

MPPA Award and Recognition Program

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The Maine Professional Photographer's Association (MPPA) established a state-based award program in 2009 to recognize photographic excellence and service to the photographic community. Several states have such programs, including (but not limited to): Arizona, Florida, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and Oregon. Some of these states have award/recognition programs that mirror the national Professional Photographers Association (PPA) program with "Masters" and "Craftsman" type awards, each recognizing an individual for contributions of photographic excellence and service to the photographic industry, respectfully. Other states have crafted entirely different programs which have a point program and award structure completely different from the national program.

After considerable deliberation, MPPA's Award and Recognition Committee developed a program that mirrors the national program and recognizes photographic excellence and service to the photographic community (and self) through education and volunteerism. It is our hope that these awards will serve to inspire new and current members to become and stay active in the professional community, to continue learning and improving through education and attendance at photographic events, and to recognize those individuals whose photographic excellence and service are exemplary.

We welcome program comments and suggestions; the Award Chairperson is Claudia Murray and she can be contacted at 207-883-9646 or info@claudiamurray.com. If you would like to become involved in MPPA or the ARC, we would welcome your involvement ... and would reward you with some points towards awards!

The program details and Award Summary Sheets are presented in the following pages.

PLEASE NOTE:

Point summary sheets must be submitted by JANUARY 31st to be eligible for awards at the MPPA convention the following month.

There is a "grace" period where paperwork will be accepted until the convention (i.e. point summary sheets for 2015 can be submitted until the March 2016 convention) BUT any awards earned will be presented at the convention the FOLLOWING YEAR (2017) for forms received after January 31st. Forms will not be accepted after convention.

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Reason for Awards

1. To give recognition for service to and on behalf of MPPA
2. Recognition for those who enter and excel in MPPA Print Competitions
3. Incentive for members to become and stay active in MPPA
4. Publicity for MPPA and its members

Eligibility

1. Any member in good standing with MPPA
2. Membership must be in consecutive years. If a lapse in membership occurs, all previously accumulated points are not forfeited. The member, upon renewal, must supply their own copy of their annual list of approved credits. The Award and Recognition Committee cannot be held responsible for records of lapsed members.

Types of Awards

There are three types of awards that the MPPA awards: the Maine Photographic Excellence Award, the Maine Fellowship Award, and the Distinguished Colleague Award. The first two can be achieved by members earning points (to be described herein), and the Distinguished Colleague Award is reserved for the MPPA to bestow upon individuals who have gone above and beyond expectations in their contribution to the organization and profession.

The awards can be achieved as follows:

1. Maine Photographic Excellence Award

Awarded for superior photographic competence through photographic competition, advanced education, and service to the profession.

25 Points earns a gold medallion with a green ribbon, with a bar earned for each additional 25 points. For each 25 points, 13 must be print points and the additional 12 can be from any point category.

2. Maine Fellowship Award

To recognize service, fellowship, and continuing education.

25 Points earns a silver medallion with a purple ribbon, with a bar earned for each additional 25 points. For each 25 points, 5 points must be Membership Points, 13 must be Education Points, and the remaining seven can be from any point category.

3. Maine Distinguished Colleague Award

This award is reserved for a member who has gone above and beyond in their service to MPPA and the photographic profession. The person may have already received other awards, honors, and degrees. This award is for an individual nominated by the membership or identified by the ARC or Board whom the MPPA feels additional accolades are in order to recognize a member's continued exceptional service to MPPA. It is not an award earned by accumulation of points like the other two, but is a special honor that the MPPA may bestow upon a deserving member.

Lobster Pin Incentive

The Maine Photographic Excellence Award and Maine Fellowship Award are obviously accolades that will take considerable time and effort to achieve. As an added incentive to work hard, be involved, learn a lot, and earn points, we are offering the Lobster Pin incentive. Those members that accumulate 12 points in a calendar year (regardless of category) will be bestowed the Lobster Pin. You can earn one every year, and it can be worn on your clothing or fastened to your Photographic Excellence or Distinguished Colleague ribbons.

Medallions and bars that are issued as part of this award program are to be worn at all state, regional, and national functions. A certificate suitable for framing will be issued with each award.

TYPES OF POINTS

The Maine Photographic Excellence Award and the Maine Fellowship Award both rely on members accumulating points. There are four types of points that can be earned:

1. Print Points
2. Membership Points
3. Education Points
4. General Points

PRINT POINTS (maximum of 7 points can be used towards Print Points in one calendar year; additional Print Points earned may be used as “other point category” points)

Print Points can be earned as follows:

- 1 point - Entering a minimum of two entries (print, folio, album) in MPPA print competition
- 1 point - Each entry (print, album, folio, etc) scoring a blue ribbon
- 1 point - Each entry receiving a Court of Honor award (only one point per print)
- 1 point - Each entry receiving a Judge’s Choice award
- 3 points - Photographer of the Year
- 1 point - Entry receives “Best of Show”

MEMBERSHIP (maximum of 3 points can be used towards Membership points in one calendar year; additional Membership Points may be used as “other point category” points)

- 1 – Membership (Must have paid dues and be a member for the entire calendar year. No fractional points for less than a full year of membership).
- 1 – Perfect attendance - attend all monthly/bi-monthly meetings and one day of the annual conference
- 2 – Refer a new member to join MPPA (2 points per member)

EDUCATION (a grand total of 9 points can be earned by attending educational events in a calendar year. A maximum of 7 of these points can be used towards Education Points in one calendar year; if more than 7 points are earned through education, the additional points may be used as “other point category”)

1 – For each photographic education event

2 – MPPA, PPANE, or PPA Convention attendance (2-3 days of seminars)

2 – NEIPP or similar multi-day photographic program

2 - Speaker at MPPA or other photographic program (1 hour program minimum)

Other – you can request special consideration for other classes, programs, etc from the Recognition Committee. Points can NOT be earned for college classes (or similar) for which you receive academic or other credit.

