AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
September 15, 2009

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Mr. Sprung: The meeting is called to order at this time for the purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees. Delegates may use the ballots that were sent to you. If you need a ballot, members of the AKC's staff will provide them for you. After sending out the Delegate Standing Committee Election Packet, it was brought to our attention that a Delegate's self-nomination for the Parent Club was inadvertently deleted and left out of the ballot, as well as the statement of qualifications. Please use the corrected white ballot for Parent Clubs that you were handed at the AKC registration desk when you picked up your badge earlier this morning.
Remember that in marking your ballot, if you vote for more than the maximum number permitted for a committee, the ballot will be invalid. When you have marked your ballots, please go to the eight polling stations at the back of the room. Line up according to your last name and give your last name and your club's name to the teller. As is our practice, the tabulation of ballots will be overseen by our accounting firm, KPMG.
(Voting)

Mr. Crowley: After everybody has voted, please sit down so we can see if everybody has voted and start the meeting. Please be seated after you cast your ballots so we can continue the meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Are there any Delegates wishing to cast a ballot for the standing committees who have not yet done so? If all Delegates who have wished to vote have done so, the Chair declares the polls closed.
Is there any Delegate present who has not given his or her name to one of our computer operators at the registration desk outside this meeting room? Please be sure to do so before leaving, as this is the official record of attendance.
The Chair would like to introduce the persons seated with me on the dais. On my immediate left is Chairman Ron Menaker. To his left is the Vice Chairman, Dr. Tom Davies. On my right is Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian. To her right is Jim Crowley, the Executive Secretary, and to Mr. Crowley's right is Todd DeSimone, the court reporter.
New Delegates have been requested to submit individual photographs for publication in the *AKC GAZETTE*. Any Delegate who has not submitted a photograph and wishes to do so, please see the photographer during adjournment or after the meeting or after the evening session.
If a Delegate makes an amendment to the Bylaws or Rules to be voted, please provide a written copy to the Executive Secretary. It is most important that the Chair has the specific wording, as this will greatly enhance our ability to project the precise words to be considered on the screens.
It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Jim Burns on July the 22nd. Jim was the Delegate from the Monticello Kennel Club since December of 1992.
The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to reads the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting.

Mr. Crowley: The following Delegates have been seated since the last meeting:

Lynnette Blue, Bend, OR, to represent Mount Bachelor Kennel Club
Kit Bostrom, Overbrook, KS, to represent St. Bernard Club of America
Katherine A.W. Coxwell, Monroeville, AL, to represent Beaded Collie Club of America
William Ellis, Larkspur, CO, to represent Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado
James Gibson, Marietta, GA, to represent Kennesaw Kennel Club
Richard Grant, Foster, RI, to represent South County Kennel Club
Karen Luckey, Old Brookville, NY, to represent Spinone Club of America
Gloria Marshall, Neptune, NJ, to represent Bayshore Companion Dog Club
Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Hamden, CT, to represent Elm City Kennel Club
Judith Priestley, Flint, MI, to represent Companion Dog Training Club of Flint
Virginia Rowland, Templeton, MA, to represent New England Dog Training Club
Larry Sorenson, Clayton, NC, to represent Dachshund Club of America
Marcy Zingler, Ringwood, NJ, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

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

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Katherine A.W. Coxwell, Monroeville, AL, to represent Beaded Collie Club of America
William Ellis, Larkspur, CO, to represent Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado
James Gibson, Marietta, GA, to represent Kennesaw Kennel Club
Richard Grant, Foster, RI, to represent South County Kennel Club
Karen Luckey, Old Brookville, NY, to represent Spinone Club of America
Mary MacCollum, Stillwater, NY, to represent Albany Kennel Club
Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Hamden, CT, to represent Elm City Kennel Club
Judith Priestley, Flint, MI, to represent Companion Dog Training Club of Flint
Virginia Rowland, Templeton, MA, to represent New England Dog Training Club
Larry Sorenson, Clayton, NC, to represent Dachshund Club of America
Joyce Wilson, Toledo, OH, Toledo, to represent Kennel Club
Harvey M. Wooding, Redding, CT, to represent Westminster Kennel Club
Marcy Zingler, Ringwood, NJ, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

Mr. Sprung: Thank you and a sincere welcome to all of the new Delegates.
Yesterday the AKC management team hosted the orientation for new Delegates. We would like to thank the 32 Delegates who attended and the Board of Directors. It was very successful and we believe well received. I would also like to thank Dan Smyth, the Chairman of the Delegates Coordinating Committee, for his participation.
The minutes of the June 9th, 2009 Delegates meeting were published in the July 2009 *GAZETTE* and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates portal on AKC's web site. If there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved as published.
Hearing no corrections, the minutes stand approved.
Now the Chair will call on Ron Menaker for the Chairman's report.

