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2019 Summer Newsletter Edition

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Dates To Remember

2019 General Meeting Dates (exact dates/times TBA)

November -	Winston-Salem, NC
December -	Winston-Salem, NC

Info From Your Newsletter Editor

This edition is FILLED with reference information! A few of the events have now passed, but are yearly events so will be coming up again before we know it! Make plans to participate! This is your "one stop shop" for CWGA and AKC information all in one place!

NOVEMBER 15th - FALL CWGA Newsletter Deadline

Volunteers Needed

- NC Federation of Dog Clubs Representative
 - Chair club events
 - Ways and Means
- Program Inventor for General Meetings

keep up to date on events and happenings by checking our website

www.carolinaworkinggroup.org

President's Report

Carolina Working Group Assn is Ready to GO!

First of all I'd like to have all of you welcome our new board member Julie Fitser, who is our treasured newsletter editor and is always willing to help our club. She will be fulfilling, until next elections, the remaining term of Doreen Luhrs. CWGA thanks Doreen for her service and dedication to our club and we hope she continue to grace our rings with her presence and keep in touch as we will miss her commodore. Please thank her when you see her. Since that left the 1st VP seat open, Laura move from 2nd VP to first and Matt moved into 2nd VP position. Yes this is confusing, but below is your current officers and board:

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Congratulations to Ricki in running a successful show! We were profitable, held our shows in a closer timeframe, and had a great dinner party afterwards. She offered again to be our chair for 2020 and co-chair Francine is shadowing her to learn and bring new ideas to how CWGA puts on a great show. Laura is again willing to be our trophy chair, please support her efforts and remember those January timelines during your holiday gift giving.

Don't forget to come join us with AKC RDO Day September 28 at the Holshouser Building, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh! Please let me know what breed(s) you may be bringing for the parade as I need to convey that information to the AKC organizer for space allocation and parade. This is a fun time and you will meet many new people that may be interested in your breed. There is parade, fun dog events and prizes.

We are well on our way to organizing for our show May 28, 2020, Ricki has again agreed to be our show chair and Francine is assistant chair. Laura is our trophy chair and already scoping out things we might offer as prizes.

We are searching for a program chair or maybe a program chair for each meeting. If you have an idea for a program, we can organize a meeting around your idea. If you would like to oversee all our programs, there is space for you to do so! let me know! I am trying desperately to come up with a way that all our members will desire to attend our meetings. Any suggestions appreciated.

The Victory Lane Classic is having great interest from specialty clubs for future shows. So if you are a member of a specialty club, please let them know we will **meet, if not exceed, what any other cluster will offer** for them to join us.

Once again I thank you all for your unswerving dedication, accountability and acts of service to our club, our cluster and our sport! Volunteers are the life of our sport, so jump in! call and we can decide what you might like to do to be ACTIVE

Eternally grateful for everyone's support,

Cathy Rubens



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Bronze Sculpture of 'America's First War Dog' to be Housed at the AKC Museum of the Dog

By *Samantha Seymour*

May 08, 2019 | 2 Minutes

The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog is pleased to announce that the official bronze statue of Sgt. Stubby, a distinguished World War I war dog will be housed permanently at the AKC Museum of the Dog. The sculpture will be unveiled on May 23, 2019.

The statue, "Stubby Salutes," created by renowned sculptor Susan Bahary, is a life sized bronze of the bull terrier mix. Stubby is widely regarded as the U.S Army's first service dog. His service began in 1917 when he wandered on to the camp of the 102nd Infantry Regiment of the 26th Yankee Division at Yale. He formed a bond with a young soldier named Robert Conroy who named him "Stubby." Conroy subsequently smuggled Stubby on his ship when it was time to ship out. Stubby served in France for 18 months and a total of 17 battles. His heroic feats included: warning his unit of looming mustard gas attacks, locating wounded soldiers on the battlefield and sitting beside them until help arrived, and capturing a German spy by grabbing at the seat of his pants. Over the course of his service, he was injured by mustard gas and a grenade. Stubby is remembered for his bravery and also as a treasured mascot who brought joy to embattled soldiers. As a veteran, he was awarded a medal for his bravery by General John J. Pershing and met three presidents.

This April marked the 100th anniversary of Stubby's return to the US to a hero's welcome.

"We are very excited to welcome "Stubby Salutes" to our Museum collection," said Alan Fausel, Executive Director of the AKC Museum of the Dog. "His courage and dedication to our country has laid the foundation for today's military working dogs and we look forward to sharing him with the public and educating them about his place in history."

Susan Bahary, an internationally acclaimed artist, was commissioned by the descendants of Robert Conroy to memorialize Stubby in his rare salute pose, a pose which won him the favor of his fellow soldiers and officers. Her other works include "Always Faithful," the United States first official war dog monument that commemorated the 25 dogs who perished in the taking of Guam during World War II. "Always Faithful" is a part of the Museum of the Dog's collection.

“It has been an honor to create this bronze monument to commemorate Sgt. Stubby,” says Bahary. “His right paw represents his deeds for our country and his left paw represents his friendly and giving nature. His contributions to our military, along with his loyalty and bravery are symbolic of all the wonderful working dogs that protect us and service animals that benefit and enrich our lives today.”

The AKC Museum of the Dog, founded in 1982, was originally housed in The New York Life Building located at 51 Madison Avenue as part of the AKC Headquarters. In 1987, the Museum was moved to West St. Louis County, MO. The Museum made its return to New York City in a new location in February 2019 and houses one of the largest repositories of canine art in the world, including paintings, porcelains, bronzes, trophies and digital displays. The Museum is dedicated to education and preservation of purebred dogs.

The original casting of the sculpture is on permanent display at the “Connecticut Trees of Honor” Memorial at the Veterans Memorial Park In Middletown, CT.

Ms. Bahary and Mr. Fausel are available for interviews. Please contact brandi.hunter@akc.org



September 17, 2019

Dear Friends,

Congratulations are in order to our entire community as we recognize an important milestone in the history of the American Kennel Club. Today we celebrate the 135th anniversary of our organization, an honor not many companies can claim today. Despite the many ways in which our society has changed since AKC's founding one hundred thirty-five years ago, there has been one abiding constant that has allowed our organization to stand the test of time and thrive, and that is our shared love of purebred dogs.

A famous CEO once said, "An organization is nothing more than the collective capacity of its people to create value." In our case, that is true; our American Kennel Club is comprised of each of you who live, lead and act on behalf of the dogs we breed, exhibit and cherish. As responsible breeders, Delegates, exhibitors, judges, owners, volunteers and staff members, you will always be the integral part of our mission.

Thanks to your passion, dedication and devotion to dogs, AKC has led the way in improving and enriching the lives of dogs across our country and around the world since September 17, 1884.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we personally appreciate your support on each and every level and congratulate you with heartfelt gratitude for everything that you do for AKC.

As ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis B. Sprung". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "S" at the end.

Dennis Sprung
President & CEO



Julie Fitser <julie@patdraw.com>

Fwd: Take The Lead June 2019 Newsletter

1 message

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Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Take The Lead June 2019 Newsletter
Reply-To: cgvogels@gmail.com



June, 2019



Lead In!

Again, unfortunately I Lead In with a sad note. Bob Hetherington recently lost his long battle with cancer. Our condolences to Jean and the family.

Westminster KC has generously donated the original artwork from its 2019 poster to TTL. It will be offered in a very special raffle. Tickets will be available soon for a drawing in late 2019 or early 2020.

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Upcoming Events





Take The Lead had a booth at the iconic Woofstock cluster in Vallejo, CA. Scroll down for photos. See if you can recognize one TTL Board member with a CA supporter in full 70s regalia.

Next stop is Houston for the great World Series of Dog Shows. Please stop by the booth and say, "Hi Y'all!" The raffle there will include a terrific set of East Coast Crates, as always graciously donated by Rachel and Pete Irvin, and a gorgeous LV handbag donated by Carolyn Koch. See pics below.

Looking ahead, Penn Ridge KC show in Harrisburg is always the place to be in August. Peggy and Dave Helming will be manning a TTL booth. Liz Muthard and Charlie Olvis will be hosting their fabulous annual Casino Night fund raiser. TTL is grateful to share in the proceeds of these fab events. This year's theme is "Old Time Rock N Roll." Liz says they will be rockin' like the 50s, 60s and even a little early 70s. So, take your pick, poodle skirt or peace sign. Lots of incredible prizes including \$5K for first! Stay tuned for a Penn Ridge Foundation FB page with full details. Donations are always welcomed. [Contact Liz at sunup1001@gmail.com.](mailto:sunup1001@gmail.com)

July 20-21. Houston, TX. Houston World Series of Dog Shows. July 20-21. Booth/Raffle.





August 9-10. Harrisburg, PA. Penn Ridge KC. Booth, Chuck-a-Duck, Casino Night for Charities, "Old Time Rock 'N' Roll." [For more information contact Liz Muthard](#)

September 7-8. Bridgewater, NJ. Somerset Hills/Westchester KCs.

Read on, Lead On and help support our dog show friends in need.

Best to all,

Cindy Vogels, Editor
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October 6. Montgomery County KC. Bluebell, PA.

Know someone who might enjoy this newsletter?

Send to a Colleague



From the "Kitchen" of



Tommy Millner

Tommy's White Clam Sauce.

Serves Four

6 cloves garlic minced

1/8 cup olive oil

6 Tbsps white wine

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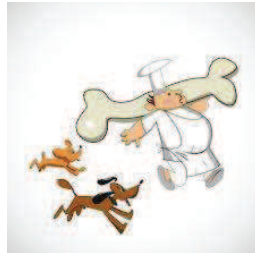


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*4 cans of snows minced clams
1/4 Cup fresh chopped parsley*

*Sauté garlic and olive oil over medium heat for 90 seconds. (Don't let garlic brown)
Add wine and cook for two minutes to burn off alcohol.
Add clams and parsley and increase heat to only bring to a quick boil. Remove from heat and serve over thin spaghetti and grated Parmesan cheese.*



Bone appetite

Ed Note: Mangia Bene - in other words - Yum!



Scenes From Past Events



June 8-9. Woofstock! Contra Costa and Yosemite KCs.

GUESS WHO!
HINT: PHOTOGRAPHER ON LEFT.
FAMOUS OLIVE OIL PRODUCER ON
RIGHT



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Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: July 11th, 2019

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AKC RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAYS RETURNS FOR ITS 17TH YEAR: HOST AN EVENT!

--Annual Event Educates Public on How to Be Effective Dog Owners--



New York, NY – The American Kennel Club® (AKC®) is preparing for the 17th annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day (AKC RDO Days). This summer and fall hundreds of clubs and dog organizations around the country will host free events to educate the dog-loving public about the responsibilities and boundless pleasures of dog ownership.

“Since the creation of AKC RDO Days, AKC clubs and other organizations have educated countless dog lovers about the responsibilities that come with dog ownership,”

said AKC President and CEO Dennis B. Sprung. “These events are a great way for current and potential dog owners to share knowledge and celebrate the unconditional bond between humans and canines. We thank those who join us each year and we encourage organizations that have not yet held an event to try one in 2019.”

Host an Event: All efforts are appreciated and welcomed, from hosting a public education table at a dog show or dog run to creating a day-long festival. The **first 600 clubs and organizations** that register at www.akc.org/rdod will receive a kit full of free giveaways and a searchable event listing on the AKC website. Some giveaways for 2019 include car decals and RDO wristbands.

AKC Flagship RDO Day: AKC will host the flagship Responsible Dog Ownership Day on September 28th in Raleigh, NC at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds. Dogs and their owners will be able to enjoy a lovely day of demonstrations, giveaways, games, microchipping clinics, Meet the Breeds and more. Dogs can achieve their Canine Good Citizen title or conquer a mini agility course at AKC’s *My Dog Can Do That!* Dog Games and AKC Trick Dog testing will also be available at this action-packed event. [AKC Pet Insurance](#), administered by PetPartners, Inc., returns this year as the presenting sponsor of AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day.



To learn more about AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days and sign up to hold an event, please visit the [AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days website](http://www.akc.org/rdod) or contact communications@akc.org. Breed clubs, sponsors or vendors interested in participating in the Flagship RDO Day should contact NCRDODay@akc.org.

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Press Release

About the American Kennel Club

Founded in 1884, the American Kennel Club is a not-for-profit organization, which maintains the largest registry of purebred dogs in the world and oversees the sport of purebred dogs in the United States. The AKC is dedicated to upholding the integrity of its registry, promoting the sport of purebred dogs and breeding for type and function. Along with its more than 5,000 licensed and member clubs and its affiliated organizations, the AKC advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership. More than 22,000 competitions for AKC-registered purebred dogs are held under AKC rules and regulations each year including conformation, agility, obedience, rally, tracking, herding, lure coursing, coonhound events, hunt tests, field and earthdog tests. Affiliate AKC organizations include the AKC Humane Fund, AKC Canine Health Foundation, AKC Reunite and the AKC Museum of the Dog. For more information, visit www.akc.org.

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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AKC REUNITE SHARES DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Raleigh, NC – With Hurricane Dorian bearing down on the east coast, AKC Reunite, the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States, is concerned for pets and their owners in the forecast path of the storm.

Local first responders should have shelter plans to accommodate families and pets. The AKC Pet Disaster Relief program has donated disaster shelter equipment to emergency management agencies to ensure pets have a safe place to go. There are 76 AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers around the country, including in the states in the path of this storm.

AKC Reunite shares the following tips to help keep pets safe when disaster strikes.

- **Emergency Supplies.** Create an easily portable and waterproof tote with emergency supplies and provisions that can be easily accessed if evacuation is necessary. Remember to fill waterproof containers with a week's supply of food, medications, and drinking water. Also include a backup leash, collar, and ID tag, as well as food and water bowls.
- **Organize Information.** Make sure all necessary information is written down and ready to go in case of an emergency. Have a recent photo of the pet and owner together, a description of the pet, as well as any proof of ownership, veterinarian contact information and medical and/or insurance records and feeding schedule information.
- **Microchip.** AKC Reunite recommends permanent identification by a microchip, along with enrollment in a pet recovery service. This can help reunite owners with their pets in the case he/she is displaced during a natural disaster. If your pet is already microchipped, be sure that the information associated with it is up to date. Visit <http://www.akcreunite.org/> to learn more about microchips and AKC Reunite's pet recovery service.
- **Take Action.** Remember, the safest place for pets is with their owners. Be prepared to take action during an evacuation by having a sturdy, safe, comfortable crate or carrier ready for transporting. Always ensure pets are wearing collars with securely fastened, up-to-date information.

- **Evacuate.** Never leave a pet behind. Most evacuations last only a few days, but sometimes it is not possible to return home quickly. Call hotels and/or shelters ahead to confirm pets are welcome. Download a [Pet Emergency Planning Guide here.](#)

For more information on Pet Disaster Relief, visit www.akcreunite.org/.

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AKC Reunite

The way home for lost pets.

AKC Reunite, an affiliate of the American Kennel Club®, is the largest non-profit pet identification and recovery service provider in the United States. Since 1995 AKC Reunite has helped pet owners reunite with their lost animals via identification and 24/7 pet recovery specialists, enrolling over 7 million pets and reuniting more than 500,000 lost pets with their owners. AKC Reunite microchips are a popular choice of pet professionals throughout the country for permanent pet identification.

The AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund has donated more than \$8 million since 2001 for disaster preparedness and relief causes that impact our nation's pets. AKC Reunite also provides free recovery service enrollment for all active service, military, and law enforcement K-9 dogs. For more information visit www.akcreunite.org or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/akcreunite).



Media Alert

****For Media Distribution**

PAMLICO COUNTY AKC PET DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER DEPLOYED IN WAKE OF HURRICANE DORIAN



With Hurricane Dorian bearing down on the east coast, expected to impact areas of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, the Pamlico County **AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer** was deployed to assist with animal sheltering efforts. The trailer is deploying today, September 4th at **Pamlico County Community College** located at 5049 NC-306, Grantsboro, NC 28529. The shelter will open to the public September 4th at 8pm ET. Neighboring Craven County is directing its residents that need emergency sheltering with their pets to this location, as well.

The trailer houses supplies that create a safe, temporary home-base for at least 65 pets immediately after a disaster is declared. Materials can be used at co-location shelters where people evacuate with their pets, or at stand-alone emergency animal shelters for displaced animals. The trailer is equipped with AKC Reunite microchips and AKC Reunite universal microchip scanners, as well as bowls, collars, and leashes, among other essential supplies.

The trailer was purchased by more than \$22,000 in donations and grants from local and national dog organizations and AKC Reunite, the nation's largest non-profit identification and recovery service.

Peak Lab Rescue in North Carolina is continuing its mission to provide support and supplies to North Carolina shelters in need. AKC Reunite has made a \$5,000 donation to provide them with funding to help clear shelters in Dorian's path and provide emergency pet sheltering along with their other pet-related disaster response efforts.

If you know of other non-profit organizations helping pets displaced by Dorian, our AKC Reunite Canine Support and Relief Fund may be able to assist with emergency pet sheltering needs. Contact us at Microchip@AKCReunite.org and provide the following information to see if you qualify: Organization Name, Organization EIN, Organization Address (City, State, Zip), Point of Contact, Email Address, Phone Number, Description of Need, and applicable photographs.

As always, we urge everyone to keep the safety of their loved ones, including their pets, top of mind by following all local Emergency Management directives. Download our [Emergency Planning Guide](#) for more information.

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Fwd: AKC Obedience Regulation Changes - Effective September 4, 2019

1 message

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This is not specific to Carolina working group, but many of our competitors do obedience

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August 23, 2019 | [View Online](#)

AKC Obedience

News for our Obedience Judges & Clubs

The AKC Board of Directors approved four ways to improve the time it takes to complete obedience trials to reduce the extended days for clubs, judges and exhibitors. The obedience Brace class eligibility has also been changed. This information is also available on the [Obedience News & Updates page](#).

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

Must be compliant no later than JANUARY 1, 2020

Items 1-4 are effective for all trials held on or after 9/4/19. However, if clubs are using software that requires programming changes to meet these requirements, all clubs have an extension to complete the necessary changes. **All clubs must be compliant with changes #1-4, for all obedience trials held on or after JANUARY 1, 2020.**

1. **Judging Programs/Scheduling Judges** – Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Sections 3 & 26 – The Regular and Preferred Open classes and the Regular and Preferred Utility classes require the same ring set-up. Clubs currently have the option to schedule dogs by their jump height in ascending or descending order. The Regulation change will **require** dogs to be scheduled by jump height in either ascending or descending order and will require the Regular Open and Preferred Open classes to be combined for judging. It will also require the Regular Utility and Preferred Utility classes to be combined for judging. This will establish one set-up for Open and one set-up for Utility, reducing the time it takes to judge the classes and to keep the trial moving along smoothly.

There is a new “Awards Placement Sheet” on the AKC Downloadable Forms page on the website to attach as the last page in the Judges’ Book that will replace the placement boxes on the bottom of the forms. This placement sheet is to be used with all current stock of Judges’ Books until those forms are gone. Follow the directions on the form. Once your current stock of Judges’ Books are gone, please use the newest template available on the AKC website which can be found under the [downloadable forms page](#).

2. **Judge’s Ring Assignments** – Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 26 – the judging program establishes the classes that will be run in a ring throughout the day. Sometimes when a judge arrives at their scheduled ring the classes in the ring from an earlier assignment may be running behind schedule causing the judge to wait to begin their assignment. However, there may be other rings available that meet the same ring requirements, where the class could move to in order to begin the judging on time. The Regulation change will allow the judge’s assignment to be moved to another ring, if one is available and it meets the original ring’s requirements.
3. **Combining Walkthroughs** – Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 26 – The Regulations require a walkthrough for several classes at the beginning of the class. However, some classes have the same set-up structure and by having the walkthrough at the beginning of each class can be redundant and add time to the day. Combining the walkthroughs for the classes that have the same structure will provide a savings of time throughout the day. The Regulation change will require walkthroughs to be combined if the same judge is judging classes with the same set-up structure when there are less than 20 combined dogs entered; and the same start time

will be published for both classes.

4. **Load Balancing Entries** – Obedience Regulations, Chapter 1, Section 28 –

At closing often times the entries for judges on the panel are unbalanced with one judge having more dogs than another. Requests have often been made to balance the load of entries amongst the judges on the panel, or to reduce the number of judges, to have the trial run more efficiently and to facilitate a smooth-running trial. The Regulation change will allow clubs to load balance the entries after closing with 1) the approval of the judge, outlining any fees that may be required, and 2) the approval of AKC prior to publishing the judging program.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 4, 2019

For all trials held on or after 9/4/19

1. **Obedience Brace Class Eligibility** – Obedience Regulations, Chapter 20,

Section 5 - The requirement to have two dogs of the same breed for the Obedience Brace class has been removed. The Regulation change will allow two dogs of any breed, including dogs listed with AKC Canine Partners, that are of similar height at the withers to be entered in the Brace class.

[Please click here for the detailed Obedience Regulations language.](#) Should you have any questions, please email obedience@akc.org and we will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Pamela Manton
Director of Obedience, Rally & Tracking

American Kennel Club, [101 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10178](#)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Date: June 11, 2019

Communicating the AKC mission to the public is one of our most important goals as an organization. Our leadership and staff are dedicated to sharing our message about purebred dogs, the work and expertise of the AKC, and responsible dog ownership as broadly as possible on a daily basis.

Last year, the Communications department generated 22,937 dips and mentions, appraised at approximately \$20 billion in media value by our independent monitoring service. In the last 10 years, the total audience of people who have read or heard about AKC in the media has grown from an average of 1.3 billion per year to an average of 17 billion per year. We distribute press releases, media alerts and content on national, state and local levels. Targets range from national publications like ABC, CBS and the New York Times, to local publications that promote AKC Sports and Events.

Our key messaging includes:

- The work of the AKC and how it benefits all dogs
- Value of the purebred dog and registration
- The importance of breeders and choice of pet acquisition
- Promoting the sport and its value to dog owners
- The benefit of AKC's expertise to dog owners
- Responsible dog ownership

In 2018, the Communications department secured placements in key publications including NBC News, USA Today, The Associated Press, Reuters, Fox News, People Magazine and hundreds more. Through expert interviews and TV segments, the AKC is consistently positioned in the media as an expert voice with credibility and authority. Additionally, the department ended 2018 and began 2019 by mounting an aggressive campaign to announce the AKC Museum of the Dog's return to New York City, which resulted in more than 1500 articles and videos internationally in 14 languages.

Other efforts include:

- Executing impactful PR campaigns around the AKC National Championship, AKC Meet the Breeds, Responsible Dog Ownership Days, AKC's Most Popular Breeds announcement and many others
- Distribution of over 110 press releases and media alerts (on average per year)
- Creating 52 weekly articles for syndication to over 600 newspapers
- Create a weekly newsletter "AKC Communicates" that goes to 86,000 people
- Developing PSAs for the 501 (c) 3s that air in major markets
- Managing media relations for AKC Museum of the Dog and AKC Reunite
- Building content with AKC's Chief Veterinary Officer for distribution on akc.org and on social media, while increasing AKC's presence at veterinary conferences and schools.

The AKC marketing department's purpose is to bring the mission of the AKC to consumers in ways that engage, connect and spur action. Specifically, marketing focuses efforts on three primary goals:

1. Increasing ownership and registration of pure bred dogs
2. Increasing awareness of and participation in AKC sports and events
3. Improving dog lover's perception of the AKC (which will in turn help achieve goals 1 and 2)

We use **multiple tools** to achieve the above goals.

AKC.org

The AKC website received a significant overhaul and relaunched in March of 2018 which can be a major disruption. However, 2018 closed on a high note with AKC.org December traffic +10% versus 2017 and the site now has an aggregate of 8 million users per month. Other important measures like organic traffic also improved to record-setting levels. (Organic traffic measures the number of sessions generated by people who find our website after using a search engine like Google or Bing and is an important indicator of overall health of a website).

Our content team is focused on optimizing existing and creating new content that aligns with key audiences in our constituency, including puppy seekers, breeders, dog sports enthusiasts, and dog lovers. The team is collaborating with subject matter experts from across AKC to produce helpful and inspiring pieces that showcase our mission.

Marketplace.AKC.org

AKC Marketplace traffic has been fairly steady at about 2.5 million sessions and 1.6 million users per month. Breeder opt-in continues to rise, now at over 22%. Litter listings are also growing - every month in 2018 beat the same month in 2017 and total litters listed in 2018 were +26% vs 2017. The marketing department continues to innovate features to ensure breeders (and puppy seekers) continue to have the best experience using the site.

Email Marketing

In 2018, AKC marketing sent 137.6 million emails across 1,018 campaigns which was +10% over 2017. A good portion of this increase was in support of critical new developments like the AKC Museum of the Dog and AKC.TV. The department continued to support important initiatives such as multi-sport event promotion, Parent Club membership drives and AKC National Championship.

Social Media

Our social media presence continues to grow even as the overall usage of some platforms is plateauing. AKC Facebook began 2018 with 3.81 million followers and ended 2018 with a total of 3.91M followers. This represents a 2.6% increase year over year. AKC Instagram ended 2018 with a total of 272K followers, which is up 4.2%.

In 2019, our social media strategy continues to expand, emphasizing creation of compelling, shareable videos, deeper coverage of sports and events, and daily engagement with our fans and followers. Our 2019 year-to-date engagement across platforms has increased year over year by 30%, and we still have more innovative social media programming yet to roll out this year.

Other highlights

In Q3 of 2018, marketing piloted a brand-new program called *Pups & Pints* as a grass roots effort to educate millennials about purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership, and the AKC. Over 550 of our target consumers engaged with 27 different breeds and learned from 25 breeders/dub members in a new and unexpected way, all while generating a donation of almost \$10,000 for AKC Humane Fund. The real win though is the amplification of the event across social. On Facebook well above 400k consumers read about the events and learned more about AKC.

The Marketing and Communications departments and other teams at AKC are committed to furthering the mission of the AKC through ongoing efforts and outreach to many different audiences. As we continue to expand our reach to dog lovers everywhere, we are successfully communicating the value and important work of the AKC on a greater scale than ever before. We are feeling the impact of this work in many ways, including increased brand awareness, stronger presence in the media, an enhanced corporate reputation and measurable public understanding of how AKC serves dog lovers everywhere.

