

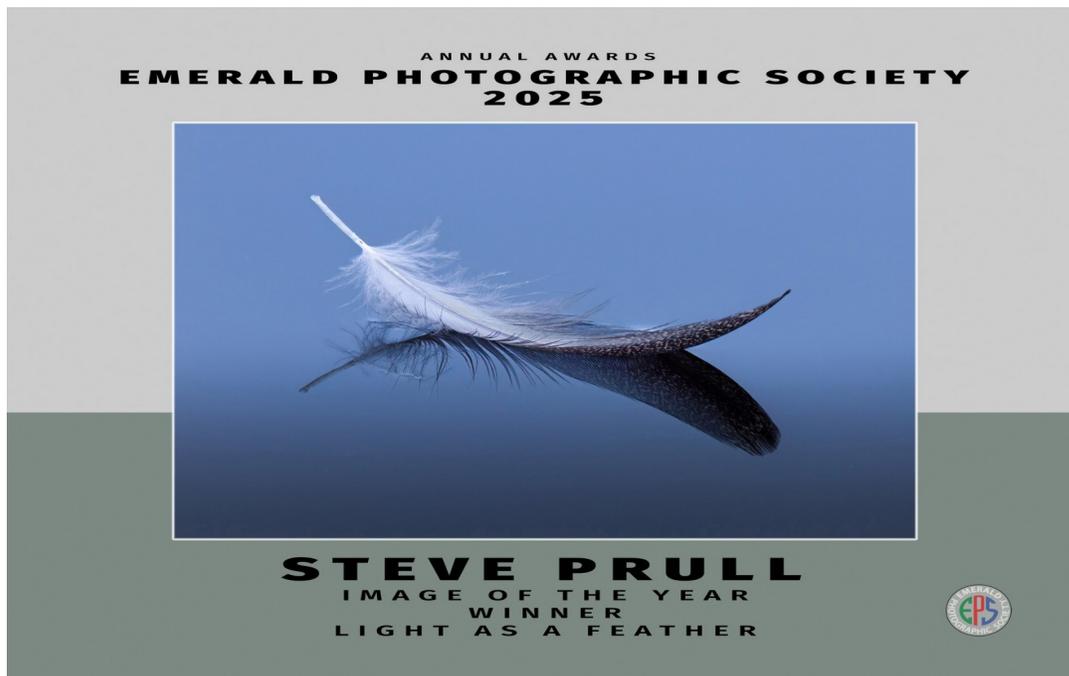


# Emerald Photographic Society Newsletter

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## Congrats – Steve Prull – Image of the year – EPS 2025



## Board Meeting

The March Board Meeting will be held on **March 2, 2026, at 6:00 PM via Zoom**. At the upcoming Board Meeting on March 2, we will discuss the 2026 budget, accounting software, the member survey, Poker Night, and several other items, time permitting.

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## Upcoming Meetings & Events

- March 2nd – Board Meeting – Zoom meeting  
Minutes will be published to website next week.
  - Challenge Night
    - March 5<sup>th</sup> – Challenge Night – Zoom – Attend meeting and get a heads up on next month's challenge.
    - April 2nd – Challenge Night – Leading lines – see Jerry's email
  - **March 12<sup>th</sup> – Education Night – Zoom Meeting**  
**Speaker:** Lisa Langell  
*Photographing Abstracts: The Techniques Behind the Best Images*
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> – General Membership Vote & Photo Forum  
General membership vote on proposed bylaw changes.  
Come share what you're working on, learn new camera and software techniques, and get help refining your images.
  - March 26<sup>th</sup> – Social Night  
**Location:** P.F. Chang (Eugene) for March 26th, at 6:00
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## From the President

Over the past two months, we have been very busy getting the Board of Directors fully operational. At a recent board meeting, we discussed Competition Night in depth. Opinions were divided on whether to maintain the current format, add additional critique nights, or consider a more comprehensive revision.

Based on that discussion, it became clear that we need broader input from our members. To help guide future decisions, we have developed a club-wide survey. This survey will provide valuable feedback about our organization and help shape the direction of the Emerald Photographic Society. It is expected to be sent to active members in early March.

The Board has also approved a revised set of bylaws, including updated language related to Competition Night that allows potential changes to take effect later this year. In addition, we extended the dues payment deadline to February 28, 2026, and adjusted the date of the first competition night.

### ***Club Changes***

This past week presented some challenges, and it highlighted opportunities for us to improve communication and strengthen our club dynamics.

As your President, I am committed to improving communication with our membership. The minutes from Monday night's board meeting will be posted to the webpage once they are completed and approved by the board.

I want to encourage all members to email me directly if you have any questions or need clarification on any issues. Your board is working hard to implement changes that will make the club more fun and exciting for everyone to participate in.

Change can sometimes be difficult, but by working together we can continue building a stronger and better club.

With the hope of increasing communications and improving member satisfaction we are implementing three new tools, newsletter, club survey and new email system.

### ***Newsletter***

I have replaced the Presidents letter with a club **newsletter**. The newsletter will have celebrations, club meeting information, website information, a place for advertisements, and lots of other information. Hope you enjoy it.

Thank you.

Pat Cross

President

## Congrats – 4C Winter Competition Winner



*4 Cs – Monochrome*  
Award – Honorable  
Mention – QIED Winter  
Competition  
*Image maker – Lance*  
Weinberg

Congratulations to **Lance Weinberg** for earning a ribbon in the Monochrome division of the QEID Winter Competition. Well done!

## Website Updates

Mike, our webmaster, has been working diligently to enhance our website. The site is now more mobile-friendly, features a redesigned calendar, and includes significant improvements to the blog page.

Be sure to sign up for blog notifications and explore the latest updates and enhancements.

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## Board of Directors

**President** – Pat Cross

**Vice President** – Open Position

**Immediate Past President** – Kevin Reiley

**Secretary** – Ken Ockfen

**Treasurer** – Hernando Comers

**Challenge Night Chair** – Jerry Gowins

**Competition Night Chair** – Open Position

**Education Night Chair** – Alex Morley

**Photo Forum Chair** – Tom Vickers

**Social Night Coordinator** – Carla Aguilar

**Webmaster** – Mike VanDeWalker

**Board Members at Large** – April Norman, Mark Gotchall, Rick LeBrun