Mr. Menaker: Good morning. This Thursday, September 17th, 2009, marks AKC's 125th anniversary. Since 1884 we have maintained the definitive registry of purebred dogs and governed thousands of annual canine competitions. We have always remained true to our original mission of promoting the sport and breeding for type and function, but have also continually broadened our purview. Advancing canine health, upholding the integrity

of the registry, protecting the rights of all dog owners and promoting responsible dog ownership have all been priorities for many decades.
As we celebrate our latest birthday, we can proudly say that the AKC is the leading animal welfare organization for dogs. Beyond this year being a historic milestone, the AKC has seen the introduction of many new programs and initiatives that mark our continued commitment to all dogs. We launched our Star Puppy Program, an offshoot of our popular AKC Canine Good Citizenship Test, which more than 600,000 dogs have taken since its inception in 1989. We held an enthusiastic first meeting of the Canine Health and Welfare Advisory Panel and launched AKCdoghealth.com to collectively share information and promote greater public awareness about health concerns relative to all dogs. And as of October 1st, 2009 we will welcome mixed breeds into the AKC Canine Partners Program which will offer access to the world of AKC, including competition in companion events. Our affiliates also saw high points this year: AKC's Companion Animal Recovery enrolled its 4 millionth companion animal, and the AKC Canine Health Foundation funded its 550th research grant.
Throughout the year a special 125th anniversary logo has been widely used and is currently featured in an advertising campaign in Dog World, Dog Fancy, Pet Age, and Pet Business magazines. The dog-loving public is also celebrating with us in a variety of ways. We are looking forward to our first stand-alone Meet the Breeds event in New York City in October. And to reflect on the role dogs have played in our culture and personal lives throughout the years we have collaborated on a poll on AOL's Paw Nation web site. This interactive look at memorable canines from different categories such as movies, music, cartoons, mascots and others, will help us select the “125 Top Dogs in Popular Culture” in celebration of our anniversary. Visit www.pawnation.com to vote for your favorites.
In November a new book entitled "Dogs: The First 125 Years of the American Kennel Club" will be available as an update to the well-known AKC source book last printed in 1984. This new hardcover chronicles the history of the sport and the AKC and features many highlights and famous competitors from the past 125 years.
And wrapping up this year's festivities will be a spectacular dog show, an open-entry AKC /Eukanuba National Championship. Over 260,000 square feet of space will be utilized for Conformation, 30,000 square feet for Obedience, and a 60,000 square foot tent will host our Agility invitational. And, by the way, this unique structure, this tent, has been used at four Superbowls and the Democratic National Convention. AKC Meet the Breeds will continue to be one of the many signature events taking place over this weekend.
Further commemorating the show will be an online catalogue permanently archived at the AKC web site where exhibitors can post up to four photos of their dogs.
We are pleased to have the participation of more than 130 parent clubs holding specialties and/or supported entries and hope exhibitors will enjoy the variety of medallions, mementos and other keepsakes being offered to remember this anniversary experience.
We hope you are making plans to join us in Long Beach, California, on December 12th and 13th for what promises to be the AKC's biggest birthday party ever. I couldn't be prouder to wish the AKC a happy 125th birthday and I am confident we will see many more yappy returns. Thank you all very much.

Mr. Sprung: We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the club's 125th anniversary, which is this Thursday. This is our dessert for later on.
(Applause as cake is wheeled out)

Mr. Sprung: Next on the agenda is the President's report.
It is my pleasure to provide each of you with an update on next month's Meet the Breeds Program. The goals of this initiative are multifaceted. First and foremost, Meet the Breeds will spread the word about Responsible Pet Ownership and educate the public about our long-standing tradition of promoting responsibility through multiple initiatives.
It goes without saying that our core constituency sets the bar each day by demonstrating responsible ownership and it is with their help that we will offer many educational opportunities that are of importance to the success of the Meet the Breeds experience.
We have teamed up with the Cat Fanciers' Association, allowing the world's premier dog and cat registries to build a synergy that will expand our reach by creating unique marketing and public relations opportunities.
To further broaden our Responsible messaging, we have brought together 16 sponsors, led by our pet health insurance provider, Pet Partners.
In addition, we are employing a new approach to promote our juniors program by working with well-established children's organizations.
Last, but certainly not least, we are reaching out to legislators to educate them about all of our quality programs in a way that goes beyond traditional communication channels. I have a formula to welcome and engage them by providing an active role.
Now I will outline the elements of the program in greater detail.
This is a list of parent clubs whose participation, whether direct or through a local affiliated club, has made it possible for hundreds of knowledgeable volunteers to be on hand at our breed booths. We thank the 146 clubs for volunteering.
There are 16 corporate sponsors supporting AKC's or CFA's efforts. From this base, vendor support has successfully been secured.
82 vendors will be on hand with pet-related services or supplies. It is a credit to AKC and CFA staff to have achieved this level of participation within such a challenging economic environment.
To spread the word about our juniors program, we have worked diligently for eight months to secure acceptance of a Responsible Pet Ownership Patch that can be earned at the event by Boy Scouts at the Cub level and also by the Girl Scouts of America. We will leverage this opportunity by providing every one of these youngsters with information introducing them to the sport of Junior Showmanship.
Planned are numerous marketing and public relations initiatives featuring social media using Youtube, Facebook, Flickr, Twitter, and MySpace, in addition to traditional media venues.
These "bumper stickers" are an example of a new social media tactic. For those of us not in today's generation, they are web banners that can be downloaded for free and used in personal sites, blogs and profiles on networking sites such as Facebook. To date, more than 30,000 people have accessed these bumper stickers.
Another initiative is a Dogs versus Cats poll featured on MeetTheBreeds.com. The media has enthusiastically embraced this contest and is looking forward to the results at an upcoming press conference. It is also a marketing tactic aimed at increasing attendance.
A third marketing tool is the Meet the Breeds quiz game, already being enjoyed by the public and the fancy. The game has been played over 45,000 times to date.
One of our primary goals is not only to do what is responsible, but to communicate the accomplishments of our organization. Responsible Ownership is a mantra of AKC, CFA, and Parent Clubs. What better way to share this message than to team up with the very people who propose bills and pass laws. I'm very proud to report to you that we have 87 legislators from Connecticut, New York and New Jersey serving as Honorary Chairs of

Meet the Breeds. This includes United States Senators Frank Lautenberg and Charles Schumer.
All Delegates are welcome and will receive complimentary passes at the ticket booth.

