



Summarized Board of Director's Minutes and Proceedings – 2021-2022

Compiled & Summarized BOD Minutes: August 2021 to June 2022

Board of Directors: Brandie Orchard, Cory Tischman, David Maltby, David Michener, Jill Stevens, Kris Jurik, Leena Liljestrand, Linette Sorrentino, Lois Girton, Mary Muellner, Mike Miller, Nate Bremer, Piet Wierstra, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Craig Aiken, Kent Tretheway

Executive Committee: Nate Bremer-President; David Sorrentino-Vice President; Kris Jurik-Treasurer; Cory Tischman-Recording Secretary; Hazel Cook-Corresponding Secretary.

- 1) **8/26/2021 BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via phone conference call. Cory Tischman Recording Secretary. Nate Bremer, president, presided.
 - a. General planning meeting including: Bulletin submissions, Michigan Convention, Annual General Membership Meeting (October 14, 2021), Election of Directors for current year, fall auction plans, Photo and literature use policy
 - b. Financial report shows stable condition
 - c. Committee reporting – in good condition; Mentorship program reports need for mentors in warm locations, hybridizers and commercial growers.
 - d. No motions brought forward
- 2) **10/14/2021 General Annual Membership Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors and Members may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing.
 - a. Compiled and Summarized Minutes for June 2020 to April 2021 are available on the APS Website.
 - b. President's Report – Key: Volunteerism in APS
 - c. Committee Reports available online:
 - i. Awards (Steve Smith-chair, Craig Aiken, Brandie Orchard). 2021 Awardees: Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award to Carol Adelman; A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal to Tim Stanek; American Peony Society Award to Kris Jurik.
 - ii. Editor (Kim Bremer-chair). Available online.
 - iii. Membership (Linette Sorrentino-chair). 968 Members, 1123 counting Dual Memberships; 87 Commercial Members; 115 online only Memberships.
 - iv. Nomenclature (Reiner Jakubowski-chair). Available Online
 - v. Mentorship (Kent Tretheway-chair). Available Online
 - vi. Social Media (Kim Bremer). Available Online
 - vii. Website (Nate Bremer-chair). Available Online
 - viii. Corresponding Secretary. Available Online
 - d. Michigan Convention discussion (David Michener)
 - e. Hathi Trust Digital Library (David Michener)
 - f. Elections (voting ends at the end of this meeting through website).
 - i. Directors elected for term 2021 through 2023: Linette Sorrentino, Kris Jurik, Nate Bremer.
 - g. No motions were made by Members or Directors.
 - h. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. CDT.
- 3) **10/14/2021 Ratification and Induction Meeting.**
 - a. **Motion:** "I, Linette Sorrentino, make a motion to accept and ratify the 2020-2021 minutes and proceedings of the American Peony Society as presented at the General Annual Membership Meeting held on October 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. CDT (held via Zoom)." Motion seconded by David Michener. Motion to ratify minutes was carried unanimously. Includes all BOD minutes for the year and Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes.
 - b. **Induction:** Duly elected by Membership to Directorship were: Linette Sorrentino, Kris Jurik and Nate Bremer. Directors agreed to represent APS in good faith and sworn in.
- 4) **11/4/2022 BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Lois Girton Recording Secretary as substitute for Cory Tischman who was unable to attend. Nate Bremer, president, presided.
 - a. General planning meeting including: 540 will be up for renewal January 1, 2022; donations and sponsorship; Hats, business cards, APS rack cards, name badges – Nate will investigate and present findings at next meeting; APS future conventions – assistance needed
 - b. Treasury reporting – in good condition
 - c. Committee reports available through the APS website.
 - d. Motions:
 - i. Motion to adopt Copyright Policy (Photo and Literature Use) was made by Nate Bremer. Linette Sorrentino seconded. Motion unanimously carried.
 - ii. A sum of \$1500 was requested to purchase cut flowers for designers to use for the flower show at the Michigan convention. APS has a commitment of at least 40 designs from local flower arrangers. Scott Parker moved to fund this request. Kris Jurik seconded. Motion carried. Linette will contact commercial growers to arrange for flowers.
- 5) **2/17/2022 BOD Meeting.** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes and the meeting was held via video conferencing. Cory Tischman Recording Secretary. Nate Bremer, president, presided.
 - a. General planning meeting including: Michigan and New York Convention planning, President's Report contained numerous reports – available through APS website upon request.
 - b. Membership reporting – 315+ new or renewed Memberships; approximately 240 lapsed memberships (not usual).
 - c. Treasury reporting (Kris Jurik) – in good condition
 - d. Corresponding Secretary (Hazel Cook) - many membership inquires and questions about the cultivar 'Weatherball 90'. Inquiries are directed to leadership with expertise related to requests.
 - e. Committee & Program reports

