PHOTOJOURNALISM STAR RATINGS
CONVERSION PROCEDURES

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The PSA Board of Directors approved a Universal Star Ratings Program at the September 2009 Conference. The new requirements go into effect July 1, 2010. Star Rating Directors will handle the conversion process. Individuals with stars may convert to the new system at any time beginning July 1, 2010. Some will not need to do anything and will be converted automatically with the submittal of their next application for a star. Only one conversion is allowed per star holder. The new requirements are shown on the attached Schedule A.

- The requirements for the first five stars ARE CHANGED FOR Photojournalism. See Schedule A below.

- There is no change to the judging credits, credits for the annual Divisional competition-Annual PJ Story, Photojournalist published images, acceptance limits for Star Ratings and titles and acceptance credits.

- The new Star criteria are effective July 1, 2010 and all acceptances received after July 1, 2010 will be based on the new criteria. Note: Acceptance date is the closing date of the exhibition.

- Any unused acceptances received prior to July 1, 2010 which will **no longer** be eligible must be submitted at the time of conversion

WHO NEEDS TO CONVERT?

Anyone above the current 4th star with more than 288 acceptances.

Other individuals may convert any time after July 1, 2010, or it may be done when they apply for another star.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE CONVERTED?

The current 5 star holders working towards the Photojournalist I (Galaxy I under new rules) may have additional accumulated acceptances. These were earned under the old rules and may not qualify for the new Galaxies (too many acceptances for the titles or their acceptances are for old titles). These acceptances must be listed for the conversion in order to prevent the loss of the acceptances. Acceptances for new titles not used do not have to be listed for conversion.

Members working towards Master Photojournalist (under old rules) have been earning more acceptances per title than required for the new Galaxies. In order to prevent the loss of acceptances earned prior to July 1, 2010, the titles and acceptances must be listed in the conversion. All other acceptances, including judging credit, will be listed on applications for **new** awards and the new criteria will apply.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE CONVERSION

1. Determine if the current star rating for the division requires a conversion. Applications for conversion can be sent after July 1, 2010 or with the application for additional awards.

2. Determine which acceptances must be claimed during the conversion to prevent their loss. They must be valid under the old requirements but not under the new criteria. (i.e. – if working on a galaxy requiring 3 acceptances per title, only three acceptances can be claimed for that title).

3. Prepare a listing of the acceptances determined in Step #2
   a Sort by year, then alphabetically by exhibition
   b Number the acceptances
   c Label each page with name and "Conversion Acceptances"
   for example:

1.	DIGA	2009	Four-alarmer
2.	DIGA	2009	Four-alarmer
3.	PSA	2009	In the Lead
4.	GASO	2010	Home Run

4. **Prepare a complete, alphabetical list of all titles used for ALL stars including conversion titles.**

5. There is no fee for the conversion.

6. Send the following to the Star Ratings Director
   a. Prior approved acceptance list.
   b. Prior approved titles list.
   c. Copy of Membership Card
   d. Conversion acceptance listing
   e. Complete titles list.
   f. Name as it is to appear on the certificate(s) and an e-mail address if available.

7. New levels reached by conversion will not be listed in the PSA Journal. Certificates will be issued for all new levels and the cover letter will indicate the amount of carry-over due to the conversion.

8. If applying for additional awards, proper application and applicable fees must be included.

Schedule A: **UPAC (Part A) II** **DIVISIONAL STAR RATINGS STANDARDS**

Star Rating	Additional Titles	Cumulative Titles	Cumulative Acceptances
1	**6**	**6**	**18**
2	**6**	**12**	**36**
3	**12**	**24**	**72**
4	**24**	**48**	**144**
5	**48**	**96**	288
Galaxy 1	**25 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**121**	**363**
Galaxy 2	**25 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**146**	**438**
Galaxy 3	**25 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**171**	**513**
Galaxy 4	**25 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**196**	**588**
Galaxy 5	**25 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**221**	**663**
Galaxy 6	**50 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**271**	**813**
Galaxy 7	**50 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**321**	**963**
Galaxy 8	**50 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**371**	**1113**
Galaxy 9	**50 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**421**	**1263**
Galaxy 10	**50 new titles with 3 acceptances each**	**471**	**1413**
Diamond 1	**50 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**521**	**1713**
Diamond 2	**50 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**571**	**2013**
Diamond 3	**50 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**621**	**2313**
Diamond 4	**50 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**671**	**2613**
Diamond 5	**50 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**721**	**2913**
Diamond 6	**75 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**796**	**3363**
Diamond 7	**75 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**871**	**3813**
Diamond 8	**75 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**946**	**4263**
Diamond 9	**75 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**1021**	**4713**
Diamond 10	**75 new titles with 6 acceptances each**	**1096**	**5163**