

American Peony Society Leadership Nominations

Dear Steve Smith

The American Peony Society's programming, outreach and membership satisfaction has seen outstanding growth in the past few years and we know you have been an integral part of that progress. Your term as an American Peony Society Director will expire this June and the Nominating Committee would like to nominate you once again for a two year term on the Board of Directors. APS is excited to continue the Society's efforts and hopes you will consider continuing your volunteerism. The Society does have a couple of Members who may be interested in becoming an APS director in the near future, thus if you would like to step away from Directorship the next term, please let us know.

The committee will present a slate of BOD candidates online for membership voting and complete the election during the Annual General Membership Meeting to be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan this spring for a confirmation vote by attending members. The Nomination Committee would like to have the slate of candidates completed by March 15, 2022 for organizational purposes, thus we are asking for your consideration before this date.

Please reply with your intent by choosing one of the following options:

- YES, I accept this nomination for further service to the American Peony Society as a Board of Director.
"PLEASE RETURN YOUR CANDIDATE PROFILE, ALONG WITH THIS NOMINATION LETTER, BEFORE MARCH 1st TO BE AN ELIGIBLE CANDIDATE FOR VOTING"
- YES, I accept this nomination, but am willing to step away from Directorship to allow a new member to participate as a Director this coming term.
- No, I am unable to continue as a Board of Director (APS thanks you for past service!)

Additionally, officers will be elected at the June Convention, during our Annual BOD Meeting. If you have interest, either continued or new, in any of these positions, please let us know. Officers are elected for two year terms by the BOD.

Officer Positions:

President; Vice President; Recording Secretary; Corresponding Secretary; and Treasurer.

Sincerely,



Cory Tischman, APS Nominating Committee Chair

Informational Resources: General Directorship Roles, President Duties and Roles, Recording Secretary Duties and Roles, Treasurer Duties and Roles, Corresponding Secretary Roles and Duties.

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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?

After becoming familiar with the duties, I have learned to appreciate what it takes to run a society, and how much many of the directors give freely of their time to make things happen.

- 2) In this past term, what accomplishments are you most proud of as your role as a Director?

That we have physical award medals again for our personal award programs, I cannot wait to present them to the winners at this convention!

- 3) Did you have any goals you which you feel you've met? Any you would like to continue or improve upon?

Yes, the goal was to make a new award medals and we have those now on hand.

- 4) What are some areas of growth that you would like to work on as a Director?

Helping more with conventions, it would even be great to have another one in the west someday.

- 5) What are ways the Board of Directors can help you with these growth areas?

There is always a need for volunteers, so I just need to step up.

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

I still relatively new but may be able to do some mentorship in the future if the situation presents itself.

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

Being this was my first term of the BOD I'm not sure where things should go, I think we are going a good job as a group. Perhaps I'll have more feedback in a couple of years.

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

Perhaps all the email, but with running things virtually there is not much we can do about that, it's not an overwhelming amount so that is good.

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

I think the way things are going is in a good direction, I believe the pandemic has put us in a holding pattern, so looking forward to the return to normal again.

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

Continue to encourage more participation via social media and continuing to spread the word about personal awards.