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These rules for file format, size and projection will be incorporated into the documentation for the Inter Federation Projected Image competition, the Inter Club PDI Championship, the Great British Cup and the Awards for Photographic Merit.

Some explanatory notes and information were also published and extracts are given below.

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The file size difference between the file types is significant. A tiff file from a 1400px X 1050px image is 4.2Mb whilst the equivalent jpeg at Photoshop Level 12 is around 650Kb. This saving in file size is an advantage for competition organisers - especially for online entry. Arguments are raised with regard to the deterioration of an image with repeated "open and save" operations via the jpeg process but there is no need for an organiser to open and re-save any digital file submitted so the integrity is not at risk in PAGB competitions. With tiff files there is considerable room for error in saving the file with layers or alpha channels or in 16bit mode which causes problems. In practice, it is unlikely that anyone can see a difference between a high quality projected jpeg and tiff variants. The PAGB believes there are no technical or quality reasons not to use jpeg files and, for the organisers of some competitions, there are several advantages, in doing so. *(Abridged from a longer item in e-news 24).*

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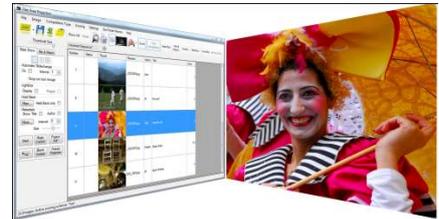
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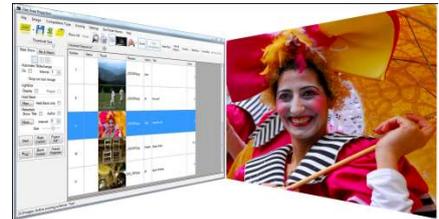
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There are three PAGB Executive Committee meetings each year in Feb, April & Nov.

When you try to offer “highlights” of such meetings you wonder what occupied all the time but the PAGB offers many more events and services than it did even a decade ago and discussion of the minutiae is often time consuming. A number of important matters were progressed.

APPOINTMENTS

This meeting followed on directly from the AGM and its first task is to allocate the members of the newly elected Executive Committee to the various tasks and sub committees. Luckily not every member changes every year – it would be impossible if they did – and most of the names are unchanged from the appointments listed in the current Handbook. For those who don’t have access to a Handbook I will list some of the sub committee personnel in a later e-news.

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FIAP

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INTER-FEDERATION COMPETITIONS

Daphne Hanson tabled a list of Federation Officials responsible for the 2010 PAGB Inter-Federation Projected Image Competition. Gordon Jenkins will produce a presentation of the exhibition on CD and a complimentary copy will be given to each federation with extra copies charged at £10 each. It was agreed that Gordon would take over all responsibilities of future PI Inter-Fed Competition.

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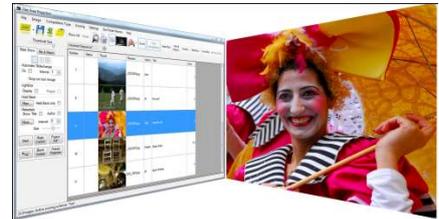
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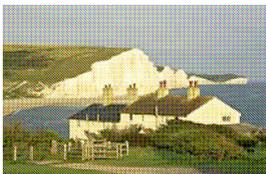
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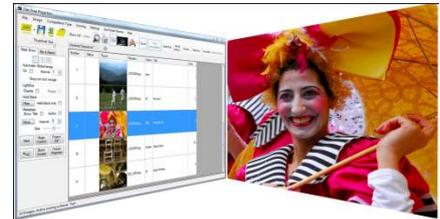
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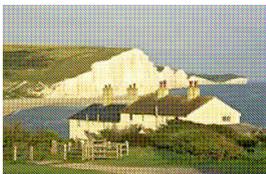
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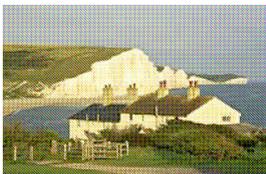
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Following the purchase of two laptop computers and two Canon Digital Projectors the Lottery Grant of £10,000 has been overspent slightly due to the purchase of calibration equipment that was more expensive than the equipment initially proposed. Howard Tate reported that the Lottery Fund have reviewed the grant expenditure and closed the file without any problem.

