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President's Message

On March 10th, members of the Executive Committee and several other N4C members met informally at the LaVilla restaurant (pictured) in Carlisle, IA, to discuss the Officer Duties (Section E of the *Handbook*) and to begin discussions of other *Handbook*-related issues. The committee included Deb Bates, 1st Vice President; Mark Gromko, 2nd Vice President; Pat Schwope, Secretary; Lynda Richards, Treasurer; John Larson, Director 1; Doug Conrad, Director 3; Paul Grillo, Director 4; and Greg Hoglund, Director 5. Other N4C members in attendance were Gene Schwope, Diane Darnielle, Dwight Tomes, Dave Brown, and Ken Johnson. Steve Thompson, Director 2, Terry Butler, Director 6 and Carl Hardy, *Handbook* and *N4C Directory* editor were unable to attend. Changes made here will be made to Section E of the *Handbook*.



The meeting began at 10:00AM, broke for lunch at noon, and continued from 1:00PM until past 4:00PM. During those 5 hours, these members engaged in some vigorous, thoughtful discussion that ended with Section E being brought up to a point that more accurately reflects how N4C functions today.

The stated outcome of this meeting was to "improve the knowledge of N4C duties among all Executive Board members." In brief, the meeting should have created a clearer idea in the minds of all who attended, and, from the post-meeting feedback, that is what happened.



The bottom line to all of this is the fact that these N4C members have gone above and beyond what might be expected of them by other members. These members gave their time, their effort, their expertise, and, yes, even their money in order to be able to do a better job for you during their tenure in their present position. Please, if you know anyone (or more than one), get in touch with him/her and pass along a warm "Thank you" for what that person did for you and N4C in general.

Finally, if you have not registered for the Spring Mini-Convention, go to the N4C web site (<http://www.n4c.us/>) and click on one of the links. The red "Registration Form" link will get you to the registration form. The cutoff date for having the registration form in to Delores Meister is April 23rd. Based on the mini-convention flyer, this annual N4C meeting shapes up as a good one. Don't miss it.

Bob Lathi
N4C President
Duluth/Superior Camera Club



Contest Results

Altered Reality Prints

- 1st Sorceress - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 2nd A Country Rd - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 3rd The Outcast Penguin - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Dark Sky - Larry Crabb, Sioux City
- HM Dinghy - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Wells Fargo IMG 4411 - Wilford Yoder, Iowa City

26 entries from 4 Clubs. Judging Club: Kunte-meier Kamera Chair: JoAnn Kunte-meier Kamera. Judges: Jane Kemp, Karen Caswell, Rose Caswell. Comments: Several Prints did not look very altered.

B & W Pictorial Prints

- 1st Charles - Michael Greiner, Sioux City
- 2nd Room with a View - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- 3rd Night Walker - Deb Shoning, Des Moines
- HM Catching the Wind - Larry Luebbert, Iowa City
- HM Supreme Court Stairwell - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Working the Rigging - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior

22 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Donna Palmlund, Mark Gubbins, Jim Schmidt. Comments: Nice variety of photos.

Color Prints

- 1st IN for the Last Load - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- 2nd Sunrise Over Bear Butte Lake - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- 3rd Church in Saint Marks Square - Shane Monahan, Sioux City
- HM An Elevating Lift-Off - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Cape Kiwanda Rebounding Wave - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Twin Lakes CO - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

34 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Minot. Chair: Betty Nordstrom. Judges: Cory Hansen, Scott Christianson, Richard Debertin. Comments: Very high quality photos. Many deserving prints. Very happy with the winners they chose.

Digital Altered Reality

- 1st Moonlight Prayer - PK Mattingly, Wichita Area
- 2nd Watching the Universe - Mike Barker, Omaha
- 3rd Snowy Bulb - Patty Foster, Des Moines
- HM Hunters Moon - Pat Chiconis, Western Wisconsin
- HM Painted Daisy - Marilyn Rau, Western Wisconsin
- HM Honest John - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul
- HM In the Snow - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- HM Pretty in Pink - Bob Rude, Iowa City

79 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: North Metro Photo Club. Chair: Tom Schendel. Judges: Jean McDonough, Laura Davies, Bruce Barsness.

Journalism Prints

- 1st Dancing on a Thread - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- 2nd Short Ride - David Brown, Des Moines
- 3rd 130 Miles to Go - MN - Robert Lahti, Duluth-Superior
- HM Here it Comes! - Celine Hartwig, Iowa City
- HM Clown at Work - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- HM Wind Turbines - SuAnn Tichy, Cedar Rapids

15 entries from 6 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Peder Schoenfeld. Judges: Jerry Bon-sack, Kim Ambrose, Paul Schoenfeld.



