



# Profile

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### David Sorrentino

#### **Background**

- Hobbyist grower
- Casual (collector of peonies) gardener
- Novice hybridizer
- Grows 780 peonies, and 440 varieties

#### **Strengths**

- Likes working with people, teamwork
- Can develop and lead projects and events
- Flexibility to handling change
- Commitment to cause once established

#### **Weaknesses**

- My long list of priorities sometimes leads to delays in schedules
- Have a strong sense of opinion on means and ways that may sometimes conflict

#### **Interested Committees**

- Exhibition Committee (co-Chair)
- Convention Steering Committee
- Other Committee Not Formed Yet (Specify): Executive Committee (is defined by officers but has not been active)

#### **Skills and Expertise**

- Past two term President of the Minnesota Peony Society (MPS)
- Past Exhibition Co-Chair for MPS
- Current MPS board member
- Current MPS webmaster
- Current APS Exhibition Co-Chair (since 2016)
- Past APS Auction Co-Chair, current auction committee member
- As past auction co- chair, the revenues and participation increased. The auction also has been somewhat automated.
- Can serve as backup web person because of WordPress knowledge
- Have also been heavily involved in all aspects of Convention Planning and Operation
- Would like to develop knowledge in the following areas:
  - Leadership roles

#### **Connections and Networking**

- As active member of APS for 20 years, know most growers, many members.

#### **Passion and Commitment**

- Interest in BOD
  - Working with like-minded people interested in the promotion of the genus Paeonia.
- Motivation
  - The need to feel needed, to interact with a community of peony enthusiasts and to have a social connectivity.
- Time Commitment

- As an officer, I am willing to commit time as needed during with more time available as needed for meeting preparation and similar functions. Before and during Conventions, the time spent can be long days.
- Aspirations
  - “If elected as Vice President, I would like to ensure all positions, including committee chairs, are well documented and defined with a chairperson name assigned. I would also work with the President and Executive Committee to ensure the goals of APS are on track.”