



Director Reflection

APS appreciates your work as a current and past Director! With the beginning of new terms the Nomination Committee is formalizing nominations and asks you to reflect upon your time as Director with APS by answering a few short questions. These questions are aimed to better understand Director needs and thoughts. Additionally, personal reflection is an important part of creating a positive atmosphere for the Society through identification of possible problems. Leadership believes it is important to evaluate our work and its impact on our organization. Your thoughtful answers to following questions are requested and appreciated. Please return to Cory Tischman, Nominations Chair, by **March 1st**.

- 1) How do you think you have grown as a Director in your most recent term?
This was my first term and it has been a great introduction to how the board is run and what it means to be a Director. I'm going to call it my introductory term.
- 2) In this past term, what accomplishments are you most proud of as your role as a Director?
I'm proud of helping APS have a presence on social media platforms which will help create more followers and hopefully members.
- 3) Did you have any goals you which you feel you've met? Any you would like to continue or improve upon?
I successfully started an Instagram account for APS. I would like to do a better job of preparing and sharing content more consistently. Then, hopefully, work with other Directors to add some good educational content. My goal is to work on a succession plan - someone who might be interested in running the Instagram account in the next year or two.
- 4) What are some areas of growth that you would like to work on as a Director?
I would like to gain more knowledge in just about EVERY area. As a new Director, I have SO much to learn.
- 5) What are ways the Board of Directors can help you with these growth areas?
I hope in the future we will have more face time and small group events.

6) What skills do you have that you believe the Board of Directors could use more effectively?

Hmmm..I'm not sure. I am new to peonies...meaning I'm fresh and passionate and ready to learn just about anything.

7) What changes would you like to see for the BOD in the next two years?

Growth. I'd like to see more board members to help strengthen and continue the love of peonies.

8) What do you like least about your current role?

Nothing at this point in time. I'm just happy to be here.

9) What do you want to see change for the APS, as a whole, in the next two years?

Growth & Presence. I'd like to see more members to help strengthen and continue the love of peonies. Small local flower farming is exploding at the moment and it would be great to attract these farmers to be a part of APS. I would also like to see APS have more of a presence as the main authority and most knowledgeable of peonies; whether as quotes in popular in-print or online magazines, through farming and flower designing influencers or on the other spectrum of scientific research papers. I'd just like to see our name out there a little more.

10)What are your most important goals for the next two years

My most important goal is to become more knowledgeable on the inner workings of APS and to understand how I will best fit into the organization and be of the most help.