Now I would like to introduce Jim Stevens for our CFO's report.
Mr. Stevens:
Good Morning.
We'll review with you today our year to date financial results through the end of August. It's been a tough year for us so far in many respects.
Total revenues for eight months were $5.2 million or 11% less than the prior year. Our major sources of revenue continue to be negatively impacted by the economic recession we're all living with. Consequently, we haven't seen much of an improvement with our revenue situation as this year has progressed. This is how I probably look on many days as a result of this.
Frankly, most of the financial trends we discussed with you at our last meeting in June haven't changed very much. It's been a real challenge for us. Our year-to date revenues from registrations, pedigree sales, royalties and publications are all lower than last year. Most troubling is that our primary core revenue continues to hemorrhage. Total revenues from registrations were 14% less than last year. What this translates to in dollar terms is a reduction of $3.1 million in revenues for eight months compared to 2008. I'm sure you'll agree that this is not an insignificant amount.
Sales of pedigrees mirrored this trend and were over $700,000 or 17% lower than the prior year. Royalties declined by over $400,000 or 12%, due to less revenue generated by our affinity credit card. Revenues from publications were down by $548,000 or 22%. This was attributable to fewer subscribers and decreased magazine advertising, which followed the industry trends.
On a more positive note, our on going cost containment efforts have been productive. Our total expenses for the first eight months were $2.6 million or 6% less than last year. Payroll & benefits expense was reduced by almost $1 million or 4% from 2008. Our current headcount stands at 368 employees. This number is down from 500 employees ten years ago and 413 five years ago. The lower headcount is the result of planned reductions achieved by operating efficiencies through various systems enhancements.
The total of all other operating costs was $1.6 million or 8% lower than last year. We achieved this through a concerted effort by every department to more closely manage and economize their respective costs. Frankly, each department head is to be commended for their diligence in this regard.
So when you put all of this together, how do things look? Our operating profit stood at $854,000 for eight months. This compared to $3 and a half million for the same period last year; not a very good trend.
While the economy has clearly taken its toll on the results of our operations this year, an improved stock market environment in 2009 has allowed our investments to prosper. So we do have some positive news to convey to you here. Our investment gains for this year through the end of August totaled $6.4 million. This compared to a loss of $4.2 million for the same period last year, when the markets were struggling. So you can see that we've fully recouped last year's 8 month investment losses. We're pleased with our year-to-date investment return of 14%, which compared to a negative 7% return at this time last year.
Nevertheless, despite our favorable investment results, let's not lose sight of our shrinking operating profit this year. Absent any positive developments with our registration and other revenues in the immediate future, it's very likely that in next year's

meetings you'll begin to hear me referring to an operating **loss** rather than a profit in communicating our results.
Believe me; I don't look forward to us being in that situation. The Board and staff continue to work hard on various ways to mitigate this scenario.
In conclusion, let's also hope that an improving economy will begin to benefit our future revenue stream. Please stay tuned with your fingers crossed.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Jim.
Before proceeding to vote on the proposed amendments, let's review the process to help all Delegates consider the amendments.
AKC staff will project the proposed amendments that Delegates are being asked to consider on the screens. Any proposed amendment will be typed and shown on the screens. If an amendment is adopted, the screens will reflect the proposal as amended. If an amendment is not adopted, the screens will project the originally proposed amendment.
Delegates continue the consideration of the proposed amendment as thus amended or not amended. The Chair intends to take a standing vote on each motion that requires a two-thirds vote. If needed, the Chair will take an additional count.
The first vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 1, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and Chapter 2 of *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline Registration -- Registered Breeds By Group*. This amendment will split the Sporting and Hound Groups and the Non-Sporting Group name will be replaced with the name Companion Group and a new Northern Group will be created. If this amendment is adopted, all references to the number of Groups must be changed to accommodate the new number of Groups.
The proposal was read at the June 2009 meeting. It has been published in two issues of the *GAZETTE* and is on the blue worksheet.
The Board recommends that it be referred back to the Board for a vote in March. The Board of Directors recently received official notification from several Parent Clubs that wished to make a change regarding their placement in the proposed new groups. Based on the receipt of this information, the Board prematurely recommended postponement in good faith yesterday. To refer is a majority vote. If the Delegates agree to the Board's recommendation and refer the vote, the Board plans to incorporate the new information and have a detailed report and proposal prepared for the Delegate body.
Is there any discussion?

The Chair recognized Margarette Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I move we refer the question back to the Board.

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

The Chair recognized Stephen Gladstone, Delegate for the Reno Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
Mr. President, I would amend that motion that we refer it back to the Board with instructions to return it here in March.

