

SEWPPA Constitution

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Constitution

ARTICLE I — INTRODUCTION

1.1 Name

The name of this association shall be Southeastern Wisconsin Professional Photographers Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as SEWPPA.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of SEWPPA shall be to advance the art and profession of photography; to encourage and maintain cordial relations and exchange of thought among its members; and to oppose violations or infringements of the rights of its members.

1.3 Incorporation

SEWPPA, Inc., is organized under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes, filed December 20, 2000, to be operated on a not-for-profit basis exclusively as a trade association and for business league purposes.

ARTICLE II — CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

2.1 Code of Ethics

SEWPPA shall have a code of conduct called the CODE OF ETHICS which all members must, without reservation, solemnly agree to.

2.2 Competition

No member of SEWPPA shall enter into any agreement having the objective of restraining trade, limiting production or competition, regulating prices, or distributing business.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERS

3.1 Member Categories

Each applicant who is accepted to membership shall be placed in one of the following classes of membership:

- A) Primary
- B) Associate
- C) Aspiring
- D) Sustaining
- E) Life
- F) Honorary

3.2 Change in Membership Classification

Should a member's criteria for membership change during the year, the Board of Directors shall have the right to change the member's classification along with a corresponding pro-rated change of dues, should there be any.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS AND VOTING

4.1 General Business Meetings

SEWPPA shall hold regular meetings on the first Monday of the month or as set by the Board of Directors.

4.2 Quorum at General Business Meeting

A total of ten (10) Primary and/or Life members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at any regular General or special scheduled General meeting.

4.3 Conduct of Meeting

All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, except if such rules are inconsistent with any provision of the Constitution or Bylaws, or if the majority of the members

vote to follow other rules.

4.4 General Membership Voting

Each Primary and Life member shall have one (1) vote. All resolutions or other matters coming before any meeting of the members shall be determined on the basis of a majority vote by the votes cast, except as herein stated otherwise.

ARTICLE V— OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 Composition of Officers and Board of Directors

Elected Officers of SEWPPA may be Primary, Associate, or Life members only and shall be:

- A) President
- B) Vice President
- C) Secretary
- D) Treasurer
- E) Immediate Past President

The elected Board of Directors of SEWPPA may be Primary, Associate, Life, or Honorary members and shall consist of six (6) members.

5.2 Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Election of Officers and Board of Directors shall be held at the closest regular meeting before the annual WPPA State Affiliated Convention. All Officers and Directors will take office at the WPPA State Affiliated Convention and continue until the next WPPA State Affiliated Convention.

5.3 Appointed Officers

The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, may create, or eliminate, such additional offices as may be deemed necessary to conduct the affairs of the Association, and appoint members to serve in such offices.

5.4 Election

An individual's consent must be obtained before his/her name may be placed in nomination for Board membership. A listing of the nominated Officers and Board members must be published at least one (1) month prior to the election. The election of Officers and Board of Directors shall be conducted by ballots officially prepared under the directions of the Officers.

5.5 Recall

Any elected or appointed official of SEWPPA may be recalled by a majority vote of the general membership, provided that proper precautions for the protection of the official and his/her interest are strictly observed.

ARTICLE VI — FINANCIAL

6.1 Authorization of Disbursements

No member or employee of SEWPPA shall enter into any agreement or obligation, financial or otherwise, for SEWPPA, or expend any Association funds without prior approval of the Board or majority vote of the general membership.

6.2 Source of Income

SEWPPA shall derive its income from dues, rentals, fees and other such sources as are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII — PRINT AND ELECTRONIC IMAGING COMPETITION

7.1 Image Competition

SEWPPA shall hold image competitions for its members.

ARTICLE VIII — AMENDMENT

8.1 Process of Amendment

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership at any regular or special meeting, provided that the general membership is advised of any proposed amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. All amendments to the Constitution shall, unless otherwise specified, become effective immediately upon passage. In the event of disagreement of the meaning of any provisions herein, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Directors, which shall rule on the interpretation. Its ruling shall stand unless vetoed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the general membership at the next meeting of SEWPPA.

End of Constitution

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ARTICLE I — INTRODUCTION

1.1 Geographic Area

SEWPPA shall conduct its principal operations within the southeastern section of Wisconsin and including an area within thirty (30) miles south of the Wisconsin-Illinois border.