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Founded in 1884, the AKC and its affiliated organizations advocate for the purebred dog as a family companion, advance canine health and well-being, work to protect the rights of all dog owners and promote responsible dog ownership.

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ATTENTION DELEGATES NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday**, September 10, 2019. For the sole purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees, the meeting will be called to order at 9:00 a.m. After those present at that time have voted, the Delegate Meeting will recess to begin the Forum (approximately 1 hour in duration). The Delegate Meeting will reconvene following the conclusion of the Forum at which time anyone who had not yet voted will have the opportunity to do so, then the polls will be closed.

DELEGATES CREDENTIALS

Mary Grace Buckwalter, Ambler, PA, Belgian Sheepdog Club of America

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NOTICE

As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual's suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

Ms. Bethany Pearson (Elko New Market, MN)

NOTICE

Mr. Aaron Goldfinger (Saint James, NY) Action was taken by the York Kennel Club for conduct at its March 15, 2019 event. Mr. Goldfinger was charged with inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating a lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a three-month event suspension and a \$300 fine. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

Mr. Mel Faust, Jr. (Amite, LA) Action was taken by the Sabine River Beagle Club for conduct at its March 24, 2019 event. Mr. Faust was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language directed personally to a judge. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a two-month event suspension and a \$100 fine. (Beagle)

NOTICE

Mr. Dan McCallum (Auburndale, FL) Action was taken by the Macon Kennel Club for conduct at its May 11, 2019 event. Mr. McCallum was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a \$100 fine. (Bulldog, French Bulldog)

NOTICE

Ms. Susan Naffziger (Albany, IN) Action was taken by the Muncie Obedience Training Club for conduct at its May 11, 2019 event. Ms. Naffziger was charged with inappropriate, abusive or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty at a reprimand and a \$100 fine. (Multiple Breeds)

NOTICE

Ms. Jackie Rothenberg (East Liverpool, OH) Action was taken by the Trumbull County Kennel Club for conduct at its May 24, 2019 event. Ms. Rothenberg was charged with inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set a penalty at a reprimand and a \$50 fine. (Pug)

NOTICE

REPRIMANDS AND FINES

Notification of reprimands and/or fines

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imposed on clubs for late submission of applications.

Chapter 2, Section 4 & 9.

Atlanta Golden Retriever Club.....	\$60
Columbine Dachshund Club.....	\$60
Lake Shore Great Dane Club	\$60

Notification of reprimands and fines imposed on clubs for late submission of judges' panel, Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 4, Section 1.

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Greater Portland Old English Sheepdog Club, Inc	\$90
Hawaiian Hound Association	\$60
Houston Dachshund Club, Inc.	\$60
Michigan Hound Association	\$100
Mount Rainier Yorkshire Terrier Club	\$60
Mt. Palomar Kennel Club	\$60
Texas Working Dog Association of Greater Houston	\$60

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS

CHAPTER 7, Section 12 – Judges

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 7, Section 12**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, based on a proposal by the AKC Board and endorsed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 10, 2019 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 7

SECTION 12. Any club or association that holds a dog show must prepare, after the entries have closed and not before, a judging program showing the time scheduled for the judging of each breed and each variety for which entries have been accepted. If a substitute or additional judge has been approved Chapter 7, Section 8 or Chapter 7, Section 13, as appropriate, will be quoted listing the changes. The judging program shall indicate the number of dogs entered and state the time for the start of group judging, if any. The program shall be based on the judging of about 25 dogs per hour by each judge. Each judge's breed and variety assignments shall be divided into periods of about one hour, except in those cases where the entry in a breed or variety exceeds 30. The final segment of a ring schedule may be expanded but may not exceed 50 dogs unless the entry is in a single breed or variety. The total number of dogs assigned each judge will be indicated. **The remainder of the section is unchanged.**

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE *RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS*

CHAPTER 14, Section 2 – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations when Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **CHAPTER 14, Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, based on a proposal by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 10, 2019 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 14

SECTION 2. Any club or association holding a dog show must provide armbands displaying the catalog number of the dog being exhibited which must be worn by each exhibitor while in the ring. No exhibitor in the ring may display any identification of the person or the dog. Identification includes the name of the breeder, owner, kennel name or past awards the dog has won. Lapel pins denoting membership in local, national or charitable organizations are permitted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE *RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS*

CHAPTER 14, Section 9 – Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations when Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards

The AKC Board has endorsed the following

amendment to **CHAPTER 14, Section 9**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, based on a proposal by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the September 10, 2019 Delegates Meeting.

CHAPTER 14

SECTION 9. If an award in any class is canceled, including non-regular classes, groups and Best in Show, the dog(s) judged next in order of merit in all placements of that class shall be moved up. The award(s) to the dog(s) moved up shall be counted the same as if it had been the original award. If there is no dog of record to move up, the award shall be void.

CONFORMATION JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address,

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phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at judgingops@akc.org.

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Bernese Mountain Dogs, Boerboels, Chinooks, Dogues de Bordeaux, Komondorok, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies

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The following persons, having successfully **completed** the required Group Assignments in the first Variety Group for which they are **approved**, has been added to the list of judges eligible for approval to judge Best In Show.

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DECEASED JUDGE

Mr. Robert E. Hetherington, Jr.

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PROVISIONAL OBEDIENCE/RALLY/TRACKING JUDGES

The following persons have been approved as a judge on a **Provisional** basis for the class/test indicated in accordance with the Provisional judging system. **They may now accept assignments.**

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APPLICATION FOR BREED-SPECIFIC REGISTERED NAME PREFIX

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary:

ALTAN – Dachshunds – Alexandra Gav
BAYOU BRICKHEADZ – Rottweilers – Aubrey Nash
CARROWAY – Welsh Terriers – Emily S. Carroll
COLORME – Pomeranians – Melissa D. Holler & William T. Holler
ERINHILL – Labrador Retrievers – Cheryl A. Curtis & Robert S. Curtis

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GRAYMATTER – Weimaraners – Tamara Brower & Jeff Brower

HEAVEN'S BEST – Shetland Sheepdogs – Betty Carter

IL VIGORE – Cane Corso – Joseph Dockx

INTERMOUNTAIN – French Bulldogs – Laeysa Whitear

KENSINGTON – Brussels Griffon – Dr. Elena Maher & Carlos Maher

LAOCHRAGH – Irish Terriers – Christine Marsh & Kelly Marsh

LOCKESTAR – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Alisha Lockleer & Susan Lockleer

MIRACLE HOUSE – French Bulldogs – Melinda L. Miracle

OTEIN – English Springer Spaniels – Lori D. Nieto

PRISM – Golden Retrievers – Robin Bowen & C. Maxie Bowen

TALINI – Golden Retrievers – Stacy L. McMahon

REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted:

ADAMAS – Doberman Pinschers – Elizabeth M. Barrett

ALL SAINTS – Great Danes – Kristine Barber

CACHET NOIR – Belgian Tervurens – Dana Mackonis

CAMEO – Chow Chows – Michael M. Ireland & Vickie C. Ireland

DENWOOD – Bernese Mountain Dogs – Heather H. Austin

DOCHENO – Labrador Retrievers – Chad Beard & Todd Beard

HIWATER STEUER – Welsh Terriers – Kristine M. Nelson & Michele Steuer

KENMAR – Dachshunds – Marianne McCullough

MARIAH – Akitas – Maria Nelson Cogell

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NOBLE LEGACY – Tibetan Mastiffs – Deborah Mayer

PERFECT PAINTED – Dachshunds – Eline de Groot

POISE – American Hairless Terriers – Angie Claussen

ROCKY MOUNTAIN – Kerry Blue Terriers – Cheryl P. Stanczyk & David A. Stanczyk

ROYAL EMPIRE – Bulldogs & French Bulldogs – Javier R. Rico

ROYALTY'S – Labrador Retrievers – Janet L. Yosay

SOUTHERN PALMS – Labrador Retrievers – Scott Armstrong

STORY BOOK – Poodles – Phillipa Gill

SWISHTHREES – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Heather Donahue

TRIUMPH – Miniature Bull Terriers – Sandra Lindstedt

WEDGEWOOD – Yorkshire Terriers – Catherine L. Morris

WHISPER CREEK – Golden Retrievers – Philippa Fendler

WOMER – French Bulldogs – Holly J. Womer

XYOMAR – Standard Schnauzers – Lorraine Fulton

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OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
JUNE 11, 2019**

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**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.
DELEGATES MEETING
JUNE 11, 2019**

Mr. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Sprung reminded the Delegates in attendance to sign in at the computer stations outside the meeting room.

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: William J. Feeney, Chairman; Patricia M. Cruz, Vice Chair; Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary; Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

Mr. Sprung reported the passing of Louis Auslander on May 6, 2019. Lou was a Miniature Schnauzer and Whippet breeder. In 1969, he became a Judge. He held various officer roles with the International Kennel Club of Chicago, including being Delegate from 1982 to 2009. An advocate for benched shows, Auslander believed in this opportunity to educate the public about dogs. Mr. Auslander joined the AKC Board in 1983. He

was Chairman from 1987 to 1992 and also was President in 1991 and 1992, the only person to ever hold both positions.

The Chair offered condolences for the passing of Dr. Robert Smith on May 25, 2019. Bob was the Delegate for the Huntington Kennel Club from 1996 to 2002, then for the Memphis Kennel Club from 2008 to 2013 and most recently the Virginia Kennel Club since 2018. He was a breeder of American Foxhounds and Welsh Terriers, and he won several Owner-Handler Best in Shows. He was actively involved with local clubs across the country, as well as the American Foxhound Club, the Welsh Terrier Club of America and the American Brussels Griffon Association. Dr. Smith was an All-Breed judge since 1969, he served two terms on your Board of Directors from 1997 to 2002 and 2009 to 2013.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting:

Paul Bodeving, Cave Junction, OR, to represent Rogue Valley Kennel Club
Nancy Bougher, Sacramento, CA, to represent California Airedale Terrier Club
Elizabeth A. (Betty Ann) Brown, Asheville, NC, to represent Hendersonville Kennel Club
Joan Church, Easton, PA, to represent Garden State All Terrier Club
George H. Falkner, Wantage, NJ, to represent St. Bernard Club of America

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Lucy A. Heyman, Spring, TX, to represent Bedlington Terrier Club of America
Terry Hilliard, Alburtis, PA, to represent American Brittany Club
Prudence Hlatky, Rosharon, TX, to represent Borzoi Club of America
Barbara C. Ioia, Hurley, NY, to represent Butler County Kennel Club
Carol Lynn Johnson, Caledonia, MI, to represent Grand Rapids Kennel Club
Audrey Kotaska, Akron, OH, to represent Medina Kennel Club
Dr. Michaelann Cox Mako, Norwalk, CT, to represent Longshore Southport Kennel Club
Shirley Petko, Lockport, NY, to represent Havanese Club of America
Tammy Russell-Rice, Henderson, NV, to represent Silver State Kennel Club
Margaret (Peggy) Wolfe, Princeton, KY, to represent United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club
Nancy Zinkhan, Owings Mills, MD, to represent Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval were introduced from the floor:

George H. Falkner to represent St. Bernard Club of America
Lucy A. Heyman to represent Bedlington Terrier Club of America
Prudence Hlatky to represent Borzoi Club of

America
Terry Hilliard to represent American Brittany Club
Nancy Zinkhan to represent Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland
Barbara C. Ioia to represent Butler County Kennel Club
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Shirley Petko to represent Havanese Club of America
Margaret (Peggy) Wolfe to represent United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club
Dr. Michaelann Cox Mako to represent Longshore Southport Kennel Club
Kathy Driggers to represent West Volusia Kennel Club
Kelly D. Reimschiessel to represent Utah Valley Kennel Club

The minutes of the March 12, 2019 Delegates meeting were published in the online April 2019 AKC Gazette and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal on AKC's website. There were no corrections and the minutes were adopted as published.

Champlain Valley Kennel Club was duly elected as a member of the American Kennel Club.

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Mr. Sprung advised that the Chairman's report which highlights AKC's successes and positive messaging would be distributed to the Delegates via e-mail immediately following the meeting. He noted it would also be available on the Delegate Portal on AKC.org.

Mr. Sprung delivered the President's report in which he called upon Brandi Hunter, our Vice President of Public Relations and Communications, and Melissa Olund, Director of Digital Marketing, to share firsthand information with you on the Chairman's message.

Ms. Hunter: Thank you and good morning. Can everybody hear me? I am Brandi Hunter, Vice President of Public Relations and Communications for the American Kennel Club, and it is a pleasure to be in front of you. My Sprung and I today have the Chairman's report which highlights AKC's successes and positive messaging going to be distributed to the Delegates via e-mail immediately following the meeting. The content will also be available on the Delegate Portal on AKC.org. story to the proper media outlets, a various amount of Mr. Sprung advised that the President's report in which he called upon Brandi Hunter, our Vice President of Public Relations and Communications, and Melissa Olund, Director of Digital Marketing, to share firsthand information with you on the Chairman's messaging is the work of the AKC and how it

benefits all dogs, value of the purebred dog and registration, the importance of breeders in choice of pet acquisition, promoting the sport and its value to dog owners, the benefit of our expertise to dog owners and responsible dog ownership, are our flagship messaging. These are some high-level stats for 2018. We did 22,937 clips. That is a lot of volume for the AKC. We are up about 4.5 percent year over year. We are about 4.5 percent higher than 2017. Our media value is appraised at \$20 billion. That is from our independent media monitoring service, Cision, which is an international corporation. They do a lot of Fortune 500 companies and we are one of their clients as well. Our audience has grown in the last 10 years from an average of 1.3 billion to an average of 17 billion. There are not 17 billion people on the planet, but the average news consumer goes benefits all dogs, value of the purebred dog and registration, the importance of breeders in choice of pet acquisition, promoting the sport and its value to dog owners, the benefit of our expertise to dog owners and responsible dog ownership, are our flagship messaging. These are some high-level stats for 2018. We did 22,937 clips. That is a lot of volume for the AKC. We are up about 4.5 percent year over year. We are about 4.5 percent higher than 2017. Our media value is appraised at \$20 billion. That is from our independent media monitoring service, Cision, which is an international corporation. They do a lot of Fortune 500 companies and we are one of their clients as well. Our audience has grown in the last 10 years from an average of 1.3 billion to an average of 17 billion. There are not 17 billion people on the planet, but the average news consumer goes

Ms. Hunter: Thank you and good morning.

Can everybody hear me? I am Brandi Hunter, Vice President of Public Relations and

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expertise. They want a quote from our chief veterinary officer. They are citing the breed if they are talking about particular breeds and stories. So, they are still using our information in the stories. This, please don't try and read it, it is not going to be beneficial to try and read it, but this is what I look at and our team looks at on a regular basis. This is what for Q1 of 2019 our sentiment looked like. We are a little higher in our positivity and our neutrality. Our negativity is very low. That red line you see across the bottom means that we are not being targeted, we are not being written about in a negative space, we are not being accused of anything, so we are not seeing a high volume of media talking negatively about the AKC at all. This is another view of sentiment. As you can see, the bulk of our stories are specifically about the AKC and then we have our most popular announcement which gives us a lot of traffic. The Museum of the Dog which has done really well this year and we are happy to have that back, Canine Health Foundation, government relations, compliance, and other topics make up the remainder, but for the most part people are writing about the AKC. That's where most of our clips are coming from specifically. Here are some high-level numbers for some events. As you know, we hold three major ones, well, two major ones really and that's a major announcement for us. So, our numbers are really high. Over 3 billion impressions for national championship, our

media value is high, our clip volumes are high. By contrast, if you look at the average nonprofit or not for profit, they are mentioned about 31 times per day nationally in a high news cycle. We average about 63 at this point. So, we are doing well above the curve. We are doing it in a positive manner and we are getting our information out there and our expertise out there to the proper audiences. Here are some of the places we are being seen. This is just in about the past 90 days as a matter of fact. New York Times, CNN are really high level, but we also do a lot of local and regional press as well, specifically around shows, legislation, we help GR out a lot to ensure that our message is reaching down and we are going down the funnel. So, if you are not consuming these at a high level but you are consuming it at a regional or local level, we are still making an impact. Here are some of the ways in which we are being covered. Again, don't try and read this. But we honored George W. Bush's dog Sully for the Paw of Courage. We got a lot of high-level national press on that. It also put us in some different conversations about how we celebrate working dogs which was really great. Pet disaster relief trailers are always excellent stories of how we are out there for dog owners in times of turmoil. The Museum of the Dog got a lot of coverage, and the Southern Living clip you see in the bottom here, that is a lot of how we get covered, how often should you feed your dog, how often should you wash

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your dog's bowl, best leashes for your dog, best practices, how do I train my dog. We get a lot of requests like that that come through our experts, so we are able to add ourselves to a very useful conversation for dog owners who are not necessarily in the sport. So far in Q1 we have had our national championship winner on Good Morning America for the second year in a row. They have already invited us back for a third. We are really excited about that. We have executed a major press campaign for the Museum of the Dog, over 1,500 articles on the museum in 14 different languages around the world and we are still counting. We are still seeing an average of 15 to 20 clips on the museum a day. So, we are really excited and we are about to start full court press for the next exhibit. We are up almost 3,000 clips from this time last year. So last year we were at 9,223. This year we are at over 12,000. We are trending ahead for the year. We announced new breeds and had the largest number of clips surrounding AKC Meet the Breeds in 2019. We were up about 7 percent there. We began to syndicate our content with our Chief Veterinary Officer, including him in our McClatchey, which is an article we create every week and serve to 600 media outlets. He is being viewed as an expert there and solidified him as a trusted resource in all things dog. He has actually told me he has 20 or so requests a week and he is trying to get through them as fast as he can, so he is doing a lot of good work for the AKC. Built

new relationships and working with national outlets. There were some roadblocks we had before. We don't have them now. We have seen a lot of volume with places that two years ago even we weren't able to get a response from. We are very encouraged there. AARP was one of them, The Today Show was one of them. So, we are breaking some good ground. Other accomplishments. We distributed over 110 press releases and media alerts for the year 2018. This year we will be a little bit higher. We will be at about 140. 52 weekly articles to over 600 newspapers. We create a weekly newsletter that goes to 86,000 people and helped developed content for The Nibble which goes to over 1,000,000 users per month. And we also manage media relations for the AKC Humane Fund, Museum of the Dog, and Reunite, as well as building content with our chief veterinary officer that goes on our social properties, AKC.org. And we are increasing his presence at veterinary conferences, so we are adding our voices to those conversations as well. And that is all I have for you guys today. Now I will turn it over to Melissa Olund, our Director of Digital Marketing, for her presentation.

Ms. Olund: Hello. This is my first time speaking to a room this large of dog people, so a little positive reinforcement at the end would be lovely. I'm speaking to you today about AKC Marketing and what we do. We have three key goals in the AKC Marketing

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Department. I'm just going to go ahead and read them to you. Number one, we want to increase ownership and registration of purebred dogs. We want to increase awareness and participation in AKC sports and events. And we want to improve dog lovers' perception of the AKC, generally, both part of the fancy and the average person who has a pet dog at home. There are three key things that we do in order to sort of advance those goals, one of which, probably one of the most important, is breed education. So, sharing our breed expertise as the AKC is key to driving that ownership and registration of purebred dogs. We want to engage people with messaging that connects them, spurs them to action, when it comes to the world of purebred dogs. We want to reach them while they are searching for the right breed for their lifestyle and educate them and connect them to responsible breeders and inspire them to do more with the dogs that they end up acquiring. AKC.org is one of the key ways that we do this and that is our website for everybody who has been there. We average 8 million users per month and that's a lovely number that is increasing. Our organic search traffic on AKC.org is up nearly 40 percent year over year. So that speaks to how we are really doing a great job of reaching people while they are in that behavior of looking for information about dogs and about breeds and about what to do with their dogs. And just a few examples of how we have kind of brought

this great education to life, our puppy pack, we have two photos here, Gideon on top and then Nymeria on the bottom, they follow the lives of these puppies in their first year and show all the different things that go into raising a puppy of the different particular purebreds. I have a short clip here, there is no audio, but it is an example of how we are doing more on Instagram to really drive the breed of the day program that we run. That is a little trivia about Pembroke Welsh Corgis. So people, you know, who follow us on Instagram, they may not know that much about Corgis or they might feel they are an expert on Corgis, but either way, when they get done with our trivia they will have engaged with and learn information about Pembrokes and learn something new. Sports and events really allow us to bring some exciting and inspiring stories to our constituency, both the fancy and the average pet dog owner. It is a rich source of digital content for us, whether we are at an event, whether we are, you know, seeing things that people are posting on social media about their participation in an event. It really is one of those things that you can't really replicate. You've got to see it to believe it sometimes with dog sports and events. So, a lot of the video that we do on social media and on site is based on sports events, and we can see that, you know, with 28 million just year to date video views on Facebook alone, it is a really rich way for us to reach people and get them excited about doing more with their dogs. Some

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examples of how we bring this to life, our videos, as Doug mentioned, there is explainer videos that kind of serve to demystify some of our different sports so that people can see something, say my dog can do that, you know, and learn how to get involved. I'm one of them. I just did my first Fast CAT over the weekend, so hooray. We also do some live coverage of our National Championships. We went to the Rally and Agility and Obedience championships and did live coverage with all the people who were participating, sharing the results and interviewing the winners as they came out of the ring. They were all very excited to be featured and shown to our social media audiences. So, I'm going to show you right here a quick, video of one of our junior handler spotlights. This is a program that we are also doing every month. We are featuring a different junior handler. This young lady, when we met her, she was 11 years old, she is 12 now I believe. Her name is Brielle. We met her at the Progressive Dog Club Toy Specialty Show. And I think you will enjoy this video.

[Video played]

Ms. Olund: I'm glad you enjoyed that. Brand perception is another key way that we in the Marketing Department are aiming to increase the profile of AKC. As we continue to expand our reach to dog lovers everywhere we are successfully communicating the value and the important work of AKC on a greater scale than

ever before. I think one key thing that is really, really important for everybody to understand is that our social media reach is growing. It is bigger than it has ever been. We just broke the 4 million mark on total followers, and that's a huge number. But the key thing to know about that is that some social media platforms are actually plateauing. So, they are not growing at the same rate that we are. We are growing faster than their user base is growing. So that's a very positive signal as to how engaged people are when we are speaking to them on social media. Email also targets our core constituency. I know Doug mentioned this as well. Our email reach grew 10 percent in 2018 with 138 million emails sent across over 1,000 campaigns. Other areas where we are growing the brand perception is by increasing our social media community management. That means we are out there answering people's questions on social media, we are talking to people, we are giving them tips and tricks and making sure that they know how to find the things that they are looking for. So, we are not just letting people talk about us, we are actually talking with people, and we see a lot of great feedback when we do that. We are also expanding Facebook groups. That's a key part of how Facebook is moving forward and so we want to be on that cutting edge with them. That's all I've got. Actually, one more slide, my fault. Positive reinforcement. We know the Marketing and Communications Department impacts the

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AKC in many ways beyond our key goals. We have increased our brand awareness, we have enhanced our corporate reputation, and we have measurable public understanding of how AKC serves dog lovers everywhere. Just as a side example, our social media sentiment, the positive sentiment is 88 percent on average and that's an incredibly strong number. That means when people are talking about us, they are talking about us in a positive way, sharing things that they have done over the weekend, a new title that they won. So, it really has a great impact on that, you know, social sentiment that we see out there. And that's all I've got. Thank you so much.

Chief Financial Officer, Joseph Baffuto, gave the Financial Report as follows:
Good morning to you, the AKC Delegate body. It is with great privilege and pleasure that I present to you our unaudited financial results through April 30, 2019. It has been an efficient and productive first four months of our fiscal year and I am confident that we will be able to continue our successes moving forward through the remaining balance of 2019. Let's begin with a summary of our revenue and expenses. Our income statement reflects just under \$25.7 million in total revenue and \$23.8 million in total expenses, for an impressive operating income of \$1.78 million. During the first four months of the 2018 year we recorded \$25.1 million in revenue, with \$24.3 million in expenses, for

\$819,000 of operating income. From our summary, now let's reflect on our core registration volumes. We continue with positive upward trends for both litters and dogs at a 3 percent and 2 percent mark respectively. Thanks go to our remarkable staff supporting the registry and the mission of the AKC. Focusing next on the revenue side of our operational equation, we are representing a \$555,000 increase in total revenue as of the four months ended April 30, 2019.

Subsequently, we can drill down into this 2.2 percent increase. With a concentrated and targeted focus from our Board of Directors and executive management, our registration programs are succeeding. Most particularly, dogs, litters and pedigrees have each had positive variances of approximately \$200,000 this year to date over prior year results. Also, our core concentration of sports and events have been highly successful to date this year, outperforming last year's revenue results by approximately \$347,000. Registrations and sports and events are what we do and in 2019 we are continuing to do it right. Transitioning to the expenses side of the equation, we have controlled our costs this year by \$414,000, in comparison to the period ended April 30, 2018. There are a handful of contributing factors to this 1.7 percent favorable decrease, so let's further evaluate. First off, payroll and benefits. Our current full-time equivalent head count of 354 has increased by 4 percent since last year. However, we have been able to

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decrease our total payroll and associated benefits by \$151,000 in 2019 measured against 2018 levels. Next, our consulting costs have decreased by \$515,000 in a year over year comparison. Several functions and programs throughout the organization have contributed to the year to date decrease, including our New York office relocation activities from 2018, along with the timing of some of our marketing and technology efforts this year. Next, our equipment and maintenance and rental costs. Equipment, maintenance and rental have dropped by \$129,000 or more than 30 percent in comparison to the same period last year. This can be attributed mainly to our purchasing efforts and technology operations team working hard to negotiate favorable maintenance contracts for services and equipment. Lastly, our postage costs have decreased by about \$75,000 or almost 8 percent below last year's level at the same time. We regularly conduct internal reviews of our division level spending and we expect to closely monitor our costs through the remainder of 2019. Observing our financial results independent of our operating activities, we can note our investment performance year to date which presented significant unrealized gains. The portfolio had a 10.7 percent rate of return in the first four months of 2019 which valued at approximately \$10.8 million and outperformed our benchmark for the period by a full 100 basis points. Our balance sheet indicates the long-term fiscal power of our

organization. As of April 30, 2019, we are exhibiting total assets of \$180 million, with \$109.7 million in total liabilities. As we can see here, these are both significant multimillion dollar increases over the prior year. The difference between our total assets and total liabilities are our unrestricted net assets. Let's take a deeper dive into the composition of the unrestricted net assets. Our operating reserve of just under \$42 million represents approximately 50 percent of our operating budget, while solidifying the functioning continuity of our business if there were a significant disaster impacting our capabilities to operate the organization for an extended period of time. Our investment in property, plant and equipment of \$25.4 million represents the value of our technology equipment, furniture, fixtures and leasehold improvements. You will note this has increased significantly by more than \$15 million since 2018 due to the completion of our new headquarters at 101 Park Avenue in New York, along with completed renovations to our operations facility in Raleigh, North Carolina. The underfunded status of \$60.5 million for our pension and post-retirement plans represents the combined shortfall from our long-term liabilities to these benefit plans. Lastly, the \$63.4 million of our AKC Board designated funds allows us to make long-term decisions which will continue to help us succeed in supporting our core mission. The complete deck which I have presented to you

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here will be available on the Delegates Portal by the close of business tomorrow for you to communicate to your clubs. Also, if there are any questions, please note my e-mail address and feel free to contact me. Have a wonderful summer season and we will see you again in September.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Joe.

