



# The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

President: Howard Tate MA AFIAP APAGB

## Photographic Alliance of Great Britain

### Annual Review for 2020

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## 1.0 Presidents Report

2020 has been a difficult year for the Alliance, Federations and Affiliated Clubs caused by the problems associated with managing the Covid pandemic. In some respects the situation has been catastrophic for our nation and the world at large but hopefully the majority of us have not experienced the many personal tragedies that this situation has heaped upon us.

Myself and the members of the PAGB Executive have been somewhat amazed at the ingenuity of individuals and clubs to continue, as near as possible, a normal programme of activities for the 40,000 members of camera clubs throughout the country. The Programme Secretary of my own club has even hinted that when things return to normal some of the regular club meetings may involve speakers hosted over Zoom in order that speakers from afar can be booked that could not previously be afforded due to financial constraints on the travelling and subsistence costs involved.

Federations have also risen to the challenge and continued to organise exhibitions, competitions, seminars and other events using online facilities to conduct such events.

The various operations of the PAGB have continued wherever possible thanks to the dedication of the organisers and helpers involved. Print events have been the most adversely affected and I dread to think what the situation would have been had we still been using slides, digital photography just keeps giving and giving.

There is little point in stating here the ways that PAGB events have coped with the situation as those details are included in the various sections of this Annual Review. Suffice it to say that everyone involved has been working feverishly to continue our operations as effectively as possible under the current circumstances.

As President I would like to thank all of the Executive for their help throughout the year and making the very best of what has been a more than difficult year.

**Howard G Tate MA ARPS AFIAP APAGB**  
**President**



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## 2.0 Membership Report

The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain comprises the following fifteen Federations.

@ 31st December	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Chilterns Association of Camera Clubs	41	40	39	40	41
East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies	121	123	126	129	127
Kent County Photographic Association	42	49	47	50	50
Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union	92	96	97	96	99
Midland Counties Photographic Federation	118	116	114	115	114
North & East Midlands Photographic Federation	52	53	53	52	53
Northern Counties Photographic Federation	48	49	49	48	50
Northern Ireland Photographic Association	25	24	27	29	29
North Wales Photographic Association	22	24	24	25	22
Scottish Photographic Federation	97	97	100	95	92
Southern Counties Photographic Federation	71	73	70	68	70
Surrey Photographic Association	46	48	47	47	48
Welsh Photographic Federation	49	49	49	51	54
Western Counties Photographic Federation	103	104	103	107	103
Yorkshire Photographic Union	69	68	70	73	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>1026</b>

We are still awaiting information from the Federations, before we can publish the actual total membership number for 2020.



