

2024-2025 annual report

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our mission

THE SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAPHIC EDUCATION IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION PROVIDING AND FOSTERING AN UNDERSTANDING OF PHOTOGRAPHY AS A MEANS OF DIVERSE CREATIVE EXPRESSION, CULTURAL INSIGHT, AND EXPERIMENTAL PRACTICE.



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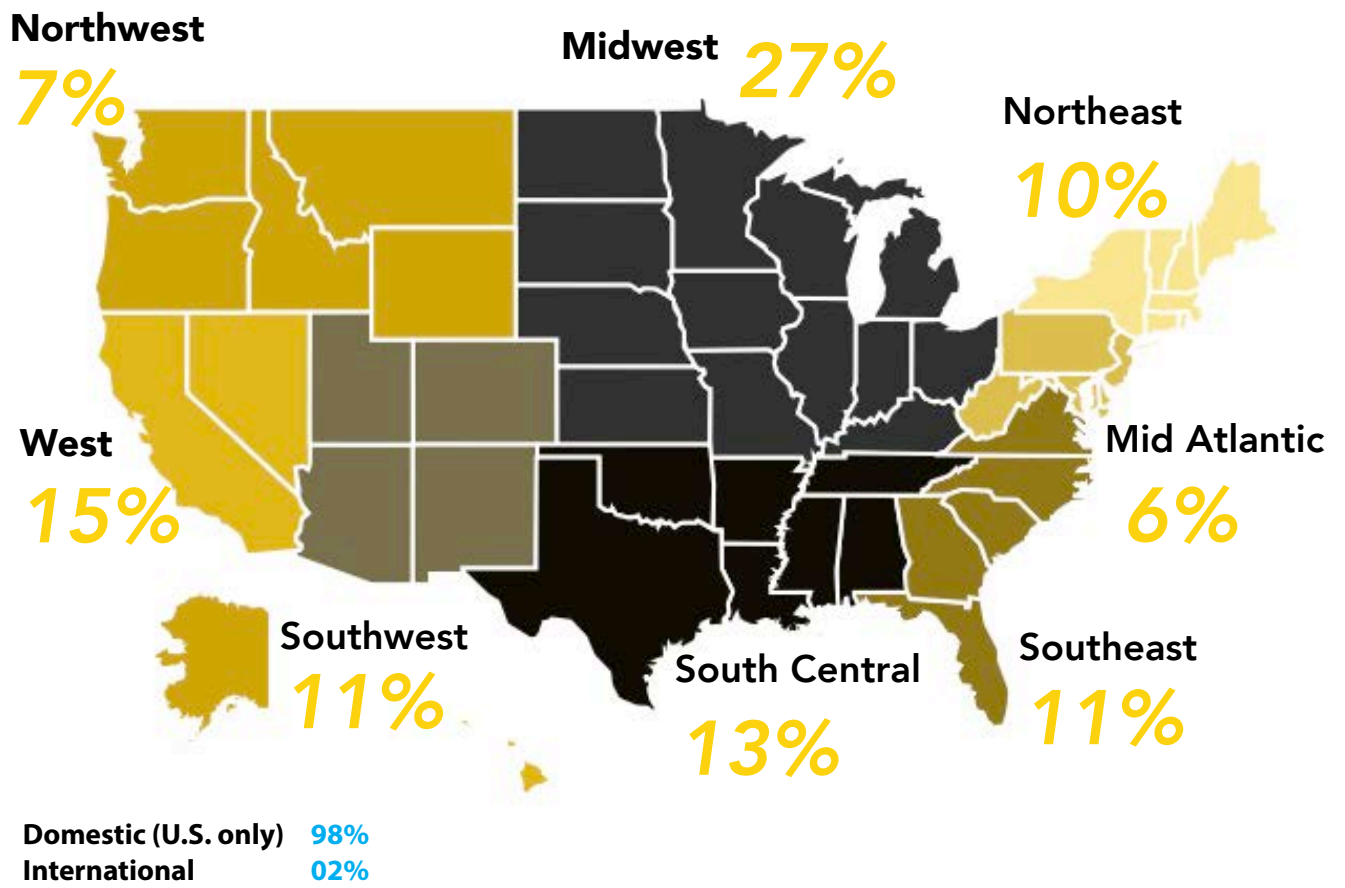
306	PORTFOLIO REVIEW SESSIONS
90	PRESENTATIONS
10	AWARDS
7	INDUSTRY SEMINARS
5	CHAPTER CONFERENCES
3	RECRUITMENT EVENTS
2	MEMBERS MEETINGS
2	JURIED EXHIBITIONS

Through interdisciplinary programs, services, and publications, SPE seeks to promote a broader understanding of lens-based media in all its forms through teaching and learning, scholarship, and criticism.

community

The majority of SPE's members are fine art photographers, artists, educators, students, curators, critics, and historians. SPE is growing in bold, exciting ways in areas of K-12 education, community service, and outreach to develop a broader understanding of how photography matters in the world.