The first vote was on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 4 - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would only change the format of the section. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 12 - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would change the italicized portion of the section to be part of the rule. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Goldberg: Sue Goldberg, Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club. Before the vote is taken, I have been asked to read an excellent statement that is a clarification written by our own staff liaison, Gina DiNardo, that is designed to clarify and alleviate any misconceptions or misunderstandings. It reads in part: "There is no change to the verbiage, interpretation or the enforcement of the policy as it exists today. An individual serving as a show secretary is not a superintendent and is not held to the 30 days before or after a show restriction. The reference in Chapter 11, Section 12, references the eligibility of a show secretary or superintendent to exhibit as agent or handler for any dog owned or co-owned by them to be entered in the event." The last three paragraphs of this section are clear that they apply only to superintendents, employees of superintendents, and those household members of the aforementioned individuals. Thank you.

The amendment was moved to the floor. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The third vote was on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 13 - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would change the section to be gender neutral, changes the first two paragraphs of italics to become part of the rule and adds clarification. The amendment

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was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 8 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, which would reword the section only. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The fifth vote was on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 6 - Championships, which would change the italicized portion of the section to be part of the rule. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The last vote was on the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers Chapter 14, Section 4, which would end the possibility for

dogs to run as the first dog of a series more than once at the same stake at the same trial. The amendment was proposed by the Retriever Field Trial Advisory Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. There was a vote with two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7, Section 12 - Judges.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7, Section 12 - Judges, which allows clubs to efficiently close out a ring on the day. This amendment was proposed by the AKC Board of Directors, endorsed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 2 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or

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Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 2 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, which would reword the section to incorporate broader language regarding the display of identification by a person or dog exhibiting. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 14, Section 9 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 9 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of

Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, which permits move-ups to occur when an award has been disallowed in non-regular classes and also in groups; it further reiterates that this will occur when Best in Show is cancelled. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read a list of vacancies for the Delegate Committees that are to be filled in September.

Ms. DiNardo: These are the vacancies on Delegate committees that are to be filled at the September Delegate meeting:

All-Breeds Clubs Committee: Four, three-year terms.

Bylaws Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, one-year term.

Canine Health Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, two-year term.

Companion Events Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, two-year term.

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, one-year term.

Dog Show Rules Committee: Four, three-year

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terms.

Field Trial and Hunting Test Events

Committee: Four, three-year terms.

Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events

Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, one-year term.

Parent Clubs Committee: Four, three-year terms.

Perspectives Editorial Staff: One, one-year term and six, two-year terms.

Mr. Sprung announced that the Delegates would be e-mailed self-nomination forms by the end of June. The self-nomination form must be returned to the Executive Secretary by Friday, July 19, 2019. Questions on the procedures to be followed should also be directed to the Executive Secretary.

Delegates may only self-nominate for one committee, except that a member of the Perspectives Editorial Staff may also serve on another standing committee. In August, the Delegates will be e-mailed the nominees for each committee and their qualification statements with the September Delegates meeting notification.

The Chair called on Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations, to make a special presentation.

Ms. Goffe: I am very pleased this morning to read to you a resolution honoring David Helming. Whereas, David Helming joined the AKC Board of Directors of the American

Kennel Club Political Action Committee in January 2011 and served through March 2019. Whereas, David Helming first joined the AKC Delegate body in 2006 representing the Hutchinson Kennel Club and was again elected as a Delegate for the Newfoundland Club of America in 2013.

And Whereas, David Helming has been active in the American Kennel Club for many years as a breeder of Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs and Norwich Terriers.

Whereas, in 2005 he was elected AKC Breeder of the Year after being chosen as the AKC Working Group Breeder of the Year in 2002.

And Whereas, David Helming is an honorary member and past president of the Newfoundland Club of America, served as vice chairman of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board, and currently serves as of the NCA's Delegate to the American Kennel Club.

And Whereas, he is a member of the Somerset Hills Kennel Club, Westchester Kennel Club, Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Westminster Kennel Club, and the Morris and Essex Kennel Club, and has served these clubs in various capacities including president, director, show chairman, and treasurer.

And Whereas, David Helming's leadership, knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to legislation and public policy have been of great value to the AKC PAC Board.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the

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Directors of the American Kennel Club Political Action Committee honor David Helming's service and dedication to the American Kennel Club and its Political Action Committee and extend to him their grateful appreciation and best wishes for his future endeavors. Thank you, David.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Delegates meeting would be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel. The Conference and Travel Department will place the hotel information on the Delegates Portal when the block of rooms becomes available.

Mr. Sprung reminded the Delegates that lunch would be served following the meeting on the Terrace, and to leave their badges at the registration desk following lunch.

The following Delegate spoke during New Business as follows:

Frances Stephens, Delegate, Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers:

Frances reported on the case of misconduct by the club's former treasurer who was convicted in April 2018 of felony theft, after the club filed charges with the county. She requested that AKC review the member/registration status of the individual and provide appropriate action.

Sylvia Thomas, Delegate, Kennel Club of Riverside:

Sylvia thanked the Delegates for their faithful readership and support of Perspectives. She reported that the June issue was very well received, as evidenced by the number of article reprint requests. She encouraged the Delegates to share the content with a wider audience and provided the instructions – the Delegate sends an email to her with the article(s) of interest, she gets permission from the author, she creates a PDF and returns to the Delegate for distribution. Recent approved republications were Carl Ashby and Carmen Battaglia's respective articles on Sustainability, Robin Foust's article on Service Dogs, Joyce Dandridge's article on Ring Stewarding, and Jon Green's wonderful article on FSS Open Shows, which will also be published in a future issue of the Gazette. Changes to the coordinator position for the upcoming issues were noted – Don James switched to the December issue and Gino Sisneros volunteered for the September issue. Articles for the September issue are due to Mr. Sisneros by the July 15, 2019 deadline. It was revealed that the baby in the June issue feature, You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby, was Dick Blair. Delegates were asked to discretely send a baby picture to Sylvia in order to be featured in an upcoming issue. Lastly, she offered hard copies of Perspectives to the attending Delegates at the meeting.

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Herman Tietjen, Delegate, McKinley Kennel Club:

Herman expressed gratitude to the Delegates and “dog people” who offered condolences on the passing of his late wife both on social media and otherwise.

Jeffrey Ball, Delegate, Ramapo Kennel Club:

Jeffrey updated the Delegates on New Jersey Lobby Day at which a state dog for New Jersey, the Collie, was proposed. The selection was based on the history of the Collie in New Jersey.

The New Jersey Federation of Dog Clubs had 20 people participate, and they met with 57 of the 120 legislators. The Collie resolution is now moving forward with bipartisan legislative support. He thanked AKC Reunite, represented by Megan Ault and the Philadelphia Kennel Club for their assistance. There are two current trailers, two more have been confirmed and work is being done for two more. A breeder of merit in attendance for the first time was impressed with the opportunity that the event offered: to speak to the legislators, to educate them and make a difference. Jeffrey urged the Delegates as those with the most knowledge, to use the programs that AKC has established to reach out to the public and educate them as leaders. Efforts of the Delegates at the local, county and state level are needed in addition to the media.

Glenda Stephenson, Delegate, Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay:

Glenda stressed the importance of microchipping dogs/dog litters as she reflected on her experience approximately 12 years ago, of having one of her microchipped dogs returned to her after being lost in Texas. She was able to have the dog's sperm analyzed by Dr. Mary McDaniel, a fellow Delegate, for future breeding, which tested positively. The detailed account of her story is featured in her article The Dreaded Telephone Call in the June issue of Perspectives.

Betty Winthers, Delegate, Olympic Kennel Club:

Betty proudly shared details about Olympic Kennel Club's 75th Anniversary show in August, which will be a 5-day event including Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Dock Diving, Agility, Disk Dog, and Fast CAT. Three different group clubs will also be participating.

Dominic DiBalsi, Delegate, Lehigh Valley Kennel Club:

Dominic suggested an AKC sponsored program for children on Sunday afternoon before the Delegate Meeting, having noticed a large number of that age group at the hotel.

Karen Gunzel, Delegate, Trenton Kennel Club:

Karen offered an invitation to attend Trenton Kennel Club's 100th show in May 2020.

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Features of the event will be Conformation, Lure Coursing, Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog.

Hearing no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

[Time noted: 11:25 a.m.]

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Gina M. DiNardo
Executive Secretary

To: The Delegates
From: Gina DiNardo
Subject: Election of Delegate Committees
Date: August 2019

This memo is to explain how the election of Delegate Committees will be conducted at our meeting on **Tuesday, September 10, 2019.**

In order for the election to be official, we must call the Delegate Meeting to order. Ballots will be handed out as you sign in at the registration desk. **The Delegate Meeting will be called to order at 9 a.m. to begin voting for the Delegate Standing Committees.** After those present at that time have voted, we will recess the Delegate Meeting to begin the Forum.

The Forum will run for approximately one hour. The reconvened Delegate Meeting will begin following the conclusion of the Forum. Anyone who had not yet voted for the Standing Delegate Committees will be given the opportunity to do so, then the polls will be closed.

Once the polls are closed, the ballots will be electronically tabulated and results of the election to the Standing Committees announced during the regular meeting or during lunch.

Voting

This year, no election is needed for: Companion Events or the *Perspectives* Editorial Staff. There will be an election in (8) Committees. The election for these Committees will be as follows:

All-Breed Clubs: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

Bylaws: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.

Canine Health: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.

Dog Show Rules: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

Field Trial and Hunting Test Events: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.

Parent Clubs: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

Organization of the Committees

Once the ballot results have been tabulated, the organizational meeting of all committees will take place either immediately upon conclusion of the regular Delegate Meeting or after the luncheon. The sole purpose of this meeting is to elect the committee chair and secretary. Meeting places for each committee have been reserved. AKC staff will be available to guide committee members to their meeting places.

Organization of the Coordinating Committee

As soon as the chairs of the Standing Committees have been elected and those committees organized, the chairs of those nine committees may meet to organize the Coordinating Committee. If the Coordinating Committee does not organize at this time, then it must at the next regular Coordinating Committee meeting. The *Perspectives* Editorial Committee is not involved, as it falls under a different standing rule.

Statements of Qualifications

Following this memo are Delegate Statements of Qualifications for each committee.

A careful effort has been made to assure accuracy in compiling and editing the Statements of Qualifications to the 150-word limit. Any mistakes are unintentional, should they occur, you have our apologies.

Please note that Statements of Qualifications include a Delegate's total years of service. Attendance is indicated for the most recent five-year period. Also, if supplied, committee member's attendance at Delegate Committee Meetings for the last three years.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Standing Committee for ALL-BREED CLUBS

Elizabeth (Betty Ann) Brown, Hendersonville Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I am a member of seven different all breed and specialty breed clubs and serve as Treasurer for 5 of them. I am therefore active in putting on both all-breed and specialty shows for these clubs and have a good understanding of the financial needs and liabilities for clubs. I am a proponent of cluster clubs entering into joint ventures to administer the finances equally and fairly for those clubs. This promotes cooperation and appreciation among club members for sharing the work and the results. **Dates of Service:** *May 2019 to Present.* **One-Year Attendance:** *1 out of 1.*

Jacquelyn Fogel, Kettle Moraine Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I have been a member of an all-breed club since 1985. I am currently the president of Kettle Moraine Kennel Club and have served as a show chair for 10 years. I have also served as the chair of every show subcommittee for both Cudahy and Kettle Moraine clubs. I believe the AKC can and should be more pro-active in recruiting young people to breed, show and join all-breed clubs. My professional career included work for a mayor and executive director of a United Way. I have a MA in Sociology. I currently own and operate a boarding and grooming facility that hires many young people who love dogs. I write an opinion column for *Showstight Magazine*. **Dates of Service:** *2011 to Present.* **Five-Year Attendance:** *16 out of 20.* **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Eduardo Fugiwara, Fort Lauderdale Dog Club. **Qualifications:** I have wide experience and understanding about the challenges and opportunities AKC Clubs face. I serve as Delegate, showchair for 4 years, chair 2 clusters, and steward. A board member of breed club and PR coordinator for AKC Disaster Relief trailer launch. I have extensive education and experience in marketing, communication, and business, and working with youth – key areas of expertise to expand interest in our sport. As member of seven dog and breed clubs in different geographic areas, I'm familiar with regional issues and perspectives. Wrote AKC Gazette article "*Is Perception Killing Our Sport*", the most read article in June 2018 issue. Authored three articles in the delegates' magazine. My ability to see our sport from the outside, to relate to the perspectives of the potential new fancier, combined with my experience and understanding of tasks and challenges faced by AKC clubs will be an asset to the Committee. **Dates of Service:** *2016 to Present.* **Three-Year Attendance:** *10 out of 12.*

Karen Gunzel, Trenton Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** It has been my pleasure to be a member of the Trenton Kennel Club for the past 16 years. We host one of the largest outdoor shows on the east coast and I have worked on this show for many years. For the past three years I have chaired and was field trial secretary for the Lure Coursing events. At my suggestion these events were added to make the TKC show more inclusive, exciting and fun! I would be happy to share my experience. **Dates of Service:** *October 2018 to Present.* **One-Year Attendance:** *3 out of 3.*

Laurence Libeu, Santa Maria Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I have competed in dog sports since 1963, both obedience & conformation. I have been judging since 1978, including obedience, conformation, rally, juniors, group, BIS, and scent. I have owned & shown Springer Spaniels, Labs, Portuguese Water Dogs, Dobermans, German Wirehaired Pointers and Chihuahuas. I have finished multiple dogs in two groups. I have cofounded and chaired a successful long-time

cluster, as well as chaired obedience and tracking trials. I have served as an officer and director for the Santa Maria KC, Santa Ana Valley KC, GESSA, ESSFTA, SYV Dog Training Club, and the California Federation of Dog Clubs. I am a member of the American Dog Show judges Association. For the last 20 years I have served as the SMKC delegate to the AKC. Professionally, I produced oil wells and was responsible for a \$100 million capital budget and \$60 million expense budget. **Dates of Service:** 1999 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

Laurie Maulucci, South Windsor Kennel Club. Qualifications:

- Contributing member of 4 All-Breed, 1 Limited Breed, 1 Specialty Club and Parent Club, currently serving as Show Chair for 2 All-Breed clubs and 1 Specialty club, Cluster Coordinator for 2 New England Clusters and Specialty Coordinator for a 4-day cluster with over 40 specialties/supported entries/sweeps
- Served as Treasurer, Secretary, Director, Top 20 Chair, Chief Steward, Legislative Liaison and Judges Selection Chair
- Breeder/exhibitor of Great Danes since 1983
- AKC Judge since 2007
- Co-founder of Jackets for Juniors, providing show attire to Juniors at no charge
- CFO of family-owned business since 1990
- President of Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs, protecting our right to own the dog of our choice, which impacts the future of All-Breed events

A promising future for All-Breed clubs and shows will require innovation, collaboration, cooperation and communication among club members, exhibitors and AKC, which is what I can offer this Committee based on my experiences. **Dates of Service:** August 2018 to Present. **One-Year Attendance:** 3 out of 4.

Catherine Murch, Newton Kennel Club. Qualifications: I have been the Show Coordinator for my Clubs Shows for 11 years and Secretary for 25 years, I am actively out showing at least 3 weekends a month and have seen first-hand the problems that are facing our Clubs. I talk and listen to what other exhibitors have to say and have talked to many members of the show giving Clubs and know that we are all facing the same challenges. I feel that with this knowledge and as an active exhibitor I can be an asset to this committee. **Dates of Service:** 2004 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 12 out of 20.

John Ronald, Samoyed Club of America. Qualifications: Samoyed Club of America Delegate since 1988 and member of Ocala Dog Training Club of Florida. I've served SCA in an elected capacity for over 40 years. In order to secure a stronger role for delegates, I've served as follows:

1. Made motion creating Delegate Committees
2. Chairman, Future Nature of the Delegate Body Committee - 3 years
3. Chairman, Strategic Planning Committee - 6 years
4. Editor, Perspectives - 6 years
5. Secretary, Coordinating Committee - 3 years
6. Member, Coordinating Committee - 9 years
7. Member, Board Appointed Bylaws Committee - 2 years
8. Member, Parent Clubs Committee - 2 years
9. Member, All-Breed Clubs Committee - 16 years

My wife and I have shown and bred our dogs throughout our lives. AKC and the sport are very important to us. I'm committed to AKC's healthy future. **Dates of Service:** 1988 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 16 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 12.

Susan Sholar, *Black Russian Terrier Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I have been a member of all-breed clubs since 1971. I have served a junior showmanship committee chairperson (Hawaii), President, Secretary, assistant show chairman and show Chairman. In the specialty clubs I was a member in I also served in those various positions. Many years ago, I was a PHA professional handler. I retired as a handler upon approval to judge. **Dates of Service:** *I am the first AKC Delegate for the Black Russian Terrier Club of America and have served as their delegate from 2012 to Present.* **Five-Year Attendance:** *18 out of 20.* **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Fran Stephens, *Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers*. **Qualifications:** After owning AKC dogs, I became involved in showing in 1970 with my first Saint Bernard, Trina Grace UD. I founded the Willamette Valley Saint Bernard Club, I joined the Saint Bernard Club of America, was a charter member of Tualatin Kennel Club, and am a life member of Dog Fanciers of Oregon. I moved to Seattle and joined Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, SBC of Puget Sound and Mount Rainier Working Dog Club. I am Governor of the SBCA. I was elected to be the Delegate from PVDF and have served one year on the All-Breed Committee. I look forward to continuing to serve on this committee. **Dates of Service:** *2010 to Present* **Five-Year Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **One-Year Committee Attendance:** *2 out of 2.*

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Standing Committee for BYLAWS

Kathy Coxwell, *Bearded Collie Club of America*. **Qualifications: I've been involved in the sport of purebred dogs for over 40 years – both in Conformation and Obedience. I've also held various offices with the Bearded Collie Club of America such as President, Recording Secretary and Chairman of Judges Hospitality, while personally practicing law for more than 20 of those 40 years. Given my experience, I believe that I am able to look at bylaws and other rules and help determine the positive and negative ramifications of potential changes. Changing bylaws simply for the sake of change is never a prudent choice. It takes study and understanding of what the reasons for change are, whether they are truly necessary, and what the long-term effects will be. My professional background enables me to make these determinations in a fair and reasonable manner.**

Dates of Service: 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

Jan Ritchie Gladstone, *Richmond Dog Fanciers Club*. **Qualifications: My education and experience in drafting, interpreting and litigating constitutional and corporate bylaw issues have prepared me to continue as a contributing member of the Bylaws Committee.**

Education and Professional Background:

- University of Delaware, B.A. 1982; Honors Program Constitutional Law; Phi Beta Kappa
- Dickinson School of Law, J.D. 1985; Dean's Law Clerk
- Clerk, Superior Court of Pennsylvania,
- Practicing Attorney, 1986-present (multi-faceted practice includes corporate representations; past representation included dog clubs and fanciers)

• Admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and before the U.S. Supreme Court AKC and Club Activities:

- Former AKC Trial Board Chair
- President, Board Member, American Fox Terrier Club
- President, Fox Terrier Club of Maryland
- Treasurer, Montgomery County KC
- Board of Governors, Chief Ring Steward, Bryn Mawr KC
- Past Board Member, Show Chair, Secretary, Greater Naples DC
- Member, Morris & Essex KC
- Active AKC Breeder/Exhibitor/Judge

Dates of Service: 2002 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 of 12.

David Haddock, *Westminster Kennel Club*. **Qualifications: As an AKC enthusiast and exhibitor since 1974, I have served in Club leadership positions in almost every capacity and with breed, companion, and parent clubs, beginning as President of the Wichita Dog Training Club at age 18. Active in both companion and conformation events for over 40 years, I am fully aware of AKC's impact and administration on club activities/events, and fully engaged on a national and international level in the dog world. Founder and Executive of multiple businesses. MBA, Columbia University; BA, Washington & Lee University. **Dates of Service:** August 2018 to Present. **One-Year Attendance:** 3 out of 4. **One-Year Committee Attendance:** 3 out of 4.**

James Henshaw, Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I have been a member of the Leonberger Club of America Governance Committee (Bylaws) for the past 8 years and have participated in a number of major revisions. I chair the by-laws revision committee for the Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club and we are currently doing an update. I also serve on the Member Practices Committee of the Leonberger Club of America which oversees compliance with breeding practices. I have been a past board member of the Leonberger Club of America and am currently the Vice President of my kennel club. I am not an attorney and look at bylaws from a pragmatic and contrarian perspective that deals with the functional application of the bylaws. I have an MBA with a concentration in Management Science. **Dates of Service: 2016 to Present. Three-Year Attendance: 9 out of 12.**

John Ioia, Southern Adirondack Dog Club. **Qualifications:** It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the interests of the Delegates Body on the Bylaws Committee since 2009 and as Secretary of the Committee since December 2013. I have not missed a meeting since election to the Committee. In our time the Committee has taken up difficult issues and worked to resolve these to benefit of all. My interest is the equal application of the Bylaws/Rules as they apply to all. I have a nearly 50-year history in AKC activities and am still active in breeding, showing in Conformation and Rally and Judging. I have held every job in my all-breed and specialty clubs from President and Show Chair to Clean-up and am currently Vice-President of my breed's Parent Club (ACKCSC). I hope you will trust me for another term. **Dates of Service: 1982 to Present. Five-Year Attendance: 19 out of 20. Three-Year Committee Attendance: 12 out of 12. (March 2017 HEC Committee was attended but not the Delegate Meeting due to serious weather conditions.)**

Dr. Dawn Schroeder, Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association. **Qualifications:** As a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, I am well qualified to service on the Bylaws Committee. In the past two years, I have completed reviews and updates of the bylaws for two large non-profit organizations and two all-breed kennel clubs. I have served as an advisor on bylaw issues for four specialty clubs. Registration and Discipline including future use of DNA have recently become the responsibility of the Bylaws Committee. As the show chairman for a four-day cluster and current and past president of two all-breed clubs, I have practical knowledge of event disciplinary procedures and club disciplinary actions including first-hand experience with the consequences of disciplinary actions that have gone to court for final resolution. I continue to study parliamentary procedure while completing the testing for the next level of certification. I believe that my background and skill set will serve this committee well. **Dates of Service: November 2018 to Present. One-Year Attendance: 2 out of 3.**

Glenda Stephenson, Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay. **Qualifications:** I am a founding member of the club I represent and worked for its acceptance as a member club, overseeing bringing the bylaws into compliance. I chaired committees that were formed to oversee the continuity of current bylaws and oversaw amendments as needed. As a club officer, judge, and show chairperson, knowledge and interpretation of the bylaws are essential and those involved quickly realize that bylaws are the backbone of our individual clubs and the AKC. Having been a Delegate for over 10 years, I would now like the opportunity to contribute to this committee, based on what I have learned in my past experience. **Dates of Service: 2008 to Present. Five-Year Attendance: 17 out of 20.**

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Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Standing Committee for CANINE HEALTH

Lucy Heyman, *Bedlington Terrier Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I have been actively involved in the AKC Canine Health Foundation since its inception in 1995, having attended all but one parent club meetings since then. I have made public appearances on behalf of the CHF on many occasions. I am also the Health and Wellness Chairman of my parent club. Being involved with a breed that had a major health problem, health and welfare have always been the focus of my interest, making my involvement in the sport valid and very fulfilling. I believe that the knowledge and experience I have attained over the years will make me an effective contributor to the committee. **Dates of Service:** *April 2019 to Present*. **One-Year Attendance:** *1 out of 1*.

Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki, *Canada del Oro Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** My qualifications are as follows: One, I am a Veterinarian and have owned my practice for over forty years. I did however start my career as a professor and researcher in the veterinary science department of the University of Arizona. Two, I have served on this committee for quite a few years and have learned how important this committee is. Three, I have thoroughly enjoyed serving on this committee with some truly outstanding individuals and together much has been accomplished. This needs to continue and I would very much like to be a part of that continuation. **Dates of Service:** *Akita Club of America 1996 to 2007; Canada del Oro Kennel Club 2007 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *17 out of 20*. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12*.

Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser, *Standard Schnauzer Club of America*. **Qualifications:** Involved with Standard Schnauzer Parent/Local Clubs for 30 years. We handled dogs to championships, plus obedience and tracking titles. I directed surveys of disease incidence in our breed in 2008 and 2015 - both enrolling ~14% of eligible dogs; success for a breed without common health issues. In academic/professional life, directed research programs in human genetics, genomics and epidemiology, identifying genetic variation and studying interaction of genetics and exposure in disease risk (>160 reviewed manuscripts and 15 proceedings chapters published). In Human Genome Program, collaborated in cloning of >15 disease genes. Reviewed academic programs, NIH research grants and scientific manuscripts. Have served on CHF grant review committee for 9 years. Experience of value as we move from identifying simple genetic diseases to minimizing the burden of diseases of complex etiology, through building research and education programs emphasizing the breeding of healthy dogs to maintain the health of our breeds. **Dates of Service:** *2008 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *17 out of 20*. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12*.