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## 3.0 Finance

### 3.1 Income & Expenditure for 2020

Agenda 2.1.2 February 2021 Finance Report

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE of GREAT BRITAIN

##### ACTUAL & FORECAST 2020 & BUDGET 2020 to 2022

	2020				2020		2021		2022			
	ACT to 31-Dec-20			TOTAL	BUDGET		BUDGET		BUDGET			TOTAL
	INCOME	COSTS	Alloc'ns	NET	INCOME	COSTS	INCOME	COSTS	INCOME	COSTS	Alloc'ns	NET
Subscriptions	38,494			38,494	38,380				32,000			32,000
Interest	74			74	100		200		50			50
Recorded Lectures	1,830			1,830	900	100	800	100	750			750
PAGB Regalia												
PAGB Patronage	3,278	3,720		-443	6,000	5,000	7,500	5,500	6,000	5,000		1,000
FIAP Distinctions	7,570	6,177		1,393	8,000	7,500	7,000	6,500	7,000	6,500		500
Handbook	256	52		204	250	200	5,200	5,000	250	200		50
APM Distinctions		214		-214	23,000	21,500	23,000	23,000	23,000	21,500		1,500
Distinctions W'shops		1,343	1,343			5,000		5,000		5,000		5,000
Sponsorship	17,850	772	-8,593	8,486	23,500	2,000	26,000	2,500	27,000	2,500	-34,750	-10,250
Executive Travel		2,689		-2,689		8,250		8,500		9,000		-9,000
Accommodation		4,132		-4,132		13,000		13,000		13,500		-13,500
Subsistence		1,529		-1,529		4,000		4,500		4,500		-4,500
Room Hire		780		-780		2,500		2,500		2,500		-2,500
Accountant's Fee		660		-660		700		700		700		-700
Publicity		1,027		-1,027		7,000		8,750		9,000	7,000	-2,000
Printing, Stationery, Post & Phone		60		-60		175		125		125		-125
General Comp.Costs						200						
Inter-Fed Comp/Exh		395		-395		6,000		5,750		6,000	6,000	
Club PDI Championship					4,000	4,500	4,000	5,000	4,000	5,000	1,000	
Club Print Championship					3,500	5,250	3,500	5,500	3,500	5,750	2,250	
GB Cup & Trophy	1,598	1,592		6	2,750	4,000	2,750	4,000	2,750	4,000	1,250	
Masters of Print		2,114		-2,114	3,500	5,000	3,500	5,000	3,500	5,000	1,500	
Federation Hosting						1,500		1,500		1,500	1,500	
FIAP Sub.		472		-472		500		500		500		-500
FIAP Expenses		106		-106		200		300		200		-200
FIAP Congress						2,000		500		2,000		-2,000
FIAP Competitions		32		-32		350		200		200		-200
Insurance		6,271		-6,271		6,100		6,100		500		-500
Meritorious Service Awards		56		-56		125		100		100		-100
e-news	400	939	7,250	6,711	2,000	1,400	2,000	1,400	600	1,400	7,250	6,450
Website		1,017		-1,017		650		850		1,200		-1,200
Software						200		250		250		-250
Scoring m/c hire	15			15							2,000	
Seminar						2,000		2,000		2,000		
Presidents Visits		269		-269		2,750		2,750		2,750		-2,750
Bank Charges		238		-238		250		450		450		-450
Archive						25		25				
Sundries		105		-105		250		250		250		-250
Storage		1,044		-1,044		1,000		1,000		1,100		-1,100
Equipment etc.						3,500		3,500		3,500		-3,500
FIAP Biennial Costs												
Corporation Tax												
Surplus/(Deficiency)	71,365	37,802		33,562	115,880	124,675	85,450	132,600	110,400	123,675		-13,275
				33,562		-8,795		-47,150				-13,275
General Fund				25,077								-3,025
Sponsorship				8,486								-10,250

	Actual	Approved	Approved	Actual
Subscriptions				
No of clubs	1,013	1,010	1,010	1,000
Total Subscription	38.00	38.00	0.00	32.00
Bank Balances				
Bank of Ireland	16,810	17,504		34,314
HSBC		5,951		5,951
HSBC BMM		68,626		68,626
NatWest (APM)		16,201		16,201
PayPal		18,269		18,269
	16,810	126,551		143,361

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## 3.2 Subscriptions

The subscription for 2020 was approved at the AGM of 2019 at £38 per club. £38,494 was collected in respect of 1,013 clubs.

## 3.3 Notes on the Accounts

The pandemic stopped us from undertaking most of our usual activities so comparisons of actual financial figures with budget are irrelevant.

An overall surplus of £33,562 was recorded, compared to a budgeted deficit of £8,795.

## 3.4 Thanks

I am grateful for the help and advice afforded me by my colleagues on the Finance Committee.

**Peter A Young LRPS CPAGB AFIAP APAGB**  
**Treasurer**

## 4.0 Sponsorship and Fundraising

No Report

**Alan Lomakin**  
**Sponsorship sub-committee Chairman**

## 5.0 Insurance

During the first half of 2020 our broker, Darwin Clayton (DC), spent a significant amount of time contacting Federations and Clubs regarding their Public Liability Insurance (PLI), which, as of 2019, had to be taken out directly by each organisation as opposed to through the PAGB as previously. Problems occurred where clubs neglected to renew, usually as a result of a change of Treasurer. After being contacted directly by DC the majority of clubs renewed, however, a few did take out policies with different insurers. Problems arose later in the year when Insurers again defined that due to legislative change, together with their better understanding of the relationship between the PAGB, Federations and Clubs they would be unable to continue allowing the PAGB to hold a Trustee Liability Policy which covered all Federations and Clubs.

There were several reasons for this, including the legality of one organisation taking out cover for other organisations without their full knowledge of what the policy cover is. This is a direct result of best practice changes which resulted from the mis-selling of PPI. Another reason is that insurers are aware that neither the PAGB nor the Federations have any direct control of the operations of individual clubs all of which are effectively free agents. This contrasts with the likes of multiple outlet retailers such as McDonalds, Holland and Barrett etc. where their franchisees have to tightly follow all company policies and procedures.

Through the hard work of our brokers a suitable policy was sourced with Royal Sun Alliance. A significant workload was then incurred by DC in notifying all Federations and Clubs that, as of 2021, they would have the responsibility to take out their own Policies for not just Public Liability but also Management Liability if they considered it applicable. This resulted in DC then having to handle the resulting volume of enquiries and concerns.