Contest Results

Digital B&W

- 1st Spider Mum - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Predator's Stare - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- 3rd Mingus Mill - Ellen Janke, Des Moines
- HM Fishing at the Pine Creek Grist Mill - David Brown, Des Moines
- HM Eagle - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM The Judge - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Inside the Round Barn - Greg Hogle, Topeka
- HM Women of Achievement Bridge - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Barrel of Fun - Candy Erk Manthey, Black Hills
- HM Eyes Tell it All - Gary Fagan, Dubuque
- HM Black Hills Supercell - Paul Santo, Western Wisconsin
- HM Pigeon Falls MN - Tammy Mortensen, Des Moines

116 entries from 21 clubs. Judging Club: Southwest Iowa Shutterbugs. Chair: Sheila Sutton. Judges: Linda Freeman, Deb Bates, Debra Loudon.

Digital Journalism

- 1st Clean Fun in the USA - Mike Barker, Omaha
- 2nd Too Close for Comfort - Allen Kurth, Omaha
- 3rd Fur Go Fun in First - Chad Mertz, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM In Tight Formation - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Bull Rider About to Slide Off - John Larson, Shutterbug
- HM Morning Fire - Gary Fagan, Dubuque
- HM Buckin - Shane Abbitt, Des Moines
- HM A Little Show for the Fans - David Brown, Des Moines

78 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Duluth-Superior Camera Club. Chair: Mike Miller. Judges: Diane Fonger, Scott Thomson, Doug Granholm.

Digital Nature

- 1st Tom Turkey Head - David Birmingham, Wichita Area
- 2nd Great Egret Mating Display - Marianne Diericks, Western Wisconsin
- 3rd Crowded - Morris Gildemeister, Saint Paul
- HM Monarch - Larry Weinman, Western Wisconsin
- HM Wet Rocks - Pavel Blagev, Western Wisconsin
- HM Euphonia in the Rain - Sheldon Farwell, Great River
- HM Dunning Springs - Bob Rude, Iowa City
- HM Indigo Snake - Kevin McTague, Dubuque
- HM Inscrutable - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Merlin - Patricia Place, Omaha

97 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Des Moines Camera Club. Chair: Diane Darnielle. Judges: Patty Foster, Teri Dermody, Paul Grillo.

Digital Pictorial

- 1st By the Mountains - Jose Garcia, Dubuque
- 2nd No Fences Allowed - Delores Meister, Iowa City
- 3rd Stormy Sea - Marty Barker, Omaha
- HM Vintage Travel - Ken Cheung, Minnesota Valley
- HM Fallen Apple - Tony Meier, Minot
- HM Follow the Leader - Paul Bellinger, Omaha
- HM Storm's Coming - Diane Lowry, Des Moines
- HM Flash Tube at 1-4000 second F22 - Gordon Court, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM 5404-5406 Water Droplets - David Perez, Minnesota Valley
- HM Sunset - Hopi - Point - Mike Barker, Omaha
- HM Capitol Dome - Paul Rogne, Saint Paul

103 entries from 18 clubs. Judging Club: Western Wisconsin Photo Club. Chair: Terry Butler. Judges: Michael Waterman, Lisa Weik, Willie Gorhan.



Contest Results

Digital Travel

- 1st Kids of Kona - Don Bock, Western Wisconsin
- 2nd Sunset at Eagle Beach, Aruba, DW - Mick Richards, Minnesota Valley
- 3rd Board Walk under the Bridge Stuart - Sharon Watson, Fargo-Moorhead
- HM Frosty Reflection Dubuque Arboretum Dubuque, IA - Ron Tigges, Dubuque
- HM Minnesota State Capitol Dome - Terry Butler, Western Wisconsin
- HM Aglow at Dusk in St. Paul, MN - Paul Rogne, Saint Paul
- HM Battery Point Lighthouse, CA - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- HM Motor Mill on a Winter's Morn (Elkader, IA) - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Oval Office-Simi Valley, CA - Howard Hinton, Iowa City
- HM Badlands South Dakota Milky Way - Greg Hoglund, Topeka
- HM Photographer On Norway Beach - Jackie Stoken, Des Moines

93 entries from 19 clubs. Judging Club: Wichita Area Camera Club. Chair: Dwight Corrin. Judges: Sondra Berry, Jim Boots, Bruce Ward.

Nature Prints

- 1st Wolf - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines
- 2nd Hedgehog Cactus in Flower - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 3rd Submissive - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Red Cardinal - Sandra Kotowske, Cedar Rapids
- HM Eagle in the Grass - Doug Conrad, Sioux City
- HM Cold Feet - Michael Greiner, Sioux City

19 entries from 7 clubs. Judging Club: Huron Area. Chair: Jackson Peterson. Judges: Donna Palmlund, Mark Gubbins, Jim Schmidt. Comments: Wonderful selection.

