Honored members are proposed by other PSA members in good standing who follow a prescribed process that includes the submission of a written proposal that adheres to established guidelines. Proposers do not have to have any PSA honors themselves. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to present the evidence clearly, completely and in exactly the form prescribed by the Honors Committee and to assure that the two Endorsers also follow the prescribed requirements. The Proposer may ask the Candidate to assist in providing the evidence. For detailed information and the required forms, the Proposer should contact PSA Headquarters, 3000 United Founders Blvd, Suite 103, Oklahoma City, OK 73112-3940. Phone (405) 843-1437; email: hq@psa-photo.org. **Proposals must be received by December 1, 2012** to be considered for presentation at the 2013 PSA Conference.

Associate (APSA) is bestowed for extensive and material contributions to the advancement of photography. Photographic achievement and/or proficiency **must** be combined with significant elements of service. A Candidate for this honor must be a member in good standing for at least six consecutive years prior to the above deadline. A majority vote by the eight members of the Honors Committee is required for the Candidate to be elected an Associate.

Fellow (FPSA) is bestowed for outstanding contributions to the advancement of photography, involving a high degree of proficiency and achievement combined with extensive elements of service such as organizational work and sharing of photographic knowledge through instructing, writing, lecturing and judging. Personal achievement alone does not qualify a Candidate for this honor. A Candidate for this honor must be a member in good standing for at least ten consecutive years and must have been an APSA

for at least 4 years prior to the above deadline. A three-fourths vote of the Honors Committee is required for the Candidate to be elected a Fellow.

Honorary Member (Hon. PSA) is bestowed for outstanding service to photography, particularly through organizational or similar work.

Photographic proficiency is not a requirement and the Candidate need not be a member of the Society. A three-fourths vote of the Honors Committee and a majority vote by the PSA Board of Directors are required for the Candidate to be elected an Honorary Member.

Honorary Fellow (Hon. FPSA) is the highest honor bestowed by the Society. It is awarded only for unique or outstanding service or contributions of major importance to photography and is limited to twenty-five (25) living recipients. A seven-eighths vote of the Honors Committee and a majority vote by the PSA Board of Directors are required for the Candidate to be elected an Honorary Fellow.

Proposers, be aware: Please be sure to read and follow **all** instructions and emphasize to your Endorsers to do the same. Failure to do so could result in disqualification of the proposal, which would be a shame for an otherwise highly qualified Candidate not to be elected due to an easily avoided technicality. ■

Bill Buchanan, FPSA,
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Honors Committee

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