As this change was only confirmed at the end of 2020 concern was raised by some Federations who regarded the PAGB proposed cover to be either inadequate for their needs or too expensive. As a consequence, a minority of Federations decided to take out their own Management Liability Cover.

The PAGB issued guidance which recommended that all Federations should have Management Liability cover as should clubs owning their own premises. The guidance also recommended that all clubs should give serious consideration to having such a policy to protect their officers and committee members.

It is anticipated that problems associated with the move to individual Federations and Clubs having to take out their own policies for MLI and well as PLI will continue into 2021. There are also early indications that several clubs will not be renewing their PLI cover for 2021 on the



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basis that they think it unlikely that they will be able to hold face to face meetings during the first part of the year due to continuing Covid 19 restrictions. It is a concern that if those restrictions are relaxed during the summer of 2021 Clubs may well restart in the Autumn without having PLI cover in place.

**Richard Speirs APAGB DPAGB  
Insurance Services**

## **6.0 Standards and Governance**

The Subcommittee manages the Breach of Rules Procedure, and otherwise delivers projects as required by the Executive.

No cases were considered under the Breach of Rules Procedure and all previous sanctions have expired. This is a very satisfactory situation. Long may it continue.

Event rule updates were published on General Conditions of entry to events, Monochrome eligibility, Nature eligibility and Image repetition, with consequential changes to individual event rules. Presentation material was prepared for use when provisional results are announced at events with an audience.

Guidance was published on Club constitutions and on Recording of on-line meetings. The current terms and conditions for both judges and lecturers (see PAGB Handbook) were revised into a new Terms and Conditions document, supplemented by a Code of Good Practice document. Some matters within these documents are subject to ongoing consultation with Federations.

An audit was completed about how Federations implement the definition of 'Active Club Member' and thus determine eligibility for entry to the PAGB Awards for Photographic Merit.

A second edition of 'Projected Digital Images – Standards for Events' (1<sup>st</sup> edition 2007) was prepared in consultation with experts, and was published.

Clubs have not met in person for much of 2020. The Subcommittee has assisted with internal discussions about whether this might affect Clubs' ongoing Federation membership and / or PAGB affiliation. As far as can be seen, there should be no issues given that Clubs are likely to meet again some time in 2021.

At the year end, the Subcommittee was starting to engage with initiatives identified by the Executive's new Strategy Subcommittee. These are likely to involve at least two programmes of work. One is to create more formal documentation of the Executive's activities with the aims of sharing information and reducing succession risk. Another is to enable more extensive on-line offerings of PAGB services to Federations and Clubs.

**Mark Buckley-Sharp ARPS(Hon) CPAGB APAGB  
S&G Sub Committee Chairman**



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## 7.0 EC Meetings & AGM

The PAGB held its last physical meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2020 at the Barbican Thistle Hotel in London. This meeting was attended by 23 executive members and officers from all Federations. Minutes were produced and distributed to interested parties.

The initially proposed AGM for 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 was postponed and eventually held via Zoom on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020.

Another virtual meeting with a full agenda was held via Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2020, and was attended by 26 executive members and officers. Minutes were produced and distributed to interested parties.

The AGM with a full agenda was held virtually using Zoom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, and was attended by 38 delegates, executive members and officers. Minutes were produced and distributed to interested parties.

Directly after the AGM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, a meeting for the PAGB executive committee was held using Zoom, and was attended by 15 executive members and officers. There was no representation from the SCPF, WCPF or RPS. Minutes were produced and distributed to interested parties.

It was planned to continue having virtual meetings using Zoom until further notice.

**Adrian Lines MPAGB EFIAP  
Honorary General Secretary**

## 8.0 Awards

### 8.1 Awards for Exceptional Service (HonPAGB)

None presented in 2020 – No Report

**Ian Platt  
Sub Committee Chairman**

### 8.2 Awards for Meritorious Service (APAGB)

One nomination remains outstanding from 2019.

During 2020, 9 nominations were received of which 3 were outstanding at the end of the year and 5 were approved:

Jan Cawley EFIAP/s HonFWPF	WPF
David Chiverton	SPA
Noel Morgan AFIAP BPE2* PSA1	L&CPU
Andy Polakowski DPAGB EFIAP/s AWPB BPE5*	NWPA
Ken Scott ARPS	SCPF

**Peter A Young LRPS CPAGB AFIAP APAGB  
On behalf of Peter Cheetham HonPAGB  
Sub Committee Chairman**



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## 8.3 Awards for Photographic Merit

### 8.3.1 APRIL 2020 & NOVEMBER 2020

It was decided that both Adjudications would be combined into a “Closed” Adjudication to take place without an audience later in the year/early 2021, hosted by the PAGB Team, once it was safe to do so.