Donald Schwartz, VMD, *Durango Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1964, I served in the US Army Veterinary Corps for 2 years on active duty, followed by the reserves. Honorably discharged in 1970. I practiced small animal medicine and surgery for 51 years, retiring in 2015. I practiced in, or owned my own small animal practice in Pennsylvania, California, North Carolina, and Colorado. I also owned and operated a frozen semen center. While my wife was working for the AKC, I gave Veterinary Outreach Seminars. Currently I am the Health and Welfare Chair for the American Lhasa Apso Club and a member of the Delegates Canine Health Committee. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to contribute to the committee. **Dates of Service:** *Huntington Valley Kennel Club 1998; Durango Kennel Club 2017 to Present*. **Two-Year Attendance:** *5 out of 7*. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** *3 out of 4*.

Sharon Steckler, *American Boxer Club*. **Qualifications: Director Legal Counsel for the American Boxer Charitable Foundation - a premier supporter of AKC Canine Health Foundation (over \$1M in contributions) instrumental to the research in degenerative myelopathy and hemangiosarcoma. Direct involvement in the analysis and funding of hundreds of research grants. Lifetime member of the American Boxer Club, serving as Director and Treasurer. Breeder and exhibitor of Boxers for over 40 years. Keen awareness of the role research plays in improving longevity with health and quality of life in all breeds. **Dates of Service:** *2016 to Present*. **Four- Year Attendance:** *12 out of 13*. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** I have not yet had the privilege of serving on a Standing Committee, however I have attended all Canine Health Committee meetings since becoming a Delegate.**

Marcy Zingler, *Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno*. **Qualifications:
DOG ACTIVITIES (49 years) Multi-breed judge (37 years). • Four-time National Specialty Judge (original breed) • Breeder-Exhibitor, 46 years (generations of Bred-by Champions) • Co-Founder, 2 local Specialty Clubs • Parent Clubs, President, Vice-President, Board (former) • Delegate (2 Parent Clubs, former) • Judges' Education Chair (2 Parent Clubs, former) • ATCA Lead Steward, Montgomery County (20 years)
PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION • Edited/contracted all canine veterinary texts as Senior Editor, Howell Book House, 10 years (including Dog Owners' Home Veterinary Handbook) • Freelance Editor, veterinary topics, (some AKC projects) • Speaker/Consultant • Worked as veterinary technician • AVMA Committee for Northern NJ Vet Tech program accreditation
AKC INVOLVEMENT • Canine Health Committee (current), Delegate Advocacy & Advancement Committee (15+ years) • Only outside editor; Complete Dog Book, 20th Edition and 19th Revised
AKC EMPLOYMENT • Corporate Project Manager, mid-2000's • Created Original Protocol, Disaster Preparedness/Response • Rewriting/researching Source Book for AKC 125th Anniversary Book • Organizing/editing 25-year update • Contracting publisher • Club Relations Department, mid-80's
Dates of Service: *Keeshond Club of America: 1983 to 1984; Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club: 1995 to 2000; Airedale Terrier Club of America: 2000 to 2005; Rubber City Kennel Club: 2005 to 2006; Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno: 2009 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *18 out of 20*. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *10 of 12*.**

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Companion Events. This is pursuant to Item IV, Section F, of the Standing Rule on Delegate Committees, which states:

If the nominations for any committee are equal to or less than the maximum number of committee members to be elected, there shall be no election for that committee and the nominated candidates shall be deemed elected.

The Statements of Qualification follow for the Companion Events Committee.

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Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Standing Committee for COMPANION EVENTS

James M. Ashton, *Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island*. **Qualifications:** I have been breeding and showing dogs in AKC Obedience and Conformation for more than 40 years. I have finished and shown Miniature Schnauzers, Border Terriers, and Smooth Fox Terriers. I have been an Obedience Chair for an AKC all breed Obedience Club and all bred club. I have been a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator and have been an AKC Obedience/Rally Judge for more than 36 years. I have judged Obedience and Rally at numerous Regional Specialties, National Specialties as well as all breed Obedience Trials. To promote youth in our sport, I have conducted 4H Obedience Classes and Seminars, as well as judge 4H dog shows. I have served as Chairman/Vice Chairman of the AKC Companion Events Committee. In 1999 I served on the Obedience Advisory. I currently serve as the President and Trainer for the Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island and show 2 Border terriers in Conformation. **Dates of Service:** 1985 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 16 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 12.

Joyce Dandridge, *Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, DC*. **Qualifications:** I would like to continue to serve on the Companion Events Committee and use my skills to further interests and excitement in the sport. My involvement with dogs includes the following: Active in the sport for 30 years. Conformation and Obedience titles on Chow Chows. Member of Capital Dog Training Club since 1989. Judge Non-Sporting and 22 Working. 2020 Chow National Judge. Taught Obedience and Conformation classes. Served 18 years as the Secretary of Parent Club; served as National Obedience Trial Chair. Serving on the Boards of National Capital KC and Capital Dog Training Club. Initiated the resurgence of Obedience Newsletter *Chow Train 2*. Received AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Served as Chair sub committees for CEC, one on the issue of Aging Clubs and the other on Suggestions to All-Breed Club on Giving Obedience/Rally events. **Dates of Service:** 2005 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 17 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

Felice Jarrold, *Old Pueblo Dog Training Club*. **Qualifications:** I bring knowledge, enthusiasm and energy to the Companion Events committee. I am currently competing in Obedience, Rally and Scentwork. I have titled my mastiffs in Obedience, Agility, Rally, Trick Dog, Lurecoursing, Farm Dog, Scentwork and Breed Ring. I am OPDTC's President. I teach competitive Obedience, Rally and Scentwork for my club and a specialty club. I chair the Obedience and Rally trials for all breed clubs in Tucson. I am a member of my parent club. I am a life member of my agility club. As a delegate I have written an article for Perspectives, expressed my opinion many times at the microphone at meetings and caucuses and toured the Raleigh offices. All of my experience would make me a great asset to the Companion Events committee. Please support my candidacy. **Dates of Service:** 2010 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 14 out of 20.

Barbara Mann, *Dayton Dog Training Club*. **Qualifications:** I am an active current member of the Companion Events Committee. My major contributions have been to set up the AKC-companion-events Yahoo! list and to design, run, and analyze several surveys for the committee. Although I have missed several meetings in the past year due to health problems, I am now healthy and ready to continue serving on the committee. **Dates of Service:** 2002 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 14 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 7 out of 12.

Norine Noonan, Basset Hound Club of America. **Qualifications:** I have titled multiple dogs to high levels in several disciplines including obedience, Rally, agility, scent work, and Barn Hunt. As a delegate, I represent the parent club of a "non-traditional" breed but with an increasing number of members who participate in the traditional and non-traditional companion events. I am an AKC Rally judge, an obedience/Rally instructor, an experienced obedience/Rally/agility trial chairperson, including for a large all-breed cluster, and have been chief ring steward for my obedience clubs. I am a member in good standing of the Dog Training Club of St. Petersburg (FL) (Training Director, 2016 – 2018, Chief Ring Steward 2012-2018), and Indian River Dog Training Club (FL) (IRDTC). I currently serve on the IRDTC Board. I have also been a training coach in 4-H activities for a number of years and have judged obedience and Rally many times at the Florida 4H State Championship show. **Dates of Service:** *January 2018 to Present.* **Two-Year Attendance:** *6 out of 6.* **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *I am not a current member of the Companion Events Committee but have attended all meetings since I became a Delegate.*

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Standing Committee for DELEGATE ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT

Carl C. Ashby III, *United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club*. **Qualifications:** I have previously served on three committees (All-Breed, DAAC, and Perspectives.) I was an active member of all three serving in various roles and accomplishing results. I am active in multiple Clubs and a former AKC Director. This background will be an asset as I work with the committee to strengthen the effectiveness of the Delegate body. I am committed to the importance of the Delegate Body and would like the opportunity to work to enhance the Delegate's role in helping achieve the mission of the AKC. Engaging our Clubs is an essential part of that, and the Delegate is the extension of AKC to our Clubs. **Dates of Service:** 1990 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20.

Willie Crawford, *Newnan Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** My dog world begins in 1978 with our first Great Dane. "Baron" provided the first logical step for entering the show ring in obedience, conformation, then breeding and becoming active in 2 conformation clubs, our local specialty club, and the Great Dane Club of America. I have held officer/board positions in the all-breed clubs and local Dane club, and have been show chair for all. Welcoming new delegates and helping them "learn the ropes" carries serious impact for advancing the successes of the delegate body, and I have enjoyed being able to make friends with and mentor several new delegates. Of concern to me is that there are myriad member clubs who don't have delegates, and there are dog club people who want to be a delegate. I would like to facilitate the pairing up of these two entities. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you. **Dates of Service:** 2005 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20.

Ellen Hardin, *Golden Retriever Club of America*. **Qualifications:** Previously chosen to fill a vacancy on the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, and subsequently re-elected to this committee twice, I wish to continue my service. I hope to utilize the depth of experience and expertise of the delegate body to assist every delegate in knowing procedures, policies, and each other. I began the "nametag project" to identify us on committee meeting days, wrote the Delegate's Google List Suggested Decorum and proposed a 5-year plan for Juniors' College Scholarships. I serve the fancy in numerous capacities, as former director and vice president of The Golden Retriever Club of America, showchair for my local all-breed club, director and treasurer of my regional Golden Retriever club. I am active as a judge and exhibitor in conformation, exhibit in obedience, agility, tracking, hunt tests and, most recently, nosework, and wish to give back to the sport which brought so much to me. **Dates of Service:** 2011 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Joseph Philip, *Greater Lowell Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in Corporate Communication, past editor of the newsletter of the Irish Terrier Club of America, Founder and President of the Irish Terrier Club of New England, served on several boards including the American Primrose Society, the New England Dahlia Society, and the Irish Terrier Rescue Network. Experience in recruitment, enthusiast groups and clubs, motivated, friendly and highly organized. **Dates of Service:** August 2018 to Present. **Two-Year Attendance:** 4 out of 4.

Richard Rosenthal, *Kuvasz Club of America*. **Qualifications: I have been a member of the Kuvasz Club of America for 19 years and have served on the Club's Board as Treasurer and Secretary during 3 different terms over 7 years. While serving on the Board I have helped institute a new Code of Conduct; chaired the project to have breeders who appear on the Club's approved Breeds List agree to participate in OFA and CHIC programs; transition the KCA to electronic nominating and voting for National Specialty Judges; and currently chair the committee that is designing and developing the Club's new website. During my working career I started and operated 5 companies that provided consulting and software solution for large volume UPS, FedEx and US Postal Service shippers. As a consultant I am used to working in groups organizing and moving a project thru to completion. **Dates of Service:** *August 2018 to Present*. **One-Year Attendance:** *4 out of 4*.**

Jane Ruthford, *Mt. Baker Kennel Club*. **Qualifications: In 37 years in the dog fancy, I've been drawn to collaborative efforts focusing on good relationships among Delegates, Member Clubs and AKC so that the Delegate Body can meet its challenges. I'm eager to continue. Past DAAC contributions, 10 years:**

- Completed creating the DAAC video, "Your AKC Delegate Opens Doors," publicly available for new and current Delegates, new AKC employees, and Clubs on AKC website
- Initiated Name Badges (committee day). Created online ordering.
- Supported AKC New Delegate Orientation
- DAAC Secretary
- Chair—Flyer, The Importance of Your AKC Delegate. Fielded follow-up survey. Report on Delegate Portal.

I have degrees in engineering and education; I've have used strategic planning, data analysis, photography and writing to support the Delegate Body, DAAC, AKC Clubs.

I ask for your vote and the opportunity to continue DAAC's work, especially building supportive relationships to help Delegates and their clubs thrive in the 21st century. Thank you. **Dates of Service:** *Havanese Club of America 2007 to 2018; Mount Baker Kennel Club October 2018 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *19 out of 20*. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12*.

Daniel Stolz, *Clearwater Kennel Club*. **Qualifications: I have been on this committee for many years and I have assisted many new incoming delegates from around the country to help get them acclimated to our meetings and committees. I have served on many sub-committees on issues concerning the advancement of the Delegate body and AKC. I have been active with two all-breed and a specialty club, holding positions of Show Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary since 1980. I have served on the DAAC committee since Sept of 2013 working on subcommittees for the recently presented video produced on the importance of the AKC Delegate. I am asking to be re-elected to this committee so I can continue with the important work we do. **Dates of Service:** *2006 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *18 out of 20*. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12*.**

Marile Waterstraat, *Huntington Kennel Club*. **Qualifications: I served on the DAAC committee previously representing another club. I would like to continue my service as the new delegate for Huntington Kennel Club. I have 36 years of experience breeding, showing and trialing my dogs, and have held multiple offices including president, secretary, historian, judges education, and standards, and have chaired a specialty and supported entries. I am a retired librarian and serve as treasurer of our public library foundation. I think my research and writing strengths and club experience and previous delegate experience can be an asset to this committee. **Dates of Service:** *Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) 2006 to 2018; Huntington Kennel Club July 2019 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *15 out of 17*. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** *6 out of 7*.**

Mimi Winkler, *Saw Mill River Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** On my first day as a delegate I attended as many meetings as possible. I felt right from the beginning if given a chance I would like to be a member of the Delegate Advocacy Committee. As a mother of four, a breeder for over thirty years of almost one hundred champions, show chairman of the Saw Mill River KC, President of the Longshore Southport KC and the President of the Non-Sporting Club of the Garden State, I have done my share of listening and advising. I love the concept of give and take. I love new fresh ideas. I respect enthusiasm for the love of dogs and what each new delegate can bring to the table. With this in mind given my background and depth, I feel I would be an asset to this committee and would love to be given a chance to serve. **Dates of Service:** *2017 to Present*. **Three-Year Attendance:** *7 out of 10*.

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Standing Committee for
DOG SHOW RULES

Linda Flynn, *South Shore Kennel Club*. **Qualifications: It has been my pleasure to serve on this Committee since 1998, as its Secretary since 2000, and I would like to continue to serve. Key experience I bring to the Committee:**

- Held every elected office at South Shore KC; Delegate since 1996; Show Chair from 1994 to 2016;
- Ladies Dog Club, Assistant Show Chair 2015-2019;
- Mayflower GSPC: obtained license to hold shows, hunting tests and field trials; Specialty Chair 5 years;
- Served on GSPCA NSS Executive Committee for 10 years, chaired two Nationals;
- 45 years in legal field interpreting rules, regulations and laws.

Forty-one years' experience as breeder, exhibitor, show chair and now judge, coupled with my enthusiasm for this Committee and my proven record of giving back to our sport will enable me to continue to contribute to the important work of this Committee. Thank you for your past votes. Please remember me when you vote in September. **Dates of Service: 1996 to Present. Five-Year Attendance: 18 out of 20. Three-Year Committee Attendance: 11 out of 12.**

Sue Goldberg, *Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club*. **Qualifications: Served on this committee almost since its inception. Active, contributing member regularly volunteering to take on multiple assignments. Championed numerous causes for the betterment of our sport, including introducing the concept of RBIS for Juniors and co-championing and developing the criteria for PeeWee classes, both of which are aimed at encouraging and fostering youth in our sport. Chaired the DQ Reinstatement subcommittee for 5 years resulting in numerous improvements to the process. Currently serves on the Italics committee, reviewing and revising the Rules book. Frequently called upon to wordsmith proposals. Team player who welcomes, solicits and thoughtfully considers input from fellow committee members and the fancy. Values and respects dissenting opinions in order to anticipate and avoid unintended consequences. Eager to continue to contribute to the important work of our committee. **Dates of Service: 1988 to Present. Five-Year Attendance: 17 out of 20. Three-Year Committee Attendance: 11 out of 12.****

Barbara Schwartz, *German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America*. **Qualifications: Experience related to serving on this committee: Director and then Assistant VP of AKC Events. Staff liaison to Dog Show Rules 1999-2002. Responsibilities included interpreting rules and policies, updating the Rules Applying to Dog Shows and the Show Trial Manual. Member of AKC's Corporate Management Committee. Past President of American Lhasa Apso Club (ALAC), current President of Durango KC, past show chair for Huntingdon Valley KC, ALAC, German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America and Durango KC. Served on DSRC for the past 3 years and chaired the subcommittee on Italics for the past 2 years. Approved AKC judge. I have enjoyed working on the DSRC and especially with the Italics subcommittee. We have brought forward many changes/clarifications to the Rules which I believe will benefit the fancy. I look forward to serving on this committee again. **Dates of Service: 2015 to Present. Four-Year Attendance: 13 out of 15. Three-Year Committee Attendance: 10 out of 12.****

Cindy Stansell, *Finnish Spitz Club of America*. **Qualifications:** My experience as show chair and obedience and agility trail chair for various all-breed, national and local specialty clubs has given me broad experience with the practical application of rules and regulations. I continue to breed and exhibit dogs which has allowed me to see changes in the sport since my start in the early 1980's. I am approved to judge two and a half groups which allows me to see both sides of conformation. I have served as an officer or board member almost continually since the 1980's. There was a brief intermission while Robin (husband) was employed by AKC as VP of Events. This gave me insight to the administration of rules. I travel extensively within and outside the US which gives me additional perspectives. I would appreciate your vote to continue to serve on this committee. **Dates of Service:** *Fayetteville Kennel Club 2001 to 2006; Finnish Spitz Club of America 2012 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *18 out of 20*. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** *10 of 12*.

Marilyn Vinson, *Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I have had dogs all my life and actively participated in AKC activities over 35 years. Breeding, showing, pointing dog hunt tests, agility, therapy work and judging. All of which involves rules. I currently serve, and have served for over 30 years, on all breed, parent and local breed club Boards in every capacity except treasurer. I have written and revised bylaws for numerous clubs. Again – more rules. Having been a regular attendee of Dog Show Rules meetings I appreciate the scope of the work involved and feel I can be a productive, working member of the committee. I enjoy researching issues and always have an opinion and willingness to express it. **Dates of Service:** *Kachina Kennel Club 2006 to 2011; Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club 2013 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** *16 out of 20*.

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Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Standing Committee for FIELD TRIAL AND HUNTING TEST EVENTS

Gloria Askins, Greenville Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I have been an active breeder/exhibitor of Irish Setters and a member of the Irish Setter Club of America for 40+ years. My field experience includes 23 years of Field Trials, serving in every capacity as a member of Potomac Irish Setter Club. After retiring to SC, I founded the Carolina Irish Setter Club in 2014 (licensed 2016). I also became active in Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club which inspired me to create activities to recruit my conformation club members into field work. This successful effort led to our club being accepted into AKC's Hunt Test Mentor program in 2018 and earning our HT license earlier this year. I am excited about AKC's "Purpose Bred Dog" initiative and believe it can help create new opportunities for field clubs and the sport I love. I listen well and will bring energy, enthusiasm and creative problem-solving skills to this committee. **Dates of Service:** 2018 to Present. **Two-Year Attendance:** 5 out of 5.

David Bagaley, Central Beagle Club. **Qualifications:** As a member of Central Beagle Club, the third oldest Beagle Club, organized in 1895, beagle field trials have been a major aspect of my life for nearly fifty (50) years. I have been an officer at Central for some 40 years, breeding, training and competing with the hounds. Qualified, I believe, as an AKC DELEGATE in 2011. A lot of necessary work was done at that time, accomplished, in a few short years, attempting to pull Beagle Field Trials out of the mud. A number of times I was appointed to the Field Trial & Hunting Test Events Committee and served on an AKC Trial Board. The Beagle breed, clubs and members, need and deserve a strong proponent in this arena. **Dates of Service:** 2011 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 2 out of 20.

Tim Carrion, American Chesapeake Club. **Qualifications:** I have been involved in AKC Retriever Field Trials and Hunt Test for over 50 years. In that time, I have served locally and nationally in elected and appointed positions for both the American Chesapeake Club and local retriever clubs in the Mid-Atlantic area. As an active competitor, judge and event committee member I experience the challenges our Field Trial, Hunt Test and Parent clubs face each and every weekend. I have had the privilege to serve as the AKC Delegate for the Chesapeake Parent Club since 2013 and as a member of the Field Trial and Hunt Test Event Committee since 2016. I would appreciate the opportunity to help guide trials and hunt test through the challenges that the 2020's will bring. **Dates of Service:** 2013 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Blaine Grove, New England Beagle Club. **Qualifications:** I have been participating in Beagle field trials since 1984. I am an active judge, a club president, have served as a field trial secretary and now serve as the recording secretary of the AKC Nationals Beagle SPO Championship committee. I am active in Government Relations and Juniors programs for the Beagle field trial community. As a nonmember of this committee, I have only missed 1 meeting the 3 years that I have been a Delegate. If elected to the committee, I believe my experiences and interest could add to the success of the committee. There currently are no Beagle field trial representatives on the committee. Thank you for your consideration. **Dates of Service:** 2016 to Present. **Three-Year Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

Chris Orcutt, *Irish Red & White Setter Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I have served on the Field Trial and Hunt Test Events Committee since March 2018. I am formally trained as a Veterinary Technician. Currently I am a Hunt Test Judge. I have hunted and shown Irish Red and White Setters (IRWS) for the past 15 years earning Junior and Senior Hunt test titles as well as competing in walking Field Trials. In addition, I have put Champions and Grand Champions on our IRWS. I served on the Irish Red and White Setter Association of America (IRWSAA) board of directors for 6 years including two terms as Vice president and served as the Hunt Test Chair for two Irish Red and White Setter Nationals. I serve as the parent club Delegate for the IRWSAA. A truly balanced dog must demonstrate they are capable of performing the job they were bred for. I will apply this philosophy as a committee member. **Dates of Service:** 2017 to Present. **Two-Year Attendance:** 7 out of 10. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 5 out of 6.

Robert (Bob) Rynkiewicz, *Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club*. **Qualifications:** My name is Robert Rynkiewicz, I am the Delegate representing The Eastern GSP Club. I am applying for consideration the Field Trial Committee. Since becoming a Delegate in June 2018, I have attended all of the Field Trial Committee meetings, actively participating and offered suggestions for consideration. I have been active in the Eastern GSP Club since 1998. Board Member and Treasure since 2003, Hunt Test Secretary since 2004 until present. I'm actively involved in all club activities, including shows, providing gunning at both Hunt Tests and Field Trials. I also acted as the club's Hunt Test Secretary from 2004 until present. I have also been a board member and test Secretary for the SVGSP Club. I am currently a Hunt Test Judge and have been actively involved in judging. I feel I can be a valuable asset to the Field Trial / Hunt Test Committee. **Dates of Service:** June 2018 to Present. **Two-Year Attendance:** 5 out of 5.

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Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Standing Committee for HERDING, EARTHDOG AND COURSING EVENTS

Ricky Adams, *Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I want to be part of the HEC Committee's work to make these sports better, safer, and more accessible to the fancy and especially to the public. My resume is like many delegates, having served my clubs in various ways: Southeast Arkansas KC Delegate 9 years; Clumber Spaniel Club of America 19 years; AKC Delegate Parent Club Committee 15 years; CSCA Life Member, President, Assistant Show Chair, Illustrated Standard Committee Chair, Scent Work Co-Chair 2020, and many other jobs; Cudahy KC Scent Work trial chair 6 times, CAT, FAST CAT committees. My personal commitment recently has been to titling in CATs, FAST CATs, Farm Dog, TKs, CGCU and especially in Scent Work which both my dog and I enjoy immensely. Now that there are so many wonderful sports which develop the human/dog bond, I believe we should help the AKC be more responsive to participants' needs and suggestions. **Dates of Service:** *Clumber Spaniel Club of America 1990 to 2009; Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club 2009 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** 15 out of 20.

Gerard Baudet, *Briard Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I have a lifetime involvement with many aspects of the dog sport. In conformation, owning Briards for 37 years, I have served the Briard Club of America on the Breed Standard Committee, as National Specialty chair, four terms as President. In obedience, I served 9 years as obedience chair for OTCRI and 23 years for RIKC. In herding, I have been competing for 31 years from the beginning of the AKC Herding Program, and trained 4 of my dogs to Herding Championships (including 3 generations of homebred Dual Champions); I have served 21 years as President of NESAs (an active regional herding club); I have been a herding judge for 24 years, and served as the chair of the Herding Advisory Committee. I was on the Herding-Earthdog-Coursing Committee from its inception to 2013, and chair for the first four years. I would feel honored to continue serving on this committee. **Dates of Service:** *Rhode Island Kennel Club 2000 to 2014; Briard Club of America January 2018 to Present*. **Two-Year Attendance:** 6 out of 6. **One-Year Committee Attendance:** 2 out of 2.

Martha Lee Beckington, *Mount Vernon Dog Training Club*. **Qualifications:** I have served on the committee before to fill a vacancy and would like to do so again. I live in Alexandria, Virginia and I am the Delegate for Mt. Vernon Dog Training Club. Although we are an Obedience Club, I also do a lot of Herding with my smooth Collies. It would be of particular interest to me to bring that perspective to the HEC Committee. I have been a member of my club for 38 years and served in various capacities. I have shown my smooth Collies to Owner-Handled Breed Championships as well as earned Herding, Obedience and Rally titles and certified my dogs for TDI Therapy Training. I would bring a well-rounded perspective to the Committee with a particular interest in Herding and would love to serve again as an HEC committee member. Thank you for your consideration. **Dates of Service:** 2016 to Present. **Three-Year Attendance:** 11 out of 14. **One-Year Committee Attendance:** 2 out of 3.

Sally Fineburg, *Hatboro Dog Club*. **Qualifications:** I love lure coursing and am an advocate for the sport. There is nothing more inspiring than watching sighthounds performing the function innate to their breeding and demonstrating their incredible athleticism. I have had the great privilege of being involved in coursing for nearly two decades. Our dogs ranked among the top Ridgebacks several of those years. I enjoy being active in all facets of the discipline and became a judge in 2009. In

addition to Hatboro Dog Club, I am Exo-Officio of my Regional breed club which runs coursing trials, CAT and FCAT tests. Over the past 15 years, I have been an integral part of our coursing program and have served in many capacities including FTC, FTS, Clerk, Huntmaster and more. It would be an honor to serve on the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee and support our hounds in excelling at what they're meant to do. **Dates of Service:** 2015-2016; February 2019 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 3 out of 3; 2 out of 2.

