

CODE OF ETHICS

The members of the Professional Photographers Guild of Colorado Springs adhere to the same code of ethics as the Professional Photographers of America, Inc.

I, as a requirement for admission to and retention of membership and participation in Professional Photographers of America, Inc., agree to strive at all times to upgrade and improve my knowledge and skill of professional photography, marketing and related areas. In all my dealings with the users of photography and the general public, I will:

1. Strive to present all photographic services in surroundings and in a manner which reflects the highest levels of professionalism.
2. Deal with all users of photography and the general public with honesty and integrity.
3. Not use any marketing or competitive practice which violates any Federal Trade Commission, or Federal or State regulatory agency rule or regulation, or Federal or State statute or any decision of any Federal or State Court.
4. Strive to produce photography and photographic services in accordance with the highest levels of professionalism at all times.
5. In all dealings with fellow professional photographers, students and others who aspire to be professional photographers, I shall share the knowledge and skill of professional photography.
6. Support efforts for and assist in the education of all interested persons and the general public in the art and science of professional photography.

MENTORING

A benefit of Guild Membership is the mentoring program. Every quarter those who wish to teach a skill are connected with those who wish to learn.

MENTEES

For Mentees the objective is to have a point person for you to come to before and after meetings with questions for one-to-one learning and growth. Each mentor-mentee relationship will last for 3 months.

Optionally, your mentor may also independently choose to make themselves available for e-mail, calls, shadowing opportunities, etc. if they want. Feel free to ask about things you're interested in.

MENTORS

Please note two important points about being a mentor:

1. Responsibilities:

The plan is for you to be available before and after meetings to be a point person for the mentees' questions, learning and growth. This may lead to opportunities to further communicate and visit outside of meetings, etc., all of which you are welcome to do. You may look for an opportunity for your mentee to come on a session with you or just to grab lunch. It's all up to you.

2. Professionalism:

As a volunteer mentor we are representing not only yourself, but our Guild and by extension, the PPA. It's important that we act with professionalism as mentors. This means refraining from inappropriate relationships or even the appearance of impropriety. (e.g. an adult mentor working with a young mentee alone in their home). While we can't imagine any problems, we need to mention this for everyone's protection.