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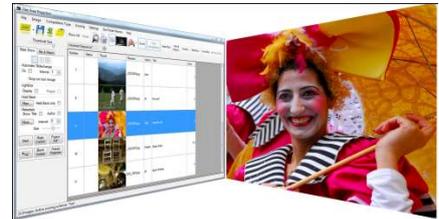
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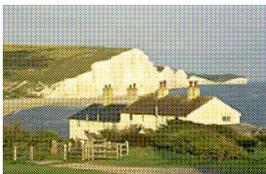
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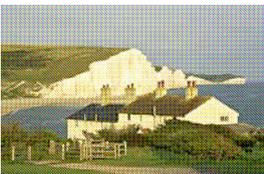
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 17 APRIL 2010

The Annual Review 2009, being the Report of the Executive Committee, had been distributed to all members prior to this meeting. Acceptance of the review was proposed by Naomi Saul and seconded by Andy Hanson – carried by the meeting. There were no matters arising from the review.

The current President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected to their posts. The Members representing each Federation were also elected. A list of appointments appears in the Handbook but for those who do not have access I will list them in a later e-news.

Ian Platt then explained to the meeting the primary reasons that he could not offer himself for re-election to the post of FIAP Liaison Officer. Notes from the FIAP Directory Board Meeting held in November 2009, and only issued in March 2010, state that member countries are not allowed to add awards requirements to FIAP requirements for the distinctions of AFIAP and EFIAP. Ian was strongly of the opinion that this decision, along with many others made by the Directory Board, was not democratic and had not considered the views of member countries. The additional requirements imposed by the PAGB for these distinctions have been in force for 30 years and a compromise was made by the PAGB when the new FIAP Minima were dictated in 2009. Ian was of the opinion that by not allowing the PAGB to maintain awards as additional requirements we are devaluing the distinctions, especially for those who have already gained them. Ian will write to FIAP informing them of his decision to stand down. Meanwhile, Ian will complete his commitments in the post to ensure that the PAGB, Federations, clubs and individual photographers are not disadvantaged by his decision not to stand for re-election. A new FIAP Liaison Officer will be required at the next AGM

Roy Thomas indicated that Wales had not yet received any communication from FIAP concerning the November 2009 Directory Board meeting. Rod Wheelans indicated that Scotland was disheartened with the behavior of the FIAP Directory Board on this matter. With such strong feelings it was suggested that PAGB could withdraw from FIAP membership. Dave Coates and others pointed out that such a course of action would be ill advised as many photographers had invested considerable sums of money in Salon entry fees towards gaining FIAP distinctions.

Tremaine Cornish, recently awarded AFIAP, was strongly in favour of a level playing field throughout the world for FIAP Distinctions. A view supported and also opposed by many present. Naomi Saul pointed out that in her opinion it was now harder to achieve awards in international salons compared to 30 years ago, others disagreed. No formal proposal was tabled.

The retiring executive recommended an increase in club subscription of £1 to £29 for 2011, proposed by Peter Young, seconded by Eric Saul – carried by the meeting.

Gordon Jenkins outlined the advantages of Trustee Liability Insurance and details of the proposal negotiated with Darwin Clayton to cover all Federations and clubs within the PAGB at an annual fee not yet fully agreed but less than £6,000. During a long and wide ranging discussion many federation representatives indicated that they would like the insurance provision to be commenced as soon as possible. It was proposed by Leo Rich that Trustee Liability Insurance be acquired from 1st February 2011, seconded by Christine Widdall and carried (N.B. This is a policy in the name of the PAGB that will extend its protection to all the member Federations and their

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The J.S. Lancaster Medal, which is the PAGB’s highest award for meritorious service and confers the appellation HonPAGB to holders was awarded to Rod Wheelans HonPAGB MPAGB MFIAP FRPS FIPF and hearty congratulations were forthcoming from the floor of the meeting.

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APPOINTMENTS

This meeting followed on directly from the AGM and its first task is to allocate the members of the newly elected Executive Committee to the various tasks and sub committees. Luckily not every member changes every year – it would be impossible if they did – and most of the names are unchanged from the appointments listed in the current Handbook. For those who don’t have access to a Handbook I will list some of the sub committee personnel in a later e-news.

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