Prudence Hlatky, Borzoi Club of America. Qualifications: I first started participating in coursing events in the early 1970s when ASFA was first starting up. I had several BIF winners. Currently I live in an area (South of Houston) which allows for an extremely short coursing season. Aside from representing the performance side of the Borzoi Club of America, I'm President of the Houston Area Hound Association (HAHA). HAHA has held lure coursing tests and trials as well as CATS. Unfortunately, Hurricane Harvey destroyed our field and as we haven't found one in our area, we've been forced to use a site numerous hours from Houston. **Dates of Service:** April 2019 to Present. **One-Year Attendance:** 1 out of 1.

Bonnie Lapham, Glen Falls Kennel Club. Qualifications: I have been involved with Borzoi since 1970 and lure coursing since the 90s. I feel strongly that all dogs should be able to do the work they were bred for whether hunting, herding, coursing, or pulling a sled. To further that end, I have worked with my fellow committee members to try to show how much our dogs enjoy participating in performance events. We have worked very hard to ensure safety for both people and dogs by establishing safety standards for all three venues. We are addressing the need for CAT evaluators. I have served as secretary during these initiatives and wish to continue to serve both on the committee and as committee secretary. **Dates of Service:** 1995 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Karen Lee, American Whippet Club. Qualifications: I am a current HEC member having first been appointed, then elected to a one-year term. My background as a breeder/owner/handler of numerous AKC DC Whippets, my current experience with FASTCAT, my years of experience as both a Lure Trial Chair and Secretary has given me in-depth knowledge of what makes for a safe and fair lure-chasing performance event. I have drafted and edited FASTCAT Best Practices, successfully proposed regulation modifications which were accepted and passed, and worked on subcommittees with fellow committee members on projects to improve the fast-growing sport of FAST CAT. Through my fellow committee members, I have increased my knowledge of and appreciation for Herding and Earthdog events. As an active competitor, I am visible and accessible to participants to listen to their concerns and ideas. I humbly ask for your vote once more to continue in my role on the HEC Committee. **Dates of Service:** 2014 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 15 out of 19. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 11. (March 2017 HEC Committee was attended but not the Delegate Meeting due to serious weather conditions.)

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Standing Committee for PARENT CLUBS

Anne H. Bowes, *Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America*. **Qualifications:** For over 50 years, I have been an avid breeder/exhibitor of Pembroke Welsh Corgis finishing over 120 AKC Champions. I have been an active member of the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America since 1972 and Honorary Member since 2016. I have served the PWCCA as President (two terms), Vice President, Corresponding & Recording Secretaries, Newsletter Editor, Show Membership & Judges Education Chairman, Board Member for over 35 years and AKC Delegate since 2012. I have loved serving on the Parent Club Committee the past 6 years as it allows me to help other Parent Clubs solve their problems. I have also served on sub-committees for Legislative Liaisons, New Parent Club Outreach and Specialty Site Questionnaire. I hope to continue to bring my extensive experience in my own Parent Club & my enthusiasm for the Sport of Dogs to the AKC Parent Club Committee. Thank you for your vote. I am asking for your vote to continue working for and with our Parent Clubs. **Dates of Service:** 2012 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 10 out of 12. 2018 September Delegates Meeting fell on the same date as the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America's National Specialty and Board meeting.

Connie Butherus, *Afghan Hound Club of America*. **Qualifications:** While on the Parent Club Committee I have worked on several sub committees/projects as follows: Code of Ethics, Reserve Winners major (National Specialties) Sporting/Hound Breeds Brochure, Parent Club Conferences, Self-Study project, Health Statements, Breed Sustainability and Non-member Parent Clubs. Member and Delegate of the AHCA I also serve as Parliamentarian, have chaired committees on By-Laws and Membership, Rescue Trust and Future National Specialties. I am active in the local Breed club currently serving as Secretary having held nearly all offices over the years. Additional memberships: Morris & Essex KC (Secretary), Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Tuxedo Park KC (Chief Steward), Delaware Water Gap KC (Treasurer) and a founding member of a Hound Group Club (Vice President). Actively participate in conformation, Chair Agility Trials and fundraise for rescue. **Dates of Service:** 1998 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

Marilyn Currey, *American Chinese Crested Club*. **Qualifications:** Everything I do in dogs is driven by my personal commitment and open collaboration. I was instrumental in the conception of the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer and have been a member of that Task Force since its inception. I have an exhibitor since 1996, a breeder since 1998 and an AKC Judge since 2011. I currently run a large stewarding organization. I was treasurer and on the board of a Parent Club for 9 years. I also attend and help plan and run many National Specialty Shows. I think the biggest challenge facing Parent Club is attracting new members and encouraging breeders. If elected to the Parent Club Committee my primary interests will be in helping clubs set up education and mentoring for new breeders and establishing incentives for new puppy buyers to become members of their Parent Club. Thank you for your consideration. **Dates of Service:** 2012 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 17 out of 20.

John Nielsen, *English Setter Association of America*. **Qualifications: I have served the English Setter Association of America (ESAA) in positions of responsibility for over 40 years including Vice President, President, Chairman of the Standard Revision, Constitution Revision, Financial and Show Committee and for the past 30 years, AKC Delegate. During my four years as President our membership more than doubled, our finance came under control and many policies and events were initiated that still continue. I have attended Delegate Parent Club Committee meetings since their inception, and I am currently a member. Additionally, I have been to all four Parent Club Conferences as an attendee, presenter and working member of the Parent Club Committee. The Parent Club Committee has, is, and most certainly will continue to be integral to the success of the AKC and through the information exchange and advocacy to the success of all Parent Clubs - I hope to continue to be a contributor. **Dates of Service:** 1986 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.**

Larry Sorenson, *Dachshund Club of America*. **Qualifications: I am involved in AKC events for over 57 years as a breeder, exhibitor and handler. I am a life member of DCA and serves as an Officer or Board Member for 25 years. I am a Breeder of Merit for Dachshunds. I am an approved judge for Conformation, Field Trials, Earthdog Trials and CGC. I retired from AKC where I was the Director for the AKC Education and Information Booth. I am Chair for the Parent Club Self Evaluation Program and currently working with the Breed Sustainability Program for low entry breeds. I believe the decline of new exhibitors and new individuals entering the sport of dogs is a major concern. I truly believe that Parent Clubs are the custodians of purebred dogs and the very heart of AKC. The Parent Club Committee is the leading AKC Committee for support of purebred dogs. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.**

Maggi Strouse, *National Shiba Club of America*. **Qualifications: I represent a smaller Parent Club, which, like many clubs, faces declining registrations, membership and participation in our traditional core events. I believe that the PCC will be a positive force in stabilizing or reversing these trends and will work to make that happen. Over the past twenty years I have served as president, secretary, treasurer and show chair of various AKC clubs, including several years as NSCA National Specialty Committee Chair. Additionally, I assist several companion events, all-breed and specialty clubs in event planning/coordination. My background is in military intelligence, nonprofit development, and education. I listen more than I talk, and believe our best decisions are based on fact, but shaped by our passion for dogs. I look forward to working with the PCC and all of you to develop strategies to strengthen and benefit our clubs, our sport and our AKC. I would appreciate your vote. **Dates of Service:** 2008 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20.**

There will be no ballot required for the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee since the number of self-nominations did not exceed the available positions.

The Statements of Qualification follow for the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee.

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Candidate Statements of Qualifications

Standing Committee for **PERSPECTIVES EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

Sylvia Arrowwood, *Myrtle Beach Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I have been on the Perspectives Committee for three terms and enjoy being a part of this great group. I have contributed many articles which hopefully are of interest to my fellow Delegates and also have had input into the articles of others on the committee. I really enjoy writing on subjects involving dogdom in all its forms and have had many requests to broadcast my articles outside of Perspectives to which I have obliged. I would be more than happy to continue to contribute to Perspectives and therefore very much appreciate your consideration. Thank You. **Dates of Service:** *Charleston Kennel Club 2002 to 2019; Myrtle Beach Kennel Club February 2019 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 8 out of 8.

Marge Calltharp, *Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America*. **Qualifications:** It's been my honor to serve on Perspectives since 2017 as the committee Secretary; as well as submitting my own articles and soliciting others to submit theirs. Editing and writing is one of my passions. I am a past editor of The Barker, which is the breed magazine for the CSPCA as well as other newsletters. I seek your support to continue my work as a member of Perspectives. **Dates of Service:** 2004 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 6 out of 8.

Blaine Grove, *New England Beagle Club*. **Qualifications:** I am a member of the Field & Trial community with interests and experience in areas such as Government Relations, involvement of Juniors, and increasing participation in events. My connections with folks in these areas will provide opportunities to solicit and submit articles which I hope will be of interest and encourage others to get involved. I think it's important to support and encourage our Juniors in Field & Trial Events. I wrote an article for Perspectives about a Junior Beagler Program which introduces kids to working with and training dogs, participating in Trials, becoming responsible club members, getting involved in club activities, and learning about good sportsmanship. As a non-member of the Committee I have attended Perspectives meetings since I became a Delegate in 2016. As a member of Perspectives, I hope to highlight an area of our Sport that kids and adults can both enjoy. **Dates of Service:** 2016 to Present. **Three-Year Attendance:** 11 out of 12. **One-Year Committee Attendance:** 1 out of 1.

Sharyn Hutchens, *Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I graduated from the University of Georgia Journalism School with an ABJ with magazine writing emphasis. Before retirement, I held several positions in the field of public broadcasting that involved writing and editing and worked as a freelance editor and writer. Perspectives has used several of my articles over the years. I've also been published in the Whippet News (AWC newsletter), Columbia State magazine, Southern Partisan, and in a collection of short stories called The Cat's Pajamas. I wrote all the content for the website of the Virginia Federation of Dogs Clubs and Breeders and most of it for Pet-Law.com and Timbreblue.com, as well as the now defunct Petdogs-L.com. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 13 out of 20.

Don James, Leonberger Club of America. **Qualifications:** I'm running for election to the Delegate Perspectives Editorial Staff. I've been attending Perspectives meetings since my first Delegate meeting in June of 2012. I was elected to the Editorial Staff since September of 2014. I've been the Issue coordinator for the June 2015 issue, the September 2017 issue and the upcoming December 2019 issue. Past articles I've submitted dealt with Club publications, Electronic Balloting, and Club Archives. Perspectives is the Delegate's editorial organ, providing all of us an exceptional vehicle for sharing knowledge and gaining knowledge through other club's experiences. It's an honor for me to serve on this committee. This is a great group of folks who are dedicated to producing a quality product for your consumption. I'd like to continue that by asking for your vote for another term on the Delegate Perspectives Committee. **Dates of Service:** 2012 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 7 out of 8.

Glenda Stephenson, Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay. **Qualifications:** Having a well-rounded experience in the fancy since 1967, I am able to visualize dog related activities from a different perspective. I have brought this skill into composing published articles in numerous publications. As an editor of my kennel club's newsletter, compilation of timely information, educational, and heartwarming articles was an endeavor that I enjoyed. I hope to bring my unique talent of finding interesting topics and authors for the Perspective Newsletter. **Dates of Service:** 2008 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 17 out of 20. **One-Year Committee Attendance:** 2 out of 2.

THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB ALL-BREED CLUBS COMMITTEE

JUNE 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1 PM by Committee Chair, Nancy Fisk, at the Doubletree Hotel, Newark, NJ.

Committee members present: Cathy Rubens, Larry Libeu, Terrie Breen, Jon Greene, Fran Stephens, Mike Houchard, Bill Ellis, Margaret DiCorleto. Absent: Susan Sholar and John Ronald. Also present: Karolynne McAteer and Thomas Powers, AKC Board Liaisons, and Mari-beth O'Neill, AKC Staff.

There were 87 guest delegates present.

Committee members introduced themselves and newly seated delegates introduced themselves and were welcomed.

The minutes of the March 2019 committee meeting were approved as posted.

Committee member Mike Houchard gave a power point presentation of results from the Community Outreach survey conducted by the Best Practices subcommittee. There were 292 responses to this survey. Of concern was that 34 clubs don't see Community Outreach as important. On the positive side, many clubs offered creative ways that they show their presence in their communities. Involving public officials is an excellent way to get good publicity and establish important relationships. It was recommended that more clubs offer an AKC Responsible Dog Owner event. Mike stressed that Community Outreach is tied to the survival of dog sports and that clubs need to establish a strong presence in their communities by being "proactive rather than reactive." Delegates were encouraged to look at the long list of "other" responses in the survey results which might give them ideas for community involvement. Best Practices will be presented at the September meeting.

REMINDER: All Best Practices can be found at

<https://www.akc.org/clubs-delegates/clubs/resources/best-practices/>

At the March meeting, the committee heard a request from Richella Veatch, Delegate for the Tennessee Valley KC, who presented a problem to the committee and asked for help in bringing the matter of lost show revenue and restitution to the Board's attention.

There was an incident at her club's show site by an exhibitor that resulted in damage amounting to \$3,500.00. In this incident, a handler's assistant was brought before a Bench Show Hearing, fined and suspended while employed by the handler. Although the individual responsible for the damage was fined and suspended by AKC, the club was responsible for paying the cost of the damage. This amount of money was the total net income from the club's conformation and obedience shows for 2018. Unfortunately for the club, there was no expectation that the person responsible for the damage be liable for restitution to the club.

Since this was seen as a situation that could affect any club, the committee agreed to send a request to the Board to review the procedures and policies related to imposed suspensions. This was done and Nancy Fisk thanked the subcommittee that drafted the request and the Board for taking action. Karolynne McAteer reported that the accused individuals will make restitution to this club and in the future, no suspensions will be lifted until restitution is made.

Mari-beth O'Neill gave an up-date on Juniors. Twenty AKC scholarships have been awarded. The possibility of receiving a scholarship might be an incentive for youngsters to enter juniors and join a club. Pee Wee classes are not attracting new kids. Pee Wee entries are typically children or grandchildren of exhibitors. 4-H outreach at state fairs is an excellent way to connect with children. AKC provides necessary forms for getting a Junior number and dog registration. 4-H groups can be invited to club shows and Juniors can act as hosts. Junior Showcases are a good way to engage Juniors.

A question was raised about how to encourage Juniors to become breeders not just handlers.

Jon Greene read a memo from the Austin KC which proposes a revised championship point system that would help alleviate the problem of finding enough dogs in ones breed to complete a championship. This proposal adds the awarding of points to group placements in addition to placing Group 1. In essence, "if you are awarded Best of Breed but are the only entry, you earn no points but if you place first in your group, you earn the highest amount of points that was allotted to any of the dog breeds that you have defeated in your group. If you placed 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in the group you will be allotted the highest amount of points given to any of the breeds that you have defeated in your group." If you win Best in Show, "you will be awarded the maximum points awarded to any breed in the show-only 5 points can be awarded to a dog in one day. Only one major acquired by this method can be counted toward your championship. Your second major must still be achieved by defeating the specific number of ones own breed that constitutes a major according to AKC rules. Minor points awarded in this manner will still count toward your championship. This change will still adhere to current AKC rules acquiring 15 points that constitutes the title of Champion. The only change is the ability of exhibitors dogs being awarded minor points and only one 'Major' from group placings."

Sheila Goffe, VP Government Relations, gave an update on legislative issues and highlighted some of what the Government Relations Department does. At the state and federal level, over 2100 bills are tracked and monitored. Sometimes the GR response is just a message that the bill is good; sometimes it may be a notice if there is an urgent need. There is a federal lobbyist who can work with state lobbyists when necessary. Sheila reminded everyone of the various newsletters and notices that come from her department and encouraged people to go to the GR website www.akc.org/government-relations. The department is always available and willing to help with dog related issues. Email is doglaw@akc.org

There is a new multidisciplinary GR Task Force on Anti-Breeder Harassment or Retaliation. Breeders who are involved and outspoken in the community are increasingly likely to suffer retaliation such as surprise kennel inspections or having their dogs seized. Breeders are encouraged to "be careful and be smart." Using a PO Box instead of a street mail address might be a good idea, especially for exhibitors who are concerned about confidentiality in show catalogs.

A National Legislative Conference will be held June 23 and 24 in Washington, DC.

Mike Houchard shared a copy of the Georgia Farm Bureau Magazine which featured 5 working farm dogs, 4 of which are pure-bred. He said this is a good community resource.

Dan Petko, KC of Niagara Falls, gave a personal example of how a change in local community leadership resulted in changes to the kennel license renewal process. He was given unacceptable options such as move, get rid of his dogs, or apply for a variance which was denied. After a legal hassle, his kennel was grandfathered in.

There was discussion of struggling clubs and the effects of clusters. Karolynne McAteer said that clusters take shows out of the local community which has a financial and visibility impact. She stressed that club community outreach and involvement then become even more important. Comments from the floor included that huge shows don't always attract new people and working people often cannot attend midweek shows. The importance of community involvement was stressed. It was suggested that maybe there should be more outdoor shows. Maybe AKC could assist clubs to establish stable locations by helping them buy show property. There was agreement that AKC should seriously consider the impact of clusters on small shows.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret DiCorleto, Secretary

Delegate for the Chow Chow Club

Bylaws Committee Meeting

June 10, 2019

DoubleTree Hotel, Newark

Committee members present: Chairman Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley KC; Secretary Dr. John Ioia, Southern Adirondack Dog Club; Sylvia Arrowood, Myrtle Beach Kennel Club; Kathy Coxwell, Bearded Collie Club of America; Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club; Julian Prager, Esq., Central Florida KC; Jan M. Ritchie-Gladstone, Esq., Richmond Dog Fanciers Club; Abbe Shaw, Santa Barbara KC; Burton Yamada, Orange Empire Dog Club

Absent: David Haddock, Westminster KC; Dr. Pamela Stacey Rosman, Canaan Dog Club of America

Board Liaisons: Dominic P. Carota; Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.; Staff Liaison: Gina DiNardo, AVP, AES

Chairman Gretchen Bernardi called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

The committee members and liaisons introduced themselves.

The minutes of the March 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected (Paveza/Coxwell – unanimous).

Chairman's Report: Gretchen welcomed everyone attending the meeting. She also commented on her very positive observation of so many Delegates who are actively exhibiting and attending dog shows

Gretchen began the business with the first agenda item, the value of the Nominating Committee and whether it should be eliminated. She asked Dominic Carota who is chairing an Ad Hoc Committee on the Nominating Committee. Dominic provided some details and history for its purpose.

- To streamline the Nom. Comm. Activities
- To provide education to the Nom. Comm.
- To utilize previous documents provided by Gretchen Bernardi & Bylaws Comm.
- To make Nom. Comm. Activities open & transparent
- To have this committee's activities useful for this election cycle

There was further explanation of David Hopkin's failed amendment regarding the picking of the Nom. Comm., its complexity and why it failed. There was further passionate discussion about the election process and changes, with regard to its value and whether it should be eliminated.

Pat Cruz was asked and then provided some further history on this Ad Hoc Committee, why it was formed and explained that the Board has no input into the Nom. Comm. or its function, other than its choice in composition.

Dr. Tom Davies was asked for his opinions and he again suggested that there may be no need for a Nom. Comm. with the success of individuals running from, the floor.

The Bylaws Committee decided unanimously to await the findings and suggestions of the Ad Hoc Committee for proceeding with any further activities.

The next topic dealt with a return to a discussion of Term limits for Directors. This was brought forth due to a number of Delegate requests. Gretchen provided history and the Committee members each gave opinions. Again, we discussed the present situation, attempts to increase the length of term off the Board, a permanent exclusion after two terms or a revocation of the current term limits. All have failed to reach the 2/3 majority needed to pass. The Committee had no interest at the current time to pursue the topic of Term Limits.

Greg suggested what I want to refer to as The Praveza Rule, that once this Committee considers a subject and makes a decision, we will not discuss it again for one year. The Committee will consider this.

The third issue was to be a report on the use of DNA in identifying and registering dogs. In the absence of Dr. Pam Rosman, there was no report. Gretchen told us of a Board appointed Ad Hoc Committee on DNA and General Health. Pam is a member of that committee and we will await a report.

There was a brief discussion of AKC approval of club bylaws and the differentiation of Parent Club, Member Club and Licensed Club

After a brief break, the Committee took up a discussion of Registration of dogs of unacceptable colors for their breed. This led to a discussion of the issues of esthetics and genetics and the health problems that are associated with some unacceptable colors. There was tremendous visitor input and participation. It seemed obvious that in many breeds, the unacceptable colors come about because of out-crosses to other breeds, making the colors possible.

Glenda Stephenson, Space Coast KC of Palm Bay provided information about these issues in the Australian Shepherd and the associated DNA findings. Barbara Shaw, Greater Colin KC gave information about a study of the Merle gene by the American Spaniel Club (<http://AmericaSpanielclub.org/about-the-breed/Merle-color-in-Cocker-spaniels>).

There were many questions in this topic, including whether DNA can identify individual breeds and whether it can be used to validate the Stud Book Registry.

Again, there was reference to the High Volume Breeders Committee Report from nearly twenty years ago.

With there being no further business to discuss, there was a motion to adjourn (Paveza/Coxwell – unanimously approved) 11:35 AM.

Submitted,

John V. Iola, MD, PhD
Committee Secretary
March 12, 2019

Guest attendance:

Terrie Breen	Farmington Valley KC
Viola Burgos	Naugatuck Valley KC
Tim Carrion	American Chesapeake Club
Joan Church	Garden State All Terrier Club
Connie Clark	Am Fox Terrier Club
Jan Croft	Land O' Lakes KC
Pat Cruz	Heart of the Plains KC
Tom Davies	Springfield KC
Mary DeGregorio	Taconic Hills KC
Beverly Drake	Catonsville KC
Lorraine Ebdon	Ventura County Dog Fanciers
Tony Emilio	Labrador Retriever Club
Fred Ferris	Conn Working Dog
Sally Fineburg	Hatboro KC
Don Gillett	Troy KC
Victoria Glickstein	Bryn Mahr KC
Richard Grant	Providence Co KC
Jon Green	Central Ohio KC
Jim Henshaw	Mahoning-Shenango KC
Ralph Hogancamp	Minneapolis KC
Barry Hoovis	Monticello KC
Barbara C. Iola	Butler Co KC
Karl Kruck	Hoosier KC
Robert Lachman	Upper Potomac Valley KC
Steve Lawrence	Toy Dog Club of Western Mass
Larry Libeu	Santa Maria KC
Louise Leone	Colorado KC
Mary McCollum	Albany KC
Joseph Philip	Greater Lowell KC
Tom Pincus	Houston KC
Amy Romeo	Mohawk Valley KC
Patricia Sample	Anderson OTC

Robert Schroll
Barbara Shaw
Gary Sarvinas
Johnny Shoemaker
Judith Smith
Glenda Stephenson
Daniel Stolz
Marjorie Underwood
Larry Wilson
Mimi Winkler
Nancy Zinkham

Clarksville KC
Greater Colin KC
Maryland KC
Redwood Empire KC
DPCA
Space Coast KC
Clearwater KC
Clermont Co KV
Phila DTC
Saw Mill River KC
Dog Owners Training Club

MINUTES
CANINE HEALTH COMMITTEE

10 June 2019

Newark, New Jersey

Committee Members Present: Dr. William I. Christensen, Eddie Dziuk, Dr. Joellen Gregory, Susan Hamil, Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki, Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser, Dr. Donald E. Schwartz, Dr. Robert E. Tainsh, Marcy L. Zingler.

Committee Members Absent: Margaret Pough.

AKC Board Representative Present: Dr. J. Charles Garvin

AKC Staff Liaison Present: Keith Frazier

AKC Staff Present: Mark Dunn

AKC/CHF CEO Present: Dr. Diane Brown

Chair Susan Hamil called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of the 11 March 2019 meeting, as amended and published on the Delegate Portal, were approved.

Dr. Diane Brown distributed copies of the *2019 AKC Canine Health Foundation Research Grants Portfolio*, Volume 3. Abstracts of 38 new grants, representing 2.5 million in funding are presented in 23 project areas. Also included are all currently active CHF research grants, for a total of \$10.3 million in active research. Although published quarterly, the list is updated continuously on line: <http://www.akcCHF.org/research/our-research/> Click on the addendum to the 2019 Research Portfolio.

Copies of the 2018 *Annual Report* were also distributed. AKC/CHF has nearly doubled research grant funding since 2014, with \$2.7 million in 39 grants awarded in 2018 alone. In 2018 five clinician/scientist/fellows have been supported as have six theriogenology residents. Bios of these individuals as well as a Foundation financial report are available at: <http://www.akcCHF.org/about-us/Financials/>

The first prospective study on the suspected association between diet and dilated cardiomyopathy has been funded. A multi-institutional team of veterinary cardiologists and nutritionists will prospectively screen a large population of apparently healthy dogs for dilated cardiomyopathy and will compare the frequency of heart disease occurrence with the

frequency of boutique, exotic ingredient, or grain-free diets. See <http://www.akcchf.org/research/research-portfolio/2661.html>

Previous research initiatives in tick-borne infections and epilepsy are continuing. New grants have been awarded for atopy and for immune-related hemolytic anemia. These subjects are of greater pertinence to small breeds. A clinical trial, stimulated by the finding that propranolol may enhance the effectiveness of chemotherapy in human angiosarcoma, will investigate the applicability of this approach to hemangiosarcoma in dogs. Preliminary findings are encouraging.

Recipients of emails from AKC/CHF are opened at a frequency of 41% as compared with an average for non-profit veterinary health foundations of 15%. This demonstrates the recipients' engagement with the topics addressed and the appropriateness of their content to the target audience.

Another positive quality measure is the maintenance of a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.

Registration is now open for the 2019 AKC Canine Health Foundation Conference, 9-11 August 2019 in St. Louis. This year registration is open to anyone interested, subject to availability. Register at: <http://www.akcchf.org/news-events/events/educational/national-parent-club-canine-1.html> 200 registrants have already signed-up. 30 veterinary students and all current theriogenology residents will attend.

Dr. Brown has been reaching out to Parent Clubs, and especially to the younger people. She attended a Spinone Italiano national and was pleased to be contacted by juniors who were being educated by that club. The club asked students to discuss some topics with her and have her sign-off on attendance sheets. At an English Springer Spaniel event, following the show, the juniors and attendees were asked to review a series of educational posters and answer questions on each.

