

# Board of Director's Minutes and Proceedings – 2019-2020

Compiled & Summarized Minutes: July 2019 to August 2020

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/>.

Ratification of 2018-2019 Minutes and Proceedings was carried out May 18, 2019 after the General Membership Meeting in Ames, Iowa. Minutes ratified by attending BOD members.

- 1) **7/25/2019 BOD Meeting.** All BOD members in attendance via phone conference call. Mary Muellner Recording Secretary. Lore Sampson, president, presided.
  - a. General planning meeting including: Convention planning, committee reports and projects. No motions were submitted or carried.
- 2) **9/2019 BOD Meeting.** Minutes not available.
- 3) **11/19/2019 BOD Meeting.** All BOD members in attendance, except for Adriana Feng. Mary Muellner Recording Secretary. Lore Sampson, president, presided.
  - a. General planning meeting including: Convention planning, committee reports and projects. No motions were submitted or carried.
- 4) **1/16/2020 BOD Meeting.** All BOD members in attendance. Mary Muellner Recording Secretary. Lore Sampson, president, presided.
  - a. General planning meeting including: Convention planning, committee reports and projects. No motions were submitted or carried.
- 5) **3/19/2020 BOD Meeting.** All BOD members in attendance, except for Mike Miller and Kent Tretheway. Mary Muellner Recording Secretary. Lore Sampson, president presided.
  - a. Motions:
    - i. Motion made to cancel 2020 Chicago Convention due to Covid-19 pandemic. Motion carried to cancel.
    - ii. Motion to hold 'Un-Convention-al' Auction for members using online auction program. Motion carried to have Mary Muellner to set up auction.
  - b. New Guidelines were developed to decide Gold Medal peony for 2020. Submissions may be made through the website and via mail.
  - c. Cory Tischman was assigned as the Nomination Committee Chair for elections of Officers and Board of Directors.
  - d. General discussions of: member portal website, seed program, future conventions, people's choice peony, Lemoine's Disease project.
- 6) **5/21/2020 BOD Meeting.** All BOD members in attendance, except Carol Adelman, Mike Miller, Kent Tretheway and Scott Parker. Mary Muellner Recording Secretary. Lore Sampson, President, presided.
  - a. General planning meeting including: Convention planning, committee reports and projects. No motions were submitted or carried.

- b. “Un-Convention-al” Auction planning. Dates set for June 11-14.
  - c. Kris Jurik, treasurer, reported low cash on hand and a downturn in APS investments due to pandemic.
  - d. Future Convention state locations:
    - i. 2021 – Minnesota (6/12/2021 – 6/13/2021) tentative dates. David & Linette Sorrentino Chairs.
    - ii. 2022 – Michigan. David Michener Chair
    - iii. 2023 – New York. Craig Aiken Organizer.
    - iv. 2024 – Illinois. Chicago Botanic Garden. Chair to be determined.
    - v. 2025 – Ohio. Chair to be determined.
- 7) **6/18/2020 Special Meeting.** All BOD members in attendance. Cory Tischman Recording Secretary in place of Mary Muellner. Nate Bremer, Interim President, presided.
- a. Directors agree to hold teleconference meeting August 1, in place of Annual General Membership meeting to be held at the cancelled Chicago Convention.
  - b. Mary Muellner, Auction Chair, reported on a successful “Un-Convention-al” in place of normal auction activities carried out at the Annual Convention.
  - c. Treasurer reported Embassy Suites has not yet refunded down payment of \$2000.00 for cancelled convention. She will continue to make a resolutions with Embassy Suites.
  - d. Gold Medal peony was discussed for measurable criteria and voting protocol was followed to determine winner. Winner ‘Hillary’, runner up ‘Joker’
  - e. Nominations for next term Board of Director candidates was submitted by Cory Tischman, Nominations chair. All directors old and new have provide profiles.
  - f. Carol Adelman and Hazel Cook will not renew their Directorships for the next term to allow new directors to be elected. Hazel will remain acting Corresponding Secretary.
  - g. Motions:
    - i. Moved by Piet Wierstra to fill the election slate for the Board of Directors with all available candidates. David Michener seconded. Discussion was made expressing concern of uneven voting years. No amendments to the motion were made. The motion carried with unanimous in favor.
    - ii. Moved by Cory Tischman for the BOD to accept the slate of Officers listed and will be formally ratified after the membership votes for Board of Directors online, post General Annual Meeting. Seconded by David Michener. No discussions were made. The motion carried with unanimous in favor. Officers elect: Nate Bremer (President), David Sorrentino (Vice President), Kris Jurik (Treasurer), Cory Tischman (Recording Secretary) and Hazel Cook (Corresponding Secretary).
    - iii. Moved by Nate Bremer for the BOD to accept the resignation of Lore Sampson as APS President and director. Piet Wierstra seconded. No discussions were made. The motion carried with 11 in favor, zero against, and 2 abstained.
    - iv. Moved by David Maltby for the BOD to elect Nate Bremer as Interim President until elections in August. Seconded by Kris Jurik. No discussions were made. The motion carried with unanimous in favor.
    - v. Moved by Scott Parker for APS to use Covington Press for design/layout of the next two bulletins and then review. Seconded by Kris Jurik. No discussions were made. The motion carried in unanimous favor.

Complete BOD Meeting Minutes may be found on the APS Website for the year of 2019-2020. Mary Muellner/Cory Tischman, Recording Secretaries.