1.2 References

WPPA is the Wisconsin Professional Photographers Association. PPA is the Professional Photographers of America.

ARTICLE II — CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

2.1 Code of Ethics

A) Endeavor to maintain a dignity of manner in his/her behavior, appearance, the photographic presentation of his/her services, and in all other forms of public contact.

B) Observe the highest standard of honesty in all his/her transactions, and at all times avoid the use of unfair competitive practices as determined by any court of competent jurisdiction, Federal and State anti-trust laws, and related statutes.

C) At all times endeavor to produce photographs of a quality equal or superior to the samples he/she displays, to apply his/her best efforts towards providing the best possible photographic service, and to play his/her part in raising the general standard of photographic craftsmanship.

D) Show a friendly spirit of cooperation to his/her fellow professional image makers, and assist them and encourage them to achieve and maintain the highest standards of quality.

E) Recognize the authority of SEWPPA Officers and Board of Directors in all matters relating to the interpretation of this Constitution and Bylaws.

F) The membership of any person who repudiates or violates the Code of Ethics, as found in Section 2.1 of the Constitution, may be terminated from membership in accordance with the rules of SEWPPA.

2.2 Competition

No member of SEWPPA shall enter into any agreement having the object of restraining trade, such as limiting the rights of non-contract competitive photographers to submit and have accepted High School Senior yearbook reproduction photographs for publication in said yearbooks.

2.3 Grievances

The following procedure shall be followed when considering disciplinary action against a member. The intent shall always be to protect the privacy and reputations of those involved. By “confidentiality”, it is not meant that the interested parties are not to be informed of the proceedings, nor that the Judiciary Committee is not allowed to investigate; the proceedings and findings are to be private and confidential from those not directly involved in the grievance.

A) All matters of this type shall be conducted in closed session according to Robert’s Rules of Order, and shall remain confidential .

B) Any member may request the Officers and Board of Directors to take disciplinary action against another member. Such a request shall be in writing and shall specify the actions or omissions allegedly done, and the provision of Article II of the Constitution which was allegedly violated. Upon receipt of a complaint by any person who is not a member, the Secretary shall prepare a statement of the alleged actions and omissions, and the provision of Article II of the Constitution allegedly violated.

C) The President shall appoint a Special Judiciary Committee composed of not less than three (3) Primary or Life members who are absolutely impartial, and who do not have any personal interest in the matter or the persons involved in the controversy.

D) The Special Judiciary Committee shall establish a meeting date for the purpose of investigating the charges. (If necessary, a second meeting may be called, but no more than three [3].) The Secretary shall prepare copies of the charges and specifications, and transmit them to all interested persons not less than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of this meeting. All interested persons will be invited to present their views and relevant facts in person or in writing.

E) After this (or the final) meeting, the Special Judiciary Committee will prepare a report of its findings and recommendations. This report shall list the findings and recommendations of each member of the Special Judiciary Committee. The Officers and the Board of Directors, along with the parties most directly involved with the complaint, are to receive this report.

F) Either party to the complaint may appeal the Judiciary Committee's findings and decision to the Board of Directors. All interested parties and the Board are to maintain confidentiality.

G) In the event that a majority of the Special Judiciary Committee determines that disciplinary action is not warranted for any reason, it shall recommend that the disciplinary action be terminated.

H) If a majority of the Special Judiciary Committee recommends that disciplinary action be taken, the Officers and Board of Directors shall vote on whether to expel the member, and such a vote shall require a two thirds (2/3) majority of the Directors present at the meeting. If the Officers and Board of Directors determines not to expel the member, it shall vote on whether to suspend the membership privileges or to censure the member. A vote of suspension for a period in excess of nine (9) months shall require a two thirds (2/3) majority of the directors present at the meeting. A vote to suspend for less than nine (9) months or to censure the member, shall be carried with a majority vote of the Officers and Board of Directors present at the meeting.

I) The Secretary shall inform all interested parties of the final disposition of the disciplinary action by the Special Judiciary Committee or the Board of Directors.