Clubs who wish to have materials specifically designed for their breeds or health interests may contact the AKC/CHF and have these materials shipped to them. Stat sheets on various infectious diseases and other health issues can be downloaded and reprinted (with permission and attribution to the AKC/CHF). <http://www.akcchf.org/canine-health/top-health-concerns/top-health-concerns.html> The health liaison newsletters are sent out quarterly.

Alan Kalter, Delegate and former AKC Board Member, reported on the ad hoc sustainability committee meeting held the evening prior. Between 2008 and 2018 there has been a 25-30% decrease in the number of litters being whelped yearly, representing a decrease of approximately 30,000 available puppies. The number of breeders has decreased due to cultural and financial issues as well as time available and government regulations. He stated that 2/3 of puppies being registered today are from first-time or "casual" breeders. More people need to be breeding dogs, and he advocated that educational efforts be directed to breeders or potential breeders, like those used to educate judges. Breeder education committees established by Parent Clubs would help promulgate best breeding practices to potential and first-time breeders. Canine Health Committee Marcy Zingler suggested that the sustainability committee send a letter to all Parent Clubs asking what have proven to be

successful elements in their Breeders Education Committee efforts. This would be a good beginning for ongoing communication on this topic.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia presented additional data on the steady decline in AKC conformation entries as well as the steady increase in limited registrations. Breeders set an all-time 25-year record in 2017 by registering 121,227 puppies with limited registration. 26% of breeders in the fancy, 69% of other breeders, but only 5% of commercial breeders used this option. He believes that this may well result in two different “types” of a breed depending on who is doing the breeding and that the overall quality and genetic variability of the breed will therefore decrease.

AKC Executive Vice President Mark Dunn commented on AKC Board Chairman William Feeney’s creation of an ad hoc committee for exploring additional testing opportunities which might be offered to AKC registrants as a result of a change in the AKC genetic testing platform. This change would allow testing for the potential risk of appropriate genetically based health issues, in addition to the current one for determining parentage. Dr. Gerald Bell of Tufts will chair the committee. Committee members include Dr. Michael Green and Dr. Julia Allwood, a post-doctoral scientist at N.C. State University, who is currently working for the AKC. Canine Health Committee members on the new Board committee include Susan Hamil and Eddie Dziuk. The committee intends to produce a white paper on the subject within one year.

Eddie Dziuk reported on the 4th International Partnership for Dogs (IPFD) workshop held in Windsor, England last week. He and Susan Hamil attended, as did Dr. Diane Brown from AKC/CHF. Also attending were Dr. Gerald Bell and delegates from the OFA. Rather than lectures by experts, the workshop consisted of reports developed by groups assigned to one of 5 topics.

The first topic was “Concept of Breed,” meaning the sustainability of low-litter, low-entry breeds. The European approach seemed to be creating genetic diversity by occasional crossing other breeds into the line.

The second topic was “Supply and Demand.” Dr. Courtney Croney, a livestock expert from Purdue, gave a well-received presentation on her research into the best practices for commercial breeders.

The third topic, “Phenotypic exaggeration,” rapidly degenerated to a discussion of the “brachycephalic” breeds and the occasional accompanying “Brachiocephalic Obstructive Airway Syndrome (BOAS).” The “animal welfare” representatives are pushing for the elimination of brachycephalic dogs through a breeding prohibition.

The fourth topic concerned the development of breed-specific health improvement strategies and the fifth, the ongoing “harmonization of genetic testing” project.

Eddie Dziuk gave a brief CHIC update. More than 1000 DNA samples have been collected and submitted to the OFA from various spring national specialties. He stated that it was likely that an echocardiogram would soon be required for the advanced cardiac clearance of a dog, in addition to the clinical exam now required.

AKC Executive Vice President Keith Frazier presented a report on veterinary outreach activities under the direction of Mari-Beth O'Neill. Mari-Beth and Dr. Sharon Albright from the AKC/CHF attended the Student AVMA Symposium 9-11 March at the University of Georgia. Future appearances will be at the Therio Conference 2019, 24-27 July in Savannah, GA; the AVMA meeting in Washington, D.C. 2-6 August; the 2019 Canine Health Foundation National Parent Club Canine Health Conference in St. Louis, MO, 9-11 August; and the N.Y. Veterinary Conference 2019 in NYC, 7-8 November, to be held at the Javits Center.

AKC will provide \$25,000 to offset the hotel and meal costs for veterinary students and theriogenology residents attending the St. Louis National Parent Club Canine Health Conference. \$35,000 has been awarded to veterinary students during 2019 in the form of scholarships ranging from \$1000 to \$5000 each for students attending 12 different veterinary schools.

16 "lunch and learn" sessions were held at various veterinary schools during 2018. 12 have been held thus far this year with 6 more being planned.

A variety of suggestions were then offered by committee members and guests as to how to grow the outreach to veterinarians.

AKC Board Member Steven Hamblin suggested that program templates be developed for the education of veterinary students as well as local veterinarians and securing their involvement by inviting them to attend and hosting them at local dog shows.

Canine Health Committee member Eddie Dziuk suggested that such a presentation be extended to agricultural students as well as veterinary students. This idea was applauded by committee member Dr. Joellen Gregory.

Canine Health Committee Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki suggested that veterinary technician students and vet techs be included as well.

Chair Susan Hamil asked that the various current forms of veterinary outreach be described in detail accompanied by the educational methods and materials used and that information be submitted to her for review and consolidation by the Canine Health Committee. Mari-Beth O'Neill/Keith Frazier were to provide information on the "lunch and learn" and veterinary conference presentations, Eddie Dziuk on his work with veterinary students, especially involving their attendance at dog shows, and Anne Bowes on her work with Ladies' Dog Club members in educating Tufts veterinary students at dog shows.

An appeal was then made to members of the Canine Health Committee to consider working on the organization of this material so that it could be documented and promulgated.

Chair Susan Hamil suggested to Board Member Steven Hamblin that the various brachycephalic breeds might consider working together to create a proactive presentation which would accentuate the positive health aspects of these breeds. This would place the airway problems in a more realistic framework. Considerable discussion by the committee, staff and guests ensued.

Chair Susan Hamil adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m. Guests were excused, and the Committee entered a brief Executive Session.

(Additions, corrections and comments regarding the initial draft of these minutes were submitted by Dr. Diane Brown and Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser, and their contributions have been incorporated in this final document. I am especially grateful to Marcy L. Zingler for her continuing editorial help.)

Submitted by William I. Christensen, Secretary

06/23/2019

CANINE HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING

10 June 2019

Newark, New Jersey

GUESTS ATTENDING

James Ashton	Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island
Gloria Askins	Greenville Kennel Club
Carmen Battaglia	German Shepherd Dog Club of America
BettyAnn Brown	Hendersonville Kennel Club
Susanne Burgess	English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Assoc., Inc.
Robin Burmeister	Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.
Cindy Collins	Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.
Beverly Conroy	Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.
Karen Cottingham	Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club
Gale Cummings	Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.
Joyce Dandridge	Capitol Dog Training Club of Washington D.C., Inc.
Marylyn DeGregorio	Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.
Peggy Doster	Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.
Sally Fineburg	Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.
Cathy Gaidos	Rubber City Kennel Club
June Guido	Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.
Karen Gunzel	Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.

Steven Hamblin	Pekingese Club of America
Lucy Heyman	Bedlington Terrier Club of America
Felice Jarrold	Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.
Deborah Kreider	Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.
John Lewis, Jr.	Sussex Spaniel Club of America
Christopher Orcutt	Irish Red and White Setter Association of America
Debra Owen	Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.
Julie Parker	Erie Kennel Club, Inc.
Richard Rohrbacher	Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.
Sandie Rolenaitis	Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.
James Rubin	Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
Jane Ruthford	Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.
Robert Rynkiewicz	Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.
Joan Tabor	Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.
Anne Testoni	Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.
Carolyn Vack	Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.
Melinda Vogt	Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club
Lori Webster	Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.
Betty Winthers	Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.
Elise Wright	Vizsla Club of America, Inc.

Companion Events Committee Newark NJ June 10 2019

In Attendance:

Gail LaBerge	Joyce Dandridge	Betty Winthers	Doug Ljungren
Patty Sample	Bob Amen	Maureen Setter	Steve Hamblin
Jim Ashton	Ruth Crumb		
Larry Wilson	Jack Cadalso		Absent Barbara Mann

Gail called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

The Committee members introduced themselves. Steve Hamblin, Board Liaison was welcomed.

The Minutes of the March 11, 2019 meeting were approved as published.

Doug reviewed the Staff Information Handout.

Companion Events Trends, January to March, 2018 vs 2019:

Agility + 1 % Obedience - 6 % Rally + 24 % Tracking - 5 %

Overall, Companion Events were up 2 % in the First Quarter, 2019

The 2020 National Events will be held separately. The RNC/NOC events will be held in Wilmington, OH, June 26-28. The NAC will be held in Perry GA, from March 27-29. AKC.TV will provide live coverage.

Freestyle Obedience Status Report: Gail reported that a Sub Committee has been formed, comprised of Patty, Larry, Maureen, and Gail. Bob suggested watching the Freestyle Events at Westminster.

Doug continued with the Staff Information Handout

Staff will propose the following changes to the Obedience Regulations at the July AKC Board Meeting:

- 1) Require Clubs to arrange entries in jump height order
- 2) Preferred Class will be judged with the Regular Class, in jump height order.
- 3) When the same Judge is judging Beginner Novice A and B, and and there are less than 20 combined dogs entered, the same start time will be listed, and the Walkthrough will be combined.
(A correction was made....Beginner Novice can't be combined)
- 4) After entries have closed, the club may elect to change Class assignments to facilitate a smooth running of entries between Judges. (Load Balancing). Clubs may remove judges from the panel if entries are low, and both the Club and the Judge agree in writing.

Larry moved that the Committee support the 4 items above, as prepared for Board approval. Second, Bob. Unanimous.

The Committee also supported the staff to Board recommendation to allow any two dogs of a similar height to be entered as a brace in the Non-Regular Obedience Brace Class.

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Agility-Allow Dogs with Coloring to participate in Agility on a one year pilot basis. Coloring will be limited to no more than 1/3 of the dog. Following the Agility Advisory Committee, the fancy was surveyed. There were over 7,000 responses; 84 % of the respondents approved of permitting Coloration in Agility.

Maureen moved that the Committee support Coloration in Agility, Second Betty. The Committee did not support the proposal. Aye 3, Nay 6, and 1 Abstention.

Premier Agility Cup. This first-time event took place on April 25th, in conjunction with a major Horse Event. Highlights will be aired on AKC.TV, Date TBA.

Two Recommendations from the Agility Advisory Committee. Will be made to the Board in July. Both are being proposed as one-year pilot Programs. Staff to evaluate.

1) For Exhibition Only (FEO). Only allowed in T2B, and FAST Classes. A Toy can be taken in the ring, but not thrown. The Judge will watch, to ensure safety. A run may be declared FEO on the day of the Trial. In the case of Trials that don't fill, this may encourage some additional entries. Several other Agility venues offer this option.

Joyce moved for committee support of the FEO proposal, Second Maureen. Unanimous

2) Fix and Go on. After an error has been made, the exhibitor may go back a couple of obstacles, and re-work the sequence. This will then be non-qualifying, and the Judge will continue to watch, to ensure safety.

Maureen moved for Committee support of the Fix and Go On proposal. Second Joyce. Approved Aye 6, Nay 3.

Purpose Bred Dog and Versatile Dog Programs. A Draft Handout was distributed.

Purpose Bred Dog. A Titling program which acknowledges 1) Proper Confirmation
2) Ability to perform its Function. 3) Appropriate Temperament.

The Versatile Dog Program. Acknowledges dogs that succeed at a variety of activities. Encouraging owners to try different sports. There will be three levels: 1) Versatile Dog (VSD), 2) Versatile Dog Advanced (VSDA), 3) Versatile Dog Excellent (VSDX).

Please E-Mail Doug with ideas or questions. doug.ljungren@akc.org

As Barbara Mann was absent, discussion of the Survey was tabled until September.

Larry moved, Patty second, that the committee schedule a Conference call during the week of July 8 to discuss the Staff issues that will be sent on to the Board. Gail will send

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a memo to the Board regarding the results of the Committee's discussion and votes.
Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of low entries in Novice and the A classes will be part of the Survey review in September.

Betty expressed concern that the approval process for new Obedience Judges is very lengthy. She distributed a handout.

For the September Meeting, please review the Survey, and Betty's material.

Betty noted that this issue of Perspectives features an article by Joyce on Stewarding in Obedience.

Ruth commented that most of the comments in Barbara's report centered on the need for Training.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jack Cadalso
Secretary

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CLUB

Barbara Visinski	German Pinscher Club of America
Maggi Strouse	National Shiba Club of America
Gerard Baudet	Briard Club of America
Dave Morgan	K-9 OTC of Essex County, NJ
Mary Curtis	First Dog Training Club of Northern NJ
Beverly Conroy	OTC of Hawaii
Rebecca Campbell	Mastiff Club of America
Melinda Vogt	Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club
Nancy Zinkhan	Dog Owners Training Club of MD
Gary Sarvinas	Maryland KC
Richard Su	Keeshond Club of America
Felice Jarrold	Old Pueblo DTC
Anne Bowes	Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America
Norine Noonan	Basset Hound Club of America
Roberta Berman	American Manchester Terrier Club
Peter Piusz	American Rottweiler Club
Deb Kreider	Lakes Region Kennel Club
Carmen Battaglia	German Shepherd Dog Club of America
Laura Trainor	Susque-Nango Kennel Club
Cathy Sumeracki	Border Collie Society of America

Minutes Coordinating Committee June 2019

The June 10, 2019 meeting of the Coordinating Committee was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Bob LaBerge, acting as temporary chair in the absence of both the chair, Dan Smyth, who was elected to the board of directors, and the secretary, Jim Corbett. Cindy Miller was elected chair.

Cindy Miller called on the committee members for their respective committee reports:

Bylaws, Gretchen Bernardi
Parent Club, Peter Piuz, representing the committee in the absence of Pat Laurans.

Dog Show Rules, Cindy Miller
Field Trial & Hunting Test Events, Florence Duggin, representing the committee in the absence of Jim Corbett

All-Breed Clubs, Nancy Fisk
Companion Events Committee, Gail LaBerge
Herding, Earthdog and Coursing, Bob LaBerge
Canine Health, Susan Hamil
Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, Mary Lou Olszewski

The full reports can be found on the Delegate Portal under the respective Delegate Committee Meeting Minutes.

There was a brief discussion of the appointment of vice-chairmanship positions on the committees and it was determined that to do so would require an amendment to the Standing Rule.

AKC President Dennis Sprung reported that registrations are up and AKC finances are healthy.

AKC Board Chairman William Feeney reported that things are a lot better than they used to be.

The topic of Purposeful Bred Dogs and the September Forum were discussed. The committee voted to confirm Bill Shelton and Doug Johnson as speakers, but it was emphasized that choosing the topic and the speakers for the Forums is the responsibility of the entire Coordinating Committee, requiring a vote of that committee.

Everyone was reminded to self-nominate for the September committee elections.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Gretchen Bernardi
Acting Secretary

Minutes of the Meeting of the Dog Show Rules Committee – June 10, 2019

Chairperson Cindy Miller called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members present were:

Dr. Duane Butherus, Delaware Water Gap KC
Linda Flynn, Secretary, South Shore KC
Cindy Miller, Waterloo KC
Robert Schroll, Clarksville KC
Barbara Schwartz, German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America
Barbara Shaw, Greater Collin KC
Johnny Shoemaker, Redwood Empire KC
Cindy Stansell, Finnish Spitz Club of America

Committee Members absent were:

Sue Goldberg, Lewiston-Auburn KC
Harry Miller, American Foxhound Club
Nancy Perrell, Superstition KC

Staff Liaison Gina DiNardo Gwynne was present, along with AKC Board Member Harold Tatro.

Delegate guests present were: Jaimie Ashby, Carolina KC; Carmen Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America; Dean Burwell, Piedmont KC; Connie Butherus, Afghan Hound Club of America; William Christensen, Australian Terrier Club of America; Connie Clark, American Fox Terrier Club; Tom Davies, Springfield KC; Karen Dorn, Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America; Lorraine Ebdon, Ventura County Dog Fanciers Assoc.; Bob Eisele, Suffolk County KC; George Falkner, St. Bernard Club of America; Fred Ferris, CT River Working Dog Club; Diane Franck, Langley KC; Donna Gilbert, Greenwich KC; Joellen Gregory, Otterhound Club of America; Susan Hamil, Shoreline Dog Fanciers of America; Lucy Heyman, Bedlington Terrier Club of America; Prudence Hlatky; Barry Hoovis, Monticello NY KC; Sophia Kaluzniacki, DVM, Canada Del Oro KC; Stephen Lawrence, Classic Toy Dog Club; Karen Lee, American Whippet Club; Ann Lettis, Grand River KC; John Robert Lewis, Sussex Spaniel Club of America; Harvey Mohrenweiser, Standard Schnauzer Club of America; Julie Parker, Erie KC; Shirley Petko, Havanese Club of America; Marilyn Piusz, Hungarian Pumi Club of America; Helen Prince, Scottish Terrier Club of America; Julian Prager, Central Florida KC; Kenny Saenz, Chihuahua Club of America; Don Schwartz, VMD, Durango KC; Amy Schwoeble, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club; Glenda Stephenson, Space Coast KC; Cathy Sumeracki; Bruce Van Deman, American Spaniel Club; Doreen Weintraub, Kenilworth KC; Margaret Wolfe, United States Neopolitan Mastiff Club;

The Committee members introduced themselves. Cindy Miller invited the guests to speak on items being discussed once the committee members concluded their discussion.

Item 1 – Housekeeping Items and Items sent to Board

Chapter 3, Section 22 – The Committee sent its recommendation to the Board for approval of the amendment to Chapter 3, Section 22, which would allow foreign bred and registered dogs to participate in the Miscellaneous Class prior to AKC registration being completed. A response was received advising the Committee that this is on hold pending Parent Clubs Committee input. [Note: The PCC approved the changes at their morning meeting.]

Cindy Miller also reminded the members whose terms expire in September to self-nominate if they wish to run for another term on the Committee. Those members are Linda Flynn, Sue Goldberg, Barbara Schwartz and Cindy Stansell.

The deadlines for the September meeting were announced:

Agenda is due to Paula by August 1

Committee requests for Bri Tesarz and staff by July 30

Committee agenda finalized by August 15

Cindy then noted the items to be voted and read at the Delegates' meeting. Barbara Schwartz raised the need to clarify the amendment to Chapter 11, Section 12. The subcommittee proposed adding a Section 12A. Gina DiNardo reported that she had checked with the parliamentarian, who confirmed that this would be outside the scope of the amendment as read, so the change could not be made. The options would be to withdraw the amendment and resubmit, or read clarifying language prior to the vote. The consensus was to read the clarification prior to vote.

Item 4 - Chapter 11, Section 2

Barbara Schwartz reported that this amendment was sent to the Board and the Board voted not to approve it. She felt there was some misunderstanding regarding the intent of the amendment. The italics subcommittee reviewed the amendment and proposed that for consistency it be moved to Chapter 17 (Submission of a Show's Records to AKC) as a new Section 3. The third paragraph would remain in italics and the first sentence would be deleted. Barbara confirmed that staff has concurred with these changes. **Upon motion by Johnny Shoemaker, seconded by Robert Scroll, it was unanimously voted to submit to the Board for consideration an amendment to move Chapter 11, Section 2 to Chapter 17 as a new Section 3, which would read as follows:**

Section 3. At every show held under the rules of The American Kennel Club, a recording fee not to exceed 50 cents may be required for every dog entered. This recording fee is to help defray expenses involved in keeping the show records, and applies to all dogs entered. If a dog is entered in more than one class at a show, the recording fee applies only to first entry. The Board of Directors shall determine, from time to time, whether a recording fee shall be required, and the amount of it.

The event-giving club shall assume the responsibility of collecting all Event Service Fees for the American Kennel Club. That fact shall be stated in the premium list. These event service and recording fees shall be forwarded to the American Kennel Club along with all other required event results within seven (7) days of the close of the event.

The American Kennel Club will collect a \$3.00 Event Service Fee for the first entry of a dog and a \$3.00 service fee for each additional entry of the same dog in the regular and non-regular recordable single-entry classes, in all AKC licensed and member club events. (There

is no recording fee or event service fee for sweepstakes, futurities, brace/team, multi-dog classes, or special attractions.) The current 50 cent recording will continue to be collected.

All recording and event service fees will be submitted to AKC in accordance with AKC Board Policy.

Chapter 14, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4

There was some discussion about the proposed amendments with respect to language about a dog previously measured or weighed at the show. **Upon motion made by Robert Schroll, seconded by Johnny Shoemaker, it was unanimously voted to submit to the Board for approval, the amendments to Chapter 14 to read as follows:**

Section 1. In those breeds where certain heights are specified in the Breed Standard as disqualifications, or in any class specifying height limits, the judge has the authority to determine whether any dog measures within those limits, provided the dog has not been previously measured during any competition at that show, excluding Sweeps, Futurity and other Special Attractions.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor in the ring, the height of a dog in that ring appears to be outside the limits of the Breed Standard or the conditions of that class, such exhibitor may, before every dog has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge measure the dog and the judge shall comply provided the dog has not been previously measured during any competition at that show, excluding Sweeps, Futurity and other Special Attractions.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is within the Breed Standard or the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book "Measured in." If the judge finds that the dog's height is outside the allowable limits of the Breed Standard, s/he shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Measured out - disqualified."

A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's height is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book "Measured out - ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered entered incorrectly and cannot be transferred to any other class at that show. A dog thus found ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the height limit or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

In all cases, the judge shall use a wicket that meets American Kennel Club requirements.

Section 2. In those breeds where certain weights are specified in the Breed Standard as disqualifications, or in any class specifying weight limits, the judge has the authority to determine whether any dog weighs within those limits, provided the dog has not been previously weighed during any competition at that show, excluding Sweeps, Futurity and other Special Attractions.

If, in the opinion of a competing exhibitor in the ring, the weight of a dog in that ring appears to be outside the limits of the Breed Standard or the conditions of that class, such exhibitor may, before every dog has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge weigh the dog, and the judge shall comply. provided the dog has not

been previously weighed during any competition at that show, excluding Sweeps, Futurity and other Special Attractions.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is within the Breed Standard or the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book "Weighed in." If the judge finds that the dog's weight is outside the allowable limits of the Breed Standard, s/he shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Weighed out - disqualified."

A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the dog's weight is not in accordance with the conditions of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Weighed out - ineligible." A dog thus declared ineligible for its class or division shall be considered entered incorrectly and cannot be transferred to any other class at that show. A dog thus found ineligible by three different judges may not again be shown in that class. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the weight limit or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

In all cases, the judge shall use a scale with a platform of sufficient size as determined by the American Kennel Club to safely accommodate all applicable breeds.

Section 3. In those breeds where certain color(s), pattern or markings are specified in the Breed Standard as disqualifications, or in any class or division of a class where certain color(s), pattern or markings are required, the judge shall determine if a dog is to be disqualified or declared to be ineligible for the class provided that such determination has not been previously made during competition at that show, excluding Sweeps, Futurity and other Special Attractions.

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's color(s), pattern or markings require disqualification, the judge shall disqualify the dog, and mark and initial the judge's book "Disqualified - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".

If, in the opinion of the judge, the dog's color(s) pattern or markings do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class in which the dog is competing, the judge shall declare the dog ineligible to compete in that class or division of class, and, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Ineligible - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".

If, in the opinion of any competing exhibitor then in the ring, the color(s), pattern or markings of a dog in the ring are disqualifications under the Breed Standard or do not meet the requirements of the class or division of a class, such exhibitor may, before every dog in the ring has been individually examined and individually gaited, request that the judge render an opinion of the dog's color(s), pattern or markings, and the judge shall comply provided that such determination has not been previously made during competition at that show. If the judge finds that the dog's color(s), pattern or markings are disqualifications under the Breed Standard, the judge shall disqualify the dog and mark and initial the judge's book "Disqualified - Color (or Pattern or Markings)". A dog that has thus been disqualified by three different judges may not again be shown.

If the judge finds that the color(s), pattern or markings of the dog do not meet the requirements of the class or division specified by the breed standard, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Ineligible - Color (or Pattern or Markings)".

Any dog thus declared ineligible for its class shall be considered entered incorrectly and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in another class for which the dog meets the requirements or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

Section 4. In those breeds where certain physical traits (ear carriage, coat length, etc.) are specified as a condition of a class or a division of a class, the judge has the authority to make a determination as to whether a dog meets those requirements. If the judge finds that the dog does not meet the requirements of the class, s/he shall mark and initial the judge's book, "Excused, ineligible for class." Any dog thus declared ineligible for a class or division of a class shall be considered to have been incorrectly entered and cannot be transferred to any other class or division at that show. In subsequent shows, this dog may be entered in or transferred to another class for which the dog meets the requirements or transferred to an eligible Open Class per Chapter 11, Section 6.

Chapter 14, Section 5

There was some discussion regarding this proposed amendment. Cindy Stansell proposed that the third sentence which states the number of wickets should be in italics. If more breeds are approved, more wickets may be needed. She suggested this be put in italics as policy so the Board can adjust the number as needed. **After additional discussion, it was agreed to table this proposed amendment until the September meeting.**

Item 5 – Chapter 3, Section 22

This item was submitted to staff for Board approval following the March meeting, and put on hold pending Parent Clubs Committee input. [Note: The Parent Clubs Committee approved the changes at their morning meeting.]

