



Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections Process Report

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My proposal for preparation, elections and the Annual Membership Meeting:

- a. BOD decides on **Officers** to be elected at 6/18/2020 BOD teleconference meeting. Cory Tischman, Nomination Committee Chair will provide the slate. There will be procedural voting used by the BOD to elect Officers. This is a preliminary election and will become official after the Annual General Membership Meeting when the BOD calls to order its ratification BOD meeting (the short meeting after the Annual General Membership Meeting).
- b. BOD has discussion of nominated **Directors** at 6/18/2020 BOD teleconference meeting. Cory Tischman, Nomination Committee Chair will provide the slate.
- c. Annual General Membership Meeting, by teleconference on 8/1/2020, 3 p.m. CDT.
 - Meeting Called to Order
 - Roll is taken (I need to figure out how this works yet) May do this as an online form prior to the meeting.
 - Reading of the Minutes (6/18/2020 Minutes)
 - President's Report (I'll keep it very short and welcome everyone)
 - Treasurer's Report (Kris is unable to attend, thus we'll need someone to volunteer to read her report).
 - Committee Reports (If any committees have a short report, this can take place here). Committee Chairs can email me a short paragraph if there is information they believe the membership would like to hear about
 - Correspondence (we can dispense with this piece, as we typically no longer perform these kinds of activities)
 - Unfinished Business (there should not be any for the General Membership to my knowledge)
 - New Business (This can be a simple inquiry to the membership and they may share if there is anything)
 - Discussions (part of new business in my mind)
 - Elections
 1. Board of Directors (a slate of BOD members will be placed on the APS' Member Portal prior to August 1, 2020 for member perusal).
 - a. Election of BOD for the next term. Election of BOD members is offered as a slate by the Nomination Committee Chair (Cory Tischman).
 - b. Each nominee will be voted on separately with "Aye" or "No" vote. 2/3rd majority rules. The president will call for the votes and the acting Recording Secretary will record.

- c. The recording secretary will read the results (Only the names of those who have satisfied the 2/3rds affirmative- Likely everyone on the original slate).
 - d. A motion is made by a current director or member to accept the election results and induct the elected Directors to the Board for the coming term.
 - i. An “Aye” or “No” vote is taken to carry the motion. Since the 2/3rds rule was used to elect the individuals there should be no dissenting votes and this is a formality.
- 2. Officers. The Nominating Committee Chair (Cory Tischman) will announce the slate of Officers for the coming term (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary). This slate can be announced as: The Board of Directors have elected the following slate of Officers to serve the American Peony Society’s Membership in the coming term: President: _____; Vice President: _____; Treasurer: _____; Recording Secretary: _____; Corresponding Secretary: _____. The Officers and Board Members look forward to serving APS in the coming term and thank you for your support. Feel free to contact any of our leaders to discuss ideas, concerns if you need information.
- 3. Induction Ceremony of Officers and Board of Directors. A short official ceremony that acknowledges service and commitment.
 - Motion to adjourn.
- d. Short meeting after the Annual General Membership Meeting. This meeting is to ratify minutes, but also is needed to formally elect the slate of Officers for the next term. It is possible there may not be agreement on Officers at this time, but the Nominating Committee has already done their work and there is nothing in the Bylaws that indicate a way to change the slate at this time.