



American Peony Society

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

2024/04/18 | 6:30 p.m. CDT (summer) CST
(winter)

Zoom information:

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Adjusted Meeting Times by Time Zone: 7:30 pm Eastern Time; 6:30 pm Central Time; 5:30 pm Mountain Time; 4:30 pm Pacific Time.

***Speak your mind, make motions, discuss and take on challenges with a positive mind! Communicate and complete tasks in a timely manner – our actions impact other's good work. APS is doing great things!**

Scheduled BOD Meetings for 2022:	
1)	2024.02.15 ; 6:30 Central Time via Zoom
2)	2024.04.18; 6:30 Central Time via Zoom
3)	2024.06.??; Convention: Annual Board meeting – Ratification, Induction, Regular Items. New Executive Com.
4)	2024.06.??; General Annual Membership Meeting & Elections & Awards. (Outside of Banquet)
5)	2024.11.14; 6:30 Central Time via Zoom

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- 1) Call to Order/Roll...
 - 2) Minutes – Secretary. 2024.02.15 minutes sent to BOD and will not be read unless any Director/leader would like to have them read or address a specific item). Please read before meeting. **Motion to accept.**
 - 3) Treasurer's Report (if available) – Treasurer. **Motion to accept.**
 - 4) Administration, Committee and Projects Reports –Written reporting is recommended to save meeting time and redundancies (please read before this meeting). Voice reporting is only necessary in instances where discussion may be required. Please send any reports via email to president. President will place them in Admin Folder on the website for reference. Committee and Project Chair Reports Available for this meeting:
 - a. Commercial Members (not for public distribution) – See Report from Nate Bremer
 - b. Website – Google Analytics Report – See Report
 - c. Reference Garden Initiative Report – See Report from Lois Girton
 - d. President's Report – See Report from Nate Bremer
 - e. ICRA Report – See Report from Jordan Kabat
 - f. Corresponding Secretary Report – See Report from Sheryl Lawson
 - g. Membership Report – See Report from Elizabeth Best
 - g. Minnesota Convention – See Discussions, Notes and Other – Linette and David Sorrentino
 - 5) Unfinished Business:

- a. To-Do-List – see attached
- b. WPS, MPS and APS are seeking an update on donations to the University of Michigan for “Peony Research Project”. David Michener, any possibility we could get verbal update and then short written report later on for distribution?

6) New Business:

- a. Awards 2024 – Steve Smith (Personal and Gold Medal for 2025)
 - i. Gold Medal Peony Information and Procedures – Motion to accept changes
 - ii. Seidl Excellence Award Information and Procedures – Motion to create
 - iii. Determine GM for 2025, if procedures are accepted. – See List and Images
 - iv. Determine SEA for 2025, if award and procedures are accepted – See List and Images
- b. Retirements: Craig Aiken, Leena Liljestrang (June 2024)
- c. Social Media: New Facebook administrator needed to replace Craig Aiken. Anyone have anyone they would be willing to contact concerning a replacement for Craig?

7) Discussions, Notes and Other

- a. Lynn Gessling has purchased insurance coverage for APS organizational liability, errors and omissions through USLI (United States Liability Company Insurance). This is coverage for Directors and Leaders of APS. Cost: \$918.00. Thanks Lynn.
- b. Funds placed in Money Market – Lynn Gessling.
- c. Minnesota Convention – David and Linette (if available). Needs? Discussion?
EVENT INSURANCE (Lynn, can you secure this – what do you need?)
 - i. Please remember Directors will need to be present at the Flower Show to answer questions and assist.
 - ii. Directors should remain present at the convention after closing to assist with cleanup of the show (please do not leave early).
- d. Liz Best is requesting assistance with membership data entry during the heavy renewal period of January. She will continue with all other tasks and data recording outside of that period. We need to find a person able to enter data into the spreadsheet from the website for that period. We are looking for someone who is somewhat familiar with MS Excel/Google Sheets. No spreadsheet design experience is needed, simply someone who can provide accurate DATA ENTRY.
- e. Election of new Executive Committee (President, Vice President and Recording Secretary) at BOD meeting during convention.
- f. Genomic Project update – annual report of funding use provided by APS, WPS and MPS to UM.
- g. Reminder... APS no longer manually processes credit cards (not since 2019). We do not have a card reader, nor do we take credit card numbers for payments (we have no mechanism to do so). APS & personal liability, security, recurring application/device cost (card reader) and loss of Treasurer time and talent are critical reasons we no longer deal with credit cards directly. All payments to APS are performed through submission through secure website (Stripe or Paypal), check (by mail or in person), cash (in person), or Auctria. All said, this has worked well and generally is only an

issue at conventions where members may want to pay for something with a credit card. In such cases, members need to make payment with cash or check.

- h. Institutional Memberships, Dual Memberships. Perhaps some changes with these – Lois Girton. This may require some time and may be best moved to another meeting.

8) Adjournment