



# The American Peony Society

Board of Directors Meeting | March 19, 2020 | 6:30pm (Central)

## Conference Bridge:

United States: (712) 775-7031  
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Access Code: 220-302-666 #

**Limits:** This meeting will be limited to a maximum of 90 minutes. Any unfinished business will be resumed at our **next meeting on May 21, 2020.**

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### I. Call to Order / Roll Call

II. **Minutes** – Mary Muellner  
Motion to dispense with reading of the minutes

III. **Treasurer's Report** – Kris Jurik

IV. **President's Report** – Lorē Sampson

- We are sad to learn that the Lemoine's Disease research project that Cullen Schaffer shared with us at last year's convention, has not been renewed. Henry Chotkowski relayed this information and implied there was not enough support to continue. Thanks to those of you that wrote letters in support of this important work.

V. **Committee and Special Project Reports:**

**2020 Convention Planning** – Chicago, Illinois – David Michener / David Maltby, Co-Chairmen

- Dates: June 11-14, 2020
- Show Location: Chicago Botanic Garden
- Show Accommodations: Embassy Suites, North Chicago, Deerfield  
APS Rates: \$129/king suite; \$149/double queen suite
- Convention registration fee - \$195/members (unchanged from 2019)

## ***Discuss cancellation plans due to Covid-19 – Vote to Cancel***

Alternate activities:

- Hold an “Un-Convention-al” Auction for members using our online auction program. (Great idea! Thanks Mary!)
- Hold a peony photography show on the new, APS Member Portal, including member voting for “people’s choice awards” in each category. (Great idea! Thanks Nate!)
- Other ideas?

### **The Bulletin** – Kim Bremer / Lorē Sampson

- *The Bulletin* publication schedule is up to date! Spring issue has been published and mailed.
- New advertising contract has been developed and is being used. Ad Manager Sharon Schmitz is working with commercial members to increase number of advertisers.
- New articles and photos are needed! Send us your ideas!!! (And don’t forget to start taking early spring pictures now! Remember to take a few photos with “portrait” orientation for the front and back covers!)

### **Website Portal** – Nate Bremer

- Nate is working with website committee to get this underway

### **Awards Committee** – Carol Adelman, Nate Bremer

- Gold Medal Award – New guidelines have been developed and nominations are open for 2020

## **VI. New Business:**

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## **VII. Motion to Adjourn**