All CPAGB and DPAGB entrants were contacted and given the following options:

- To be assessed in the “Closed Adjudication later in 2020/early 2021
- To be reallocated to the 24/25 April 2021 Adjudication in the MCPF
- To be reallocated to the 27/28 November 2021 Adjudication in the WCPF
- To withdraw completely with full refund.

All MPAGB entrants were automatically transferred to the April 2021 Adjudication to be assessed by a viewing audience. This has since been revised, the MPAGB entrants in PDI will be assessed at a forthcoming Online “Closed” Adjudication in April 2021.

The Host Rota was consequently put back one year, MCPF to host in April 2022 and NIPA in November 2022.

A considerable number of entrants opted for the “Closed” Adjudication, 105 CPAGB and 49 DPAGB, amounting to a very busy weekend for the PAGB Team, with some 1050 images to be assessed on the Saturday and 735 images on the Sunday.





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## 8.3.2 JANUARY 2021 ONLINE ADJUDICATION

As the Covid-19 situation did not improve as the year progressed it was decided to hold the first Online "Closed" Adjudication for the outstanding 2020 CPAGB and DPAGB PDI entrants which took place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and ran very smoothly indeed.

The Judges were Anne Greiner, Jane Lines, Mike Sharples, Richard Speirs, Gordon Jenkins and Roger Parry, assisted by the PAGB Team, who did excellent work organising this event. Special thanks go to Libby Smith and Adrian Lines for their technical expertise and organisation to ensure that the event ran without a hitch.

**CREDIT PDI:** 41 applications were adjudicated, the following 18 were successful:

Cathy Holgate		Hertford & District CC	EAF
Ellen Bell	BPE 1*	Morecambe CC	L&CPU
David Boam		Macclesfield CC	L&CPU
Roger Johnstone		Nelson CC	L&CPU
Leslie Price		Darwen CC	L&CPU
David Elder		Cheltenham CC	MCPF
Kylie-Ann Martin	AFIAP BPE 2*	Great Barr PS	MCPF
Jill Orme		Stratford Photo Group	MCPF
Graham Clegg		Deepings CC	N&EMPF
David Kissman		Keyworth CC	N&EMPF
David Mangan	BPE 2*	Nottingham & Notts PS	N&EMPF
Dean Irvine	LIPF BPE 3*	Catchlight CC	NIPA
William G Strain		Catchlight CC	NIPA
Chris Tostevin-Hall	LRPS	Spectrum (Guernsey)	SCPF
Neil Treloar		Middleton CC	SPA
Steve Batchelor		Barnstaple CC	WCPF
Andy Francis		Barnstaple CC	WCPF
Jeff Kirby		Stroud CC	WCPF



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**DISTINCTION PDI:** 16 applications were adjudicated, the following 6 were successful:

Marion Rapier	ARPS CPAGB BPE 4*	Edmonton CC	EAF
Roger Geldard		South Manchester CC	L&CPU
Tony North	CPAGB BPE 2*	South Manchester CC	L&CPU
Kenneth Gillies	CPAGB	Edinburgh PS	SPF
Jane Kearney	CPAGB	Barnstaple CC	WCPF
Elizabeth Jane Lazenby	LRPS AFIAP CPAGB	Wakefield CC	YPU

### 8.3.3 FEBRUARY 2021 AUDIO VISUAL ADJUDICATION

Postponed from August 2020, the first Online Audio Visual Adjudication was conducted on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Out of 7 CPAGB entrants, 4 were successful, in the DPAGB section 1 out of 6 was successful and in the Master category, 1 was successful out of an entry of 4.

We are grateful to Ian Bateman, assisted by members of Exmouth Photo Group, for organising the event, and to the Adjudicators who worked hard during a long day, Robert Albright (Chairman) Gordon Jenkins, Howard Bagshaw, Richard Speirs and Martin Fry. Around 200 members logged into the event, welcomed by the President Howard Tate, together with the Chairman of the Awards, Rod Wheelans, who led the voting procedure. We will consider running future Audio Visual Adjudications Online in view of the successful day and the very positive feedback from the audience.

