

General:

- Print must be presented to the Print Director by 6:30pm the evening of the meeting.
- Only active professional and life Austin PPA members can enter print competitions.
- Members are limited to one entry per month.
- Prints may not have been entered in any other previous PPA affiliated competitions at a higher level than a local chapter.
- A minimum of three (3) prints must be entered at the monthly meeting to constitute a print competition.
- Minimum board size is 16x20 inches with no minimum print size or maximum print size.
- Prints mounted on canvas are allowed. Gallery Wraps are allowed as long as the front of the canvas is a minimum of 16x20 inches.
- Prints can be signed on the front of the image as long as the signature can be covered during competition.
- The maker's name must be on the back of the print or it will be disqualified.
- Prints not meeting these rules will not be allowed into the competition.

Judging:

-While prints are not required to strictly adhere to PPA photographic competition rules and printing guidelines, prints should be judged considering the following twelve (12) attributes of a professional photograph:

1. impact
2. creativity
3. style
4. composition
5. print presentation
6. color harmony
7. center of interest
8. lighting
9. subject matter
10. technical excellence/print quality
11. technique
12. story telling

-Active members will place votes for their selection of print for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, of the prints present. Votes for 1st place will receive three (3) points, votes for 2nd place will receive two (2) points and votes for 3rd place will receive one (1) point. Prints will be ranked by the highest total numbers of points received.

-Each ballot must contain one (1) vote for each place. Incomplete ballots will be disqualified.

Awards:

- Ribbons will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places based upon the highest total number of points.
- in the event of a tie, multiple ribbons will be awarded.
- All qualified entries will receive one (1) point that will count toward photographer of the year.
- Winners will receive the following additional points toward photographer of the year; three (3) points for 1st place, two (2) points for 2nd place and one (1) point for 3rd place.

-Active members entering at least 60% of the print competitions throughout the year are eligible for the drawing for one of the annual scholarships to The Texas School of Professional Photography. Scholarships are awarded at the Annual Holiday Party. You do not have to be present to win. Scholarships must be redeemed in the upcoming year or they will be given to the runner-up of the drawing.