J) Any person who is expelled, suspended, or censured may appeal the findings of the Officers and Board of Directors to the General Membership at the next General membership meeting. A two thirds (2/3) majority of the general membership voting at such meeting may support, reduce, or nullify the disciplinary action taken against the member.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERS

3.1 Member Categories

Any person applying for membership may choose from the following categories, based on their qualifications: Primary, Associate, Aspiring, Sustaining. (Life and Honorary memberships are available only by special vote by the Board of Directors.)

In the case of multiple members from one business/studio, one member is designated as the Primary, and the additional member(s) is/are designated as an Associate(s). There will be only one Primary member for each business/studio. Each multiple member business/studio may decide who is to be designated as the Primary member, and should indicate that on the membership application or renewal form each year. The Primary does not have to be the owner. Each business may decide who is Primary each year at renewal.

A) PRIMARY Member — An individual who derives a portion of his/her earned income from the profession of Photography, and conforms to all tax laws and State and Local ordinances, shall be eligible for a Primary Membership in SEWPPA. Primary members retain full membership benefits including voting privileges, right to campaign and hold office, submit images for competition judging, attend meetings, and invite or solicit prospective members to meetings.

B) ASSOCIATE Member — An individual who derives a portion of his/her earned income

from the profession of Photography, and conforms to all tax laws and State and Local ordinances, and whose business/studio is already represented by a Primary member, shall be eligible for an Associate membership in SEWPPA. Associate members retain full benefits, except the ability to vote at General Meetings, including the right to campaign and hold office, submit images for competition judging, attend meetings, and invite or solicit prospective members to attend meetings.

C) ASPIRING Member — An individual who is interested in the field of professional photography, but has not yet established or become employed by a business/studio, shall be eligible for an Aspiring membership in SEWPPA. Aspiring members have the right to submit images for competition judging, attend meetings, and invite or solicit prospective members to attend meetings, but not to vote or hold office (unless otherwise appointed, as per Article 5.3 of the By Laws).

D) SUSTAINING Member — Any officer or designated employee(s) of a company or business engaged in supplying materials, services, or equipment used in the photographic industry shall be eligible for a Sustaining membership in SEWPPA. Sustaining members have the right to attend meetings and invite or solicit prospective members to attend meetings, but not vote or hold office (unless otherwise appointed, as per Article 5.3 of the By Laws). Additionally, if the qualifications for Sustaining Membership are met, purchase of advertising space in the SEWPPA Newsletter for that fiscal year will include complementary Sustaining Membership(s).

E) LIFE Member — Any past or current SEWPPA member may be awarded a Life membership for service rendered to professional photography with a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval by the Board. Life members have the same benefits as a Primary member, including voting privileges even if they are associated with a studio/firm already represented by a Primary Member.

F) HONORARY Member — Any individual that has done a service for SEWPPA and professional photography may be awarded an Honorary Membership with a two-thirds (2/3) majority approval of the Board. Honorary members may not vote or hold office (unless otherwise appointed as per Article 5.3), but may submit images for competition judging, attend meetings, and invite or solicit prospective members to attend meetings.

3.2 New Members

A) Each applicant must submit a written application. The application must specify the category of membership applied for, and must contain the applicant's signed agreement to abide by the Code of Ethics and competition standards found in Article II of the Constitution and Bylaws. The applicant also must be sponsored by a SEWPPA member. Primary applicants must supply their state tax ID number, or provide proof of conforming to all tax laws and appropriate State and Local ordinances

B) The Membership Chairperson shall consider all applications and shall conduct the factual inquiries which he/she deems necessary to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the membership status applied for, and whether he/she believes the applicant should be submitted for membership. The Membership Chairperson shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors. If agreed upon by the Board, this may be accomplished by e-mailing said report (or copy of the application) to the Board.

C) After the Board of Directors receives the report from the Membership Chairperson, it shall determine whether or not to admit the applicant as a member of the Association, consistent with the definition of membership as stated in Article III of the Constitution and Bylaws. If agreed upon by the Board, such discussion and approval (or disapproval) may be accomplished by e-mail, with a non-response counting as an approval.

3.3 Dues

All fees and dues shall be set by the Board of Directors.

- A) Life members and Honorary members shall pay no dues.
- B) Dues will be due and payable by March 15th. Membership shall be considered delinquent after the due date and may be subject to an initiation or reinstatement fee. Dues for new members accepted after September 1st may be on a prorated basis.
- C) Program Fee — Anyone attending a program will pay a fee set by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV — MEETINGS AND VOTING

4.1 Monthly General Business Meetings

There will be a minimum of six (6) general membership meetings per twelve (12) month period.

