

***CAPA News***  
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**To: All CAPA members**  
From: Larry Breitreutz, President

Most of you are aware that various members of the CAPA National Board are up for election each year. In years with even numbers the various directors are elected, while in odd numbered years it's the executive's turn to face the ballot. Due to the proceedings at the AGM on August 3, and the Board Meeting immediately following, we are excited to announce that we have a full executive for the next two years. I'm honoured that I was asked to serve as your president of this great photographic organization. Rod Trider, who served many years as the Ontario Zone Director, is the new vice-president. Mike Breakey and Len Suchan have both served for nine years in their positions as secretary and treasurer, respectively, and we are delighted that they agreed to serve another term. Jacques Mailloux will continue to serve us as past president. We are also delighted that Allen Bargaen has returned as Director of Education. Allen was instrumental in developing the *CAPA Judging Course* some years ago, and is actively involved in presenting the course at various locations this fall. Check the details on the Blog at [capacanada.ca](http://capacanada.ca).

As you can tell, some of these volunteers have served for many years, and would like to have a break. So, we encourage members with leadership ability to identify themselves, and consider serving in this very important organization for photographers across Canada. We are all volunteers, no one is paid for their board positions, and only as we work together can we move forward.

One area of concern that has sometimes been brought to our attention is that members would like more communication. Would like to know more about what is happening in CAPA. So we're taking some positive steps in this regard. The first is this newsletter, which I plan to email out to members on a regular schedule to keep

you up-to-date. Secondly, our website is out of date and many of you have found it somewhat frustrating to access. At our National Board meeting on July 31, 2015, we made a commitment to develop a new website. This is a lot of work, and involves considerable expense, but we have a battery of volunteers who have begun work on it, and we hope to have a new site up early in 2016. Rod Trider is chairing a committee of talented individuals from across Canada to make this project happen. We will report to you as we progress. Any ideas or questions about the development of the new website should be forwarded to Rod at [rtrider@advancedimages.ca](mailto:rtrider@advancedimages.ca) .

Thanks to Virginia Stranaghan, who spent countless focused hours to revise our *CAPA Members Handbook*, we now have the new and revised edition, available at [capacanada.ca](http://capacanada.ca), just type 'members handbook' into the search window, and you should be able to access it. Many thanks to Virginia for persevering in this thankless task.

On another note, Virginia is still looking for clubs to host the print competitions. Please consider taking on this enjoyable learning opportunity for your club, and providing competition opportunities for photographers across Canada. Contact Virginia at [competitions@capacanada.ca](mailto:competitions@capacanada.ca).

Sheena Wilke, our editor-in-chief of Canadian Camera is looking for photographers or clubs, who are making a difference in the world through their photography, whether in highlighting issues in the environment, socially, politically, or donating their efforts to charitable causes. The theme is *Caring Photographers - Changing the World one Photograph at a Time*. If you know of someone, or a club that is involved in their community in this way, please send Sheena a note at, [editor-in-chief@capacanada.ca](mailto:editor-in-chief@capacanada.ca). The timeline is short, however, so a timely response is necessary.

As image makers we are, of course, always concerned about composition. If you want a new twist on this important topic, check out Ian Plant's comments at: <http://bcove.me/7qjlzg4w>. Thanks to Sheldon Boles for the contact.

That's all for now, folks. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at [president@capacanada.ca](mailto:president@capacanada.ca)

May your shutter never stop clicking.

Regards,

Larry Breitkreutz, FCAPA

President – CAPA

PS: For a very interesting and enjoyable photographic recap from CAPA Photo Expo 2015, please check out the website: [www.capaphotoexpo.ca](http://www.capaphotoexpo.ca) and click on the link. Many thanks to all the photographers who participated.