

## Notice to Amend the TPPA Bylaws

This year's General Membership Meeting includes a vote to amend the TPPA Bylaws to change the current Vice-President role to "President Elect".

**Justification:** The TPPA President needs to have a knowledgeable overview of the association and has many important tasks and obligations which must be completed prior to becoming president. (For example, the incoming president is responsible for preparing the budget and committee assignments for the following year.)

This change ensures continuity of leadership by allowing the President Elect to move directly into the President position without the uncertainty of having to be elected.

### Here are the changes requested:

The highlighted text are the requested additions, and the strike-through text would be deletions.

## ARTICLE IV

### Board of Directors

4.1 The Board of Directors of this Association shall be:

4.1.1 The President, who shall serve as the Chief Elected Officer of this Association. **The President shall be the immediate past President Elect**

4.1.2 The ~~Vice President~~ **President Elect**, who shall also serve in place of the President if necessary.

4.1.6 Three additional directors.

4.1.6.1 Two shall be elected by the Membership.

4.1.6.2 One shall be appointed by the ~~Vice President~~ **President Elect**, with the approval of the Board.

4.4 Elected positions include ~~President~~, **President Elect**, ~~Vice President~~, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Directors, to serve with the Chairman of the Board and President.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

The TPPA General Membership meeting includes the election of the 2023 TPPA Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the 2023 TPPA Board of Directors:

Teri Whittaker	-	President
Guy T Phillips	-	President Elect
Shawna Hinkel	-	Treasurer
Cornell McGhee	-	Secretary
Beth Groom-Steel	-	Director
Bill Vahrenkamp	-	Director

### **2022 Nominating Committee**

Cris Duncan - Chair

Cliff Ranson

Jennifer Janson

**Texas Professional Photographers Association  
General Membership Meeting  
ONLINE, 8-September-2022 @ 7:00 Central Time**

AGENDA In Progress

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. President's Remarks – Robin Janson - President
5. Membership Report - Steve Kozak - TPPA Executive Director
6. Financial Report – Guy T Phillips - Treasurer
7. Magazine Report - Bill Hedrick - Magazine Editor
8. Texas School Report - Don Dickson - Texas School Director
9. Competition Report: Cornell McGhee – Director
10. TPPA Events Report – Beth Groom-Steel – Secretary
11. TPPA Fellowship Update – Phyllis Kuykendall – Director
12. Amend the TPPA Bylaws
13. Nominating Committee Report – Cliff Ranson – TPPA Past President

**As stated by our Bylaws:**

Chairman of the Board: Robin Janson

**Recommended Slate from Nominating Committee:**

President: Teri Whittaker  
Vice President: Guy T Phillips  
Treasurer: Shawna Hinkel  
Secretary: Cornell McGhee  
Director: Beth Steel  
Director: Bill Vahrenkamp

14. Election of Officers
15. Introduction of Appointed Director – Teri Whittaker
16. Closing Remarks – Teri Whittaker
17. Adjourn

# **Texas Professional Photographers Association**

## **Minutes of the General Membership Meeting**

### **August 31, 2021 - Online**

#### **Executive Council Members in Attendance:**

- Jenny Rhea Eisenhauer - Chairman of the Board
- Cris Duncan – President
- Robin Janson – Treasurer
- Teri Whittaker – Secretary
- Daniel Fermaint – Councilor-at-Large
- Shawna Hinkel – Councilor-at-Large
- Steve Kozak – Executive Director
- Don Dickson – Texas School Director

#### **Call to Order – Jenny Eisenhauer:**

- Jenny called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and thanked participants for attending the General Membership Meeting.

#### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- Frank Alger moved to approve the minutes of the previous General Membership meeting of October 15, 2020. Cris Duncan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **Additions to the Agenda:**

- There were no additions

#### **President's Remarks – Cris Duncan:**

- Cris shared that the Executive Council is here to serve the membership and asked members to please let us know how we can serve them better.

#### **Membership Report – Steve Kozak:**

- Steve said the membership numbers have been down a bit and that it is generally a result of COVID and how it impacted Texas School. We expect membership numbers to creep back upwards.

#### **Financial Report – Robin Janson:**

- Robin reported that 2020 financial activity impacted our 2021 financials due to Texas School registration roll over. Despite this impact, we are expecting to break even in 2021. The TPPA Executive Council has kept TPPA financially sound during this challenging time. We have been able to carry on the business of the association without dipping into our reserves.

#### **Magazine Report – Steve Kozak for Bill Hedrick:**

- Bill not able to join us for this meeting, but Steve said the September/October issue of the magazine is in the mail. This issue is the I-Heart issue. Bill is now working on November/December which is the Texas School issue. Be watching for the Texas School issue.

**Texas School Report - Don Dickson:**

- We were able to have our event, even though it was smaller than normal. Texas School 2021 was safe and efficient, no one got sick. 2022 Texas School is expected to be fabulous. The instructor reveal will be on September 21, 2021.

**Competition Report - Daniel Fermaint:**

- Our 2021 Image Competition was a huge success. We introduced the Texellence Award. There were 575 entries with a 49 percent merit rate.

**TPPA Events Report – Teri Whittaker:**

- TPPA has been incredibly busy in 2021, despite COVID, with workshops, web series, and road trips. I-Heart Photography is coming up in October.

**TPPA Fellowship Update – Shawna Hinkel:**

- The Executive Council took a look at the TPPA fellowship program. The TPPA fellowship program now has a path to full fellowship without entering competition.

**Bylaws Action Team Report – Trey Homan (Action Team Chair):**

- Trey presented an overview of the proposed ByLaws revisions.
- **Trey moved that we accept the bylaws revisions. Frank Alger seconded the motion. There was no discussion. There were 33 yes votes out of 37 total votes with no dissenting votes. The motion passed.**

**Nominating Committee Report – Jenny Eisenhauer (Chair of Nominating Committee):**

- 2022 TPPA Board of Directors Slate:
  - Chairman of the Board: Cris Duncan (as stated in our Bylaws)

**Recommended Slate from Nominating Committee:**

- President: Robin Janson
- Vice President: Teri Whittaker
- Treasurer: Guy T Phillips
- Secretary: Beth Steel
- Director: Phyllis Kuykendall
- Director: Cornell McGhee

**Election of Officers – Jenny Eisenhauer:**

- Jenny requested nominations from the floor.
  - For President
  - For Vice President
  - For Treasurer
  - For Secretary
  - For Director
  
- Three requests were made for further nominations.
  
- The slate was elected by acclamation.

**Introduction of Appointed Director – Robin Janson:**

- Robin selected Chris Smith as the appointed Director for the 2022 TPPA Board.

**Closing Remarks – Cris Duncan:**

- Cris thanked everyone for their participation.

**Adjournment:**

- **Frank Alger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Aileen Harding seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.**
- Meeting adjourned 7:28pm