

Rules for OSPS Stereo Photographic Competitions

1. Competitions are open to members only. In addition, members must attend at least three meetings a year to be eligible to participate in the club competitions. Exceptions to this must be approved by the Executive Committee (EC).
2. The original stereo photograph (image) must be made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally. Entrants are permitted to enhance or modify the original image as desired, as long as the photographic content predominates in the final image.
3. Any image which has either been previously awarded, or which is so similar as to be almost identical, is not eligible.
4. A maximum of three images may be entered in each competition. Members need not be present to take part in the competitions.
5. Images must be compatible with our viewing/projection equipment. See our web site for more details.
6. Members can compete in either Class A (advanced) or Class B. It is up to each member to decide in which class they feel most comfortable to compete.
7. Stereo slides and prints are returned to the entrant at the end of the competition. A copy of digital images is kept within the club and can be used (with the permission of the maker) for club competitions (Stereo Photograph of the Year) or exhibitions.
8. Awards are given to 20-40% of the top-scoring images within each class.
9. Entrants accumulate points during the year for each image awarded, according to the following scale: 1st place = 5 points; 2nd place = 4 points; 3rd place = 3 points; and Honorable Mention = 2 points. In addition, one point is awarded for each image entered in the competition. All people in attendance can vote for their favorite image of the night. The image with the most votes becomes the "People's Choice" and receives an extra point. The results of each competition, plus accumulative results, are published in the newsletter.
10. The members with the highest point totals at the end of the year receive 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards within Class A and Class B. The 1st place winner in Class A receives the "James R. Motley Stereo Excellence Award". The "Best Beginner" Award is given, at the discretion of the EC, to a beginner in stereo who did well in the competitions. Members who entered all competitions receive the "Perfect Participation" award.
11. Any image awarded in a competition is eligible for the Stereo Photograph of the Year competition. The following awards are given in this competition: Image of the Year, Best of Class A, and Best of Class B. Honorable Mention awarded to 10% of the highest scoring remaining entries.
12. Changes to these rules must be presented to the President, published in the Newsletter, and approved by a simple majority of the members attending the June club meeting.