

APS BOD Nominee Profile

- 1) Number of peonies you grow? **700 plus**
- 2) Number of different varieties you grow? **680 +/-**
- 3) Which of the following labels best represents you? (choose all that apply)
 - a. **Hobbyist grower- Peony obsessed**
 - b. Commercial root grower
 - c. Hybridizer
 - d. Cut flower grower
- 4) What are some of your strengths and weaknesses? **Strengths: Love to learn new things, love helping people with gardening questions. Weaknesses: I put too much pressure on myself. I tend to tweak something several times before turning it in.**
- 5) Which of the following committees interest you? (choose all that apply)
 - a. **Award of Landscape Merit (ALM) Committee X**
 - b. **Mentorship Committee X**
 - c. Awards Committee
 - d. Books & Publication Committee
 - e. Bulletin Committee
 - f. Commercial Members Committee
 - g. Convention Steering Committee
 - h. Educational Committee
 - i. Exhibition Committee
 - j. International Outreach Committee
 - k. Nomenclature Committee
 - l. Publicity Committee
 - m. Scientific & Horticultural Studies Committee
 - n. Seed Distribution Program
 - o. **Social Media Committee X**
 - p. Speakers Bureau
 - q. **Website Committee X**
 - r. Other Committee Not Formed Yet (Specify)
- 6) What do you hope to accomplish in your first term (two years) if elected to the board?
I would like to learn how the organization functions internally and how my skills fit in.
- 7) What do you want to see change for the APS, as a whole, in the next two years? **I would like to see more online activities for members.**
- 8) How do you think the board's expectations match with your expectations for yourself?
The board is looking for someone who closely matches the following:

- Pre-existing passion for the cause- I have this.
- Eagerness to participate at every meeting (six teleconferences & convention meeting) Yes
- Willing to prepare ahead for meetings. Yes
- Excited to serve on committees Yes
- Strong desire for stewardship to others Yes
- Supportive, but willing to express their own opinion Yes
- Strives to learn as much as possible. Definitely

9) What skills and expertise would you bring to the board of directors if elected? **I have worked all my life and have just retired. I am great at Excel spreadsheets.**

10) In what areas would you like to develop your knowledge and expertise? **I would like to learn more about optimizing the growth of peonies.**

11) How much time are you willing to commit to board activities and committee-level work? **I am retired now and can devote a good deal of time.**

12) What sort of connections do you have that might be used as a resource to benefit the board and organization? **I really do not have any such connections.**

13) What does success look like to you? **To have fun at what I am doing, and get others to have fun, too.**

14) What motivates you? **I like to share my love of peonies with others.**

15) What interests you most about being on the board of directors? **I would learn more about peonies.**

16) How do you see yourself fitting in socially with other board members? **I fit in with everyone who loves peonies. We would always have something to talk about.**