



The American Peony Society

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2019 | 6:30pm (Central)

Purpose: Updates and Convention Planning

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

- In attendance: Carol Adelman, Nate Bremer, Hazel Cook, Kris Jurik, David Maltby, David Michener, Mike Miller, Mary Muellner, Scott Parker, Lorē Sampson, Linette Sorrentino, Kent Tretheway, Cory Tischman, Piet Wierstra
- Absent: Adriana Feng

II. Minutes – Mary Muellner

Minute from our last BOD meeting on 09-19-2019 will be sent at a later date.

III. Treasurer's Report – Kris Jurik

- See attached report.
- Highlights: Fall auction netted over \$4,000. Highest grossing fall auction so far. Minimal expenses for the auction.

IV. President's Report – Lorē Sampson

- Housekeeping – An updated contact list for officers and directors.
- Schedule of future dates for APS Board meetings is also attached.

V. Committee and Special Project Reports:

Mentorship Committee – Kent Tretheway

- First formal mentorship is in place. Another member from Arkansas
- Welcome phone call to new members.

Membership Committee – Linette Sorrentino

- Typical for annual renewals – 296 requiring renewal.
- Overall numbers of memberships are remaining consistent across years.
- Website will now send renewal notices to all members who are expiring.

Bulletin Committee – Lorē Sampson

- New editorial board has been formed under leadership of Kim Bremer.
- Fall/November bulletin is near final.
- New annual peony registration issue is due to be completed in December. Sizing is same as quarterly bulletin. Main reason for is due to postage rates. Target date of December 10.
- Winter issue content nearly finished.
- Annual Membership Yearbook – sidelined for now. Getting current on the bulletins is priority. Some outstanding issues, including format of international addresses.

2020 Convention Planning – Chicago, Illinois

David Michener / David Maltby, Co- Chairmen

- Dates: June 11-14, 2020
Show Location: Chicago Botanic Garden
Show Accommodations: Embassy Suites, North Chicago, Deerfield
APS Rates: \$129/king suite; \$149/double queen suite
Includes cooked to order breakfast buffet and complimentary happy hour
Buffet for one meal with a cash bar.
- Convention registration fee remains at \$195/members
- 2019 Convention was at break even without including some final expenditures.
- Linette has been maintaining a “manual” for planning conventions.
- Board of Directors working session - Thursday, June 11 at 11:30am at CBG
- Discussion schedule and timing for Thursday/Friday flower show set-up and judging. Need to ensure time for checking classification. Have had to disqualify entries because of improper classification. Will judge the show on Friday evening to allow for open the show timely for the public attendance. Linette will be looking for volunteers.
- Discussion of suggestions for seminar topics. Ideas: CBG collection, cut flowers (home gardener, commercial, & florist), photography, seeds and hybridizing, basics/101 or ask the experts, and peony genome. Seminars on Saturday and Sunday.
- Honorariums for speakers for non-members.

Seed Distribution Program – Scott Parker

- Seed sales doubled. Lots of European orders.
- 60 orders in 2019 vs. 27 in 2018
- Shipping costs need to go up, especially Canada.

VI. New Business:

Other New Projects?

David Michener – Peony book is coming along. Profiling hybridizers. Plans to include Silvia Saunders and other hybridizers who may not be profiled as heavily as A.P. Saunders or some of the French hybridizers.

VII. Motion to Adjourn