



Board of Director's Minutes and Proceedings – 2021-2022

Compiled & Summarized Minutes: August 2021 to June 2022

APS traditionally has had one comprehensive Board of Director's meeting held each year, either before or after the General Annual Membership meeting. In recent years additional Board of Directors meetings have been held throughout the year to facilitate and support a growing APS presence. Due to larger amounts of information generated during these meetings, the following **Annual Meeting Minutes** reflect important decisions impacting the society as whole and will not contain detailed committee reports, discussions and planning details. For further details concerning reports and discussion please visit the APS Member Portal website at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/member-resources/bod-minutes-reports/>.

Board of Directors: *Brandie Orchard, Cory Tischman, David Maltby, David Michener, Jill Stevens, Kris Jurik, Leena Liljestrand, Linette Sorrentino, Lois Girton, Mary Muellner, Mike Miller, Nate Bremer, Piet Wierstra, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Craig Aiken, Kent Tretheway*

Executive Committee: *Nate Bremer-President; David Sorrentino-Vice President; Kris Jurik-Treasurer; Cory Tischman-Recording Secretary; Hazel Cook-Corresponding Secretary.*

Program, Committee Chairs and Structural Operations Volunteers (°=Chairperson):

- 1) Membership: Linette Sorrentino °
- 2) Award of Landscape Merit: Cory Tischman ° & Jill Stevens °
- 3) Awards: Steve Smith °, Craig Aiken, Brandie Orchard
- 4) International Outreach: Cory Tischman ° & Leena Liljestrand °
- 5) Auctions: Mary Muellner °, Jill Stevens, Lois Girton
- 6) Scientific Studies: Jim Sampson °, David Michener °, Lois Girton
- 7) Website: Nate Bremer ° & David Sorrentino °
- 8) Speakers and Programs: Lois Girton °
- 9) Mentorship Program: Kent Tretheway °
- 10) Exhibitions and Shows: Linette Sorrentino ° & David Sorrentino °
- 11) Convention Steering & Planning: Linette Sorrentino ° & David Sorrentino
- 12) Individual Conventions: Linette Sorrentino, David Sorrentino & David Michener – Michigan 2022; Craig Aiken – New York 2023; Linette Sorrentino, David Sorrentino – Minnesota 2024.
- 13) Bulletin Editor Group: Kim Bremer °, Lois Girton, Sharon Schmitz, Jill Stevens, Kate Crawford, Jim Sampson, Jerri O'Connor, Nate Bremer.
- 14) Layout, Design and Printing (paid to outside entity): Covington Press (no longer current printer)
- 15) Social Media: Steve Smith ° (Facebook APS main page & Pintrest); Craig Aiken °, Liz Best °, Lynn Gessling ° (Facebook APS Group); Brandie Orchard ° (Instagram);
- 16) Nomenclature: Reiner Jakubowski ° (Registrar)
- 17) Historic Resources: Reiner Jakubowski °
- 18) Seed Program: Scott Parker °
- 19) Books and Publications: Mike Miller °
- 20) Commercial Members: Piet Wierstra °
- 21) Nominations and Elections: Cory Tischman °

