



American Peony Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 31, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. EDT

Call to Order / Roll Call

Voting Members in Attendance: Brandie Orchard, *Craig Aiken, Cory Tischman, Jill Stevens, Linette Sorrentino, Lois Girton, Mary Muellner, Nate Bremer, Nick Maycher, Steve Smith*

Non-Voting Members in Attendance: *David Sorrentino*

Absent Members: , *David Michener, Kent Tretheway, Leena Liljestrand, Lynn Gessling, Piet Wierstra, Scott Parker, Sheryl Lawson*

A regularly scheduled meeting of the American Peony Society (APS) was held on May 31, 2023 in person at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Syracuse, NY. It began at 2:00 pm EDT and was presided over by Nate Bremer as President, with Cory Tischman as Recording Secretary.

Reading & Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting (5/11/23) were not read or ratified at this time.

Officers' Reports

President's Report – Nate Bremer

- No Report

Treasurer's Report – Lynn Gessling

- No Report

Committees and Special Projects Reports

Auction Report – Jill Stevens, Lois Girton, & Mary Muellner

- No Report

Award of Landscape Merit (ALM) Committee Report – Cory Tischman & Jill Stevens

- No Report

Awards Committee Report – Steve Smith

- No Report

Book & Publications Report – Mike Miller

- No Report

Bulletins & Editorial Committee Report - Kim and Nate Bremer

- No Report

Commercial Members Committee Report - Piet Wierstra

- No Report

Convention Steering Committee Report – Linette Sorrentino

- No Report

Exhibition Committee Report - David & Linette Sorrentino

- No Report

International Outreach Program Committee Report - Leena Liljestrang & Nick Maycher

- No Report

Membership Report – Linette Sorrentino

- No Report

Mentorship Committee Report – Kent Tretheway

- No Report

Nomenclature Committee Report - Reiner Jakubowski

- No Report

Nominations Committee Report – Cory Tischman

- No Report

Scientific & Horticultural Studies Committee Report - David Michener

- No Report

Seed Distribution Program Report – Scott Parker

- No Report

Social Media Committee Report -

- No Report

Speakers & Programs Committee Report - Lois Girton

- No Report

Website Committee Report - Nate Bremer

- No Report

Correspondence

- No Report

Unfinished Business

- Not addressed at this meeting.

New Business

- New Email system

- Will need to be addressed in November. Webfitters is discontinuing this service. Suggestion: Look into Gmail (Paid, but we may be able to acquire a non-profit account if the 501(c)3 status comes through.
- Future Convention Registrations
 - BOD explored different options for registration fees and the complexities around single vs multiple options (see 'Motions' section).

Discussions

- APS Corporate Structures
 - 501(c)3 still in IRS hands
 - Missouri Corporation Dissolution, still in progress due to filing mistake.
 - Wisconsin Corporation complete
 - Final Bylaw vote will need to happen at later date, after finalization.
- Nate will write up multiple statements to address cancellations by members to the convention and the BOD will discuss and vote in the meeting in August.

Motions

Motion: I, Lois Girton, make a motion to have a single registration fee for future conventions. Motion seconded by: Jill Stevens. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.

Adjournment

Nate Bremer moved that the meeting be adjourned and this was agreed upon at 3:04pm EDT.

Next Meeting: June 3, 2023 via in-person at 6:00pm EDT