**CREDIT/AV:** 6 applications were adjudicated, the following 4 were successful:

Laura Parker		Gwynfa CC	WPF
Jenny Baker		Exmouth Photo Group	WCPF
Cathy Fordham		Sodbury & Yate PC	WCPF
Maureen Martin	LRPS	Exmouth Photo Group	WCPF

**DPAGB/AV:** 6 applications were adjudicated, the following was successful:

Alastair Taylor	CPAGB/AV	Staffordshire AV Group	MCPF
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**MASTER/AV:** 4 applications were adjudicated, the following was successful:

Judith Kimber	DPAGB/AV LIPF	Bangor & North Down CC	NIPA
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## 8.3.4 ONLINE ADVISORY SERVICE

From the start of the Online Advisory Service until the end of the year, 51 people have been referred to advisors across all three levels of Awards. Every advisee had been allocated an advisor within a few days of making their request through the website and only a couple of advisors have had more than one advisee at any one time. We have only one AV advisor but he has been happy to take the two people seeking advice on the AVs at the same time. The overwhelming feedback has been very positive with just a couple of advisees requiring a little expectation management as they expected almost daily contact and that they would continue to be supported on this basis for many months.

It has been clear that some advisees are not yet ready for the level of Award in which they are interested, but our advisors have advised them on what work they need to do and it has meant that they have not taken up a space which can be taken by someone with a greater chance of success. We did not have many advisors who could advise at MPAGB level but a recent appeal in e-news brought us three volunteers which should now be sufficient because, for obvious reasons, we do not get many applications at this level.

**Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB**  
**Awards Secretary**

## 9.0 Officers, Appointments and Sub-Committees

### 9.1 Officers

President	Howard Tate
Vice President	Roger Parry
Honorary Treasurer	Peter Young
Honorary Secretary	Adrian Lines
Past President	Gordon Jenkins

### 9.2 Individual Appointments

Recorded Lecture Services	Peter Fry
Delegate to RPS	Roy Thomas
Delegate to VAN	Howard Tate
Insurance Service	Richard Speirs
e-news Editor	Rod Wheelans
Webmaster	Mark Buckley-Sharp
Publicity	Alan Lomakin
FIAP Liaison Officer	Dave Coates
Honorary Archivist/Historian	Dr. David Moore MPAGB EFIAP BPE5* Morgan's Rest, 15 Dasset Road, Solihull, B93 8PE
Accountants to the Alliance	<b>Baldwins</b> , 3MC Middlemarch Business Park, Siskin Drive, Coventry CV3 4FJ (previously <b>mca Group</b> Suite 16D, The McLaren Building 46 The Priory Queensway, Birmingham, B4 7LR)
Honorary Counsel to the Alliance	Ross McKelvey LLB(Hons) B.L.



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## 9.3 Sub-Committee Chairman Members

### **Finance Committee**

Treasurer - Chairman  
President  
Vice President  
Gordon Jenkins  
Rod Wheelans  
Mark Buckley-Sharp  
Sponsorship Chairman

### **Sponsorship & Fundraising**

Alan Lomakin - Chairman  
Rod Wheelans  
Peter W Cheetham  
Gordon Jenkins

### **Standards & Governance**

Mark Buckley-Sharp - Chairman  
Vice President  
Peter Fry  
Rod Wheelans

### **Awards for Exceptional Service (HonPAGB)**

Ian Platt - Chairman  
John Hill  
Rod Wheelans  
Roger Parry  
Peter Cheetham  
Gordon Jenkins  
Libby Smith

### **Awards for Meritorious Service (APAGB)**

Peter W Cheetham - Chairman  
President  
Vice President  
Rod Wheelans  
Peter Young

### **Awards for Photographic Merit (C/D/ MPAGB)**

Rod Wheelans - Chairman  
Daphne Hanson  
Richard Speirs,  
Gordon Jenkins  
Libby Smith  
Jane Lines

### **Judge Selection and Appointment**

Roger Parry - Chairman  
Peter W Cheetham  
Rod Wheelans,  
Dave Coates  
Howard Tate

### **Patronage**

Roy Thomas - Chairman  
Dave Coates  
Peter Young,  
Peter W Cheetham  
Judith Parry

### **Inter Club PDI Championship**

Peter W Cheetham - Chairman  
Libby Smith  
Roy Thomas  
Adrian Lines  
Gordon Jenkins

### **Inter Club Print Championship**

Richard Speirs – Chairman  
Rod Wheelans - Secretary  
Libby Smith  
Peter W Cheetham  
Adrian Lines  
Roy Thomas

