



American Peony Society Annual General Membership Meeting & Elections August 3, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. CDT

Call to Order / Roll Call

- No Roll call was taken

The American Peony Society (APS) Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections was held on August 1, 2020 via teleconference. It began at 3:03 pm CDT and was presided over by Nate Bremer as Interim President, with Mary Muellner and Cory Tischman as Recording Secretaries.

Reading & Approval of Minutes

Compiled summarized minutes of 2019-2020 BOD meetings (available on website: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/member-resources/bod-minutes-reports/>)

Cory Tischman read the summarized BOD meetings minutes from July 2019 to June 2020. One correction was made regarding correcting dates. Minutes will be approved in the next meeting on August 3rd.

Officers' Reports

President's Report – Nate Bremer

- Shared there were number of changes happened over the last year:
 - Lore Sampson resignation as President and Director and discussed her participation and highlighted her involvement and accomplishments in APS
 - Noted Carol Adelman's accomplishments as APS director and her stepping aside to allow for someone new to be on the BOD
 - Noted Hazel Cook is stepping away as APS director but still will be Corresponding Secretary
- Gave thanks to current and new BOD members for their contributions as well as members for their contributions
- Thanked donors to the APS for the time, financial donations, and roots
- There is an increase in article submissions and content to the bulletin
 - Noted that people can contact Kim Bremer for content submissions
- There have 100+ registered peonies last year with an additional 80 registrations this year
- Membership portal open and content is available to view and access. There is the possibility of old bulletins being uploaded to the Portal but further discussions are needed.
- Next year's convention in MN in 2021
 - Linette Sorrentino, Mary Schwartzbauer and Kathy Julius are the 2021 Convention Co-Chairs
 - Donations to auctions have been extremely beneficial

Treasurer's Report – Kris Jurik

- \$103,000 total assets as of July 1st. \$21,000 in liquid assets and a little cash poor this year compared to last year but are still doing well.
- Last year we had \$108,000 total assets and of that, \$31,000 was in cash as of July 1, 2019
- Embassy Suites have not refunded the hotel deposit of \$2,000. Kris is still working on this.

Correspondence Secretary Report – Hazel Cook

- Hazel had no report

Committees and Special Projects Reports

- Reports can be found on the APS website

Correspondence

- No new correspondence

Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

New Business

- No new business

Motions

- No motions made

Elections

- Board of Directors (a slate for voting may be found on the APS website in the Member Portal area at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/2020-board-of-directors-election-ballot>)
- Voting must be completed before the adjournment of this teleconference meeting. Support our current and newly nominated candidates by voting the entire slate or individually as you see appropriate.
- Newly elected Directors will be announced through the APS website and APS Social Media no later than August 4th.
- 27 votes were cast for the election and all nominees on the slate of Directors received
- enough votes (i.e., a majority) to be officially elected.

Adjournment

Adriana Feng moved that the meeting be adjourned and second by Mike Miller this was agreed upon at 3:25pm CDT.

Next Meeting: August 3, 2020 at 6:30 CDT Ratification Meeting for Minutes of General Annual Membership Meeting 2020 (All Board of Directors). Meeting will also include induction of new and renewed Board of Directors and Officers.

Minutes Submitted by: Cory Tischman