Travel Prints

- 1st Swift River Covered Bridge, NH - Mark Gromko, Iowa City
- 2nd Sunset in the Smokies of Tennessee - Ellen Janke, Des Moines
- 3rd Badlands Rock Formation - Joann Kuntemeier, Kuntemeier Kamera Club
- HM Ghost Rider Boone & Scenic Valley Railway, IA - Dwight Tomes, Des Moines
- HM Winter Hill at Hydes Mill, WI - Paul Grillo, Des Moines
- HM Theodore Roosevelt NP, ND - Diane Darnielle, Des Moines

17 entries from 5 clubs. Judging Club: La Crosse Area Camera Club. Chair: Peder Schoenfeld. Judges: Jerry Bonsack, Kim Ambrose, Paul Schoenfeld.

Rules For The N4C Panorama Print Annual Contest:

1. A Panorama print is considered to be a photographic print with a minimum of at least a 2 to 1 ratio; with no square inch limitation.
2. Open contest; any subject, mode, or process, color or black & white, **one entry per member**.
3. The print may be produced by the entrant or by a commercial laboratory.
4. The print **MUST** be mounted.
5. Any contingency not covered by these rules will be referred to the Chair of the Panorama Print Contest, whose interpretation and decision will be final.
6. Ribbons will be awarded according to current N4C judging club rules; points will count towards Club of the Year and Photographer of the Year.
7. To reduce cost and problems with mailing oversize prints, this contest will require that entrants deliver their entries to the Spring Mini-Convention, either in person or make arrangements to have them delivered and picked up afterwards. No prints will be returned by mail.

The Chairman is Ed Siems, ed_siems@yahoo.com, of the Central Iowa Camera Club. Prints are generally brought on Saturday morning. **Be sure the back of your print has a title, your name, your club name, and your N4C number on it, in the upper left-hand corner.**

I generally start sorting and arranging these after lunch, so they will be ready for judging around 2 to 3 pm in an upstairs room. Prints will be shown to the assembly and ribbons will be presented at 7 pm.

Judges are chosen by Ed Siems after it has been determined which clubs are represented in the contest. Judges are not allowed from any club which has an entry in the contest.

Dead line is April 23rd, Send in your registration now!

MAY 4, 5 & 6, 2018 N4C MINI SPRING CONVENTION

at Saint Thomas More Center in near Panora, Iowa.

Everyone always used to say Spring brook, and understood what we were talking about. With the close of Springbrook we have changed the name to N4C Mini Spring Convention or just Spring Convention for short. Be thinking about a great photo weekend that you can get the best food, great dorm facilities, time with others who have the same enthusiasm as you do about sharing and learning more about photography for little as \$113 for the whole weekend. That includes food, information, fun and a place to stay.

Willard Sharp: Friday evening



On Friday night we have some great information and entertainment planned. Willard Sharp, from Madrid, Ia is a storm chaser and an awesome astrophotography who loves to show everyone how easy it is to get out and shoot. Milky Way has just started coming out and Willard shoots all year long. We will hear his presentation then we can hopefully get out and shoot some star trails before the moon comes out around 10:30.



Ty Smedes: Saturday Morning



As an icon of the north-country, the Loon has created magic for who have enjoyed his antics and that magical *"call of the wild"*. Join Urbandale Iowa writer/photographer Ty Smedes as he lectures about the life history of the Loon, and shares many stunning images. Ty has made many trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota, where he has captured iconic images of a female loon, on the nest, with youngsters riding on



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her back, and even the male feeding the young, as they rest there. Ty will share many anecdotes and will show how a nature photographer pre-visualizes and plans a wilderness photography trip. Join us for an exciting and educational presentation!

Saturday: We have great speakers on judging: John Larson and Dwight Tomes & Mark Gromko. Both have great learning tools, making it easier to understand judging. Sometimes I think we take too long in judging, when we are not sure of ourselves or we get over picky on the critiquing.



Paul Grillo has a presentation: *"Thinking and Presenting Your Photography Artistically"*



-Drones with **Ken DuPu.**
Ken has some great photos to show and will share all kinds of information about his drones





DON'T MISS THIS AND MORE!
 Jerry Ranch is the featured speaker on Saturday evening. Here is "Teaser #2" from Jerry about his inspiring presentation.
<https://www.facebook.com/TheNorthCentralCameraClubCouncil.n4c/posts/1675832772501039>

Gerry Bonsack: Saturday Evening

Gerry Bonsack always has some great fun ideas to shoot. He has gone above and beyond with his light painting toys. He has been working since last convention. We will be light painting Saturday night with all of his toys. Old and New. Check out some of his websites he has set up. Jerry Bonsack has some great new toys to play with for light painting.