- 1) **8/26/2022 BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via phone conference call. Cory Tischman Recording Secretary. Nate Bremer, president, presided.
 - a. General planning meeting including: Bulletin submissions, Michigan Convention, Annual General Membership Meeting (October 14, 2021), Election of Directors for current year, fall auction plans, Photo and literature use policy
 - b. Financial report shows stable condition
 - c. Committee reporting – in good condition; Mentorship program reports need for mentors in warm locations, hybridizers and commercial growers.
 - d. No motions brought forward
- 2) **10/14/2021 General Annual Membership Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors and Members may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing.
 - a. Compiled and Summerized Minutes for June 2020 to April 2021 are available on the APS Website.
 - b. President’s Report – Key: Volunteerism in APS
 - c. Committee Reports available online:
 - i. Awards (Steve Smith-chair, Craig Aiken, Brandie Orchard). 2021 Awardees: Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award to Carol Adelman; A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal to Tim Stanek; American Peony Society Award to Kris Jurik.
 - ii. Editor (Kim Bremer-chair). Available online.
 - iii. Membership (Linette Sorrentino-chair). 968 Members, 1123 counting Dual Memberships; 87 Commercial Members; 115 online only Memberships.
 - iv. Nomenclature (Reiner Jakubowski-chair). Available Online
 - v. Mentorship (Kent Tretheway-chair). Available Online
 - vi. Social Media (Kim Bremer). Available Online
 - vii. Website (Nate Bremer-chair). Available Online
 - viii. Corresponding Secretary. Available Online
 - d. Michigan Convention discussion (David Michener)
 - e. Hathi Trust Digital Library (David Michener)
 - f. Elections (voting ends at the end of this meeting through website).
 - i. Directors elected for term 2021 through 2023: Linette Sorrentino, Kris Jurik, Nate Bremer.
 - g. No motions were made by Members or Directors.
 - h. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. CDT.
- 3) **10/14/2021 Ratification and Induction Meeting.**
 - a. **Motion:** “I, Linette Sorrentino, make a motion to accept and ratify the 2020-2021 minutes and proceedings of the American Peony Society as presented at the General Annual Membership Meeting held on October 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. CDT (held via Zoom).” Motion seconded by David Michener. Motion to ratify minutes was carried unanimously. Includes all BOD minutes for the year and Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes.
 - b. **Induction:** Duly elected by Membership to Directorship were: Linette Sorrentino, Kris Jurik and Nate Bremer. Directors agreed to represent APS in good faith and sworn in.
- 4) **11/4/2022 BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Lois Girton Recording Secretary as substitute for Cory Tischman who was unable to attend. Nate Bremer, president, presided.
 - a. General planning meeting including: 540 will be up for renewal January 1, 2022; donations and sponsorship; Hats, business cards, APS rack cards, name badges – Nate will investigate and present findings at next meeting; APS future conventions – assistance needed
 - b. Treasury reporting – in good condition
 - c. Committee reports available through the APS website.
 - d. Motions:

- i. Motion to adopt Copyright Policy (Photo and Literature Use) was made by Nate Bremer. Linette Sorrentino seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
- ii. A sum of \$1500 was requested to purchase cut flowers for designers to use for the flower show at the Michigan convention. APS has a commitment of at least 40 designs from local flower arrangers. Scott Parker moved to fund this request. Kris Jurik seconded. Motion carried. Linette will contact commercial growers to arrange for flowers.

5) **2/17/2022 BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Cory Tischman Recording Secretary. Nate Bremer, president, presided.

- a. General planning meeting including: Michigan and New York Convention planning, President's Report contained numerous reports – available through APS website upon request.
- b. Membership reporting – 315+ new or renewed Memberships; approximately 240 lapsed memberships (not usual).
- c. Treasury reporting (Kris Jurik) – in good condition
- d. Corresponding Secretary (Hazel Cook) - many membership inquires and questions about the cultivar 'Weatherball 90'. Inquiries are directed to leadership with expertise related to requests.
- e. Committee & Program reports
 - i. Nomenclature (Reiner Jakubowski) – available through APS website
 - ii. Editor's Report (Kim Bremer) – available through APS website
 - iii. Awards Report (Steve Smith) – Noted solicitation of GM and personal awards at this time through April 1, 2022 - available through APS website
 - iv. Auctions (Mary Muellner) - Committee will begin meeting to setup Spring Convention Auction.
 - v.
- f. Motions:
 - i. Piet Wierstra made a motion for Nate Bremer to investigate solid pricing of Promotional Materials (Business Cards, Hats & Rack Cards; Name Badges) and submit to the Board of Directors for approval via email. Upon approval via email, Nate Bremer will order Promotional Materials. If further changes need to be made after Director responses Nate will make commensurate changes and resubmit to the BOD for approval. Seconded by Lois Girton. No discussions were made. The BOD unanimously approved and the motion carried. Note: Business Cards, Hats, Rack Cards and Name Badges were designed, priced, approved and ordered (all received for use after 3.23.2022). Approval was obtained via Director email vote with majority favor and no dissenting votes. All will be available for use at the Ann Arbor Convention.

6) Next meeting June 4, 2022; Ann Arbor, Michigan.