### **GB Cup & Trophy**

Howard G Tate – Chairman  
Alan Stopher  
Jane Lines  
Adrian Lines

### **Inter-Federation Competitions**

Jane Lines - Chairman  
Howard G Tate  
Adrian Lines

### **Masters of Print**

Rod Wheelans - Chairman  
Gordon Jenkins  
Adrian Lines,  
Libby Smith  
Clive Tanner

### **NEC Exhibition**

Roger Parry 'Future' Publishing Coordinator  
Peter W Cheetham Stand Manager  
Clive Tanner Publicity on Stand  
Rod Wheelans APM Assessments

### **Handbook**

Ian Lyons - Chairman  
Roy Thomas  
Alan Lomakin

### **FIAP Services**

Dave Coates  
Ian Platt  
Adrian Lines  
Roger Parry  
Howard G Tate



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## 10.0 Judge Selection

Since publication of the current PAGB Handbook 7 new judges have been approved for the PAGB. All PAGB Approved Judges have now been contacted and asked to provide an update ready for the next handbook. Twelve judges have decided to retire from the list. All judges were asked if they were willing to judge virtually (e.g.: Zoom). One Hundred and one have confirmed that they are willing, and their entry will be marked in the next Handbook with 'V' Only thirteen declining to judge virtually.

The current handbook lists the guidance for further nominations to the PAGB Approved list. While Federation listed judges can self-nominate to be included on the PAGB list all nominations should be submitted through the judges own Federation who should then check that the nomination provides all of the information requested in the guidance notes listed in the PAGB handbook.

**Roger Parry, MPAGB, ARPS, EFIAP, HonPAGB, ESFIAP  
Judges Sub Committee Chairman**

## 11.0 Patronage

No Report

**Roy Thomas APAGB HonFWPF  
Patronage Sub Committee Chairman**

## 12.0 Competitions

### 12.1 Inter-Federation Competition and Exhibition

There was no Inter-Federation Competition in 2020. No Report.

**Jane Lines MPAGB  
Inter-Fed Competition Secretary**

### 12.2 Inter-club PDI Championship

There was no PDI Championship in 2020. No Report.

**Peter W Cheetham HonPAGB  
Inter-Club PDI Competition Chairman**

### 12.3 Inter-club Print Championship

There was no Print Championship in 2020. No Report.

**Richard Speirs APAGB DPAGB  
Inter-Club Print Competition Chairman**

### 12.4 Masters of Print

There was no Masters of Print in 2020. No Report.

**Rod Wheelans MPAGB MFIAP FIPF HonPAGB HonSPF  
Competition Chairman**



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## 12.5 GB Cup

The GB Cup was judged in Pontefract over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

40 Clubs entered the Small Clubs Cup, 71 clubs the Open Cup and 86 clubs the Nature Cup.

Winning Club Open – Rolls Royce Derby PS

Winning Club Nature – Rolls Royce Derby PS

Winning Club Small Club – Tamworth PC

**Howard G Tate MA ARPS AFIAP APAGB  
Competition Chairman**

## 12.6 GB Trophy

The GB Trophy was judged in Pontefract over the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

15 clubs entered the Open section and 13 clubs entered the Nature section.

Winning Club Open – Chorley PS

Winning Club Nature – Rolls Royce Derby PS

**Howard G Tate MA ARPS AFIAP APAGB  
Competition Chairman**

## 13.0 PAGB Website

The main website at [thepagb.org.uk](http://thepagb.org.uk) continued in 2020 and the hosting package was renewed. The server software and WordPress versions were advanced as updates became available. No problems arose.

The purpose of the web site is to host definitive information so that it is available whenever required. Therefore there is a premium on accuracy of the content. The web site is regularly read through to identify errors, broken links or anything which requires updating.

Pages were updated as required. Reports and image galleries for events were added as they became available although these were severely limited in 2020. A Lockdown Gallery was collated via PAGB e-news and was added to the site. A new virtual gallery system has been developed on [pagbhost.co.uk](http://pagbhost.co.uk) (qv) to make use of the back catalogue of image entries available there, and the virtual gallery portal is linked from the main website.

Announcements are made on the Home page but the Alliance's principal news service remains PAGB e-news.

The website at [pagbnews.co.uk](http://pagbnews.co.uk) hosts PAGB e-news, and is reported separately.

The website at [pagbhost.co.uk](http://pagbhost.co.uk) hosts the entries system, and is reported separately.