Check out some of his y-tube videos: <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=light+painting++Gerry+Bonsack&&view=detail&mid=97D608C9A90261E0C24C97D608C9A90261E0C24C&&FORM=VDRVRV>, Jerry has been working on these since 2017 mini spring convention. If the weather doesn't cooperate we can actually do these inside the building. So Plan on fun with the camera!



Plan to attend today, don't wait, fill out your registration today. Last day to register is April 23. Great people, great food, great place to stay and LOTS of fun

As you see we have all kinds of things to see and learn about. If you come early or plan to stay later in the area we have great things to see around the area too. Great photo ops. The Guthrie County Historical Village is located on a beautiful 4-acre complex on the southwest side of Panora, Iowa, just a few blocks away from the scenic Middle Raccoon River, historic Lenon Mill Park, and the Raccoon River Valley Trail. The Village features twelve buildings, a Milwaukee caboose, numerous exhibits, and thousands of artifacts that explore the history of Guthrie County from 1850 to the early-20th Century.



There is plenty of camping in the area too. You all know the Springbrook area, then there is the Lennon Mill Camping area located near the old mill. No mill, but the sound of waterfalls would be a great way to fall asleep. Nations Bridge Park is located south of Panora located next to the river. Great walking trails and if you love to see plenty of spring wildflowers this is the place. There are lots of great things to see. The Panora Area is one of those great places to take photos, you just have to seek them out. If you're interested in some of these let me know and I would be glad to give you more information since I am from this area. The Historical Village is one of my favorite places.



See you at the N4C Spring Mini Convention
May 4, 5 & 6, 2018 Panora, Iowa Deadline to register April 23rd

Don't forget Panoramic Prints are due this weekend too!!

N4C Mini – Spring Convention May4-5-6th, 2018

Saint Thomas More Center, near Panora, Iowa

<https://stmcenter.com/directions-to-stmc>

Tentative Agenda

Friday: 3:00 Check-in
4:00 Welcome- Bob Lahti
4:15 Board Meeting
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Larry/Delores-STMC information
7:10 PSA Presentation by Gene Schwope
8:00 Willard Sharp "Storm Chasing and Astrophotography".
9:00 Popcorn

Depending on weather those wanting to participate; Willard Sharp will be setup for star trails or some light painting after the meeting.

Saturday: Dubuque Camera club will have information available about Fall convention.

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Ed Larson: "One Score or None Judging Criteria"
10:00 Break
10:15 Ty Smead –The Great Outdoors
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Dwight Tomes – TCI
2:00 Paul Grillo
2:00 Panoramic Print Judging
3:15 Break
3:30 Ken DePu "Drones"
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Panoramic Winners
7:15 Jerry Ranch - "It Only takes a Moment"
9:00 Popcorn

Play time with Jerry Bonsack–Light Painting. Jerry has come up with some great new toys for everyone to play with. Plan on staying after dark!

Sunday

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Dubuque Camera Club presents the 2018 Fall Convention September 14-15, 2018
9:30 Photo Essays
11:30 Lunch

Revision date: March 7, 2018 by Debbie Bates

May 4, 5, & 6, 2018

N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Saint Thomas More Center

<https://stmcenter.com/directions-to-stmc>

Near Panora, Iowa

Mark your calendar NOW to attend.

Complete the registration form and send it along with your check NOW.

DEADLINE DATE for arrival of your registration is Monday, April 23.

NO registration will be accepted after the deadline date of April 23.

PLEASE – This means that you have to mail your registration BEFORE April 18.

NO REFUNDS AFTER April 26.

A confirmation email will be sent out to you upon the receipt of your money and registration.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: N4C SPRING MINI-CONVENTION

Return Registration & check to:

Delores Meister
421 Pleasant View Dr.
Solon, IA 52333

Questions?

phone: 319-624-2516

email: LDKlikmeister@aol.com

Please PRINT

Name(s): _____ Day Phone: () _____ - _____

Address: _____ Eve. Phone: () _____ - _____

City-State-Zip: _____

e-mail address: _____

Member of _____ Camera Club in N4C

THIS YEAR: Note the location - NO bed linens or towels provided. Where else can you enjoy photo programs, meet friends, eat 6 meals all for \$98 and then room two nights for an additional \$15?!

| | Number of people | Total cost |
|--|------------------|------------|
| Package #1: Dorm Room Use @ \$113 per person (Includes: Meals & lodging in dorms – 9 beds per room. Bring your own BEDDING, TOWELS, soap ,toiletries, etc.) | _____ | \$_____ |
| Package #2: Day Use @ \$98 per person (Includes: Meals & day use learning center. Not use of dorm room) | _____ | \$_____ |
| | Grand Total | \$_____ |