

TO: CT CHAPTER of ASMP  
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Dear Members:

Mid-February is ASMP's voting time. The annual election for national board members began on February 15<sup>th</sup> and will end on March 16<sup>th</sup>. There are five open seats on the board and eleven candidates running. Voting is electronic and you should have received an email with directions for the voting process. If you log onto the national site, [www.asmp.org](http://www.asmp.org) and click on the ASMP election page, you will see all of the candidate's statements plus the link to Votenet to cast your vote. I urge you to take the time to read the statements and vote. Our profession has experienced a tsunami of change in the past five years and there is no reason to think that we have settled at a plateau. We are the preeminent organization for the professional photographer, yet the term professional photographer no longer refers to the still photographer. The work that clients expect from us continues to evolve and our organization is reacting to this change. It behooves us to take the time to vote in this election. Approximately 19% of the membership cast a ballot. A fact that is rather disappointing. Please take the time to read the candidates statements and vote.

On the local scene the chapter has a lot planned for the late winter and early spring. Earlier this week educator, photographer and CT ASMP member Rob Lisak lead a private viewing for members at the Yale University Art Gallery. This unique opportunity is a member's only event and free of charge. It's the second year that we did this and hopefully it will become an annual event. Other events that are coming up include a workshop on how to write for a blog, a Profoto equipment demonstration, Blake Discher, No Plastic Sleeves, our ongoing "Ask Anything "meetings and then at the beginning of May the CT Chapter is co-producing (with the NE Chapter) an evening with photographer Seth Resnick in Boston. All the details are included in this issue of conneCT. Some of these events are only for members and I urge you to pass along the information to your colleagues who are not members, so that they can see what they are missing.

One of our more unique enterprises that we are embarking on, OMG, is the brainchild of board member Rich Freeda. No, not Oh My God, rather it is Ongoing Motivation Groups. The idea is to have at least three small groups throughout the state that get together on a regular basis and act as a support team. It'll provide the group members the opportunity to help one another with advice, support, and motivation. There will be no guidelines, rather the groups will adapt to the member's needs. So far we have identified three regions in the state; Hartford, New Haven and Fairfield county. Board members have already volunteered to take the organizational lead for each region. Again more information is in the newsletter.

With so much going on I hope to see many of you over the next few months. As always we want to hear your thoughts and ideas.

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