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Mr. Sprung: Is there any debate on the amendment, to return it back in March? There was a motion put on the floor that was seconded. The Delegate has an amendment to that motion. Is there any debate on the amendment which is to bring it back in March?

The Chair recognized Carl Holder, Delegate for the Beaumont Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
Mr. President, does the amendment for March mean that we will be voting on it in March or it will be read in March? I just need a clarification.

Mr. Sprung: Yes, that would be for a vote in March 2010. Is there any other debate on the amendment to the motion?

The Chair recognized Dr. Gerry Meisels, Delegate for the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, who spoke as follows:
I wish to speak against the amendment. There is no urgency in this matter and I hope the Board will do come forward with its best recommendation. To the best of my counting, there are currently 15 breeds in the miscellaneous class. Only nine additional breeds have an enrollment in the FSS that exceeds 150, which means it is not a really urgent matter. I would rather do it well the first time.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Judith Daniels, Delegate for Mt. Baker Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I have a question. Does this mean that it will be read in December or there will be no reading?

Mr. Sprung: It would have to be read in December for the March vote.

Mr. Gladstone: I want clarification on that. I believe it has already been read and published. I'm wondering why it would be published again.

Mr. Crowley: The only time it would have to be published again, is if there would be substantial changes in the original proposal. If it is basically the same, just changing some breeds, it could come back for a vote. But if they added an 11th group, or did something like that, then it would have to be read all over again. Anything that couldn't have been amended today would have to come back as a read.

Mr. Gladstone: In response to Dr. Meisels, if it takes more than six months for the Board to figure it out again, they can ask that it be postponed again in March?

Mr. Crowley: Correct.

The Chair recognized Patricia W. Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:
I appreciate the fact that the Board has requested that this be pulled back so that they look at it. I think the Committee did a wonderful job. I think they all worked very, very hard. But I also think that when it comes back, it should also be up to the group that is deliberating it, that would be the Board, therefore I talk against this motion.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. There will actually be two votes. The first vote would be to add the caveat that this is being referred to the Board to come back in March. And that is a majority vote.
All those in favor, please stand. Thank you.
All those opposed, please stand. Thank you.
The majority votes to refer it to the Board, to bring it back in March. Thank you.
Now we are going to vote on the main motion.

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:
Since I represent a training club and since I don't show in conformation, I don't breed dogs, I don't have a dog in this fight. But as those of you who know me will know, I have an opinion anyway. I would simply like to remind everybody if this does go back to the Board, and during the time that the Board is considering it, I hope that everyone will go back to their clubs and remind the clubs that part -- that the most important job of the Delegate, is to be part of the governing body of The American Kennel Club. Our job is partly to represent our clubs, but it is not entirely that. We need to be looking very carefully at the future -- we should be representing our clubs to be sure, but a more important thing that we need to be doing is to look at the future of The American Kennel Club and where we are going.
People have been asking for evidence supporting this change. I'm a statistician. I happen to have a Ph.D. in statistics and I taught for many years at a university and I have done considerable consulting. So I'm a big fan of evidence. But I also don't believe that evidence can predict the future. It would be very difficult to find out in advance what these changes are going to do to The American Kennel Club to increase the shows and all the other things that go on. But I can absolutely predict that if we don't do change, we are going to continue to see the downward slide. We will see declines in entries. We will see declines in registration. We will see a decline in the position of the AKC in the dog world.
If we continue to do things the way we have always done things in the past, we are not going to grow, we are not going to succeed. I think some good arguments have been made for these particular changes, that they have the potential of increasing entries. They have the potential of improving the American Kennel Club. So I hope that during this period of time you will go back to your clubs and take that message with you.
I know that quite a few Delegates that have been here have been instructed by their clubs to vote in a particular way on the main motion, if it gets to that point.

Mr. Sprung: Barbara, the discussion is on whether or not to refer it back to the Board.

Ms. Mann: That is true. I will stop. I just want to say one last thing. The dogs don't care which group they are in.

Mr. Sprung: We will now vote on referring this matter back to the Board for a vote in March 2010.
All those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be Seated.
All those opposed, please stand. Thank you. Be Seated.
The majority has it, to refer this back to the Board for a vote in March 2010.

The first vote we will have is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 5, of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board

of Directors. This amendment will permit the further division of the 12 to 18 month class at the option of the individual club.
The proposal was read at the June 2009 meeting. It has been published in two issues of the *GAZETTE* and is on the canary colored worksheet. The Board recommends its approval.
A two-thirds affirmative vote is required for adoption.
Is there any discussion?

The Chair recognized Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Delegate for the Marion Ohio Kennel Club, who spoke as follows.
Just a point of clarification. What is the intended effective date. Specifically will it be enforced for the Eukanuba show?

Mr. Sprung: The Chair called on Robin Stansell, AKC Vice President of Event Operations to answer the questions.

Mr. Stansell: The effective date would be July 2010 and it would not affect the 2009 Invitational. And it would be a club option to offer this class.

