



## American Peony Society Annual General Membership & Election Meeting Minutes October 14, 2021 | 6:30 p.m. CDT

### Call to Order / Roll Call

Roll taken via Zoom entry: Nate Bremer, Dana Tretheway, Mary Muellner, David Michener, Kris Jurik, David Sorrentino, Linette Sorrentino, Lindsey Tabor, Steve Smith, Brandie Orchard, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway, Craig Aiken, Steve Rutz, David Maltby, Lois Girton, Carol Adelman, Hazel Cook, Lynn Gessling, Reiner Jakubowski, Mary Blubaugh, Jill Stevens D, Marcia Richardson, Mary Schwartzbauer.

The American Peony Society (APS) Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections was held on October 14, 2021 via Zoom. It began at 6:32 pm CDT and was presided over by Nate Bremer as President, with Cory Tischman as Recording Secretary.

### Reading & Approval of Minutes

Compiled summarized minutes of 2020-2021 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 2020 to August 2021. Minutes will be approved in the next meeting on October 15 at the Ratification Meeting.

### August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Officers' Reports

#### President's Report – Nate Bremer

- See report online
  - Discussed the importance and appreciation of volunteerism in the APS
  - Noted the planning is complete for the Michigan show, with David Michener given more details later in the meeting

#### Treasurer's Report – Kris Jurik

- See report online
  - The year's financial report is completed and filed after the audit with everything being in good order.
  - Financially, the APS is doing well and the BOD will be looking at way to financially support research and other projects on peonies in the future.

### Committees and Special Projects Reports

#### Auction Committee Report

- No Report

#### Award of Landscape Merit (ALM) Report – Jill Stevens & Cory Tischman

- No report

#### Awards Committee Report – Steve Smith

- See report online
  - Discussed the revamping of the personal awards and Gold Medal winners
    - Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award – Presented to Carol Adelman
    - A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal – Presented to Tim Stanek

- American Peony Society Medal – Presented to Kris Jurik
- 2021 Gold Medal Winner – Joker

Books Committee Report – Mike Miller

- No Report

Bulletins & Publications Committee Report – Kim Bremer

- See report online

Commercial Members Committee Report -- Piet Wierstra

- No Report

Convention Steering & Planning Committee Report – Linette Sorrentino

- No Report

Exhibition Committee Report – David & Linette Sorrentino

- No Report

International Outreach Committee Report – Leena Liljestrand & Cory Tischman

- No Report

Membership Committee Report – Linette Sorrentino

- See report online
  - 968 memberships, 1123 counting dual memberships
  - 87 commercial members
  - 115 online only memberships

Mentorship Committee Report – Kent Tretheway

- See report online

Nomenclature Committee Report – Reiner Jakubowski

- See report online

Seed Distribution Program Committee Report – Scott Parker

- No Report

Scientific & Horticultural Studies Committee Report – David Michener

- No Report

Speakers Chair Committee – Lois Girton

- No Report

Social Media & Website Committee Report

- See report online

Youth Program Committee Report

- No Report

## **Correspondence**

- See report online
  - No new correspondence

## Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

## New Business

- No new business

## Discussion

- Michigan Convention – David Michener
  - Dates: June 1-5<sup>th</sup> 2021
  - Seminars are still being figured out
  - More information will be upcoming bulletin
- HathiTrust Digital Library – David Michener
  - Older bulletins are on there to look through
- Elections– Nate Bremer
  - Encouraged everyone to vote for the BOD online and showed members how to do so.
  - 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

## Motions

- No motions made

## Adjournment

Nate Bremer moved that the meeting be adjourned and this was agreed upon at 7:12pm CDT.

**Next Meeting: October 14, 2021 proceeding this meeting for the Induction and Ratification Meeting via Zoom. (All Board of Directors). Meeting will also include induction of new and renewed Board of Directors and Officers.**

Minutes Submitted by: Cory Tischman