



Board of Director's Minutes and Proceedings – 2022-2023



Compiled & Summarized BOD Minutes: June 2022 to May 2023

Board of Directors: *Brandie Orchard, Cory Tischman, Lynn Gessling, David Michener, Jill Stevens, Kris Jurik (retired 6/3/2023), Leena Liljestrand, Linette Sorrentino, Lois Girton, Mary Muellner, Nate Bremer, Piet Wierstra, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Craig Aiken, Kent Tretheway, Nick Maycher*

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

- **6/04/2022. General Annual Membership Meeting and Election.** Ann Arbor, Michigan. Nate Bremer, President, presiding.
 - President reports Society is in good health financially
 - Committee, Board of Directors and Executive Reports available online
 - No new business items proposed or brought up by membership
 - Elections of Directors: Craig Aiken, Lynn Gessling, Lois Girton, Leena Liljestrand, Nick Maycher, David Michener, Mary Muellner, Brandie Orchard, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Jill Stevens, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway and Piet Wierstra. All Directors were unanimously elected to the 2022-2024 term by membership.
 - Awards: American Peony Society Award: Geraldine Kildow, Kris Jurik (2021); A.P. Saunders Memorial Award: Hans Maschke; Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award: Harvey Buchite.
- **6/23/2022. Special Executive Meeting. BOD Meeting.** Attending: Nate Bremer, David Sorrentino, Kris Jurik, Cory Tischman. Nate Bremer, president, presided.
 - Hazel Cook submitted her letter of resignation as Corresponding secretary to the Executive Committee June 19, 2022. The executive committee accepted Hazel's resignation. The Corresponding Secretary's position was filled by Sheryl Lawson for the remainder of the term (2022-2024).
- **8/25/2022. BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors and Members may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Nate Bremer, President, presided.
 - **Motions:**
 - **Ratification of 2021-2022 Minutes.** I, Mary Muellner, make a motion to accept and ratify the 2021-2022 fiscal year minutes and proceedings of the American Peony Society as presented at the General Annual Membership Meeting held on June 4, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. CDT. Motion seconded by: Nate Bremer. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - **Induction:** Duly elected by Membership to Directorship were: Craig Aiken, Lynn Gessling, Lois Girton, Leena Liljestrand, Nick Maycher, David Michener, Mary Muellner, Brandie Orchard, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Jill Stevens, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway and Piet Wierstra.
- **9/06/2022. Special Executive Meeting.** Attending: Nate Bremer, David Sorrentino, Lynn Gessling, Kris Jurik, Cory Tischman, Sheryl Lawson. Nate Bremer, president, presided.
 - Kris Jurik-Treasurer submitted her resignation as APS Treasurer to end November, 2022 after the annual audit with Sandra Loos. Lynn Gessling was appointed to the office of Treasurer for the remain term of 2022-2024. APS thanks both Kris and Lynn for their service.

- **12/06/2022. BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors and Members may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Nate Bremer, President, presided.
 - **Motions:**
 - I, David Michener, make a motion to accept the fiscal year report (July 2021- June 2022). Motion seconded by: Piet Wierstra. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - I, Nate Bremer, make a motion to accept the resignation of Kris Jurik as APS Treasurer and confirm Lynn Gessling as the new APS Treasurer. Motion seconded by: David Sorrentino. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - I, Lois Girton, make a motion to accept recommended dates by Nate Bremer for the 2023 BOD meetings. Motion seconded by: Brandie Orchard. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - I, Lois Girton, make a motion to accept the consensus items (see below). Seconded by Brandie Orchard. Motion seconded by: Brandie Orchard. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 1. Nate Bremer motions for the purchase of coin envelopes for use by Scott Parker in packaging seeds. \$17 per case. 10 cases. Unline. \$170 plus some shipping.
 2. Nate Bremer motions for the purchase of a label printer to be used by Scott Parker for labeling seed packages. Dymo thermal printer and labels. Estimated cost: \$130.00 (printer), case of 10 labels \$190.00. Total cost: \$320.00.

- **2/9/2022 BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Nate Bremer, President, presiding.
 - Report from Treasurer. Included: Quickbooks setup, New Bank Accounts, New Mailing Address and numerous issues involved with account transfers
 - Treasury reporting – in good condition
 - Bylaws being updated by Nate Bremer
 - 501 (c) 3 being sought
 - Reincorporation to Wisconsin so legal representation has official mailbox for APS
 - Development of “Procedures and Policies” document for the Society. Ongoing to be completed in 2023/2024.
 - **Motions:**
 - I, Lois Girton, make a motion to for the APS to donate \$2000 to Hamilton College Arboretum and Linwood Garden each in lieu of paying a fee for using their facilities, and an amendment made by Nate Bremer to make the the funds coming from the convention budget. Motion seconded by: Nate Bremer. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - I, Lois Girton, make a motion for the APS accept the Webfitters estimate for the automated seed sales enhancements on the APS website. Motion seconded by: Nate Bremer. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - I, Piet Wierstra, make a motion for the APS to allow up to \$900 for a projector. Motion seconded by: Steve Smith. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - I, Nate Bremer, make a motion for the APS to allow Russian and Ukrainian members who are unable to renew their memberships, be allowed to continue with online memberships. Motion seconded by: Piet Wierstra. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.

- **4/01/2023. Special Membership Meeting.** 25 Members in attendance. Nate Bremer, President, presided.
 - **Motions:**
 - Lois Girton moved that the APS Board of Directors seek incorporation in the state of Wisconsin, with a permanent office at: Twohig, Rietbrock, Schneider & Halbach S.C. Law Offices; 102 North Madison Street, P.O. Box 188, Chilton, WI 53014. Seconded by David Michener. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - Nick Maycher moved that the APS Board of Directors seek 501 (c) 3 organization tax status. Seconded by Kent Tretheway. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - Tim Stanek moved to accept the “Proposed 2023 Bylaw Revisions”, dated 2.27.2023. Seconded by Hazel Cook. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Now posted on APS website as: Revised and Adopted April 1, 2023.

Note: Dissolution of APS' incorporation status in Missouri is a result of reincorporation in the State of Wisconsin.

- **5/11/2023. BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Nate Bremer, President, presiding.
 - Nate would like to recommend yearly pauses of activity during May-June and August-October to allow APS leadership time to deal with gardens, personal lives, activities, business and scheduled APS events. Agreed by Directors in attendance.
 - **Motions**
 - I, Nate Bremer, make a motion that the BOD allows Lynn Gessling to deposit the Edward Jones investment into Treasury Bills. Motion seconded by: Linette Sorrentino. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - I, Linette Sorrentino, make a motion to allot up to \$2500 for the purchase and shipping of display bottles for the APS Convention. Motion seconded by: Nate Bremer. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.

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