Mr. Sprung: So the question is on Chapter 3, Section 5 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*.
Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be seated.
Those opposed, please stand. Thank you. Be seated
There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The next vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Section 9, of the *Retriever Field Trial Rules*, which would update the wording to address all contagious/communicable diseases. The proposal was approved by ballot by the 2008 Retriever Advisory Committee. The proposal was read at the June 2009 meeting. It has been published in the *GAZETTE* on two occasions and is on the pink worksheet. The Board recommends its approval. A two-thirds affirmative vote is required for adoption.
Is there any discussion?
The question is on Chapter 8, Section 9, of the *Retriever Field Trial Rules*.
Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Be seated.
Those opposed, please stand. Thank you. Be seated.
There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 3, Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*. This amendment would bring the bred-by exhibitor requirements in line with all other regular classes as defined by Chapter 11, Section 1 of the Rules. The full text is on the green worksheet. This amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by 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 in the December 2009 meeting.
The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 15 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications* and Chapter 16, Sections 1 through 7 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championship and Grand Championship Awards*.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 3, Sections 1 and 15 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications, which would allow for awarding Grand Championship points to Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed, Best of Opposite Sex to Best of Breed or Best of Variety of Breed, Select Dog, and Select Bitch, and to Chapter 16, Sections 1 through 7 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championship and Grand Championship Awards, which would allow for the creation of awards for these titles. The full text is on the gray worksheet.
This amendment was brought forward as a staff initiative and is approved by 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 December 2009 meeting.

Mr. Sprung: Is there any question on the proposed amendment?

The Chair recognized Gwen McCullagh, Delegate for the Huntington Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
Yesterday, and I have already spoken about this at the Dog Show Rules Committee, there was a suggestion, and it was approved, that dogs that are champions who were winners of the non-regular classes would be eligible. Is that recognized here?

Mr. Crowley: That would be referred back to the Board. The Board would have to accept that amendment and it would need to be within the scope. So it could be voted on at the next meeting.

Ms. McCullagh: Is it appropriate to propose that amendment now?

Mr. Sprung: No. At the next meeting.

Mr. Crowley: An amendment would only be proper when the motion is brought forward. It is acceptable within the scope of the amendment. It could be adopted in December when this is brought up for a vote and the Board can consider it in the meantime and have a recommendation.

The Chair recognized Margaret Pough, Delegate for Finger Lakes Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I want this in the minutes because I feel the Board, and I don’t believe that this is in the current scope, that the Board should consider the requirement that a dog have at least a CGC to become a Grand Champion. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Anne Major Rappaport, Delegate for the Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, who spoke as follows:
I'm sorry, this doesn't have anything to do with the motion. I'm very sorry. But it has to do with my knees. As much as I hate to admit it, my knees are very bad and it is difficult to keep popping up and down to vote on these things. Could we show our hands?

Mr. Sprung: Would you like a standing vote on that?
(Laughter.)

Yes, we can vote by raising hands.

Mrs. Rappaport: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Mary Alice Eschweiler, Delegate for the Waukesha Kennel Club, who spoke as follows.
In addition to requesting that the Board reconsider allowing non-regular dogs and bitches to be considered for Grand Champion points, I humbly request that dogs that are neutered or spayed also be included in that.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Iris Kaye Frankel, Delegate for the Vacationland Dog Club, who spoke as follows:
I would also like to perhaps offer an amendment to this also that any dog being eligible for the Grand Champion points also have a functional title. I would like to see the sporting dogs at least have a JH, a working dog have a working title to give a little bit more umph behind a Grand Champion title.

The chair recognized Ruth Ann Naun, Delegate for the Border Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:
We had a wonderful presentation at the Parent Clubs Committee yesterday by Mr. Wade of the AKC staff on this concept. I thought the audience and the committee were very disposed to the concept. But it has already been mentioned that the veteran classes were not included within the scope. And you've discussed the consequences. There are many dog shows, another class or two in the class in which champions compete. One of those is the working class. Not every AKC championship show has a working class. But where a club chooses to have it, there are in some breeds champion dogs, conformation champion dogs, who compete because of the intended defining of the function of good dogs to do what they were bred to do, that good dogs do compete as champions in that working class.
I understand that the logistics are harder. But if the Board intends to reconsider the question of the veterans in competition, I would also like to make a suggestion, which was voiced at the committee meeting yesterday, that the working class winners, if there is a class, and if they are champions, might also be considered, lest people choose not to compete in the working class. I can put that forward as an amendment to the Board if that is appropriate.

Mr. Sprung: yes you can, Thank you.

The Chair recognized Barbara Schwartz, Delegate for the St. Louis Collie Club, who spoke as follows:
I just want a clarification. I'm a judge and I'm judging the Best of Breed. I have seven or eight champions in there and I have the chance to award one of the grand championships. How do I know which one had other titles? I mean, do they have to have other titles to be in the best of variety?

Mr. Sprung: No. But the suggestion I'm hearing on the floor is that the eligibility for the class would require being both a Champion of Record as well as another title.

Ms. Schwartz: But a judge wouldn't know that.

Mr. Sprung: We will walk you through that in one second.

The Chair called on John Wade, AKC Director of Judging Operations, who spoke as follows:
The judging of this class would be judging the dogs in the ring for their quality. If a dog was found to be ineligible for the class, the points would not be awarded. The judge would award the points to the quality dogs as they see appropriate.

