



APS Counsel/Advisor Duties and Roles

The American Peony Society does not employ a legal representative and historically has had little need for such services provided by this type of specialist. However, having a dependable advocate to speak and provide advice during instances where obvious legal or procedural replies are required would make sense.

General Information

- Position is appointed/renewed through appointment by the President every two years.
- Any qualified member of APS may be appointed to the position, but should have experience with legal systems or institutional systems.
- Usually multiple appointees, which may have specialties in different areas. Does not require a law degree.

Qualifications

- Familiarity with legal & institutional systems
- Communication skills involving legal perspective, processes, details, etc...
- Ability to frame answers in an official format
- Problem solving skills which take into account complex situations

Duties

- 1) Provide Counsel to APS Directors and Officers regarding APS activities
- 2) Offer assistance in writing replies which may require a legal standpoint
- 3) Actively speak up when a legal issue or technical problem may be involved in a decision
- 4) Provide insights involving Bylaws and procedural points
- 5) Advise. This does not imply the advice supplied by the Counsel/Advisor is binding in any way. It is simply advice and is to be used by APS in a formative way.
- 6) Provide accurately worded statements where needed to produce outcomes where details are needed.