



Meta Remodeling Awards 2017

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Frequently Asked Questions

There are quite a few changes to NARI Silicon Valley's Meta Awards this year, most notably the move to online entries and digital presentations. Please read these FAQ's carefully as they shed light on the changes and resulting new processes. If you have additional questions or clarifications, please email Chapter Administrator, Tonia Forbus, at info@narisv.org and/or Meta Chair, Laura Hulberg, at laurah@centurystereo.com.

1. When is this year's deadline?

The deadline to submit your Meta Award entries is Friday, October 6, 2017.

2. How do I enter in the Meta Awards?

To enter in the awards program, visit the NARI Silicon Valley online entry portal at: <https://nari.secure-platform.com/a/organizations/R7SV/home>. **Enter your username (member profile email) and NARI National password. See website on what to do in forget password.**

Follow the prompts and upload your forms, enter information relevant to your project, enter your project PDF, and upload your pictures. Then you will be prompted to pay for your entry.

A helpful instructional video can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/177712388>

This video was created by NARI National for CoTY Awards, so there may be some small differences; however, the entry process is largely the same.

Additionally, we have chapter-specific Meta Awards Entry instructions on the site's entry page.

3. How do I make my entry on a computer?

We recommend using our templates provided with the user-friendly tool of **Microsoft Word***, **PowerPoint**, or **Publisher** to put your information all in one file. You are welcome to modify the orientation of the layout from Portrait to Landscape to best suit your needs or create a similar layout for pages 2-30. The cover page (first page) template offered by chapter must be used. When you are satisfied with your work, **be sure to save as a PDF** and not as the file format for the program you are using.

There are many helpful online guides for using these programs. If you get stuck, try using Microsoft's help section, YouTube, or even do a Google search for "How do I do XYZ in PowerPoint?" for step-by-step instructions.

*When ready to save your Word template, make sure you remove the instructional comments fields found in the Review menu.

4. How do I get an entry number and how much does it cost?

Entry numbers will be automatically-generated from the online platform.



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Fees:

- \$125 for each individual entry/ Project Team Leader of a Team entry
- \$100 for additional Team Members (i.e. job collaborations from other NARI company members)
- Payment for all entries must be completed at the time of entry by project Team Leader. ***Fee reimbursement arrangements will need to be made between Team Members and the project Team Leader.***
- Entries can be paid for using PayPal or credit card via PayPal at the time of checkout or can submit a check payment* mailed to the chapter's PO Box. See options at Checkout.

*** NOTE:** Check payment via mail must be postmarked by 10/6/2017 or your presentation will not be included in the judging.

- 5. Do I have to use a professional photographer to take the photos?**
Professional photos are not required, but better quality photographs show the most detail and give a better impression overall. Remember, you are trying to convince a panel of judges that your entry should be selected, so even if you don't use a professional, use the best quality photos possible, particularly for your "after" photos.
- 6. Do I have to include "before" photos, or will "after" photos alone be sufficient?**
"Before" photos are required. It is not possible to see transformations if photographs of how the area looked prior to remodeling are not included. Get in the habit of taking "before" pictures at the beginning of every project, even if the space is just a shell. What began as an average project just might turn out to be your best work. Also, taking your "before" and "after" photos from the same angle helps the judges to see the project from the right perspective.
- 7. What are the limitations to enhancing my photos?**
Any photo enhancement is limited to brightness, contrast, or sharpness. No items may be added or removed through photo enhancement techniques. Do not add or subtract items, or change the image in a way that may increase or decrease the value of the project.
- 8. Where do I upload my images for each entry? e.g. photos, floor plans, and drawings**
You will be asked to upload your images twice as part of your entry process.
 1. In your 2017 Meta Project Presentation Form (***this is the only document that the judges will see***)
 2. In the Image Upload section right below the Presentation Upload (***this will only be used by NARI National for promotions and for the Meta Awards slideshow***)
- 9. Does the Photographers Release and Agreement and Awards Program Client Contractor Agreement need to be filled out for every entry?** Yes, the Photographers Release and Agreement and Awards Program Client Contractor Agreement needs to be completely filled out for all entries.



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10. How do I determine in which category to enter my project?

Read the category criteria very carefully and don't forget to check out the specialty categories that are very broad and cover unusual types of projects. Also be sure to verify dollar amounts if applicable.

11. Can I use NARI members from other Bay Area NARI chapters on my team?

Yes, but they must be current members in good standing with that chapter, and this will be verified. Also, a NARI Silicon Valley must be the Team Leader on that entry.

12. Can I get help putting together my entry?

Yes! There will be a Silicon Valley chapter workshop that will go into detail on the new changes, how to create a great Meta Awards presentation, best practices, and more. Keep an eye out for this announcement in your email and on the chapter website.

13. How many NARI of Silicon Valley chapter events do I need to attend to be eligible to enter in the Meta Awards?

NARI of Silicon Valley members (specifically, at least one member of your company) has participated in 3 chapter events (see [Meta Participation Credits Requirements document](#)) between January 1, 2017 and October 5, 2017. In other words, you must have completed this requirement before the deadline for entry in the awards program! No late credits will be accepted.