Item 6 – Chapter 11, Section 8

Cindy Stansell read the subcommittee's report on the request submitted by the Basset Hound Club of America to allow altered animals to compete in performance-based classes at independent specialties (attached as Exhibit A). She presented the key points from the report to the Parent Clubs Committee, and Cindy Miller reported that the Parent Clubs Committee rejected this proposal at its meeting. **Upon motion made by Cindy Stansell, seconded by Barbara Shaw, it was unanimously voted not to proceed with this proposal.**

Item 7 – Definition of Show Secretary

Bob Eisele, Suffolk County KC spoke on the need for definitions in the Dog Show Rules for a "day of show" secretary and an event secretary in Chapter 9. Discussion ensued on the distinctions. Cindy Stansell would like to see the breakdown of how many are used at shows. There was discussion about expanding the number of shows that can be superintended by show secretaries. Superintendents are required to provide, such as financial stability, trained personnel, insurance, equipment, etc., while show secretaries are not and there is no protection for the club. **Cindy Miller will email Bri Tesarz and Gina DiNardo and ask them to research the trend of package shows versus traditional.**

Item 13 – Proposed Changes to Chapter 9

Susan Hamil from the Canine Health Committee presented the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 9. She noted that after an extensive review and discussion, it was agreed that every disease and diagnosis cannot be named. There could be an addendum to Best Practices in the Show Trial Manual to address more detailed information. It was noted how unwieldy and unenforceable this section is, and it was agreed that it is impossible to cover all possible situations. Guest veterinarians responded to questions and discussed the

issues and ramifications. An article in Club Resources, *Health Promotion and Infection Control Recommendations Applying to Dog Shows*, was mentioned, and it was agreed this should be added to the Show Trial Manual. Cindy Stansell felt there may be conflicts with Ch. 10, Sec. 5 and Ch. 15, Sec. 1 that needed to be reviewed and addressed prior to voting on this amendment. **A subcommittee consisting of Cindy Stansell, Dr. Christensen, Dr. Gregory and Barbara Schwartz was appointed to review these issues and report back in September. The subcommittee will also review item 11 on the agenda, *Situations Regarding Dog Health at an AKC Event*.**

Item 8 – Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Class

The request from the Rockford-Freeport, Illinois KC to add a Bred by Exhibitor Puppy Class was read. It was noted that the Committee has considered this proposal many times. The comments on this included if the puppy is good enough to win, he should be entered in the Bred by Class; the puppy still has to compete against adults to win the points. One suggestion was to add an extra box on the entry form that the breeder/owner could check so the points would count towards the BBE Medallion. **Upon motion by Robert Scholl, seconded by Johnny Shoemaker, it was unanimously voted not to take any further action on this proposal.**

Item 9 – Wickets and Scales

This was addressed under Item 4 – Chapter 14, Section 5

Item 10 – Judges Stewarding

Johnny Shoemaker discussed the policy in *Rules, Policies and Guidelines for Conformation Dog Show Judges* which prohibits judges from stewarding at shows they are officiating. He felt it should be allowed in certain situations; for example, when a judge is judging at an all-breed show, but an independent specialty show needs a steward and each show has a separate catalog. The judge would not have access to the all-breed catalog. **After some discussion, upon motion by Johnny Shoemaker, seconded by Barbara Schwartz, it was voted to request the Board consider amending the Judges Guidelines to allow judges to steward at an event with a separate catalog from an event the judge will officiate (five in favor, two opposed).**

Item 12 – Chapter 3, Section 17 - Brace/Team Class Ownership Requirement

There was discussion on the request of the Cairn Terrier Club of America to eliminate the requirement to have at least one common owner. **Upon motion by Barbara Shaw, seconded by Cindy Stansell, it was unanimously voted to take no further action on this request.**

Item 14 – Streamlining Premium Lists

Joy Brewster of Greenwich KC submitted a request to review AKC required information for premium lists in an effort to reduce the number of pages and the costs for duplicative information. Donna Gilbert discussed the issues on behalf of Joy. Bri Tesarz has requested information from the superintendents on what they believe is required by AKC to be included in the premium lists. **It was agreed that the Committee should wait until Bri has recommended changes after her discussion with the superintendents. Cindy Miller will discuss this with Bri.**

Item 15 – Suggestions to Shorten Processing Time for Entries, etc.

Cindy Miller read the email from Janet Mitchell of Channel City KC. There was discussion on entry closing dates, preparation of the judging program and dealing with overdraws, which all impact the closing date. Overloads can have a significant impact on processing the judging schedule. There were some suggestions on ways to shorten time. A number of suggestions were discussed. Day of show entries were mentioned. Cindy Miller noted that once counts were out, there would be double entries. If a change of judge, you could enter under one you like that day. We have no control over day of show entries – that would be up to staff and superintendents who will drive this type of change. One recommendation was to develop a pilot program. Cindy asked if anyone was willing to look at this, and will table it until we hear from Janet Mitchell. Duane Butherus felt there needs to be a working group over time – AKC staff, experienced show chairs, superintendent experience and technical support. He sees a future with no paper. Cindy will contact Bri Tesarz and let her know that Kenny Saenz, Dr. Garvin, Carmen Battaglia and Duane Butherus will begin discussion on exploring possibilities for the future.

Item 16 – Eligible vs Entered – Chapter 11, Section 11

This item was presented by Ann Lettis, Grand River KC. The request was to consider changing the word “eligible” to “entered” in Chapter 11, Section 11. Cindy Miller noted that she discussed this with Bri Tesarz, who was not in favor of this change. One of the concerns expressed by Ann Lettis was prohibiting spectators from attending a dog show with their unentered dogs, as well as the potential liability posed by unentered dogs. It was noted that the premium list can be worded “no unentered dogs” on the grounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Flynn, Secretary

Exhibit A

Memo to: Dog Show Rules Committee
From: Cindy Stansell, Robert Schroll and Nancy Perrell
Date: April 29, 2019
Re: Altered dogs in “purpose-bred non-regular” classes at Independent Specialties

This concept came to the both the Dog Shows Rules Committee and the Parent Club Committee via Sports and Events Staff on February 14, 2019. A rule change to Chapter 11, Section 8 was suggested by Sports and Events staff. We were informed that this was generated by the Basset Hound Club of America. Interestingly, the delegate for the Basset Hound Club of America has **not** come to the Dog Show Rules Committee to support this concept.

The March 2019 DSR Committee formed a subcommittee to consider the issue. The suggested Rule change would be to Chapter 11, Section 8: Neutered dogs and spayed bitches would be allowed to compete in Veterans and purpose-bred non-regular Classes only at independent specialties...

The Subcommittee is opposed to this rule change for the following reasons:

1. The slippery slope continues to erode the purpose of dog shows – “to evaluate breeding stock.” The exhibition of altered dogs and spayed bitches does not evaluate breeding stock.
2. Another venue exists to showcase these dogs. Specialties may have special attractions that showcase these dogs.
3. Dog Show Rules Committee has considered similar concepts in the past. We thank Linda Flynn who kindly provided the subcommittee with the many times when the DSR committee has considered this concept.
4. In some breeds, such as the Siberian Husky, the sled dog classes are closely scrutinized by breeders looking for future generations of working/showing dogs. The fact that those dogs are eligible for the class due to their parent club title shows that they actually have the ability to perform the original function. To allow altered animals in this class, defeats the main purpose of the class, which is to present outstanding working dogs who may be selected to produce future generations like themselves.
5. What is a “purpose-bred non-regular class”? Sheila Goffe in her response to the question stated that “this should not extend to classes that highlight companion events such as agility or obedience that are open to all breeds.”
6. There is no definition of a “purpose-bred non-regular class.” In order to have a Rule, there **must** be a definition. This cannot be readily nor easily answered.

One definition could be AKC prefix titles such as Amateur Field Champion, Field Champion, Grand Field Champion, and Herding Champion. Yet prefix titles would also include Agility Grand Champion which Sheila Goffe said should not be included. The same problem occurs with AKC suffix titles. Neither of these include Sled Dog which Sheila cited as an acceptable inclusion. This is found in non-AKC Parent club titles. We looked at Parent club titles and did not find consistency there either. The Siberian Husky Club has sled dog titles and the Basset Hound Club has man-trailing titles on this list. However, 32 breeds have “temperament testing” as a Parent Club recognized title. Since temperament testing is open to all breeds, Sheila recommends that things open to all breeds should not be included.

7. This rule would unfairly discriminate against the Toy and Non-Sporting breeds. We believe that rules should be written so that all breeds may participate. Since the original purpose of Bulldogs was to Bull-bait, and Bull-baiting was banned years ago, Bulldogs could not be eligible for any “purpose-bred” classes. What about the purpose of Toy breeds to be companions? How do you assess their abilities to be a companion? Through CGC evaluations which are open to all breeds?

Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on June 10, 2019 by acting Chair, Florence Duggan. Other committee members in attendance were: Susanne Burgess, Tim Carrion, Karen Lucky, Chris Orcutt, Nance Skoglund, and Joan Tabor. Absent were Dave Hopkins, John Russell, Jim Corbett, and Katherine Sullivan.

The following guests were in attendance:

Terry Hilliard	American Brittany Club
Bob Rynkiewicz	Eastern German Shorthair Pointer Club
Elise Wright	Vizsla Club of America
Diane Brown	Canine Health Foundation
Bob LaBerge	Lawrenceville Kennel Club
Blaine Grove	New England Brittany Club

Dr. Diane Brown of AKC/CHF handed out the 2019 Research Grants Portfolio. She highlighted a new Tick-borne disease grant to use molecular tools to better diagnose, and one that will seek to determine who will develop Lyme nephritis. There is an epilepsy grant that will examine genetics and nutrition and how bacteria in the gut may affect the brain. A new grant will look at diet-associated cardiomyopathy. This is independent of any food company. It is a \$200,000 grant and needs funding. It appears that the common thread may be so-called boutique diets with proteins like kangaroo. They are looking for canine subjects. The study is being conducted in Florida. Other research Dr. Brown highlighted included heartworm, leptospirosis, Chagas disease, brucellosis and muscular-skeletal issues in performance dogs. Dr. Brown was very enthusiastic about a hemangiosarcoma study evaluating propranolol which has been shown to decrease the spread of angiosarcoma in humans. There have been positive outcomes in test tubes with canine cells.

There are three upcoming CHF webinars:

July 18 – Canine Flu

October 17 – Degenerative Myelopathy

November 20 – Effects of early spay/neuter

The Parent Club Canine Health Conference will be August 9-11 in St. Louis. There will be a round table after each speaker and 30 veterinary students will be in attendance. Theriogenology residents will also attend.

There are three bloat studies wrapping up. Before any more research investment is made, Dr. Brown wants to see the outcomes of these studies. While a marker was found for Great Danes, Dr. Brown would like to see the marker identified in another breed. Dr. J. Brad Case has developed emergency methods for decompression before the dog can get to the vet. This will be on the CHF website soon.

Also new on the website are outcome publications associated with grants.

For any Parent Club National, CHF will customize outcome materials based on what research the club has sponsored.

Our Board Liaison, Chris Sweetwood, spoke to us about the Detection Dog Program and the new Service Dog Program. The Detection Dog Program has requested 100 dogs – Labs and GSPs – as these are the breeds preferred by TSA. Several litters will be born over the next few months. All dogs are health tested. Dogs are trained on a compound called UDC which is a manufactured chemical that exists nowhere else. Then the dogs are trained on drugs and explosives. There will be a Detection Dog Conference in August. The Service Dog program has been set up as a 501(c)(3) under the America Access Dog Coalition. Service dogs will need an ID card to get on a plane, go to a restaurant, etc. Owners will need an in-person visit to a doctor for a prescription to obtain a dog. Dogs will need to pass an AKC-administered test given by CGC evaluators to get the ID card. Recertification will be required every two years. No more comfort dogs allowed on airplanes. Start-up will be five to seven months. The best guess is that there are approximately 12,000 service dogs in the U.S.

There was discussion about an email that went around indicating that drones would be allowed at Hunt Tests. This is not the case and no such provision has been allowed by the Board or staff. A drone may be used to gather footage for an AKC informational film at an upcoming event, but drones will not be allowed in other circumstances.

The sub-committee that will review “Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds” did not have a chance to begin this project but will meet at the conclusion of this meeting.

The Hunting Test Pointing Breed Advisory Committee does not meet anymore (staff decision). Doug meets with some of the Field Trial Advisory Committee people. There were comments that perhaps our committee is the place for these types of discussions. There was also discussion about the Advisory Committees having no standing to propose rule changes. Only Board, staff and delegate committees are allowed to do that. There was further discussion about whether advisory committees are useful.

A fun day was sponsored by a club and there were dogs in attendance that had kennel cough. Bob Rynkiewicz spoke from the floor and indicated that Hunt Test Rules do not contain any warning about contagious animals. It is in Field Trial Rules. The consensus is that all Rules and Regulations should contain the standard paragraph about contagious disease. [Secretary’s Note: At the Coordinating Committee, this issue was addressed by the Canine Health Committee and it is in the process of being resolved.]

Elise Wright spoke about the proposed change to retrieving points for GSPs, GWPs, Weims and Vizslas. She was concerned that the Board was leaning toward approving an option that was different than that agreed upon by the clubs. This will be discussed at the July Board meeting, but Chris did not feel that the Board would force this decision.

Florence gave a report on the Breed Sustainability Committee. There were 42 people in attendance. Larry Sorensen brought a Dachshund Club display board that his club had made to draw people in to the show. He also had examples of a postcard they had made up to give out club contact information. Alan Kalter spoke about how most breeds, with exception of the top 10, suffer similar problems. Fewer breeders are producing fewer puppies. There needs to be an emphasis on getting more breeders to breed more good dogs. Also, breeders need to see that all puppies in their litters get registered. Judges education exists for almost all clubs. Why not implement a similar program to mentor and educate breeders? We should also strive to get more people into Parent and Local Breed clubs. This committee will meet again in September. This was not intended to be permanent and a final report will be available at the conclusion.

Doug Ljungren joined us with his customary handout. Traditional field event entries are down overall 2.6 percent. Only Retriever Hunt Tests showed an increase. Airedales are now allowed to compete in Retriever Hunt Tests. Introduction videos to highlight purpose-bred dogs at Hunt Tests are being filmed and will be available on the AKC website. Retriever Hunt Tests were filmed in April and Pointing Breed Hunt Test footage will be gathered in June. Drones will be allowed for the filming process ONLY and must be preapproved by AKC.

Doug clarified that the Board would be discussing the new point schedule for retrieving and that the option under discussion is in fact the one agreed upon by the three clubs, where receiving credit is given depending on the size of the stake.

The Achiever Dog certificate will not be awarded any more. There were 33,000 certificates issued and the program did not motivate people to participate. So, the AKC is exploring new programs for the purpose-bred dog and versatile dogs. First up will be a program for purpose-bred dogs. Dogs will need some type of qualification in breed, performance events and temperament. (AKC will have its own temperament test in October.) Non-AKC working tests will not be recognized. There is discussion about this being the first suffix title after the dog's name. The program could evolve as a step program – Beginner, Advanced and Excellent. Comments are being taken at purposebredogs@AKC.org. The Versatility program will not be a title for earning titles. It will probably also have stepped levels – Beginner, Advanced and Excellent. There would be a significant degree of difficulty involved. Doug pointed to the current Versatile Companion Dog program where only 100 dogs per year qualify for a combination of tracking, obedience and agility. The Versatility program would compete with UKC's "The Total Dog."

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Nance Olson Skoglund
Acting Secretary

HEC Minutes June 11, 2019

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

The Committee made introductions to our guests.

GUESTS Present:

Jim Talbert, Logotto Romagnolo Club of America; Diane Franck, Langley Kennel Club; Karen Gunzel; Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.; Bud Hidlay, Kennesaw Kennel Club; Prudence Hlatky, Borzoi Club of America Inc.; Cathy Sumeracki, Border Collie Society of America; Dominic DiBalsi, Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.; Felipe Jerrold, Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.; Beverly Conroy, Obedience Training Club of Hawaii. Inc.; Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; Mary Curtis, First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.; Sally Fineberg, Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.

Committee Members Present:

Bob LaBerge, Chairman; Bonnie Lapham, Secretary; Pam Davis; Carol Fisher; Kathleen Gregory; Maria Sacco; Karen Bowers Lee; Gerard Baudet; and Martha Lee Beckington. Doug Ljungren, Staff Liaison; and Dominic Carota, Board Liaison.

Absent: Don Adams.

Bob reminded us to self - nominate for September elections; Bonnie Lapham, Karen Bowers Lee, and Tom Barrie must stand for election.

The Achiever Dog is extremely popular. A dog that earns a ribbon in three sports and earns the Achiever Dog Title.

Three person conformation is for only Golden Retrievers.

The Staff is willing to establish a criteria and administer any program that is simple to take part in and hopefully will appeal to younger dog owners and newbies. Sports that are simple are easier for the average puppy buyers to participate and then are encouraged to return.

The Earthdog Sub committee consisting of Pam Davis, Kathleen Gregory, and Maria Sacco presented a report on Earthdog Program and Earthdog judging that is at the end of the report.

Lure Coursing: The Field Course is behind the start box and at the end of catch basin. Put the wheel outside the tract. With snow fencing to keep it away from the dogs and course. The course must be free of potential hazards.

All Whippets should be measured at every time. Regulations now excuse Champions from measuring unless someone lodges a complaint.

Runoffs clarification is needed. Run offs were handled incorrectly at three major events.

Doug gave his report which is to follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Lapham

Bonnie Lapham

Information for the HEC Delegates Committee

June 2019

1) 2019 April YDT Entries

Herding	5,326 entries	up 482 entries or +10%
Lure Coursing	2,185 entries	down 798 entries or -27%
CAT	3,696 entries	down 1,035 or -22%
Fast CAT	14,725 entries	up 1,716 entries or +13%
Earthdog	803 entries	down 422 entries or -34%
Scent Work	34,097 entries	up 19,071 entries or 127%

Bottomline all Performance Events up 16.1%

2) Fast CAT – 2 modifications

Two modification were approved by the Board in April. (1) Timers shall start their stopwatches at the start bottom of the arm drop. (2) The premium must should state if the course at the event is enclosed with fencing. Effective upon communication.

3) New Herding Contractors

Robin Penland-Elliot (CA) and Ken Ferrill (NM) have been hired as new herding contractors.

4) Lure Coursing – Dogs Scratching on the Line Don't Count as Starters

The current Regulations are clear that the number of starters should not include dogs that do not run and that dogs should not receive points for defeating dogs that do not run. To further clarify, the following was added to the Regulations - A dog that "scratches on the starting line" has not competed and shall not count as a starter when determining championship points. Effective upon communication.

5) Purpose Bred Dog Program / Versatile Dog Program

The Sports & Events staff is researching the development of two new programs – Purpose Bred Dog and Versatile Dog. The attachment is meant to introduce these ideas, provide preliminary structure, identify some of the issues and seek input from delegates. Please see previously distributed handout.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
June 11, 2019

Dennis Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Mr. Sprung: Will everyone please rise for the National Anthem. (National Anthem played).

Mr. Sprung: If there is any Delegate present who has not given his or her name to one of the operators at the computers outside the meeting room, please be sure to do so. The Chair would like to introduce the persons seated with me on the dais. On my immediate left is the Chairman, William J. Feeney. To his left is the Vice Chair, Patricia M. Cruz. To my right is Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian. To her right is Gina DiNardo, our Executive Secretary. And to Ms. DiNardo's right is Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Louis Auslander on May 6, 2019. Lou was a Miniature Schnauzer and Whippet breeder. In 1969, he became a Judge. He held various officer roles with the International Kennel Club of Chicago, including being Delegate from 1982 to 2009. An advocate for benched shows, Auslander believed in this opportunity to educate the public about dogs. Mr. Auslander joined the AKC Board in 1983. He was Chairman from 1987 to 1992 and also was President in 1991 and 1992, the only person to ever hold both positions.

Condolences are offered in the passing of Dr. Robert Smith on May 25, 2019. Bob was the Delegate for the Huntington Kennel Club from 1996 to 2002, then for the Memphis Kennel Club from 2008 to 2013 and most recently the Virginia Kennel Club since 2018. He was a breeder of American Foxhounds and Welsh Terriers, and he won several Owner-Handler Best in Shows. He was actively involved with local clubs across the country, as well as the American Foxhound Club, the Welsh Terrier Club of America and the American Brussels Griffon Association. Dr. Smith was an All-Breed judge since 1969, he served two terms on your Board of Directors from 1997 to 2002 and 2009 to 2013.

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting.

Ms. DiNardo: These are the Delegates seated since the last meeting:

Paul Bodeving, Cave Junction, OR, to represent Rogue Valley Kennel Club

Nancy Bougher, Sacramento, CA, to represent California Airedale Terrier Club

Elizabeth A. (Betty Ann) Brown, Asheville, NC, to represent Hendersonville Kennel Club

Joan Church, Easton, PA, to represent Garden State All Terrier Club

George H. Falkner, Wantage, NJ, to represent St. Bernard Club of America

Lucy A. Heyman, Spring, TX, to represent Bedlington Terrier Club of America

Terry Hilliard, Alburtis, PA, to represent American Brittany Club

Prudence Hlatky, Rosharon, TX, to represent Borzoi Club of America

Barbara C. Ioia, Hurley, NY, to represent Butler County Kennel Club

Carol Lynn Johnson, Caledonia, MI, to represent Grand Rapids Kennel Club

Audrey Kotaska, Akron, OH, to represent Medina Kennel Club

Dr. Michaelann Cox Mako, Norwalk, CT, to represent Longshore Southport Kennel Club

Shirley Petko, Lockport, NY, to represent Havanese Club of America

Tammy Russell-Rice, Henderson, NV, to represent Silver State Kennel Club

Margaret (Peggy) Wolfe, Princeton, KY, to represent United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club
Nancy Zinkhan, Owings Mills, MD, to represent Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval were introduced from the floor:

George H. Falkner to represent St. Bernard Club of America
Lucy A. Heyman to represent Bedlington Terrier Club of America
Prudence Hlatky to represent Borzoi Club of America
Terry Hilliard to represent American Brittany Club
Nancy Zinkhan to represent Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland
Barbara C. Ioia to represent Butler County Kennel Club
Joan Church to represent Garden State All Terrier Club
Cathy Sumeracki to represent Border Collie Society of America
Elizabeth A. (Betty Ann) Brown to represent Hendersonville Kennel Club
Shirley Petko to represent Havanese Club of America
Margaret (Peggy) Wolfe to represent United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club
Dr. Michaelann Cox Mako to represent Longshore Southport Kennel Club
Kathy Driggers to represent West Volusia Kennel Club
Kelly D. Reimschiessel to represent Utah Valley Kennel Club

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, and a sincere welcome to all of the new Delegates.

The minutes of the March 12, 2019 Delegates meeting were published in the online April 2019 AKC Gazette and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal on AKC's website. If there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved as published. Hearing there are no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

The next item on the agenda is the approval of a new member club. The following club has been approved by the Board of Directors and will be voted on at this meeting. Champlain Valley Kennel Club. In accordance with the Bylaws, a written ballot shall be required, if requested in writing by at least five Delegates, made to the Executive Secretary of the AKC, seven days prior to the start of the meeting at which such election is scheduled. The Chair has been advised by the Executive Secretary that no such request has been made, therefore we will vote today. An affirmative vote of four-fifths of all Delegates is required to elect.

The question is the election of the Champlain Valley Kennel Club as a member of The American Kennel Club. Those in favor, please raise your hand. Thank you. Those opposed, please raise your hand. Thank you. There are four-fifths in the affirmative. The Chair declares that the Champlain Valley Kennel Club has been duly elected a member of the great American Kennel Club.

The Chairman's report which highlights AKC's successes and positive messaging will be distributed to the Delegates via e-mail immediately following the meeting. It will also be available on the Delegate Portal on AKC.org.

Next on the agenda is the President's report. The Chair calls upon Brandi Hunter, our Vice President of Public Relations and Communications, and Melissa Olund, Director of Digital Marketing, to share firsthand information with you on the Chairman's message.

Ms. Hunter: Thank you and good morning. Can everybody hear me? I am Brandi Hunter, Vice President of Public Relations and Communications for the American Kennel Club, and it is a pleasure to be in front of you guys yet again. Today I wanted to just share with you some of the ways we have increased our messaging, our audience and our value in the media space. So just a little bit about what we do. The Communications Department, we execute media pitching, we get our story to the proper media outlets, a various amount of outlets, so it would be print, television, radio, online, digital, and we really carry our story to the media and the public and we also do reputation and strategic management, i.e. crisis management. We keep some of those stories way down low. Some of our key messaging is the work of the AKC and how it benefits all dogs, value of the purebred dog and registration, the importance of breeders in choice of pet acquisition, promoting the sport and its value to dog owners, the benefit of our expertise to dog owners and responsible dog ownership, are our flagship messaging. These are some high-level stats for 2018. We did 22,937 clips. That is a lot of volume for the AKC. We are up about 4.5 percent year over year. We are about 4.5 percent higher than 2017. Our media value is appraised at \$20 billion. That is from our independent media monitoring service, Cision, which is an international corporation. They do a lot of Fortune 500 companies and we are one of their clients as well. Our audience has grown in the last 10 years from an average of 1.3 billion to an average of 17 billion. There are not 17 billion people on the planet, but the average news consumer goes between three to five outlets per day, if you are a high news consumer like me, I'm at 12 to 20 a day, to seek out their news. They are seeing us in various spaces, not just traditional news spaces, but lifestyle spaces. If you go on People.com or you like Rachael Ray or O Magazine, we are also in those spaces, which are important to dog owners. And our sentiment for 2018 was about 46.5 percent positive, 51 percent neutral, and 2.5 percent negative. The neutral is not a bad number. It could very well be counted to positive but for transparency we will call it neutral. That is when we are being cited. They want our expertise. They want a quote from our chief veterinary officer. They are citing the breed if they are talking about particular breeds and stories. So, they are still using our information in the stories. This, please don't try and read it, it is not going to be beneficial to try and read it, but this is what I look at and our team looks at on a regular basis. This is what for Q1 of 2019 our sentiment looked like. We are a little higher in our positivity and our neutrality. Our negativity is very low. That red line you see across the bottom means that we are not being targeted, we are not being written about in a negative space, we are not being accused of anything, so we are not seeing a high volume of media talking negatively about the AKC at all. This is another view of sentiment. As you can see, the bulk of our stories are specifically about the AKC and then we have our most popular announcement which gives us a lot of traffic. The Museum of the Dog which has done really well this year and we are happy to have that back, Canine Health Foundation, government relations, compliance, and other topics make up the remainder, but for the most part people are writing about the AKC. That's where most of our clips are coming from specifically. Here are some high-level numbers for some events. As you know, we hold three major ones, well, two major ones really and that's a major announcement for us. So, our numbers are really high. Over 3 billion impressions for national championship, our media value is high, our clip volumes are high. By contrast, if you look at the average nonprofit or not for profit, they are mentioned about 31 times per day nationally in a high news cycle. We average about 63 at this point. So, we are doing well above the curve. We are doing it in a positive manner and we are getting our information out there and our expertise out there to the proper audiences. Here are some of the places we are being seen. This is just in about the past 90 days as a matter of fact. New York Times, CNN are really high level, but we also do a lot of local and regional press as well, specifically around shows, legislation, we help GR out a lot to ensure that our message is reaching down and we are going down the funnel. So, if you are not consuming these at a high level but you are consuming it at a regional or local level, we are still making an impact. Here are some of the ways in which we are being covered.