The Chair recognized Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, who spoke as follows:
I think that you can cover the veterans, the working dog classes, the same way you cover the eligibility for the Best of Breed class, and that is any single entry, non-regular class winner, is eligible for the Best of Breed class. And in this case you would have to change that to be any champion who is the winner of a single entry, non-regular class. Because those dogs always go the Best of Breed. It is only the multiple entry, like Ruth mentioned, in stud dog and three generations that don't.
I mean, I've been to specialties in some breeds where they have veterans. They have sled dog class, a herding class. And those all have requirements to be in them. It might encourage people to put champions in some of the working qualification classes when they might not otherwise. Just a thought.

The Chair recognized Meg Weitz, Delegate for the Devon Dog Show Association, who spoke as follows:
I have been active showing dogs since I was quite young, since 1963. So I have seen a lot of changes that have been made to allow conformation dogs to acquire points in ways that were never thought of back in the '60s and early '70s, i.e., going breed over specials, winning groups, the dog winner's bitch being eligible to go into the Best of Breed class.
What I see in the Grand Champion class is the possibility of those of us who don't actively campaign specials but who have quality dogs living at home to bring them out and show them off and actually have something to work for, which I think is very exciting. I think we have to look at it as a basic starting point. And while we were talking about this earlier today, I thought about the fact that we would start here and then go and add in the qualifications for a next level up, i.e., a versatility Grand Champion who does have AKC titles at both ends. It could be a CGC or an HIC at the first level and then go on to the dogs that have CDs, field trials, terrier trial titles, etc. So that it does give the impetus for those of us who also just show and breed most of the time to go out and get the CD. I think many of us belong to national all-breed clubs that do start giving versatility titles to our dogs at very basic levels, some of which aren't championed, then it becomes more difficult with the Briard Club of America, to which I belong, we start with a versatility title and then we have a versatility title excellent.
The working dogs, the dogs who are doing performance events, have had these opportunities to have advanced titles for years. So I think it is kind of neat that we, in conformation, will have that apart from specialing dogs. I think that is very exciting. So we could go and have the impetus to go forward with our conformation champions as well.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Dr. Stephen Lawrence, Delegate for the Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts, who spoke as follows:
I like this concept. I like the idea. I'm in favor of change. But I object to the title. For 125 years the American Kennel Club has awarded the title of champion. We are now using

another title that is so close that even in this discussion and yesterday there has been a lot of confusion about points, championship points, what is a champion, a Grand Champion. Why don't we look for another name, whether it is grand victor or grand select or whatever. Maybe we can think of something else which does not change the concept of the champion dog.

The Chair recognized Margaret Pough, Delegate for the Finger Lakes Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I don't see anything wrong with a dog accumulating select points. But before a title, maybe we will have a versatility title, but before that would be issued the dog would have to have some sort of title on the other end. I can see at least a CDC. Because not every breed has performance events that they can participate in.

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:
In obedience, we have an OTCH, Obedience Trial Champion, which is very difficult to obtain, by the way. Lots of dogs can't do it. My dogs can't do it. As a trainer, I can't do it. I'm not up to that.
I would be very offended if people in this body said that in order to get an OTCH the dog also had to have a title in the conformation ring. To be honest, many of the OTCH dogs out there do have championships on the front. But many of them couldn't do it to save their lives.
So as an obedience competitor and obedience person and rally person, I would be not in favor of requiring a title on both ends, even the CGC. I have a dog that couldn't possibly get a CGC.

The Chair recognized Gayle Bontecou, Delegate for the Mid-Hudson Kennel Association, who spoke as follows:
I'm a little confused. Can you enter just this class, or as a judge, if I'm doing a class of specials, is this almost like an award of merit? Can you give more than one dog or do you pick your Best of Breed and that's it and that dog is eligible for the Grand Champion?

Mr. Sprung: We can give you a full explanation. Just wait one second, the cavalry is coming.

Mr. Wade: The Grand Champion concept was to award four dogs maximum grand championship points, The Best of Breed winner, the Best of Opposite Sex winner, the Select Dog, the Select Bitch, with the caveat being that each of those dogs had to come from the Best of Breed, Best of Variety class. Class dogs are not eligible for select or Grand Championship points.

Mr. Sprung: It must be Champion of Record and move ups.

Mr. Wade: Champion of Record or dogs, which according to their owners records are Champions, have been moved up to the Best of Variety or Best of Breed class.

The Chair recognized James Smith, Delegate of the Dalmatian Club of America, who spoke as follows.

I would like to follow up on the comments made by the gentleman that preceded me to this microphone. If I am reading correctly and understand this correctly, it is possible to become a Grand Champion without ever having defeated another dog; is that correct?

Mr. Sprung: No. You have to be a Champion of Record.

Mr. Smith: Yes, you are a Champion of Record, but you may become a Grand Champion --

Mr. Sprung: John, did you hear Mr. Smith's question?

Mr. Smith: The question should have been without ever defeating another special, I'm sorry.

Mr. Wade: Yes, conceivably, but the likelihood of that happening, I don't think is great. Maybe some of the low-entry breeds, it is quite possible. But that dog or that bitch would have won Best of Breed and would have gone on to compete at higher levels. Conceivably it could happen. It depends on how the entries are driven and which breeds they are.

Mr. Smith: I would like to follow up. I realize there aren't a whole lot of choices out there, but we need someone who has far greater familiarity with vocabulary and word choices than I am. But "grand" I think is too much for what we are talking about. If we are talking about a Grand Champion, it really needs to be grand. And my concept of this is that it is not all that difficult in the long run.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Jim.

