



# American Peony Society

## Annual General Membership & Election Meeting Minutes

### June 3, 2023 | 6 p.m. EDT

#### 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 3, 2023 in person. It began at 6 pm EDT 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 2022-2023 BOD Minutes was noted to be on the APS website.

#### Officers' Reports

President's Report – Nate Bremer

- **See Report**

Treasurer's Report – Lynn Gessling

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

- Bylaws Revisions
  - Nate Bremer noted the bylaws have been updated but are not ready to be voted on until the 501(c)3 status is finalized with the IRS.

#### Elections

- Nate Bremer read the list of nominees for a Director position for two years from 2023-2025. The following people were nominated: Linette Sorrentino and Nate Bremer. 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 Carl Szlachetka to elect the Directors as a slate through a voice vote or 'Yes' or 'No'. It was seconded by Brandie Orchard. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Discussion**

- Vickie Smith inquired about advertising for the APS convention, giving the example of having a billboard. It was noted by Nate Bremer the issue running into the lack of volunteers to start such projects at this time, and encouraged other members to step in if they would be interested.

## **Motions**

**Motion:** I, Nate Bremer, make a motion to suspend all operations for the APS from May 15 to June 15 each year. Motion seconded by: Brandie Orchard. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.

## **Adjournment**

Nate Bremer moved that the meeting be adjourned and this was agreed upon at 6:30pm EDT.

**Next Meeting: August 3, 2022 at 6:30pm CDT via Zoom.**

Minutes Submitted by: Cory Tischman