Again, don't try and read this. But we honored George W. Bush's dog Sully for the Paw of Courage. We got a lot of high-level national press on that. It also put us in some different conversations about how we celebrate working dogs which was really great. Pet disaster relief trailers are always excellent stories of how we are out there for dog owners in times of turmoil. The Museum of the Dog got a lot of coverage, and the Southern Living clip you see in the bottom here, that is a lot of how we get covered, how often should you feed your dog, how often should you wash your dog's bowl, best leashes for your dog, best practices, how do I train my dog. We get a lot of requests like that that come through our experts, so we are able to add ourselves to a very useful conversation for dog owners who are not necessarily in the sport. So far in Q1 we have had our national championship winner on Good Morning America for the second year in a row. They have already invited us back for a third. We are really excited about that. We have executed a major press campaign for the Museum of the Dog, over 1,500 articles on the museum in 14 different languages around the world and we are still counting. We are still seeing an average of 15 to 20 clips on the museum a day. So, we are really excited and we are about to start full court press for the next exhibit. We are up almost 3,000 clips from this time last year. So last year we were at 9,223. This year we are at over 12,000. We are trending ahead for the year. We announced new breeds and had the largest number of clips surrounding AKC Meet the Breeds in 2019. We were up about 7 percent there. We began to syndicate our content with our Chief Veterinary Officer, including him in our McClatchey, which is an article we create every week and serve to 600 media outlets. He is being viewed as an expert there and solidified him as a trusted resource in all things dog. He has actually told me he has 20 or so requests a week and he is trying to get through them as fast as he can, so he is doing a lot of good work for the AKC. Built new relationships and working with national outlets. There were some roadblocks we had before. We don't have them now. We have seen a lot of volume with places that two years ago even we weren't able to get a response from. We are very encouraged there. AARP was one of them, The Today Show was one of them. So, we are breaking some good ground. Other accomplishments. We distributed over 110 press releases and media alerts for the year 2018. This year we will be a little bit higher. We will be at about 140. 52 weekly articles to over 600 newspapers. We create a weekly newsletter that goes to 86,000 people and helped developed content for The Nibble which goes to over 1,000,000 users per month. And we also manage media relations for the AKC Humane Fund, Museum of the Dog, and Reunite, as well as building content with our chief veterinary officer that goes on our social properties, AKC.org. And we are increasing his presence at veterinary conferences, so we are adding our voices to those conversations as well. And that is all I have for you guys today. Now I will turn it over to Melissa Olund, our Director of Digital Marketing, for her presentation.

Ms. Olund: Hello. This is my first time speaking to a room this large of dog people, so a little positive reinforcement at the end would be lovely. I'm speaking to you today about AKC Marketing and what we do. We have three key goals in the AKC Marketing Department. I'm just going to go ahead and read them to you. Number one, we want to increase ownership and registration of purebred dogs. We want to increase awareness and participation in AKC sports and events. And we want to improve dog lovers' perception of the AKC, generally, both part of the fancy and the average person who has a pet dog at home. There are three key things that we do in order to sort of advance those goals, one of which, probably one of the most important, is breed education. So, sharing our breed expertise as the AKC is key to driving that ownership and registration of purebred dogs. We want to engage people with messaging that connects them, spurs them to action, when it comes to the world of purebred dogs. We want to reach them while they are searching for the right breed for their lifestyle and educate them and connect them to responsible breeders and inspire them to do more with the dogs that they end up acquiring. AKC.org is one of the key ways that we do this and that is our website for

everybody who has been there. We average 8 million users per month and that's a lovely number that is increasing. Our organic search traffic on AKC.org is up nearly 40 percent year over year. So that speaks to how we are really doing a great job of reaching people while they are in that behavior of looking for information about dogs and about breeds and about what to do with their dogs. And just a few examples of how we have kind of brought this great education to life, our puppy pack, we have two photos here, Gideon on top and then Nymeria on the bottom, they follow the lives of these puppies in their first year and show all the different things that go into raising a puppy of the different particular purebreds. I have a short clip here, there is no audio, but it is an example of how we are doing more on Instagram to really drive the breed of the day program that we run. That is a little trivia about Pembroke Welsh Corgis. So people, you know, who follow us on Instagram, they may not know that much about Corgis or they might feel they are an expert on Corgis, but either way, when they get done with our trivia they will have engaged with and learn information about Pembrokes and learn something new. Sports and events really allow us to bring some exciting and inspiring stories to our constituency, both the fancy and the average pet dog owner. It is a rich source of digital content for us, whether we are at an event, whether we are, you know, seeing things that people are posting on social media about their participation in an event. It really is one of those things that you can't really replicate. You've got to see it to believe it sometimes with dog sports and events. So, a lot of the video that we do on social media and on site is based on sports events, and we can see that, you know, with 28 million just year to date video views on Facebook alone, it is a really rich way for us to reach people and get them excited about doing more with their dogs. Some examples of how we bring this to life, our videos, as Doug mentioned, there is explainer videos that kind of serve to demystify some of our different sports so that people can see something, say my dog can do that, you know, and learn how to get involved. I'm one of them. I just did my first Fast CAT over the weekend, so hooray. We also do some live coverage of our National Championships. We went to the Rally and Agility and Obedience championships and did live coverage with all the people who were participating, sharing the results and interviewing the winners as they came out of the ring. They were all very excited to be featured and shown to our social media audiences. So, I'm going to show you right here a quick, video of one of our junior handler spotlights. This is a program that we are also doing every month. We are featuring a different junior handler. This young lady, when we met her, she was 11 years old, she is 12 now I believe. Her name is Brielle. We met her at the Progressive Dog Club Toy Specialty Show. And I think you will enjoy this video.

[Video played]

Ms. Olund: I'm glad you enjoyed that. Brand perception is another key way that we in the Marketing Department are aiming to increase the profile of AKC. As we continue to expand our reach to dog lovers everywhere we are successfully communicating the value and the important work of AKC on a greater scale than ever before. I think one key thing that is really, really important for everybody to understand is that our social media reach is growing. It is bigger than it has ever been. We just broke the 4 million mark on total followers, and that's a huge number. But the key thing to know about that is that some social media platforms are actually plateauing. So, they are not growing at the same rate that we are. We are growing faster than their user base is growing. So that's a very positive signal as to how engaged people are when we are speaking to them on social media. Email also targets our core constituency. I know Doug mentioned this as well. Our email reach grew 10 percent in 2018 with 138 million emails sent across over 1,000 campaigns. Other areas where we are growing the brand perception is by increasing our social media community management. That means we are out there answering people's questions on social media, we are talking to people, we are giving them tips and tricks and making sure that they know how to find the things that they

are looking for. So, we are not just letting people talk about us, we are actually talking with people, and we see a lot of great feedback when we do that. We are also expanding Facebook groups. That's a key part of how Facebook is moving forward and so we want to be on that cutting edge with them. That's all I've got. Actually, one more slide, my fault. Positive reinforcement. We know the Marketing and Communications Department impacts the AKC in many ways beyond our key goals. We have increased our brand awareness, we have enhanced our corporate reputation, and we have measurable public understanding of how AKC serves dog lovers everywhere. Just as a side example, our social media sentiment, the positive sentiment is 88 percent on average and that's an incredibly strong number. That means when people are talking about us, they are talking about us in a positive way, sharing things that they have done over the weekend, a new title that they won. So, it really has a great impact on that, you know, social sentiment that we see out there. And that's all I've got. Thank you so much.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Brandi and Melissa. So well done and appreciated. The Chair calls on Joe Baffuto for the financial report.

Mr. Baffuto: Good morning to you, the AKC Delegate body. It is with great privilege and pleasure that I present to you our unaudited financial results through April 30, 2019. It has been an efficient and productive first four months of our fiscal year and I am confident that we will be able to continue our successes moving forward through the remaining balance of 2019. Let's begin with a summary of our revenue and expenses. Our income statement reflects just under \$25.7 million in total revenue and \$23.8 million in total expenses, for an impressive operating income of \$1.78 million. During the first four months of the 2018 year we recorded \$25.1 million in revenue, with \$24.3 million in expenses, for \$819,000 of operating income. From our summary, now let's reflect on our core registration volumes. We continue with positive upward trends for both litters and dogs at a 3 percent and 2 percent mark respectively. Thanks go to our remarkable staff supporting the registry and the mission of the AKC. Focusing next on the revenue side of our operational equation, we are representing a \$555,000 increase in total revenue as of the four months ended April 30, 2019. Subsequently, we can drill down into this 2.2 percent increase. With a concentrated and targeted focus from our Board of Directors and executive management, our registration programs are succeeding. Most particularly, dogs, litters and pedigrees have each had positive variances of approximately \$200,000 this year to date over prior year results. Also, our core concentration of sports and events have been highly successful to date this year, outperforming last year's revenue results by approximately \$347,000. Registrations and sports and events are what we do and in 2019 we are continuing to do it right. Transitioning to the expenses side of the equation, we have controlled our costs this year by \$414,000, in comparison to the period ended April 30, 2018. There are a handful of contributing factors to this 1.7 percent favorable decrease, so let's further evaluate. First off, payroll and benefits. Our current full-time equivalent head count of 354 has increased by 4 percent since last year. However, we have been able to decrease our total payroll and associated benefits by \$151,000 in 2019 measured against 2018 levels. Next, our consulting costs have decreased by \$515,000 in a year over year comparison. Several functions and programs throughout the organization have contributed to the year to date decrease, including our New York office relocation activities from 2018, along with the timing of some of our marketing and technology efforts this year. Next, our equipment and maintenance and rental costs. Equipment, maintenance and rental have dropped by \$129,000 or more than 30 percent in comparison to the same period last year. This can be attributed mainly to our purchasing efforts and technology operations team working hard to negotiate favorable maintenance contracts for services and equipment. Lastly, our postage costs have decreased by about \$75,000 or almost 8 percent below last year's

level at the same time. We regularly conduct internal reviews of our division level spending and we expect to closely monitor our costs through the remainder of 2019. Observing our financial results independent of our operating activities, we can note our investment performance year to date which presented significant unrealized gains. The portfolio had a 10.7 percent rate of return in the first four months of 2019 which valued at approximately \$10.8 million and outperformed our benchmark for the period by a full 100 basis points. Our balance sheet indicates the long-term fiscal power of our organization. As of April 30, 2019, we are exhibiting total assets of \$180 million, with \$109.7 million in total liabilities. As we can see here, these are both significant multimillion dollar increases over the prior year. The difference between our total assets and total liabilities are our unrestricted net assets. Let's take a deeper dive into the composition of the unrestricted net assets. Our operating reserve of just under \$42 million represents approximately 50 percent of our operating budget, while solidifying the functioning continuity of our business if there were a significant disaster impacting our capabilities to operate the organization for an extended period of time. Our investment in property, plant and equipment of \$25.4 million represents the value of our technology equipment, furniture, fixtures and leasehold improvements. You will note this has increased significantly by more than \$15 million since 2018 due to the completion of our new headquarters at 101 Park Avenue in New York, along with completed renovations to our operations facility in Raleigh, North Carolina. The underfunded status of \$60.5 million for our pension and post-retirement plans represents the combined shortfall from our long-term liabilities to these benefit plans. Lastly, the \$63.4 million of our AKC Board designated funds allows us to make long-term decisions which will continue to help us succeed in supporting our core mission. The complete deck which I have presented to you here will be available on the Delegates Portal by the close of business tomorrow for you to communicate to your clubs. Also, if there are any questions, please note my e-mail address and feel free to contact me. Have a wonderful summer season and we will see you again in September.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Joe.

Today's first vote is on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 4 - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would only change the format of the section. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. The question is on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 4. Is there discussion?

Those in favor, please stand. Thank you, be seated. Those opposed, please stand. There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The next vote is on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 12 - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would change the italicized portion of the section to be part of the rule. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. The question is on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 12. Is there any discussion?

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Goldberg: Sue Goldberg, Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club. Before the vote is taken, I have been asked to read an excellent statement that is a clarification written by our own staff liaison, Gina DiNardo, that is designed to clarify and alleviate any misconceptions or misunderstandings. It reads in part: "There is no change to the verbiage, interpretation or the

enforcement of the policy as it exists today. An individual serving as a show secretary is not a superintendent and is not held to the 30 days before or after a show restriction. The reference in Chapter 11, Section 12, references the eligibility of a show secretary or superintendent to exhibit as agent or handler for any dog owned or co-owned by them to be entered in the event." The last three paragraphs of this section are clear that they apply only to superintendents, employees of superintendents, and those household members of the aforementioned individuals. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: The question is on the floor. Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be seated. Those opposed, please stand. There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The third vote is on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 13 - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility, which would change the section to be gender neutral, changes the first two paragraphs of italics to become part of the rule and adds clarification. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. The question is on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 11, Section 13. Is there any discussion?

Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be seated. Those opposed, please stand. Thank you. There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The next vote is on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 8 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, which would reword the section only. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. The question is on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 8. Is there any discussion?

Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be seated. Those opposed, please stand. There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The fifth vote is on the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 6 - Championships, which would change the italicized portion of the section to be part of the rule. The amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. The question is on Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 16, Section 6. Is there any discussion?

Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be seated. Those opposed, please stand. There are two-thirds in the majority and the amendment is adopted.

The last vote is on the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers Chapter 14, Section 4, which would end the possibility for dogs to run as the first dog of a series more than once at the same stake at the same trial. The amendment was proposed by the Retriever Field Trial Advisory Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. The question is on Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers Chapter 14, Section 4. Is there any discussion?

Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be seated. Those opposed, please stand. There are two-thirds in the affirmative. This amendment is adopted.

The Chair now calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7, Section 12 - Judges.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 7, Section 12 - Judges, which allows clubs to efficiently close out a ring on the day. This amendment was proposed by the AKC Board of Directors, endorsed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

Mr. Sprung: Are there any questions on the proposed amendment?

The Chair now calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 2 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 2 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, which would reword the section to incorporate broader language regarding the display of identification by a person or dog exhibiting. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

Mr. Sprung: Are there any questions on the proposed amendment?

The Chair now calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 14, Section 9 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Chapter 14, Section 9 - Measuring, Weighing and Color Determinations When Factors of Disqualification in Breed Standards or Eligibility Under Conditions of a Class or Division of a Class Cancellations of Awards, which permits move-ups to occur when an award has been disallowed in non-regular classes and also in groups; it further reiterates that this will occur when Best in Show is cancelled. This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2019 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously e-mailed.

Mr. Sprung: Are there any questions on this amendment?

The Chair now calls on the Executive Secretary to read a list of vacancies for the Delegate Committees that are to be filled in September.

Ms. DiNardo: These are the vacancies on Delegate committees that are to be filled at the September Delegate meeting:

All-Breeds Clubs Committee: Four, three-year terms.

Bylaws Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, one-year term.
Canine Health Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, two-year term.
Companion Events Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, two-year term.
Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, one-year term.
Dog Show Rules Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, one-year term.
Parent Clubs Committee: Four, three-year terms.
Perspectives Editorial Staff: One, one-year term and six, two-year terms.

Mr. Sprung: Delegates will be e-mailed self-nomination forms by the end of June. The self-nomination form must be returned to the Executive Secretary by Friday, July 19, 2019. Questions on the procedures to be followed should also be directed to the Executive Secretary.

Delegates may only self-nominate for one committee, except that a member of the Perspectives Editorial Staff may also serve on another standing committee. In August, the Delegates will be e-mailed the nominees for each committee and their qualification statements with the September Delegates meeting notification.

The Chair calls on Sheila Goffe, Vice President of Government Relations, to make a special presentation.

Ms. Goffe: I am very pleased this morning to read to you a resolution honoring David Helming. Whereas, David Helming joined the AKC Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club Political Action Committee in January 2011 and served through March 2019. Whereas, David Helming first joined the AKC Delegate body in 2006 representing the Hutchinson Kennel Club and was again elected as a Delegate for the Newfoundland Club of America in 2013.

And Whereas, David Helming has been active in the American Kennel Club for many years as a breeder of Newfoundlands, Portuguese Water Dogs and Norwich Terriers.

Whereas, in 2005 he was elected AKC Breeder of the Year after being chosen as the AKC Working Group Breeder of the Year in 2002.

And Whereas, David Helming is an honorary member and past president of the Newfoundland Club of America, served as vice chairman of the NCA Charitable Trust Management Board, and currently serves as of the NCA's Delegate to the American Kennel Club.

And Whereas, he is a member of the Somerset Hills Kennel Club, Westchester Kennel Club, Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Westminster Kennel Club, and the Morris and Essex Kennel Club, and has served these clubs in various capacities including president, director, show chairman, and treasurer.

And Whereas, David Helming's leadership, knowledge and experience in matters pertaining to legislation and public policy have been of great value to the AKC PAC Board.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Directors of the American Kennel Club Political Action Committee honor David Helming's service and dedication to the American Kennel Club and its Political Action Committee and extend to him their grateful appreciation and best wishes for his future endeavors. Thank you, David.

Mr. Sprung: For your information, the Tuesday, September 10, 2019 Delegates meeting will be held here, at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel. The Conference and Travel Department will

place the hotel information on the Delegates Portal when our block of rooms becomes available.

Lunch will be served following this meeting on the Terrace, which is on this floor. Delegates are reminded to leave their badges at the registration desk following lunch. Is there further business to come before the body?

The Chair recognized Frances Stephens, Delegate for the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Stephens: Good morning, group, I will make this brief. I'm Fran Stephens, Delegate for Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers. If you will remember, many of you were here four years ago, our club treasurer absconded – we discovered had absconded with a large portion of our treasury. We fought hard and fast to get our county to file charges and pay attention to this, because while it wasn't an injury issue, physical, it was very painful for our club and we almost did not – were not able to continue, but we were fortunate, and we did, and we fought with the county and we got the conviction. A year ago, she was convicted of felony theft and has to pay restitution. This is all well and good. AKC was notified. We filed charges. We were told we had to wait for the courts, which we kept AKC informed all the way along. A year ago, in April, when the judge made the final decision, and everything was wound up, we filed again with AKC and we sent all of the paperwork, the transcripts, everything. As yet, AKC has failed to act on this. She is still in good standing with AKC. Now, we have pushed, our President has called repeatedly. We were last told that it had been – it would be determined, and the results would be published in the May Gazette. It wasn't. Now she is saying oh, well, it will be in the June Gazette. Well, the Board members I have spoken with have not been aware that this has been brought before the Board. So, nothing has been done. It has been over a year. It is not a complicated issue. There is no legal issue because she has been found guilty by the courts. You know, we are frustrated because we depend on AKC to have our backs and it hasn't happened. So, I'm talking to board members personally and now I'm talking to everybody. Please, can we get some action? You know, we realize that having her suspended is not going to be a big issue for her because she is registering dogs under her mother's name, we know that, and we can't do anything more. She is having to pay restitution to us. We get a whole \$25 a month and she took nearly \$80,000 from us. So, you can understand why we are frustrated. This was not a small thing. This was a pretty major event and we were fortunate we were able to survive. But we would really like to have some action from AKC on this.

Mr. Sprung: You will have an answer shortly.

Ms. Stephens: Thank you, Dennis

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Mr. Sprung: You're welcome.

The Chair recognized Sylvia Thomas, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Riverside, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Thomas: Sylvia Thomas, Kennel Club of Riverside, and Perspectives editor. First of all, I would like to thank everyone in this room for their faithful readership of Perspectives and your support. The June issue was very well received, as evidenced by the number of requests we received to reprint articles. And if you are interested in doing so, even though Perspectives is written by Delegates and intended for Delegates, we welcome the opportunity to share it with a wider audience. The procedure is quite simple. You send me an e-mail, tell me what article or

articles you are interested in reusing. I will seek the permission of the author, create a PDF, and send it to you for your use. This particular month we received requests which were approved to reprint – Carl Ashby and Carmen Battaglia’s respective articles on *Sustainability*, Robin Foust’s article on *Service Dogs*, Joyce Dandridge’s article on *Ring Stewarding*, and Jon Green’s wonderful article on *FSS Open Shows*, which will also be published in a future issue of the Gazette. We have so much to share with our members and we use Perspectives as one way of doing that. While I have your attention, if Geno Sisneros and Don James are in the room, would you please stand. You are not in trouble. Don was listed as the coordinator for the September issue but due to circumstances he is going to do December instead and Geno has graciously volunteered to be the coordinator for the September issue. So, send your articles to him. Our deadline is July 15, 2019. Finally, if you are dying to know the answer to who the wonderful little baby picture was in the June Perspectives, we did have a winner who guessed correctly, and Dick Blair, would you please stand. Dick is a winner in so many ways. But Dick is also the adorable baby in the picture. If you are interested in playing along with us for the September issue, if you would discretely send me a baby picture, you might be featured. Thank you.

I’m sorry, I just can’t give up the mic. One more thing. I do have some hard copies of Perspectives with me. If anybody would like one of these to read on your plane ride, or don’t read it in the car while you are driving, but I have some, just see me and I will give them to you. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Herman Tietjen, Delegate for the McKinley Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Tietjen: Mr. President, I’m Herman Tietjen from the McKinley Kennel Club. I wish to thank all of the dog people who made the nice comments on Facebook and elsewhere about the passing of my late wife. So, again, I greatly appreciate the outpouring of sympathy that was sent to me on her behalf. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Jeffrey Ball, Delegate for the Ramapo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Ball: Jeffrey Ball, Ramapo Kennel Club. I just want to briefly say, give you a quick update, for those who don’t know, we had our Lobby Day yesterday here in New Jersey. We took an approach, a very positive approach. We proposed a state dog and that state dog we proposed was a Collie, and we did that based on the history of the Collie in New Jersey. So, we went there, we took a vote on this at the federation, we brought it to the state legislators. Along with that we had AKC Reunite, they were kind enough to send Megan up from North Carolina. We also had some bills to address. We had 20 people show up. We met with 57 of the 120 legislators. We had legislators jumping on board sponsoring our Collie resolution, bipartisan already, so that is moving forward. AKC Reunite did a wonderful job. And we currently have four trailers. We had, with the assistance of the Philadelphia Kennel Club, two more confirmed – Ocean and Atlantic, so that brings up six. We are working on two others. Again, thank you to Philadelphia Kennel Club. But where I’m going with this is that we had a breeder of merit show up and say why don’t more people do this, and my mouth just dropped and I looked at her, and I said do you really want to know? I said they don’t believe in the importance of it. And she was the first one to say I didn’t either, but it is completely opposite of what I thought. She said, the opportunity to speak to these legislators, the opportunity to educate them and make a difference is just amazing. You can do this at the local level. I mean, AKC now has established wonderful programs that we can utilize to reach out to the public. You are starting to see some of the positive. But it really needs to come from us even more so, and that is everyone here in

the room, you are the most knowledgeable, you are the most advanced people that AKC can utilize to reach the public, educate the public and bring them back to our side. So, if you're not doing it, you can't expect other people to do it. They are not going to do it for you. All this media is great, but it takes you. It takes you even working with your town, working with your county. When I have my county executives telling me, things like – I never realized the stuff about rescue, and fighting an argument with some of our new card members about the temperament issue, why it is important to have a purebred – I think where is this coming from? Then I realize it was me telling them 10,000 times that it sunk in. So, all of you are absolutely needed. If you are not involved at least on your local level, the county level or state level, don't expect other people to do it. You need to do it. We need you. As Delegates, lead the way for all your members and clubs. And I will be more than happy to share any of my little tricks I have learned with any of you. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Glenda Stephenson, Delegate for Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Stephenson: Glenda Stephenson, Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay. As you all know, I'm from the sunshine state of Florida where we have lots of hurricanes and due to the animals being – getting lost due to hurricanes, I have always advocated the microchip. So, 11 or 12 years ago – there is an article this month in the end of Perspectives magazine, it is called *The Dreaded Telephone Call*. It is very emotional to me. Anyway, I microchipped the dog and off he went to his new home. Fortunately, the owners never changed their records, so I was the contact information for that dog. As in the article, I get a phone call from an animal shelter out in Texas and I ended up with my dog back. Recently, there was a Fun Match in town. I took my dog and I was able to meet with a veterinarian and collect sperm and to bring it round robin, I would like to thank Dr. Mary McDaniel for collecting on my dog, and she is a Delegate here today. Make sure you microchip. Share my story to anybody. If you have litters of dogs, microchip them and hopefully one will come home.

The Chair recognized Betty Winthers, Delegate for Olympic Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Winthers: Betty Winthers with the Olympic Kennel Club. I'm really proud to do a brag. This is our 75th Anniversary show, and we are having it over five days. We have Conformation, Obedience, Rally, Dock Diving, Agility, Disk Dog, Fast CAT and we are having three different group clubs to connect with us. So, we really are very proud of this event. I'm not sure I'm going to be able to beat Jeffrey's little old spiel. But, anyway, thank you.

The Chair recognized Dominic DiBalsi, Delegate for Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. DiBalsi: Dominic DiBalsi, Lehigh Valley Kennel Club. Just a thought and observation from this go-round. A few days ago, seeing a lot of kids going through the hotel, maybe we would consider a fun program for the kids on the Sunday before the meeting, maybe like 2:30, 3:00 and one at 6:00, the AKC may want to sponsor something like that. Just a thought.

The Chair recognized Karen Gunzel, Delegate for Trenton Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Ms. Gunzel: Karen Gunzel, Trenton Kennel Club. In May of 2020 we will be hosting our 100th show and it will feature Conformation, Lure Coursing, Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog. I hope you will join us. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Hearing nothing further, the meeting stands adjourned. Travel safely.

[One sharp rap of the gavel]

[Time noted: 11:25 a.m.]

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