



The American Peony Society

Board of Directors Meeting | January 16, 2020 | 6:30pm (Central)

Conference Bridge:

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Access Code: 220-302-666 #

Limits: This meeting will be limited to a maximum of 90 minutes. Any unfinished business will be resumed at our **next meeting on March 19, 2020.**

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

II. Minutes – Mary Muellner

Review minutes from our last BOD meeting on 11-14-019. Call for additions or corrections?

III. Treasurer's Report – Kris Jurik

See attachment.

IV. President's Report – Lorē Sampson

- Housekeeping – An updated contact list for officers and directors is attached. Please be sure to change Scott's email address in your BOD distribution list.
- Consider adding new directors to the BOD during our annual meeting. (Potential nominees must be vetted in advance of the meeting.
- Travel alert – I will be out of the country (no phone or email access) during February.

V. Committee and Special Project Reports:

Membership Report – Linette Sorrentino, Membership Chair

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)
- Convention registration fee - \$195/members (unchanged from 2019)
- Board of Directors working session – Thursday, June 11 at 11:30am at CBG

Incorrect convention dates were published in the recent issue of The Bulletin. Consider sending MailChimp letter to correct?

- Seminars – Opportunity to invite guest presenters from two student research teams studying peony genetics (University of Michigan and Hamilton College, New York). Do we want to authorize funding?
- Additional convention planning

Bulletin Committee – Kim Bremer / Lorē Sampson

- Annual Peony Registration Publication has been completed and Winter issue (including convention registration info/forms) is in production.
- Advertising team will contact commercial members this month. Ad rates are unchanged from last year.

Website Updates – Nate Bremer

- Membership renewal reminder added to main navigation to streamline process
- Cultivar registry is up-to-date with all 2019 registrations.
- When should we implement price increase for new registrations?

Website Portal Project – Nate Bremer

- Nate is working with website committee to get this underway
- Question about APS documents, publications, Bulletins. (Please refer to Nate's memo for more on this topic.)

VI. New Business:

- **Future planning for APS Publications** – New committee / volunteers needed to research and develop proposal
- **Other?**

VII. Motion to Adjourn