The Chair recognized Judy Colan, Delegate for the Weimaraner Club of America, who spoke as follows:
I object to being mandated to award a dog select title when there may be four bitches -- if you are doing Best of Breed and best opposite, you are mandating that a dog -- well, if a bitch wins the breed, there might be four bitches that are higher quality than any of the dog entries

Mr. Sprung: John? Please explain.

Mr. Wade: One of the things we want to make sure that everybody understands, to become Grand Champion, you have to acquire 25 points, three majors, and at least one point under a different judge. So the likelihood to get that far along and not have defeated another special we don't believe is very great.

Unidentified Delegate: I have a probably dumb question, but why not. Performance dogs or companion dogs get marks, 1, 2, 10, 12. They get OTCHs, 1, 2, 10, 12. Is it possible sometime in the future that we will have Grand Champion 1, 2, 10, 12

Mr. Sprung: Possible, certainly.

Unidentified Delegate: It seems to me it would be grossly unfair to the breed dogs if they cannot acquire the number of titles that can be acquired by the companion dogs and it would stop them from showing again.

Mr. Sprung: I believe if we try this and it is successful and our fanciers and breeders are interested in additional criteria and more titles, the Board and Delegates would certainly bow to the wishes of our breeding community. Once this is tried and succeeds, should our breeders desire additional titles, the Delegates and the Board would come up with the criteria to allow them to compete for the additional titles they are interested in. There are a lot of variables to this where we could give our breeders additional recognition, basically what they are asking us for. It is creating an opportunity for clubs to get more entries and for breeders and exhibitors to be recognized more often and in other ways than we have ever done before.

The Chair recognized Denise Dean, Delegate for the Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, who spoke as follows:
I think a lot of people were not here for the Forum from the questions that are being asked. First of all, I want to say I think it is a fabulous idea and I think it will encourage a lot of people to exhibit and I also think that it will encourage more competition against a lot of these dogs that are just campaigned, which I think at the breed level is a great thought for the fancy as a whole.
Anyway, the only problem that I have which I did bring up during the Forum is as an AKC judge, I think you are going to find a lot of judges that feel obligated to not give class dogs the breed if it stops all the dogs in competition from getting any of these points. There are plenty of times where yes, you put up the class dog because it is quality, but it doesn't mean the specials are poor. It just means you like the class dog better.
I think it would make much more sense -- of course the class dog is not going to get them because he is not a champion. But to withhold all the rest of them because of that I think puts amazing pressure on the judge not to put up the class dog, to withhold from all the dogs because he may have wonderful specials that are certainly worthy of Grand Champion points, he just likes the one class dog a little better.
So I think that needs to be addressed because I think that is going to be a real problem in the whole judging community.

The Chair recognized Vanessa Weber, Delegate for the English Toy Spaniel Club of America, who spoke as follows:
One of the concerns of members of my club is that especially with small, rare breeds, such as ours, we have a fair number of people who show in their area where there is no competition and they will bring out quite a few dogs in order to create their own majors, which is easy if you have a point system where one dog per point prevails. And our concern is that we will suddenly see people showing up with their dogs which they have made up their own champions, getting Grand Champion titles without having shown up with any relative competition at all.
We would like to see some sort of exposure to a supported entry or a national specialty at least once in that context so that there is some controls on people who absolutely never show up against any other competition other than whatever is in their house. Thank you.

Mrs. Daniels: I think we are making a very confused picture of a basically very simple proposal. One thing I would like to address is some of the questions such as what was just asked, and the very vital question is what if you have no really good male specials and you have four bitch specials of which you would like to give selects to.

As a judge I am aware I do not have to award any selects. If I had that situation and I did not feel any of the dogs were of the quality of the bitches, I probably would not award a male select. It is up to the judge.
Just remember, we don't have to award them. If I put up a class dog or bitch for breed, which those of you who showed me know I often do, that would simply mean that that same sex could get one select, tell me if I'm wrong -- no selects at all? I thought they could. So no selects at all if the breed is a class dog?

Mr. Sprung: Correct.

Mrs. Daniels: So, please, as judges, if you feel the class exhibit, your winner's dog or your winner's bitch is the best there, make it the best there, don't give out selects or breed wins as candy, give them out to the best dog.

The Chair recognized Judy Corbett, Delegate for the Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
Am I correct in understanding that there will be a spot on our judge's sheets, as there is now, for the dog worthy of points to be marked, for these Grand Champion points, so that we have four quality champions being shown to us, we may put down no, we do not feel it is worthy of Grand Champion points? Will that be on our judge's books?

Mr. Wade: Yes, we can do that. But at the point that you award Best of Breed, and if you award best of opposite, you have already made a statement. But that can be added that the select dogs and the select bitch are worthy of Grand Championship points. Thank you. The statement would be the same as it is for winner's dog and winner's bitch.

Mrs. Saltzman: So you will be able to not award points to the select, but the Best of Breed is automatically awarded points?
I would like to ask about when you are judging a breed, you put up a special and it is the best of a bad bunch but not really a decent special, and that's happening more and more, why would we want to make a dog like that a Grand Champion? I wouldn't want my name on that dog as having given him points toward a Grand Championship. Why couldn't that be determined by the judge the same way the selected is?