4.2 Conduct of Meeting

The President, and in his/her absence, the Vice President, and in his/her absence, any person chosen by a majority vote of the members, shall call the general meeting to order and shall act as chairperson of the meeting, and the Secretary shall act as the secretary of all meetings, but in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding chairperson may appoint any other person to act as secretary of the meeting.

4.3 General Membership Voting

All business of SEWPPA shall be transacted by voice vote, show of hands, or written ballot in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

4.4 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at the request of a majority of the membership. A fourteen (14) day notice must be provided of such meeting to all voting members.

ARTICLE V — OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.1 Composition of Officers and Board of Directors

A) The PRESIDENT shall call and preside at all membership meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be the principal executive officer of SEWPPA and shall, in general, supervise and control all the business affairs of SEWPPA. The President will also be responsible for the Association's functions with regard to the Wisconsin Professional Photographers Association Board meetings and annual convention either in person or by appointing someone to represent as the WPPA Regional Representative.

B) The VICE PRESIDENT, in the absence of the President or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, or if for any reason it shall be impracticable for the President to act personally, shall be responsible for the performance of the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers that the office carries with it. The Vice President will also be the Hospital and Hospitality Chairperson, the Constitution and Bylaws Chairperson, and Service Awards Chairperson, and at all other times shall perform all duties and exercise such authority as may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

C) The SECRETARY shall be responsible for the performance of the following duties: Keep the minutes of the Board of Directors and general meetings; provide all notices of general membership meetings and Board of Director meetings; assure the safe custody of the Association records; verify Board election results; and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or by the Board of Directors.

D) The TREASURER shall be responsible to perform or supervise the performance of the

following duties: The safe custody of all monies of the Association; an accurate accounting of all monies received and disbursed and of monies on hand; the creation and supervision of an annual budget; and in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

E) The PAST PRESIDENT shall serve in an advisory capacity, and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

F) The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing the newsletter prior to each meeting and to solicit advertising and oversee the typesetting, printing, and mailing, and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

G) The Reservations Chairperson shall be responsible for the meeting place and menu selection, and open houses in conjunction with the Program Chairperson, shall serve as acting Co-Coordinator for the Awards Meeting Banquet, and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

H) The Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for the dues collection and membership list, and as acting Co-Coordinator for the Awards Meeting Banquet, and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

I) The Print Chairperson shall be responsible for the print and electronic imaging judging and record keeping, shall monitor current PPA and WPPA Print rules, shall be in charge of procuring awards for the Awards Meeting Banquet, and shall also be in charge of all equipment that pertains to print competition, and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

J) The Assistant Print Chairperson assists the Print Chairperson during the print competition, and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

K) The Library Chairperson is responsible for obtaining and maintaining the library of media resources available for rental to the Association, and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

5.2 Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Elected Officers and Board members of SEWPPA may move through the chairs if they have not missed more than one-third (1/3) of the regular meetings per year, unless excused by the President. If they have missed more than one-third (1/3) of the regular meetings, they may not be eligible for re-election..

5.3 Appointed Officers

The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may appoint any member to the following positions, or may create additional offices as may be necessary to conduct the affairs of SEWPPA. Each person shall hold this office from the date that he/she accepts the appointment through the next election. The appointed officers will each have one (1) vote at Board meetings, and the positions may include the following:

A) Program Chairperson shall be responsible for suggesting and booking speaker talent, and organizing demonstrations and lectures for SEWPPA, working with the Reservations Chair-

person.

B) Computer Services shall be responsible for keeping updated all member records, and providing mailing labels and other member lists as requested by the Board of Directors. This position is also responsible for maintaining and managing all SEWPPA Forms (e.g., Membership Application).

C) Electronic Imaging Chair shall help the Print Chair with the electronic imaging part of the judging, and keep members informed of current PPA discussions and new rules.

D) PPA Director shall be responsible for keeping the members informed of national business, applying for PPA merits and delivering to speakers and others as needed, and informing the Board of Directors of any new or changed conditions that would affect our membership.

