



**WESTERN DISTRICT**

Alaska  
Hawaii  
Cal  
Oregon  
Washington  
Nevada  
Idaho  
Wyoming  
Montana

**SOUTHWEST DISTRICT**

Utah  
Arizona  
Colorado  
New Mexico  
Oklahoma  
Texas  
Arkansas  
Louisiana

**NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT**

North Dakota  
South Dakota  
Nebraska  
Minnesota  
Iowa  
Wisconsin  
Illinois  
Indiana  
Kansas  
Missouri  
Mich. Upper Peninsula

**NORTHEAST DISTRICT**

Ohio  
Pennsylvania  
New York  
New Jersey  
Connecticut  
Massachusetts  
Rhode Island  
Vermont  
Maine  
New Hampshire  
Michigan

**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

Alabama  
Mississippi  
Tennessee  
Kentucky  
West Virginia  
Virginia  
Maryland  
DC  
Delaware  
North Carolina  
South Carolina  
Georgia  
Florida  
Puerto Rico



To all existing PPA Photographic Competition Regions:

As you remember, new Districts were proposed, and the map of the proposed Districts that will replace the existing PPA Competition Regions for 2011 competitions was sent to you earlier this year.

PEC has now finalized the Districts, after additional research that looked to potential future growth as well as the statistics that have been established at the present time. As stated previously, PPA and PEC are only concerned with the fair and continued success of the International Photographic Competition, the new District Competitions, and the application of the rules and guidelines that are set forth each year for the administration of the Seal of Approval and the award of Exhibition Merit for each member's entry.

The Final 5 PPA Photographic Competition Districts are included on the map attached. These changes will require the combining of the existing associations into a new PPA District for the purpose of hosting the PPA District Photographic Competition. At the October meeting PEC will work on suggested guidelines to help the states work together in each District, and will be available to help facilitate change wherever needed and/or requested. It is the desire that all states will cooperate in a congenial manner to fairly manage who, where, when and how the District competitions will be implemented. Guidelines will be provided, understanding that the working plans are still the prerogative of the participants of each District.

Most everyone has understood that major change must happen to insure the survival and increase participation in the most important means of education and improving one's craft that PPA and PEC have to offer our members. This change will bring in additional income opportunities for all Districts as well as balancing out the number of entries across the United States. These changes should reduce the financial impact on some of the smaller and failing Regions and provide a more equitable situation among the future Districts..

Again, I assure you all that the PEC stands ready and willing to help all the states and future Districts resolve any conflicts that may arise out of this change.

For the committee, I welcome your thoughts.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Yancy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Helen Yancy, PEC Chairman

Michael Timmons, Vice Chairman, Jon Allyn, Randy McNeilly, Rich Newell, Dave Huntsman, Sarah Johnston, Gabriel Alonso, and Jim Dingwell, PEC Administrator