**Mark Buckley-Sharp ARPS(Hon) CPAGB APAGB  
Webmaster**



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## 14.0 PAGB Management and Competition Entry System

The 'Competition Entry System' (CES) resides on a separate server at <https://pagbhost.co.uk> provided by Heart Internet.

As well as a competition entry and management system, it also provides access to the Recorded Lecture Service, Event Ticket Sales, Find a Club, APM Entry System and Cloud Document Server.

An automated backup service was added to the server in 2020. This creates a weekly snapshot of the complete server.

The server software is protected by a custom firewall which prevents access to countries outside of the UK.

The server is a VPS style (Virtual Private Server) as is currently configured as a 6 Core 8GB System with 300GB Storage. The server storage is 70% utilised.

The competition entry system was modified in 2020 to allow remote judging for both the APM and GB Cup.

Thanks to Libby Smith for providing technical support to our users.

**Adrian Lines MPAGB  
CES Development and Admin**

## 15.0 Handbook

A new handbook was due to be published in 2020.

However, the Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing restrictions directed by Government, clubs were unable to meet in person.

Fortunately, many clubs managed to work around these restrictions by meeting on-line using various video conferencing applications such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

Conscious of huge change in how clubs were organising their programme of events, the PAGB Executive Committee (EC) agreed delay publication of the 2022/23 handbook to enable a review of the content and purpose of future editions.

To this end, the President wrote to all federations in October 2020.

However, at time of preparing this report, the review is still ongoing. In the meantime, the expectation of the PAGB EC is that there will be a new handbook published in late 2021. Therefore, until a new handbook is published clubs wishing to organise events whether in person or on-line can continue to use the 2020/21 edition.

**Ian Lyons ARPS APAGB  
Handbook Sub Committee Chairman**



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## 16.0 e-news

We continue to distribute via Campaign Monitor at US\$89 per month. We have almost 5,500 subscribers and our click and download rate averages well over 60%. Many people access the **e-news** website direct or are given the link by someone else and almost 8,000 people open **e-news** every month. In previous years the Click rate has been higher from Sep – Mar but in 2020 it remained equally high through the Summer.

I have produced more regular and more frequent issues during the pandemic and there were 29 issues of **e-news** in 2020, plus 8 **e-news extra**. These included very popular special issues about Vic Attfield and Gwen & Phil Charnock. Plus a Lockdown Special, Awards for Photographic Merit Results and Statistics, FIAP Distinctions, a List of “zoom” Lecturers, and a Special Sponsor issue.

Most adverts are “paid” by Sponsorship and other paid adverts are accepted. We also carry free adverts for photographic events which are of national interest. Many Clubs, individual photographers and Federation events have also been featured.

More information about free advertising and having something published in **e-news** can be found at [www.pagbnews.co.uk](http://www.pagbnews.co.uk). Potential Paying Advertisers should be referred to the Hon. Editor or to a link on that same page.

**Rod Wheelans MPAGB MFIAP FIPF HonPAGB HonSPF  
e-news Honorary Editor**





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## 17.0 Recorded Lecture Service

*The PAGB RLS online service is still progressing well. I have summarised some of the activity below:*

The top 5 most requested lectures in the last 12 months (Jan 2020 to 19 Jan 2021) were:

1. 'Looking at Images, an approach to judging' by John Tilsley (16)
2. Paul Keene's 'Nature Photography' (16)
3. The Essential Guide to Low Light & Interior Photography (EOS) (12)
4. The Art of Black & White (EOS) (11) & 'Twenty Audio Visuals' by Sheila Haycox (11)
5. Eddy & Pam Lane's 'Svalbard, Kingdom of the Ice Bear' (10)

A full list of the online lectures can be found here: <https://pagbhost.co.uk>

To download the lectures or view samples you login here: <https://pagbhost.co.uk>

Leigh Preston's new lecture was added on the 15/01/2021 and has already been downloaded 8 times

'Photographic Opportunity' by Leigh Preston MPAGB FRPS EFIAP (15/01/2021)

Soon to be released is another new recorded lecture...'Lockdown Archive'...keep an eye on the PAGB eNews for further details.