- i. Nomenclature (Reiner Jakubowski) – available through APS website
 - ii. Editor’s Report (Kim Bremer) – available through APS website
 - iii. Awards Report (Steve Smith) – Noted solicitation of GM and personal awards at this time through April 1, 2022 - available through APS website
 - iv. Auctions (Mary Muellner) - Committee will begin meeting to setup Spring Convention Auction.
- f. Motions:
- i. Piet Wierstra made a motion for Nate Bremer to investigate solid pricing of Promotional Materials (Business Cards, Hats & Rack Cards; Name Badges) and submit to the Board of Directors for approval via email. Upon approval via email, Nate Bremer will order Promotional Materials. If further changes need to be made after Director responses Nate will make commensurate changes and resubmit to the BOD for approval. Seconded by Lois Girton. No discussions were made. The BOD unanimously approved and the motion carried. Note: Business Cards, Hats, Rack Cards and Name Badges were designed, priced, approved and ordered (all received for use after 3.23.2022). Approval was obtained via Director email vote with majority favor and no dissenting votes. All will be available for use at the Ann Arbor Convention.
- 6) **6/1/2022 BOD Meeting:** Attending Board of Directors may be found in full minutes. The meeting was held at the Doubletree Hotel, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- a. The meeting served as the Annual Board of Directors meeting. The meeting was centered on discussion and brainstorming general items of importance. Full discussion notes may be found within the full minutes of this meeting on the APS website.
 - b. Officers were elected for the 2022-2024 term as follows: Nate Bremer – President, David Sorrentino – Vice President, Recording Secretary - Cory Tischman, Treasurer - Kris Jurik, Corresponding Secretary – Hazel Cook. Note: Hazel Cook resigned at the end of June and Sheryl Lawson was selected by the executive committee to replace her. Kris Jurik submitted plans for retirement as Treasure ending in December 2022 and will be replaced by Lynn Gessling per executive committee selection.
- 7) **6/4/2022 Annual General Membership Meeting.** Held at Doubletree Hotel, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Attending: APS Members and Board of Directors. Full minutes may be found on the APS website’s Member Portal. The meeting began at 7 pm CDT and was presided over by Nate Bremer as President, with Cory Tischman as Recording Secretary.
- a. The meeting included:
 - i. Elections of Director candidates was carried by Cory Tischman, Nominations and Election Chair. The following Directors were duly elected: Craig Aiken, Lynn Gessling, Lois Girton, Leena Liljestrand, Nick Maycher, David Michener, Mary Muellner, Brandie Orchard, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Jill Stevens, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway and Piet Wierstra.
 - ii. General Committee Reports are available via the APS website.
 - iii. No new business or discussion was generated.
 - iv. Financial reports will be available through website later in the year (fiscal year is June to June, thus not available).
 - v. Steve Smith, Awards Chair presented 2021-2022 Personal Awards: American Peony Society Medal – Geraldine Kildow 2022, Kris Jurik 2021; A.P. Saunders Memorial Medal – Hans Maschke 2022, Tim Stanek 2021; Bertrand H. Farr Lifetime Achievement Award – Harvey Buchite 2022, Carol Adelman 2021.
- 8) **8/25/2022...2021-2022 Induction and Ratification Meeting.** The motion to Ratify allows the BOD to approve, by majority vote at a regular meeting (or properly called special meeting) with a quorum. After the motion is carried, the Board of Directors has legally acknowledged the action (minutes and proceedings of 2021-2022) and no further action is required. The ratified minutes and proceedings are officially accepted into the American Peony Society’s records. A record of this meeting is found on the Ratification MEMO to be placed in 2022 Minutes.
- a. Reading & Approval of Minutes Cory Tischman submitted a summary of meeting minutes (August 2021 to June 2022). The minutes were submitted to be ratified with a motion to accept, made by Mary Muellner, which carried unanimously.
 - b. Officers’ Reports – No reporting required or submitted at this meeting.
 - c. Motions: I, Mary Muellner, make a motion to accept and ratify the 2021-2022 fiscal year minutes and proceedings of the American Peony Society as presented at the General Annual Membership Meeting held on June 4, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. CDT. Motion seconded by: Nate Bremer. Motion carried by unanimous vote of BOD.
 - d. Statement: In accordance with the bylaws, the Board of Directors of the American Peony Society met following the Annual General Membership Meeting on August 25, 2022. For the purposes of ratifying minutes and proceedings of the fiscal year 2021-2022, ratification is taking place through a video conference meeting, dating August 25, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.
 - Board of Director Inductions:
 - The following Director Candidates have been elected by membership attending the General Annual Membership Meeting on August 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. CDT: Craig Aiken, Lynn Gessling, Lois Girton, Leena Liljestrand, Nick Maycher, David Michener, Mary Muellner, Brandie Orchard, Scott Parker, Steve Smith, Jill Stevens, Cory Tischman, Kent Tretheway and Piet Wierstra.
The above members were in attendance and all inductees agreed to the following statement:
As newly elected Directors to American Peony Society’s Board of Directors do you accept the challenge to provide educational opportunities and support Society activities to improve the ‘Peony’ as stated in our mission and bylaws, and to work in good faith as a representative of the organization. And do you promise to work toward goals as set by the Board of Directors and membership through committee and project work. If so, please answer “I will”.
 - Board Adjournment
- 9) **Access this and other reports at: Member Portal>>Resources>>Meetings & Reports.**