



The American Peony Society

Board of Directors Meeting | July 25, 2019 | 6:30pm (Central)

Purpose: Summer updates

Conference Bridge:

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Limits: This meeting will be limited to a maximum of 90 minutes. Any unfinished business will be resumed at our **next meeting on September 19, 2019.**

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

In attendance: Lorē Sampson, Nate Bremer, Piet Wierstra, Mike Miller, David Michener, Kent Tretheway, Mary Muellner, Cory Tishman, Carol Adelman, and David Maltby. Not in attendance: Hazel Cook, Adriana Feng, Scott Parker, Kris Jurik and Linette Sorrentino.

II. Approval of Emailed Minutes – Lorē Sampson had an addition. Final approval of the minutes with changes is pending.

III. President's Report – Lorē Sampson

- Convention – Thanks to everyone for attending and making convention a huge success. Special thanks to Kris and Lois for all their work in planning, organizing and opening their gardens.
- Updates to the email distribution list for the BOD. Reminder to add Hazel Cook as Director/Corresponding Secretary; remove Don Hollingsworth and all other members who no longer serve on the Board except Reiner.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Kris Jurik sent the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting.

V. Committee and Special Project Reports:

Auction Committee – Mary Muellner

- Brief discussion of the results from 2019 convention auction. Proceeds will be used for Phase 3 Member Portal of the APS website.
- 2019 Fall Online Auction – Discussion of dates. Planning for October 12-13, 2019.

Bulletin Committee – Lorē Sampson

- Spring issue is in production. Content collection for Summer issue is underway. We're ready to begin layout for 2019 yearbook. Looking for hi-res, digital photos of PVW for covers (including both flower and whole plant).

2020 Convention Planning – Chicago, Illinois – David Michener / David Maltby, Co-Chairman

- Dates: June 11-14, 2020
- Show Location: Chicago Botanic Garden
- Show Accommodations: Embassy Suites, North Chicago, Deerfield. Rates \$129/day king suite; \$149/day double queen suite. All rooms include complimentary breakfast and afternoon happy hour. Hotel will provide a shuttle to venue.
- Chicago Botanical Gardens have thousands attend the gardens each weekend. The Gardens require the show and speakers to be open to public.
- Briefly discussed the Canadian Peony Society's (CPS) show in Castlegar. CPS completes their judging earlier. Some discussion about logistics on whether or not APS could complete judging earlier.

APS Website – Nate Bremer

- Phase 3 Member Portal – Plan to launch in early 2020.
- Plans for creating online Bulletin archive. Concerns regarding intellectual property rights. Would like to make content available for viewing; but not downloading.

Mentorship Committee – Kent Tretheway

- Policy and procedure draft near completion.

Awards Committee – Carol Adelman

- Discussion for establishing guidelines of APS Gold Medal in advance of 2020 convention. Included the importance of communicating how the Gold Medal differs from the Award of Landscape Merit.

- Additional discussion on an award for new best seedling.

VI. New Business:

Other New Projects:

- Still looking for a small team of Directors to review and update APS Bylaws in spring 2020. This will involve no more than a couple of phone calls and a few emails. Work to completed between Nov – Feb.
- Is there interest in re-establishing and expanding Michael Denny's Bloom Date Project?
- Additional ways to involve news members within the society.

VII. Motion to Adjourn

Nate Bremer motioned to adjourn.