The following 7 lectures have been added in the last 12 months:

1. 'Photographic Opportunity' by Leigh Preston MPAGB FRPS EFIAP (15/01/2021)
2. 'Looking at Images, an approach to judging' by John Tilsley ARPS DAPGB APAGB (02/11/2020)
3. 'FIAP Distinctions Portfolio' by Rod Wheelans and Peter Fry (08/06/2021)
4. The London Salon of Photography 2018 (05/02/2020)
5. The London Salon of Photography 2017 (05/02/2020)
6. 2020 GB Cup (for large clubs) by Adrian Lines & Howard Tate (30/01/2020)
7. 2020 GB Cup (for small clubs) by Adrian Lines & Howard Tate (30/01/2020)

I am still following up conversations with a number of photographers, and I hope to be adding more new lectures this year. I shall also keep working on updating the information on the website as well as converting some of the older lectures to mp4.

In April 2020 we agreed to amend the 'Terms and Conditions' of the PAGB RLS to allow clubs to distribute lectures to their members. The initial termination date was 31 May 2020 but was subsequently extended on two further occasions. *Due to the ongoing pandemic, I have decided to extend this until 31 December 2021 to cover the first half of the 2021/2022 club season.*

If you need any help or support with the PAGB RLS or have any questions/suggestions on how we can improve the service, I would be delighted to hear from you.

Stay safe and well!

**Peter Fry DPAGB  
Recorded Lecture Service Secretary**

## 18. Archives No Report



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## 19.0 FIAP Liaison

### 19.1 FIAP Distinctions

A total of 102 applications sent to FIAP in 2019, were successful. This figure is down on 2018 (134) but still within the range of total submissions since 2011, which is from 102 to 150.

One application was rejected by FIAP on the newly introduced subjective grounds of similar portfolio images to those in previous portfolios submitted by the applicant.

The successful entries comprised of 2 for EFIAP Diamond 3; 6 for EFIAP Diamond 2, 4 for EFIAP Diamond 1, 9 for EFIAP Platinum, 13 for EFIAP Gold, 2 for EFIAP Silver, 10 for EFIAP Bronze, 35 for EFIAP, 20 for AFIAP and 1 for AV/AFIAP. A full list is below at Appendix One.

Our congratulations must go to Ross Mckelvey of Catchlight CC (NIPA) and to Tim Pile of Smethwick PS (MCPF) for being awarded the MFIAP Distinction, the highest and most prestigious that FIAP can grant.

### 19.2 FIAP Biennials

PAGB entered the 20th FIAP Nature Biennial in 2020 in Prints and PDI with the theme "Animals in Snow" in Prints and "Fish Supper" in PDI. In the Prints we won a FIAP Bronze Medal for finishing in 4th place and a FIAP Gold Medal in the PDI, for Second Place.

Our congratulations go to Les Beardmore, who was awarded an individual Gold Medal for his PDI, "Great Crested Grebes Feeding Young".

All 30 entries (10 prints & 20PDI) achieved the minimum acceptance level and can be counted towards FIAP Distinctions. Unfortunately we still await the catalogues being delivered, due apparently to Covid issues with the postal service in Russia.

This was a great result for which everybody involved should be justifiably proud. Our thanks must go to Adrian Lines of the FIAP Sub-Committee for his work in organising the entries.

### 19.3 Patronage

During 2019 seven International Salons enjoyed FIAP Patronage. These were Southampton, Bristol, Cheltenham, Midland Counties, RPS AV, Smethwick, and Yorkshire. Missing this year were Hoyle, South Devon and Northern Counties. In addition the RPS AV was postponed due to Covid. To these must of course be added the Welsh Salon from WPF. There was no Scottish Salon and the Edinburgh Exhibition was cancelled due to Covid.

### 19.4 Information from the FIAP Directory Board

Due to Covid the 2020 Biennial Congress in India was cancelled and instead a 'virtual' AGM was held in December 2020.

Due to Covid, it was decided that for 2021 distinction applications, the requirements for prints would be removed and that MFIAP application would be in PDI only. In addition 'on-line' judging of salons was permitted for the duration of the Pandemic.

FIAP held a very successful "We Stay at Home" Competition for members worldwide.

Our congratulations go to the winner, Jo Knight AFIAP from a PAGB member Federation, the Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union.



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## 19.5 FIAP World Cup

The 2020 FIAP World Cup was held in Russia, with three judges, from Australia, Romania and the Ukraine, with the event being won by "Eurasia" from Russia.

Five of the following six places were gained by PAGB Clubs with Wigan 10 FC - 2nd; Catchlight CC - 3rd, Smethwick PS - 4th, Rolls Royce (Derby) PS -6r; and Chorley PS -7th.

**Finally**, I would like to register my grateful thanks to the members of the FIAP Sub- Committee, who continue to give me their unstinting support and practical help.

**Dave Coates**  
**FIAP Liaison Officer**