5.4 Election Process

A) NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Vice President, Past President, and President shall serve as the Nominating Committee. Prior to two (2) meetings before the WPPA State Affiliated Convention, the Nominating Committee may nominate an individual for each of the positions defined in Article 5.1 of the Constitution and Bylaws. The Nominating Committee shall publish its nominations to the General Membership at least one month (1) prior to the election.

B) The elections shall be held at the final General Members meeting prior to the WPPA State Affiliated Convention.

5.5 Board Meetings

The Board of Directors shall hold at least one (1) meeting per calendar quarter, and emergency meetings may be called at the direction of the President, or upon the direction of three (3) or more voting Board members. The Board shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of SEWPPA, and shall determine policies thereof within the limits of the Constitution and Bylaws.

5.6 Conduct of Board Meetings

The President, and in his/her absence, the Vice President, and in his/her absence any person chosen by a majority of the members of the Board present, shall call the meeting of the Board to order, and shall act as chairperson of the meeting, and the Secretary shall act as the secretary of the meeting, but in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any other person to act as secretary of the meeting. All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order except as such rules are inconsistent with any provision of the Constitution or Bylaws, or a majority of members of the Board attending the meeting vote to follow other rules.

5.7 Quorum at Board Meetings

A total of 50% or more members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at either a regular Board or special Board meeting.

5.8 Voting at Board Meetings

Each member of the Board of Directors shall have one (1) vote. There will be no voting proxies. All resolutions or other matters coming before the Board shall be determined on the basis of a majority vote by the votes cast, except as herein stated otherwise.

ARTICLE VI — FINANCIAL

6.1 Financial Reports

The Board of Directors and Officers shall prepare a yearly budget of all expenses and income and shall periodically prepare and submit financial reports, as required by the Articles of Incorporation, which will reflect both the financial activity and position of the Association. Such reports shall be published among the general membership.

ARTICLE VII — PRINT AND ELECTRONIC IMAGING COMPETITION

7.1 Eligibility of Images

Entries previously accepted at any PPA affiliate or national competition (not including Fall State Convention), or images not totally created by the maker, are not eligible for SEWPPA competition.

7.2 Service Point Qualification

All images/folios entered qualify for SEWPPA Service Award points, except entries in the “Off the Wall” or “Critique” categories.

7.3 Judges and Print Chair Responsibilities

There should be five (5) judges for each competition, and at least three (3) should be nationally qualified or Masters, if possible. The Print Chairperson should be watchful during judging, looking for the “75” rut, instructing jurors on proper procedure as needed, and keep order during the judging/critique.

7.4 Improvement Judging

Makers may resubmit an image if it scored LESS THAN 80 in a previous SEWPPA competition. Both new and old images must be submitted so the Print Chairperson can see what has been corrected/changed. All ribbons and awards must be returned at that time. The image which receives the highest score will receive credit and proper awards.

7.5 Use of Same Subject or Model

No two images of the same subject (including the same model in different clothing or in a separate setting) may be entered in any one judging, unless the entry is a Folio, Wedding Album, or collage/montage to be judged as a single entry.

7.6 Print Chairperson’s Authority

The Print Chairperson will have the authority to decide any questions or disputes not specifically covered by these rules, and his/her decision will be final.

7.7 General Competition

There will be a minimum of three (3) judgments per year to include the general categories “Photographic Open” (“traditional” print) and “Electronic Imaging.” Eligible members of SEWPPA may enter a TOTAL OF FOUR (4) prints and/or transparencies per general category per judging, or as set by the Board of Directors for Pre-State or other special judgments. All entries must follow size, mounting, and title rules as specified by WPPA Competition rules except as noted and published annually in the SEWPPA newsletter. A given image can only be entered in one of these general categories.

A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE is no longer necessary for Electronic Images; if one is submitted, it should be no longer than twenty-five (25) words.

7.8 Specific Categories

“Photographic Open” print entries must be submitted in one of these categories: Portrait, Wedding, Commercial/Industrial, Illustrative, or Scientific/Technical.

“Electronic Imaging” entries must be submitted in one of these categories: Digital Imaging, Digital Retouching/Enhancement.

A given image can only be entered in one of these specific categories.

