



# Commercial Grower Meeting

6.4.2023, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Crowne Plaza, Syracuse, NY  
Skaneateles Room

**Attendees:** Tim Stanek, Arlene Stanek, Bernie Miller, Matt Snyder, Jim Adelman, Carol Adelman, Kim Bremer, Nate Bremer. Absent: Piet Wierstra (Commercial Growers Chair); Nate Bremer serving as substitute.

Secretary: Nate Bremer

## Topics:

### Commercial Growers Code of Ethics:

All APS Growers are to be asked to supply plants with the following criteria. APS was founded upon these ideas and the Commercial Growers Committee developed. See: American Peony Society Commercial Member Code of Ethics Agreement and Bylaws, Article IV Section 5.

### Important Components:

- Nomenclature, registered or noted as unregistered
- True to name (guarantee plants supplied are correctly identified)
- Disease Free

**Best Practices.** APS should produce a best practices document for grower reference. Nate will work on this in the winter season (remind him if he forgets).

- Nomenclature
- True to name
- Disease Free (examples and expectation)
- Patents, Trade Marks and responsibilities outside of APS

**Peony Groups/Societies:** APS Social Media.

- Supply a reference link to the code and vendors
- Produce a checklist of Commercial Members who agree to the code

**Website:** Add further information about Commercial Growers activities

- Plant or flower pickup availability
- Shipping (U.S. and/or international)
- Wholesale/retail
- Garden Center
- Grower or Reseller
- Peony Group Sold: Herbaceous, Intersectional, Woody, Species, Cut flower (types)

**Registration:**

- Online, pdf fillable.

**Cooperation/Coordination of peony research virus research.**

- Michigan, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, New York – Hamilton. David Michener is this something that can be looked at?