



American Peony Society

General Annual Membership

2024/06/08

Directors & Executive Committee: Craig Aiken (retiring Director), Nate Bremer (outgoing President, Director), David Sorrentino (outgoing Vice President), Lynn Gessling (Treasurer, Director), Lois Girton (Director), Leena Liljestrand (retiring Director), Nick Maycher (Director), David Michener (Director), Mary Muellner (Director), Brandie Orchard (Director), Scott Parker (Director), Steve Smith (Director), Linette Sorrentino (Director), Jill Stevens (Director), Kent Tretheway (Director), Piet Wierstra (Director), Cory Tischman (Recording Secretary, Director), Sheryl Lawson (Corresponding Secretary).

- 1) Call to Order and Welcome. Nate Bremer, President
- 2) Compiled and Summarized BOD Minutes of 2023-2024 (to date). May be viewed on the APS website.
- 3) Treasurer's Report – Note: APS Fiscal Year is June 31 to July 1, thus a complete report is not available. A full report will be available, per request, from the Treasurer in November 2024 and will be available with the mailing of the Quarter 4 Bulletin. APS is in good Financial Health with accounts balances slightly above last year.
- 4) Committee and Program Chairs: Reports, if available, upon request. Editorial Group – Kim Bremer; Scientific – Lois Girton & David Michener; Membership -Elizabeth Best; Mentorship – Kent Tretheway; Nate Bremer – Website; Seed Program – Scott Parker; Reference Garden Program – Lois Girton; International Outreach – Nick Maycher/Cory Tischman; Convention Steering – Linette Sorrentino; Flower Shows and Exhibitions – Linette & David Sorrentino; Social Media – Craig Aiken, Steve Smith, Brandie Orchard; Commercial Growers – Piet Wierstra; Newsletter – Lois Girton; Auctions – Lois Girton, Jill Stevens, Mary Muellner; ALM: Cory Tischman; ICRA – Jordan Kabat; Awards – Steve Smith; Nominations – Cory Tischman; Nomenclature – Jordan Kabat.
- 5) Announcements –
 - a. New Executive Committee for 2024 to 2026, determined by the BOD and will be announced after convention.
 - b. 2026 Convention Location and Venue is needed. Anyone interested in hosting and administering a convention should contact the president. **IMPORTANT – VOLUNTEERISM** in this area appreciated by all members.
- 6) Old Business/Current Business – No old or current business is being undertaken by the BOD or Membership at this time.

- 7) New Business – No new business is being undertaken by the BOD or Membership at this time.
- 8) Discussions – Is there any discussion that the Membership would like to bring to the floor?
- 9) Director Elections.

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. Director applications are collected by the Nominations Chair in December through February. If you are interested in leadership as a director, please contact any current APS leader for referral to the Nominations Chair. Directors serve two-year terms and may be re-elected if there is continued interest and submit their name to the Nominations chair during the nominating period.

Only members are allowed to vote per APS Bylaws. The following people have volunteered service as a Director for the American Peony Society: Lynn Gessling, Lois Girton, Nick Maycher, David Michener, Mary Muellner, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway, Piet Wierstra, Matt Snyder, Rich Greiner, Jill Stevens, Brandie Orchard and Melissa Sullivan. 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".

Election Vote by slate:

All members in favor of the election of Lynn Gessling, Lois Girton, Nick Maycher, David Michener, Mary Muellner, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway, Piet Wierstra, Matt Snyder, Rich Grenier, Jill Stevens, Brandie Orchard and Melissa Sullivan to position of Director for the term of 2024 to 2026 say "I". Those opposing say "Nay". Those abstaining say "Abstain".

10) Adjournment