7.9 Scoring and Ribbons

Scores for each image in any category will be based on the WPPA number system, and ribbons awarded to each as follows:

100-95 Exceptional - Purple - President’s Award

94-90 Superior - Gold - Superior

- 89-85 Excellent - Blue - Par Excellence
- 84-80 Deserving of Merit - Blue - Par Excellence
- 79-76 Above Average - Red - Excellence
- 75-74 Average - White - Exhibited
- 73-70 Acceptable - White - Exhibited
- 69-0 Unacceptable - None

7.10 Awards

Grand Award (Print/EI Image of the Month): At each competition, a special ribbon may be given in each category to the highest scoring entry of those judged 78 OR HIGHER if three (3) or more images were entered per general category.

At year's end, additional awards may be given:

Photographer of the Year

Electronic Imager of the Year

A MINIMUM OF SIX (6) images in the appropriate category must have been submitted to qualify, and the maker must have been present at the judgings (unless an excuse is submitted prior to the judging and approved by the President and/or Print Chairperson).

An average will be taken of the six (6) highest scores for all entries in the appropriate category per maker. The maker with the highest average of 78 OR HIGHER will be awarded either the "Photographer of the Year - 20__", or the "Electronic Imager of the Year - 20__" plaque as applicable.

Image of the Year and Courts (Photographic Open)

Electronic Image of the Year and EI Courts

A special judging will be held after the last regular judging and before the next WPPA State Affiliated Convention. All judges must be PPA Masters, and there will be a minimum of FOUR (4) JUDGES. All images receiving a score of 80 OR HIGHER and any Grand Award images are eligible. Makers are responsible for submitting entries for this judging. One (1) entry will be selected as "Image of the Year - 20__" from the "Photographic Open" entries, one image will be selected as "Electronic Image of the Year- 20__" from the EI entries , and up to six (6) courts in each of the

QUICK REVIEW FOR IMAGE COMPETITION

- All images/folios (other than Off the Wall or Critique) are eligible for SEWPPA Service Award points.

- There are two (2) general categories: “Photographic Open” and “Electronic Imaging”.

- “Photographic Open” specific categories: Portrait - Wedding - Commercial/Industrial - Illustrative - Scientific/Technical.

- “Electronic Imaging” specific categories: Digital Imaging - Digital Retouching/Enhancement. Statement of Purpose is not necessary; if desired, it must not be more than twenty-five (25) words. ALL work must be performed by THE MAKER.

- Maximum of FOUR (4) prints and/or transparencies per General Category per judging per maker.

- All entries must have titles. Name of maker, title, and category designation must be listed on the back of each entry. Labels are available from the Print Crew. No title or name of maker may appear on the front.

- **Mounting:** Non-Master entries must be permanently mounted on 16” x 20” maximum, 15.5” x 19.5” minimum mount board. Minimum total area size of the image must not be less than 80 square inches. Prints may be less than 16x20 and any shape, but must be mounted on the above mentioned board. Master entries may not exceed 480 square inches with the largest dimension 30”. The presentation (including image) may be of any proportion or shape but not smaller than 80 square inches. All entries: Masonite is not allowed; entry thickness shall be a minimum of 1/8” and a maximum of 1/4” at any point on the entry; overlays and underlays are permitted; Polaroid transfers are acceptable.

- **Grand Award/Print of the Month:** Score of 78 or higher wins if three (3) or more entries in the judging.

- **Photographer of the Year/Electronic Imager of the Year:** Must submit a minimum of SIX (6) images in the appropriate category during the year at regular judgments. An average will be taken of the SIX (6) HIGHEST SCORES for all entries in that category per maker. Highest average of 78 OR HIGHER will win the plaque. Maker must have been present at judgments, or have an excuse approved by President and/or Print Chair.

- **Image of the Year and Courts, Electronic Image of the Year and EI Courts:** Any entry scoring 80 or higher, or receiving Grand Award, is eligible. Makers are responsible for submitting entries for this judging.

Point Scoring and Ribbons

100-95	Exceptional - Purple - <i>President’s Award</i>
94-90	Superior - Gold - <i>Superior</i>
89-85	Excellent - Blue - <i>Par Excellence</i>
84-80	Deserving of Merit - Blue - <i>Par Excellence</i>
79-76	Above Average - Red - <i>Excellence</i>
75-74	Average - White - <i>Exhibited</i>
73-70	Acceptable - White - <i>Exhibited</i>

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