2024 SPE COMMUNITY BY CHAPTERS

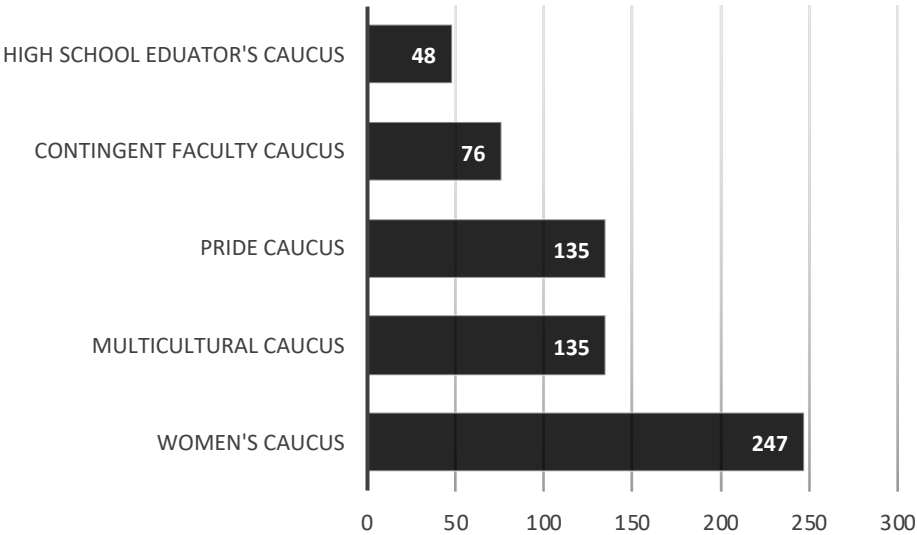


community



2024 SPE COMMUNITY BY CAUCUS

32% of SPE Members are associated with at least one (1) SPE Caucus





programs

VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

“ SPE’s Tintype Fundamentals virtual workshop this summer was amazing. I learned something new and got my questions answered directly by Bostick and Sullivan!

—2024 Virtual Program Attendee

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SPE Virtual programming is designed to support your professional development goals year round, provide a space for community engagement, and increase accessibility for presenters and attendees. SPE Virtual Programming is recorded and archived in SPE’s Video Library.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

“ I enjoyed mingling and meeting new people in between each session! I got lots of feedback and made lots of great connections in between sessions!

—2024 Conference Attendee

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The SPE National Conference is SPE’s annual gathering celebrating photographic education from pedagogy to practice. This program supports practioners by providing a platform to share their work and research.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- MFA VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE AND EDUCATION FAIR
- PORTFOLIO THROWDOWNS
- SPE CHAPTERS
- SPE CAUCUSES
- EXPOSURE ARCHIVE



supporters

WITH OUR SINCEREST GRATITUDE

The SPE community always shows up. Your support allows us to invest in photographic education every day. From established programming to new initiatives, SPE is committed to providing a platform that supports YOU and would not be possible without your generosity!

INDUSTRY PARTNERS

We work with incredibly generous and creative organizations that choose to support SPE as Industry Partners. In 2024, we worked with 25 Industry Partners and Corporate Sponsors whose contributions supported SPE Members and SPE Programming!

EDUCATION PARTNERS

Our Education Partner's contributions enabled SPE to create a platform for more accessible outreach for potential students, and provide support for current members who are just beginning their careers. We were fortunate to have 33 institutions supporting SPE.

NON-PROFIT PARTNERS

SPE collaborated and expanded member benefits by partnering with 8 non-profit arts organizations in 2024.

SPE RAFFLE

The SPE Raffle generated over \$12,000. These funds are used to support the annual SPE Awards: Honored Educator, Insight, Imagemaker, Student Awards for Innovative Imaging, and the High School Educator Award.

