

4Cs July 2006 General Meeting
Hood River, OR
Notes from SJO

- Meeting started 30 minutes late (1:30) because they hadn't finished the "Executive Meeting" which started at 10:30.
- Due to lack of entries, the Creative Slide division was dissolved.
- Slide competition is down; Digital competition is up, but most striking is the dramatic increase in the Print competition.
- Beginning this year, all "winning" entries will be digitized. This includes the Best of the Northwest competition as well. Due to previous rules and discussions, it was agreed NOT to digitize previous years.
- Convention plans are finally moving along, mainly because of Tony's involvement. Place: Coos Bay Community College October 6-8 – Note that FRIDAY will be a full day and you may want to arrive on Thursday.
 - For the first time, the convention is "off-site" – away from the hotel
 - Breakfast cost - \$6.; Lunches will be furnished at the College, but NO lunch break (food will be allowed in the break-out sessions)
Banquet will be \$25.00\
 - Registration fee will be \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members, and \$50. at the door
 - Registration packets will be in the mail no later than August 10.
 - The facility fee will be either \$600 or FREE.
 - We voted to have the Council donate three \$100.00 checks as prizes since very few donations came in from the various clubs. Tony advised that there are plenty of door prizes.
- Slide Show competition:
 - So far there are two entries for film
 - Five entries for digital.
 - No time limits were set for digital, so at this time, the shows from seven to twenty minutes. This will be discussed at the Convention with a certainty that time limitations will be established. Too late to do anything about it at this time.
 - Also a lengthy discussion regarding whether 4Cs should furnish a digital projector or whether the submitting entrant should – decision was that the entrant had to furnish own digital projector and computer. There are just too many programs in use, some of which do NOT furnish an executable "stand alone" file.
- Keep checking the 4Cs web site for developments on the Convention. A listing of hotels will be posted shortly.
- A VERY LENGTHY discussion was held on print competition. (Pat Starr is resigning as Print Competition). This competition is growing by leaps and bounds and is presenting some logistical problems. Mailings are large and postage funds are increasing dramatically.

However, because digital cameras are now outnumbering film and because printing costs and outlets are going way down (the number of people printing their own images is dramatically lower) prints are going to outnumber slides shortly.

- Boise CC (one of the largest in our area) felt they were being penalized by not being able to submit more prints than smaller clubs. Spokane – the largest club in our division – felt the same.
- After considerable discussion it was decided (and I hope I get this right, but the correct wordage will be on the 4Cs website shortly) that
 - Each club will count the number of PRINTS submitted in EACH category - BW, Color, Large, Small, divide that number by the number of MAKERS which will equal the number of prints eligible on each division (confused?) However, no one club will be allowed to enter more than TEN images in any one of the division, i.e., BW, Color, Small, Large.

Thereupon at 3:30pm - □ - the meeting was adjourned.