



# American Peony Society

## Annual General Membership & Election Meeting Minutes

### June 4, 2022 | 7 p.m. CDT

#### Call to Order / Roll Call

Roll call was not taken.

The American Peony Society (APS) Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections was held on June 4, 2022 in person. It began at 7 pm CDT and was presided over by Nate Bremer as President, with Cory Tischman as Recording Secretary.

Nate recognized member contributions and volunteerism for the APS.

#### Reading & Approval of Minutes

- A summary of the 2021-2022 BOD Minutes was noted to be on the APS. The motion to accept the minutes was carried unanimously.

#### Officers' Reports

President's Report – Nate Bremer

- Nate noted there has been much activity in the APS over the past three years with a growth in membership and exposure. The finances are stable and Kris Jurik (Treasurer) will be working on a report once the fiscal year is complete. The future conventions will be New York in 2023 and Minnesota in 2024. Nate also mentioned some directors have stepped down from the Board of Directors and noted their contributions: Mike Miller, Carol Adelman, Adriana Feng, David Maltby, and Lore Sampson. Reiner Jakubowski also announced his retirement as the ICRA Registrar and Representative after 18 years of service to the APS. Jordan Kabat was announced as his successor.

Treasurer's Report – Nate Bremer

- The treasurer's report will be finalized and posted on the website.

#### Committees and Special Projects Reports

- All committee reports are on the APS website

#### Correspondence

- No new correspondence

#### Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

#### New Business

- No new business

#### Elections

- Cory Tischman (Nomination Chairperson) read the list of nominees for a Director position for two years from 2022-2024. The following people were nominated: Craig Aiken, Lynn

Gessling, Lois Girton, Leena Liljestrang, Nick Maycher, David Michener, Mary Muellner, Brandie Orchard, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Jill Stevens, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway and Piet Wierstra. All candidates have submitted profiles to the Nominations Chair and are duly nominated per APS Bylaws. Director candidates have agreed to serve the American Peony Society in good faith per the “APS General Directorship Roles & Duties”, adopted on January 10, 2020. A copy of this document may be found on the APS website at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020.08.19-APS-General-Directorship-Roles.pdf> Profiles for each candidate may be found on the APS website at: <https://americanpeonysociety.org/member-portal/pages/directorship-2/>

- A motion was made by Scott Parker to elect the Directors as a slate through a voice vote or ‘Yes’ or ‘No’. It was seconded by David Michener. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Members were then asked for a voice vote of yes or no to approve the slate of candidates. ‘Yes’ vote carried unanimously.
- Nate Bremer announced the 2022-2024 Officers for the Executive Committee on the Board of Directors: Nate Bremer (President), David Sorrentino (Vice President), Kris Jurik (Treasurer), Cory Tischman (Recording Secretary), and Hazel Cook (Corresponding Secretary).

## Discussion

- No discussion occurred.

## Awards

- Steve Smith (Awards Committee Chairperson) shared the winners for the following awards:
  - American Peony Society Medal: Geraldine Kildow, Kris Jurik 2021
  - A.P Saunders Memorial Medal: Hans Maschke, Tim Stanek 2021
  - Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award: Harvey Buchite, Carol Adelman 2021

## Adjournment

Nate Bremer moved that the meeting be adjourned and this was agreed upon at 8pm CDT.

**Next Meeting: August 25, 2022 Meeting via Zoom. (All Board of Directors).**

Minutes Submitted by: Cory Tischman