ANNUAL FUND

This year SPE's Annual Fund contributions totaled \$7,430. We received \$3,700 during our end-of-year Annual Fund Campaign. This funding from our generous members and donors allows us to invest in initiatives that support the goals within our 2024 Strategic Plan.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

SPE currently has 29 members at the Sustaining Level. These members supported SPE by contributing a combined total of \$2,900 to SPE's annual fund through their increased membership level in 2024.

leadership

2024 SPE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Hilton, Chair

Margaret LeJeune, Vice Chair

Leah Gose & Arthur Fields, Co-Treasurers

Marivi Ortiz, Secretary

Julie Anand

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Larry Gawel

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Ann Kaplan

Jason Reblando

Janet Pritchard

Eric Sung

2024 SPE CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

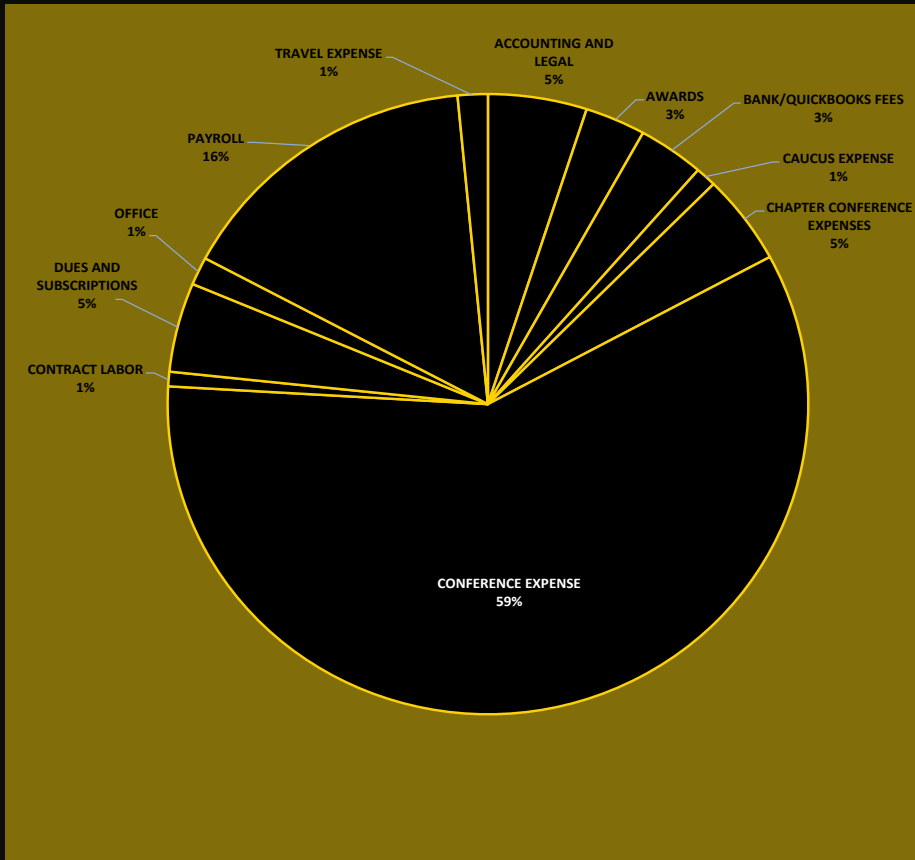
Ally Christmas, Ariel C. Wilson, Amanda Breitbach, Ashely Moog, Carol Record, Christopher Kern, Christopher Schneberger, Daniel George, Derek Novas, Devin Bruce, Elena Volkova, Emily Wiethorn, Heather McKenney, Humna Raza, Joe Hocker, Julia Martin, Marcus DeSieno, Michael Mulvey, Michael Zuhorski, Ralph Watkins, Ryan Parker, Sam Hughes, Sidian Liu, Stephanie Dowda DeMer

2024 SPE CAUCUS LEADERSHIP

Sarah Ann Austin, RemiJin Camping, Nick Simko, Tommy Bruce, Erin Jennings, Kristina Smith, Nicole Croy, Jessica Michels, Shadia Nilforoush

financials

ALLOCATIONS OF EXPENSES



financials

2024 END OF YEAR

	2023	2024
TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS	106,340.79	139,941.21
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	24,435.00	13,245.00
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	37,055.00	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	167,830.79	153,186.21
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	5,213.17	5,213.17
TOTAL ASSETS	\$173,043.96	\$158,399.38
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,355.76	4,547.42
TOTAL EQUITY	171,688.20	153,851.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$173,043.96	\$158,399.38



vision

2025

Enrich and advance a broader understanding of photography through education, practice, and member-driven programming.

FOSTER COMMUNITY

Programming is central to maintaining a strong and vibrant community. SPE is uniquely structured to provide opportunities at regional, national, and international levels for in-person and virtual conferences, mentorship, and professional development.

EXPAND DIGITAL PRESENCE

As a fully remote organization that serves membership across the globe, the SPE website is the hub of the organization. The future of our organization hinges on the robust web presence of SPE and an updated website with new features under SPE's direct control is a crucial component of the strategic plan.

ADAPT TO CURRENT ACADEMIC MARKET

While remaining rooted in academia, SPE will strive to serve members outside of academia who support the organization's mission.

We invite you to join us as we begin a new chapter in SPE's legacy, with greater impact and more milestones to celebrate.