

Ballot for Maryland PPA 2021 Officers and Board of Directors

Ballot must be returned to Pam Long, the Nominating/Elections Chair on or before November 18, 2020. You may send via:

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Your vote matters. Once I receive your ballot via email, I will send you a confirmation. If you don't hear from me within 2 days, please follow up.

This is a secret ballot. However, if you mail it, we must have a return name/address on the envelope so we can assure a voting member is casting the vote.

Please note that we do not vote for the Chairperson of the Board, as this is always filled with the past President.

Board Members at Large (alphabetical order) (Select up to 5)

Thomas Alexander

Jay Cathell

James Corbett

Anand Jayaraman

Samantha Marshall

Sean Simmons

Tammy Thompson

President

Danny Douglas

1st Vice President

Jim Remington

2nd Vice President

Bruce Press

Treasurer

Secretary

Christina Marcinek

Nominated Board Members at Large Introductions

(listed alphabetically, 4 pages)

Thomas J. Alexander, Jr.

I would like to thank all who have nominated me for Board Member at Large 2021. Hello, my name is Thomas (Tommy) J. Alexander, Jr., Cr. Photog., CPP. I am the Owner and Operator of Photos on the Move, LLC in Randallstown, MD, Baltimore County. My specialties are Wedding and Portrait Photography. I am currently a Board Member at Large 2020 and past Board Member at Large 2014. I would like to return as a Board Member at Large for another year. In 2020 I've attended our monthly board meetings to assist with the Board of Directors (BOD's) to make a lot of important decisions as we are currently going through the 7th month of COVID-19 pandemic. It has been a challenging year for all of us, to say the least, and for our businesses. By returning as a Board Member at Large, I'll be able to continue to use my knowledge of MDPPA, my leadership skills, and to help the BOD make important decisions for all of our members and to be the best that we can be.

Jay Cathell

My earliest interest in photography was working with my Father in his basement darkroom in the 1950's. It was there that I got the smell of the developer, fixer and the stop forever ingrained in my mind.

Frequently I went with Dad when he would either shoot a professional job or on one of many trips with his camera club. I put my love of photography on the back burner to raise our family and pursue a career with the Bell System

After retiring in 2002 I got back into amateur photography and eventually got more serious joining the Delaware Professional Photographers and then PPA and MDPPA.

I photograph a few professional portrait sessions including seniors and groups along with photographing landscapes for fun. My journey has lead me to earn my CPP, attend the judges training workshop, ImagingUSA, attend MARS every year and enter many print competitions in Maryland, district and IPC as well as other affiliates. My goal is to attain the Master of Photography degree.

My perspective would represent the view of many of MDPPA's members.

James Corbett

My path to lens-based artist (the freeing term I prefer) began 6 years ago when I started capturing the action of mountain bike racing. I realized very quickly the need to build skills; otherwise, the time to cull 10,000+ race images would render any income completely insignificant. The more I learned the more I adventured into different genres and techniques of photography. Today, I am very focused on crafting art pieces for gallery shows and festivals. In 2018, this path brought me to Maryland PPA wondering whether there was room for lens-based artists not working in portraiture and events photography. Wow! There is plenty of room for us all. As a board member, I will advocate for continuing the diversity of programming that makes membership valuable to all types of photographers and will work to encourage greater engagement of our members. This diversity of programming can inspire innovation and provides access to amazing instruction on a local level. When I was a new member, I realized that work had to be put into becoming a part of Maryland PPA. We need to ensure we are as welcoming as possible and have opportunities to form enduring connections. I ask for your vote and, since many of you are much closer to BWI than me, please visit the airport to view an architectural image I call Transcendence on display in the terminal. Bonus to those who post a selfie with the piece and tag it with #epiclifeimages.

Anand Jayaraman (AJ)

I was born in Chennai, India, and currently reside in Ashburn, VA. My interest for photography started when I was 13. I have been a member of the Professional Photographers of America (PPA) since 2015 and earned the prestigious “Certified Professional Photographer” certification in 2016, “Photographic Craftsman Degree” in 2019 and the “Master of Photography Degree” in 2020. I am also an active member of the American Society of Photographers (ASP) and a member of Maryland Professional Photographers Association (MDPPA).

I currently head an IT department and partner with my wife in running three photography related businesses, AJ Photoz Portrait Studio, Rings and Blessings Wedding Photography, and Klick-n-Keep Photobooth

If elected as a board member I can bring in my 20+ years of photography, 25+ years of IT experience and 15+ years of leadership to the benefit of MDPPA members. COVID has changed our lives and there is a very high chance the way we conduct business will change forever. It will be more technology dependent and I can partner with the board to bring in new ideas and guidance for our members.

Samantha Marshall

I am Samantha Marshall and I have been a member of MDPPA since 2018 and PPA since 2017. I have had my business for 7 years and have a studio in Dulles, VA. I specialize in portraiture, milestone sessions and large event photography such as corporate and weddings. I just launched a new Branding service for 2020 and also teach photography classes to all levels at our on-site training center. I am currently president of Loudoun Photography Club and run everything from photo tours to zoom events for our 75+ members. I am active in competitions through local, district and international level and have enjoyed MDPPA's speakers and events the past several years! I recently became certified as a CPP this past spring and mentor others from business to personal growth through photography. I am working on my Craftsman degree and should have that by this coming spring. As a Board Member at Large, I hope to be able to help with various events, online and live for the upcoming year. MDPPA has been a great resource for education and collaboration, so I look forward to giving back!

Sean Simmons

I've enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors and working with my colleagues this past year. I specialize in Nature Photography and like sharing my images with clients and through print competitions. I'm a proud member of MDPPA, PPA and excited to be an American Society of Photographers (ASP) Ambassador.

As an MDPPA board member, I will continue to work my hardest to guide others in the organization and on the board to further growth. I'll help keep the integrity of our organization and work with others on the board with making important discussion for 2021 to keep the growth of MDPPA going. I'm looking forward to continuing my service this next year. Thank you for your consideration of your vote.

Tammy Thompson

I have been a member of the MDPPA since 2004. Most of you know me through print competition where I competed heavily for several years, resulting in a three-time recipient of Maryland Photographer of the Year.

Over the past three years of serving on the board, I have worked hard to bring more to this wonderful organization. I gave over 20 hours of my time to plan and organize the "May French Country Stylized Event Hands-on Photo Shoot" that many members raved about. I stepped up to a new position as the Social Event Chairman. As the

Social Event Chairman, I planned our awards banquet dinners that had wonderful feedback from the membership. I brought back our summer picnic so we can gather as friends and enjoy a nice barbecue meal together. I organized our holiday party to bring a lively and fun finish to our year together as a time of fellowship.

You may not have seen me much this year due to COVID, but I am still working hard for you behind the scenes. I have been planning something special for our membership to be able to come together to rejoice with fellowship by the end of this year.

If you elect me back for another year, I will represent and work towards what is best for our membership and for us to have fun at the same time.