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New PCPPA Meeting Location!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! & PRINT COMPETITION Info

(email from Kevin McGowan, thank you)

Hello Everyone,

It's time to strut your stuff! This is a reminder of our fast approaching semi-annual print competition. The competition is on Tuesday, February 28th. Rules are on the PCPPA website: <http://www.pcppa.org/competition.html>

There is a downloadable entry form on the website also. You can access the member area by clicking on the PCPPA logo on the home page.

Competition begins about 7:00, after the 6:30 dinner. We are NOT meeting at Eddie's catering any longer. Our new location is:

Tacoma Elks Club
1965 South Union Street
Tacoma, WA 98465

The Elks Lodge #174 is just north of the Target store that is visible from Highway 16 at Union Street. There is plenty of parking. The facility is quite large with many activities going on, so check at the lobby reception area for the sign directing us to our meeting room. There will be four or five dinner options to choose from, ranging from \$11.00 to \$13.00, which includes coffee or tea, tax and gratuity. We highly encourage you to buy dinner at the meeting to make it worthwhile for the Elks - we are not paying a room charge for the meeting space.

I look forward to seeing all the great work you've produced!

Best Regards,

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PCPPA is moving forward.....

We are working hard to become PPA affiliated. Why do we want to do this? The benefit will be to have PPA affiliation; will draw better speakers and new members!!!! Some of our Board Members are working overtime to get our non-profit status, which will allow us to apply for a PPA affiliation. We'll keep you posted on our progress.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS!!!!!!

First of all, **thank you** to our past Board Members for all of your hard work and dedication to our Association. Couldn't have had a program without you.

2005 PCPPA Past Board Members:

President: Brian Page
Secretary: Kevin McGowan
Newsletter Editor: Alan Greenky
Member at Large: Fred Rabel
Librarian: Willow Eskridge
Vice President: Cheryl Campbell
Treasurer: Cedric Silas
Past President: Brad Bogue
Webmaster: Sharon Holcomb
Member at Large: Joni Atkinson
Member at Large: David Lobban

Thank you to our New Board Members for stepping and helping to continue to make our Association a desired place to get the latest and greatest Photography information.

Here are the new Board Members for 2006-

President: Brian Page
Vice President: Fred Rabel/ Mike Elwell
Secretaries: Joni Atkinson and Molly Finnel
Treasurer: Allen Greenky
Librarian and Member at Large (membership): Willow Eskridge
Member at Large: (Print Competition Committee Leader) Kevin McGowan
Newsletter Editor: Michele Render
Librarian: Jon Hollander
Event Committee Leaders: Peter Walsh/Ray Burke
Web Master: Sharon Holcomb

Jan Annual Social Dinner- 2006

Our annual social Dinner was held at Dave's Barbecue in Tacoma, WA. We had good food, good company, some business and gifts for our drawing.



Board Meeting Minutes

PCPPA Executive Board Meeting

February 15, 2005

Location Elmer's Restaurant, 7427 Hosmer Street, Tacoma, WA

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

Executive Board Members Attending:

President: Brian Page

Vice President: Fred Rabel

Secretary's: Joni Atkinson and Molly Finnel

Treasurer: Allen Greenky

Librarian and Member at Large (membership): Willow Eskridge

Member at Large: (Print Competition Committee Leader) Kevin McGowan

Newsletter Editor: Michele Render

Executive Board Members Not Attending

Vice President: Mike Elwell

Librarian: Jon Hollander

Event Committee Leaders: Peter Walsh/Ray Burke

Web Master: Sharon Holcomb

Welcome to the new Board Members. Some positions now have two people sharing the job. This is going to be helpful for those that are unable to attend every meeting.

Reports:

Vice President Report: Fred reviewed topics for programs in the works for general membership meetings in 2006. Kevin read topics discussed in December meeting. Fred and Mike will be heading this up.

Secretary's Report: None presented

Librarian's Report: Library was inventoried and organized but removed from Eddie's Catering among other items without our knowledge. Willow will make arrangements to pick up items from Eddie's storage. Fred Rabel has offered to transfer VHS tapes to DVD for members.

Treasurer's Report: \$600.00 received last month for memberships. Allen is making the transition as new Treasurer. A full report will be in place next board meeting.

Member at Large (Print Competition) Lights, stands and backdrop was also removed and Kevin will make arrangements to have this in time for the next print competition.

Old business

-Last month the Board Members met at Kevin's house to work on the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The Articles of Incorporation are now complete. This is necessary for non profit corporation laws of the State of WA . Brian reported that the notary piece and Board signatures will be needed next, then submitted to the state.

-The benefit will be to have PPA affiliation; will draw better speakers and new members

-By Laws will be our next project and will be incorporated into our PCPPA handbook.

New Business

-Eddie Hill owner of Eddie's catering hall we have met at for years, passed away February 5, 2006. A condolence card was circulated and Joni will mail. Discussion of "For Lease" sign and removal of our lights, library and display unit. Brian stopped by Eddies and spoke with a representative of Eddies. Everything was moved to another area or the storage unit and will need to be retrieved by the 21st. Brad Bogue picked up the display unit. Allen offered to store the display in his basement.

-Mike Elwell suffered a minor stroke and is recovering now at home. A card was signed and will be mailed this week. Fred reported he is doing better now.

-New Meeting Location: Brad and Peter spoke w/King Oscars as a possible meeting location for our board and general membership meetings. . The board agreed to stop by and check it out after we concluded our meeting. Kevin has also inquired regarding the Elks Club who has a private room available. Willow and Fred will stop by Thursday to see the space. It was agreed we will need to move on communicating where our next meeting will be held. Joni will request an updated member email list from Cedric.

-Discussion of keeping our regularly scheduled meeting time/date for print competition, or delaying this one month. Once a decision is made the general membership will be contacted by email, phone and the yahoo group.

-Discussion of changing Board meeting to the second Tuesday of the month, to work with everyone's availability. It was agreed Tuesday looks to be the best day. Elmer's does not have our room available on Tuesdays, so we may move to another location.

-New Member/Visitor Event ideas discussed. Once we are in a in our new location, and have our PPA affiliation it was discussed having a big meeting inviting professional photographers in Pierce County to come check out the new PCPPA. A speaker would be at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm so the Board could review King Oscar's location nearby.

Calendar

Feb 27th, Print Competition Dinner 6:30pm, 7pm print comp begins

Feb. 24-27, PP Oregon Convention, Portland, OR, www.pporegon.com

March 14, Board meeting 7pm

March 10 - 14, PP Washington Convention, Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA,
nichelle@pacedgephoto.com,
www.ppw.org

March 18-20, PP Idaho Convention, Boise, ID, www.ppofidaho.com

March 28th, PCPPA General meeting

April 7, 8 and 9.....37th National Juried Fine Art and Photography Exhibition will be held at the new Ocean Shores Convention Center. Visit this website for more information
<http://www.imagenorthwest.com/Oceanshores.htm>

April 9-11, WPPI, Las Vegas, NV, www.wppinow.com

July 9-16, 2006

Sun Princess, departs from Seattle, Washington
Hosted by the Texas School of Professional Photography
<http://www.ppa.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=493>

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