

## **Bylaw 6. PSNZ Judges**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Under the Constitution of the Photographic Society of New Zealand Inc. (PSNZ) the Executive Officers have been given the power to create and set Bylaws that are applicable to the description of specific events, activities, jobs, portfolios and/or publications that fall within the operations of the Society.

### **Objectives of this Bylaw**

This Bylaw is intended to outline the responsibilities and operational process for the Judge Accreditation Panel and PSNZ Judges.

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#### **1. Judge Accreditation Panel**

Council will appoint annually, from the list of PSNZ Accredited Judges, a Judge Accreditation Panel.

- The panel will consist of a minimum of five (5) and not more than six (6) PSNZ Accredited Judges.
  - There must be at least one (1) judge who is accredited in the Nature Category, one (1) in AV category and at least one (1) who is accredited in the Open Category.
- (a) The Judge Accreditation Panel will be responsible for ensuring that there are sufficient Accredited Judges available to fulfil club, regional and national requirements, and that Accredited Judges are kept aware of current judging trends and developments.
  - (b) Council will appoint the Chair of the Judge Accreditation Panel.
  - (c) Members of the panel will initially be appointed for a three-year term, with automatic eligibility for reappointment for another three-year term. Thereafter members may be reappointed for a one-year term, after which time they must retire.
  - (d) The Panel's purpose is to consider submissions from applicants or nominees, and recommend to Council those acceptable as a PSNZ Accredited Judge.
  - (e) The Panel will recognise that the primary requirement for an Accredited Judge is the applicant's ability to constructively communicate their critiques.

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- (f) The Panel will ensure that sufficient new members are recruited to the list of PSNZ Accredited Judges, and that existing Accredited Judges are kept aware of, and trained in current judging trends and developments.
  - (g) It is expected that training workshops will be conducted throughout New Zealand, utilising at least two (2) experienced tutors in each workshop.
    - The tutors must be Accredited Judges and preferably members of the Judge Accreditation Panel. However, all tutors will be appointed at the discretion of members of the panel.

## 2. PSNZ Accredited Judges

- (a) Council will appoint PSNZ Accredited Judges. The Judge's role is to assist clubs with constructive evaluation of members' work, and to act as judges and selectors for regional, national and international exhibitions and competitions. The judges shall judge either open, nature, or AV categories or any combination of these.
- (b) PSNZ members may apply to the Judge Accreditation Panel for recognition as an Accredited Judge, or agree to be nominated by any member or club.
- (c) The Judge Accreditation Panel will require applicants or nominees to provide a set of twelve (12) images for assessment; with the following exceptions:
  - when the application is made for both open and nature categories, then only nine examples of work for each category shall be required.
  - where an applicant is seeking a listing in a category where they have achieved LPSNZ, APSNZ or FPSNZ.
- (d) Every applicant is required to provide a commentary on a test set of images provided by the Judge Accreditation Panel.
- (e) Accredited Judges shall be asked in writing every two (2) years whether they wish to remain on the list.
- (f) The Judge Accreditation Panel may at any time ask for evidence of their gaining an acceptance in any national exhibition of photography in the preceding three years, or that they have kept aware of, and trained in, current judging trends and developments.
- (g) An Accredited Judge may withdraw by advising in writing the Chair of the Judge Accreditation Panel.
- (h) An Accredited Judge may be removed from the list of Accredited Judges if he or she ceases to be a member of the Society, or in the opinion of Council, persistently declines to judge without good reason.
- (i) A judge may be stood down from the list of Accredited Judges should there be a complaint made against them, about the quality of their judgement or issues with their behaviour such as to bring the programme or PSNZ into disrepute. The stand down will last while the complaint is fully investigated by the Judge Accreditation Panel, giving the judge the opportunity to respond to the

complaint. On the basis of the investigation the JAP may reinstate the judge, or recommend to the PSNZ Council that the Judge is removed from the list permanently.

- (j) In the event that a judge is removed from the register a notification will be sent out to all clubs advising the removal, however no information regarding the removal will be given.

## Appendix 1: Functional Relationships