GENERAL POINTS

MPPA BOARD

State President – 5

State Vice President(s) – 4

State Treasurer – 4

State Secretary – 4

Business Manager – 5

Director(s) – 2

Other active Board Member - 2

CONFERENCE RELATED

Conference Hospitality – 2

Conference Book Editor – 2

Trade Show Chairperson – 1

Scholarship/Auction Chair – 1

Print Chair – 4

Print Committee Member – 1 (for every 6 hours service)

MOTHLY MEETINGS/SEMINARS

Host Studio for a seminar/meeting, etc – 1

OTHER

Newsletter Editor – 3

Committee Chair – 2

Committee Member – 1

Mentor (assigned this role by MPPA board for an MPPA member) - 2

Webmaster – 3

State Librarian – 1

State rep to PPANE – 1

Distinguished Colleague Award Recipient – 1

Publish an article in MPPA newsletter – 1

AWARD ADMINISTRATION

The Award and Recognition Committee Chairperson shall be appointed by the President at the first meeting of the calendar year. The Award and Recognition Committee shall consist of not less than 3 members and shall meet at least once a year prior to the annual convention to review records and prepare a list of eligible award recipients.

Awards shall be awarded at the Annual Conference banquet. If a recipient does not attend the banquet, the Award shall be presented at the next monthly meeting that the recipient attends.

The Award and Recognition Committee Chair shall make all necessary arrangements for the procurement of the awards (medallions, certificates, etc). A list of all those who qualify for an Award shall be presented to the Board for final approval.

Points can only be awarded to individuals, not to studios. A point can only be used once in one category (no "double dipping"). For instance, if you earn a point for attending a photographic seminar, you must decide whether to use it towards your Fellowship Award as an "education point" OR if you'd like to put it towards your Photographic Excellence Award as a "general" point; it cannot be used in both places.

The program will run on an annual basis, and will begin on January 1, 2009. No credits will be awarded for any achievements prior to January 1, 2009. You are responsible for keeping track of the points you accumulate during the year. **MPPA Award Point Calculation and Summary forms must be completed, signed, and received by the MPPA Award Chairperson no later than January 31, 2016 to be eligible for awards at the convention the following March.**

Please address any questions/comments and forms to the Award and Recognition Chairperson:

Claudia Murray

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phone: 207-883-9646

GOOD LUCK!

MPPA AWARD POINT CALCULATION SHEETS

PRINT COMPETITION POINTS

A maximum of seven can be used towards Print Points in one calendar year; additional Print Points earned may be used as "other" category points.

Point Value	Action earning point(s)	Date earned	Description (if necessary)	Total Point(s)
1	Entering minimum of 2 entries in MPPA print competition			
1	Each entry scoring a blue ribbon			
1	Each entry receiving a Court of Honor			
1	Each entry receiving a Judge's Choice			
3	Photographer of the Year			
1	Entry receives "Best of Show"			

TOTAL PRINT POINTS (carry over to Award Summary Form) _____

EDUCATION POINTS

A maximum of seven points can be used towards Education Points in one calendar year; additional points earned through education may be used as "other" category points.

Point Value	Action earning point(s)	Date earned	Description (if necessary)	Total Point(s)
1	Attendance at each photographic education event (includes monthly meetings)			
2	MPPA, PPANE or PPA Convention attendance (2-3 days of seminars)			
2	NEIPP or similar multi-day educational school/program			
2	Speaker at MPPA or other photographic program (1 hour min)			

Note: Education Points can NOT be earned for college classes (or similar) for which you receive academic or other credit.

TOTAL EDUCATION POINTS (carry over to Award Summary Form) _____

MEMBERSHIP POINTS

A maximum of three points can be used towards Membership points in one calendar year; additional Membership Points may be used as “other” category points.

Point Value	Action earning point(s)	Date earned	Description (if necessary)	Total Point(s)
1	Membership (full year of dues paid)			
1	Perfect Attendance (attend all monthly meetings and one day of conference)			
2	Refer a new member (2 points per member)			

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP (carry over to Award Summary Form) _____

GENERAL POINTS (no maximum number of points per calendar year)

Point Value	Action earning point(s)	Date earned	Description (if necessary)	Total Point(s)
2-5	MPPA Board Member (see rules for actual point value)			
2	Committee Chairperson			
1	Committee Member			
1	Host studio for MPPA meeting			
TBD	Other – per approval of committee. Provide documentation.			

TOTAL GENERAL POINTS (carry over to Award Summary Form) _____

ADDITIONAL POINTS

So you are totally awesome and were really involved, and did a TON of stuff this year and need additional space for all your points. Here it is! Be sure to identify the point value, category (print, education, membership or general), date earned, and description of action(s) earning points.

Great work!

Point Value	Category, enter P, E, M or G (print, education, membership or general)	Date Earned	Description

Be sure to carry over any of these additional points into the appropriate category on the Award Summary Form.

