

Annual General Membership Meeting



Syracuse, New York
6:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
Nate Bremer, President

Member Support Volunteers – A BIG THANK YOU –



Special Thanks to these Volunteer Members	
Nomenclature and ICRA	Jordan Kabat
Membership	Linette Sorrentino, Liz Best, Lynn Gessling
Seed Program	Scott Parker
Editorial Group	Kim Bremer, Jill Stevens, Lois Girton, Sharon Schmitz, Linette Sorrentino, Lynn Gessling, Jerri O'Connor
Website	David Sorrentino, Nick Maycher, Nate Bremer, JJ Jordan (Database optimization)
Scientific Studies	David Michener, Jim Sampson, Lois Girton
Award of Landscape Merit Chairs	Cory Tischman, Jill Stevens
Awards Committee	Steve Smith, Craig Aiken, Brandie Orchard
Social Media (leaders – contributors)	Steve Smith, Craig Aiken, Liz Best, Lynn Gessling, Mary Yee, Brandie Orchard
Conventions	David and Linette Sorrentino, David Michener, Craig Aiken, Lynn Gessling, Lois Girton, Nancy Haslett, Carol Bradford
Exhibitions and Flower Shows Chairs	David and Linette Sorrentino, numerous members who support it through clerking, cleaning, organizing, judging, exhibitor assistance, cultivar assistance, etc... All stand!
Mentorship Chair	Kent Tretheway
Nominations & Elections Chair	Cory Tischman
Commercial Membership Chair	Piet Wierstra
Photography	Nick Maycher, Steve Smith, Joe Cook, Nate Bremer and many members
Speakers Chair (Zoom and Convention Seminars)	Lois Girton
International Outreach	Cory Tischman and Leena Liljestrand
Peony Registry Image Donations	Members
Physical Publication Distribution	Mike Miller
Auctions	Lois Girton, Jill Stevens and Mary Muellner (all member donors – thanks a ton)

Directors

Directorship is the heart and soul of the American Peony Society's activities. Directorship is a volunteer position, without compensation, which includes oversight and implementation of all activities of the organization. Each Director has equal powers under APS bylaws.

Craig Aiken

Lynn Gessling

Lois Girton

Leena Liljestrang

Nick Maycher

David Michener

Mary Muellner

Brandie Orchard

Scott Parker

Steve Smith

Kris Jurik – retired

Linette Sorrentino

Jill Stevens

Kent Tretheway

Cory Tischman

Piet Weirstra

Nate Bremer

Interested in becoming a Director?
Make yourself known to a current
Officer or Director – They'd love
hearing from you!

Your service is appreciated...

Current Executive Committee

- **Nate Bremer** – President. Organizes meetings, documents and provides general information/direction to the BOD and Membership.
- **David Sorrentino** – Vice President. Assists the President, provides information/direction to the BOD and Membership, has a greater degree of involvement in conventions and other special needs of the society.
- **Lynn Gessling** – Treasurer. Responsible for recording, processing and reporting the financial health of the Society.
- **Cory Tischman** – Recording Secretary. Responsible for recording BOD meeting minutes for communication purposes to the BOD, Officers and Membership.
- **Sheryl Lawson** – Corresponding Secretary. Responsible for providing answers to questions via email and/or connecting with Members and Leaders who may be able to assist with the inquiry.

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome and Call to Order
- 2) Compiled and Summarized Minutes
- 3) Treasurer's Report
- 4) Committee and Program Reports
- 5) New Business and Discussions
- 6) Director Elections

Welcome and Call to Order



Compiled and Summarized Minutes

Interested in what the BOD has been working on in behalf of the Society this year?

Go to: Member Portal>>Resources>>Annual General Membership Meeting>>Compiled and Summarized Minutes

<https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/annual-general-membership-meeting/>

Treasurer's Report

Interested in the financial status of APS?

Go to: Member Portal>>Resources>>Annual General Membership Meeting>>Treasurer's Report

<https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/annual-general-membership-meeting/>

Committee and Program Reports

Find out what APS Committees and Programs have been working on!

Go to: Member Portal>>Resources>>Meetings and Reports

<https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/member-resources/bod-minutes-reports/>

New Business/Discussions

- Final bylaws update: Due to the progression of the governmental filing, APS is waiting for finalization of the following.
 - Change references in the bylaws to “The Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Act”, to “State of Wisconsin – Department of Financial Institutions”. Vote will be required at a later date.
 - Change references in the bylaws to 501 (c) 5, to 501 (c) 3, after official IRS designation.
- Discussions from Membership?
 - No vote will be taken upon new items at this meeting, but appropriate items/discussions will be added to the next Board of Directors meeting, as appropriate.

Director Elections - Information

- Directorship is the heart and soul of the American Peony Society's activities. Directorship is a volunteer position, without compensation, which includes oversight and implementation of all activities of the organization. Each Director has equal powers under APS bylaws. Two year term.
- Only members are allowed to vote per APS Bylaws. The following people have volunteered service as a Director for the American Peony Society: Linette Sorrentino and Nate Bremer. All candidates have submitted profiles to the Nominations Chair and are duly nominated per APS Bylaws. Director candidates have agreed to serve the American Peony Society in good faith per the "APS General Directorship Roles & Duties".

Director Elections – Vote; 2023-2025 Term

- Ballot Slate: Linette Sorrentino and Nate Bremer
- All members in favor of electing Linette Sorrentino and Nate Bremer to position of Director for the term of 2023 to 2025 say
 - Say “I” to elect.
 - Those opposing say “Nay”.
 - Those abstaining say “Abstain”.

The Recording Secretary will record the vote, please allow some time for him to do so.

Adjournment

- Thanks for participating and showing your support of APS through your involvement.
- If you have questions or would like to become involved please see anyone in leadership! We'd be happy to hear from you.

Annual Awards – Steve Smith

