

Letter from the Chairman



While it's been a summer of record breaking heat, I'm looking out toward the Fall for our next election of PSNWA board members. I hope each of our members appreciates the great service our board provides to them. I've been watching this organization for nearly six years, now, and I'm always amazed that it continues to grow and serve ever more photographers in our region. Our society's success is due, in no small measure, to the efforts of many board members who have volunteered to serve over the years.

When asked if they'd be willing to serve, most members tend to shy away from it with a variety of excuses relating to experience or the lack of time. The truth is, no position on the board requires more knowledge or experience than the average photographer is likely to possess already. The time commitments are not huge: one extra meeting a month, and a few hours a week to take care of the responsibilities of your position. For this relatively small investment, you improve your leadership skills, and you help to maintain an organization that serves a truly broad range of photographers, including you!

I'll be mentioning this again at PSNWA events, and you may be approached by another PSNWA member about serving on our board. When that happens, keep an open mind. By doing this, someone will be showing their confidence that you can make a significant contribution.

There were some recent posts on the Yahoo group from and about members changing and updating their portfolios on the PSNWA website. What a great idea, and a reminder that we all need to check our portfolios periodically to add some new images that are more current and recent. Post a quick note on the Yahoo group when you have added new images to your portfolio, to let us all know that we need to go look! And for those that have not completed their profiles and portfolio, please take a few minutes to do so. It's really very easy. Also, don't forget that PSNWA also has a group on Flickr where you can also post images. You can also find PSNWA on Facebook.

Keep a watch on our web site. Our Events for this summer include a balloon festival in Harrison, and the Fort Smith Air Show, all of which are colorful and exciting events to photograph. You won't want to miss them. I hope to see you at Whole Hog Café the first Thursday of next month for our monthly meeting.

Jack Allred
PSNWA Board of Directors Chairman

PSNWA Quarterly Print Competitions

Note: Due to the Fall Fair Competition, and the Ozark Photographic challenge, both due in August 2011, the deadlines for the Summer and Fall competitions have been extended to the new dates below.

The Summer competition theme is "Signs". The deadline for turning submissions is November 3rd. Please note that the main focus of your entries must be the named theme, Signs.

And the Fall theme is "Sunsets", which will be open from November 4th through February 2, 2012.

Photos will be judged on Impact, Subject Matter / Creativity, Composition, Technical Quality, and Print Presentation. Black and White and Color photographs, from Film or Digital will be accepted. **Up to 3 prints can be submitted in an 8 x 10 or 8 x 12 format with optional borders no more than maximum of quarter inch**, at Bedford Camera & Video or in person at PSNWA meetings. Include Name, e-mail, phone, and competition theme on the back

of each print. Photos with incomplete information will be disqualified.

Please, ensure you have a duplicate print or negative, as photographs will not be returned.

Competition is open only to PSNWA members. Submissions are ranked by a panel of judges chaired by Alexis Schell, PSNWA Competition Chairman. There is a gallery limit of two winning images per member will be displayed. The top two scored images will be used to determine the images displayed if a member has multiple images ranked in the gallery range. All panel decisions are final.

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