

Purposes of the APJA

The promotion of the respect and the interests of photographic judging by aiding all or any of the following:

- a) Periodical meetings, suggested as monthly, of the members of each state branch or regional sub-branch.
- b) The publication of a periodical journal/newsletter devoted to the interests of photographic judges which shall be the journal/newsletter of the Association.
- c) To form a bond of union among the members of the photography judging fraternity and a medium through which their opinions can be easily ascertained or expressed.
- d) To provide a support network for those involved in the judging, critique and curating of photographic based images.
- e) To advance the general and social interests of the judging association.
- f) To ethically promote fair and honourable practice and to suppress mal-practice.
- g) To settle disputed points of judging practice and to decide all questions of judging usage and courtesy.
- h) To encourage quality understanding of judging practices.
- i) To consider, originate and promote improvements in guidelines relating to the practice of judging images.
- j) To promote photography as a means of aesthetic expression.
- k) To provide balance in commentary by accepting cultural diversity and attempting to have an equal number of female and male members in the association.
- l) To continually improve the quality of the practice of photographic judging by conducting seminars, training camps, group discussions, attending exhibitions, providing reference material, offering mentoring schemes, conducting and recommending personal development in the discipline and gain feedback about judging activities.