



APS Scientific Studies Chair Duties and Roles

APS is recognized as the international source, perhaps clearing house, for *Paeonia* related information. While the Society is not a scientific entity, it does support the role science plays within the genus. This support often comes in the form of reporting to its members through the Bulletin and more broadly through the APS Website and its Social Media presence. Scientific Studies are important to meeting the Society's mission and Bylaws.

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 the scientific community.

Qualifications

- Ability to organize and keep records
- Communicate effectively organizations, institutions and individuals carrying out studies or assembling information.
- Accustomed to research channels which scientific research is carried out and is made available.
- Strong writing skills.
- Self-motivated/strong work ethic.
- Flexibility and willingness to make changes in program as needed.

Duties

- 1) Make connections with peony science related entities.
- 2) Provide an outlet through APS to publish or communicate research information.
- 3) Provide support of research projects through APS. Monetary or data gathering or other assistance. This may require BOD discussion and permission, but should be brought to the BOD as need arises.
- 4) Write articles or (encourage others to do so) for use in the Bulletin and APS Website.
- 5) Encourage and procure program presentations concerning new research or assembled scientific information for use at Annual Conventions (or video online).
- 6) Encourage others within the Society to become involved with Scientific Studies.
- 7) Report problems and concerns to the BOD as needed.
- 8) Produce an annual Scientific Studies Report to be submitted to the President no later than May 15 each year. This report will be included in the "Minutes and Proceedings" for the year. (Earlier reporting may be necessary if the Annual Convention occurs at an earlier date). The Report may include any pertinent information of activities and outcomes the committee had during the current year.
- 9) The Chair should secure another member to train in all aspects of the position to create a succession plan in case of incapacity, retirement or other problems.