



President's Report

9/3/2020

- 1) **The APS BOD was able to complete its bylaw obligations for Annual Membership Meeting on August 1, 2020 via teleconference. While not an optimum platform, business was completed and numerous reports and information was made available to membership during the call and through the Member Portal on the APS website.**
- 2) **APS BOD Elections were completed through the website and all nominated candidates were confirmed for Directorship. The voting format worked well and was an efficient method of accurately gathering voting information. APS welcomes 6 new Directors: Leena Liljestrand, Steve Smith, Brandie Orchard, Craig Aiken, Jill Stevens and Lois Girton. I'd also like to welcome back the following Directors who were elected for continued terms: David Michener, David Maltby, Adriana Feng, Mary Muellner, Mike Miller, Piet Wierstra, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway, Scott Parker.**
- 3) **"Duty and Roles" documents have been developed for each program/committee and officer position. These descriptive documents are preliminary and in development, but should serve APS as foundational pieces for future reference. Directors are encouraged to make comment for changes in the documents for more clarity and accuracy. These documents are stored in APS Admin Storage.**
- 4) **All Directors and Leaders have been contacted with proposed participation roles.**
- 5) **The first Bulletin using Covington Press' services as layout and design has been completed and should be mailed within the next couple weeks. Kim Bremer (Editor) reports the process has worked well, with only minor issues encountered. Cost of using Covington's layout/design services will end up being somewhere in the \$500.00 range for this issue (probably somewhat less in the future). The use of Covington for this service will save APS nearly \$1700.00 per issue in layout and design charges.**
- 6) **Awards. With the retirement of Carol Adelman, this committee is now headed up by Brandie Orchard, Steve Smith and Craig Aiken. The Gold Medal Peony determination is now fairly well setup and we should be able to carry on with this award with minimal difficulty (I'll help these Directors out with the procedure). Personal Awards are more problematic and have been generally overlooked or have experienced problems over the past number of years.**

Problems:

- a. **Getting people nominated – suggest we get a system in place for yearly nominations for awards**