Mr. Wade: At the point that you have awarded Best of Breed or best of opposite sex, you have indicated that that is a quality dog. If the dogs aren't that good, withhold that ribbon that day. Don't award it.

The Chair recognized Lynette Saltzman, Delegate for the Oakland Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows.
I'm pretty well-known for withholding from time to time, but I think I would find it kind of difficult to withhold Best of Breed from a special where there is one special and two pets.

Mr. Wade: I'm going to answer that for you. One of the greatest mistakes in my life was to have withheld winner's dog, winner's bitch, and a mistake occurred when an equally poor specimen came into the ring for Best of Breed that sired these two dogs and I did not withhold.

The Chair recognized Carlotta Dennie, Delegate for the Union County Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I can relate to this issue from two parts. So indulge me while I tell you the two. Number one, as a breeder/owner/exhibitor, I own a Papillion who is a Grand Champion in the Philippines, the only Papillion ever to have done it. I am exceptionally proud of him. I gave the Philippine Kennel Club a lot of entries because we started all over again just like we are doing here, like we would have to do here.
Number two, as a show chairman, I can tell you that our entries will definitely increase because just like I took my dog to the Philippines with the gal I co-owned him with, after he obtained his championship we continued to go further to say not only is he a champion, but let me show you how good he is and I put my money where my mouth was and that put money in the Kennel Club's pocket.
I think it would be a great thing for AKC because a lot of us finish a dog, bring him home and that's it because well, he is never going to be number one. He may not be number one, but to that person if he can obtain a Grand Champion he has proven he is better than he was if you just finished him and put him away. Thank you very much.

The Chair recognized Rita Biddle, Delegate for the Ingham County Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I think some of these problems and concerns folks have expressed should not occur if we as judges just judge the dogs.

The Chair recognized Don Adams, Delegate for the Cudahy Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
My commentary is just judge the dog. Those of us who have performance dogs that we don't feel that we want to spend every weekend out trying to get our dogs to run at the end of the leash in stack force but nevertheless have some pretty good dogs that we run in the field and right now we don't come because you've got your dogs out at the end of the leap, not because of the quality of our dog, but because our dogs don't stand out at the end of the leap because we want to chase gate or work in the functional areas. We will start entering those shows. We are going to push you. So look out, the functional dogs will be coming.

Ms. Wallis: Everybody is talking about the details of how this can be accomplished. But I would like to address part of the reasons for why we are here and why we show dogs is because we are breeders of dogs. When we look for breeding stock, one of the places we look are dogs that are finished. Most of the time, now, I'm from a breed where a lot of young dogs finish and they go home and you never see them again and you don't know whether they grew up to be really nice or really ordinary or really horrible.
So I think this encourages people to bring out dogs that they don't have enough money to special at a group level or they bring those dogs to the specialty, and I said this in the Parent Club meeting, when we have a specialty that is part of a weekend where we have a specialty on Friday and there are two or three shows afterwards, we have a much larger entry of specials in our Best of Breed class than the other three shows or two shows ever have. Because people feel like they are coming out to show the breeders that are at the specialty their dogs and they know they are not going to win, I mean, they hope they are, but they realistically don't think they are. Then they don't see any point in entering the other three days because now they have already shown them to all these other people.
I think this is going to accomplish the same thing over a much, much broader area so that more people see dogs that finish and quality dogs. There will be some that are horrible, but then, you know, when you awarded that dog his championship when he was nine months old and you are sitting out in the audience and you say I finished that dog,

then you know you made a mistake. And people who might be breeding that dog based on his show record as a nine-month-old, you know, they may have second thoughts about it. So I think we have to remember we are a breeders forum.

The Chair recognized Judy Hart, Delegate for the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, who spoke as follows:
I want to support some of the concerns about title of brand which makes it sound like it is a much better animal than one who simply achieved a championship. Since this is based on the success that we have had in our companion dog sports of getting the numbers after the title, which indicates that the dog continued on beyond that title, I would encourage the Board to think of it in that way of you don't have a grand mock, you have a mock, and then you have a mock 2 and a mock 3 and a mock 4, etc.
A lot of people have expressed their concern to me about the title "grand" being a way to force them to continue to title or to exhibit bitches that perhaps they would really love to have in the whelping box once they finish a championship. So if just the terminology could be considered, I think it would settle a lot of concerns that people have and they could endorse this more enthusiastically.

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
It is not our job as judges to make a decision when we are going to reward a dog, on whether that will give that dog a major, or whether it will deny one of the specials from being number one. We are there to give our opinion and our evaluation of the dogs that are presented to us that day. Those that we feel are worthy should be moved ahead. Those that we feel are not worthy will be denied by us that day.
This is a great idea. It is getting a lot of support. Yes, it may have things that we may need to tweak down the road. But if we don't begin, we are never going to get anywhere. So let's start it. If it needs some revision, I know the devil is in the details, but most details have been thought of very carefully and discussed here by this very intelligent body. If we need to come back and make some revisions in the future, we will have to do that. But let's get it started and get some enthusiasm going.

The Chair recognized Monica Henderson Stoner, Delegate for the Saluki Club of America, who spoke as follows:
I heard someone say that if a class dog goes Best of Breed and there is no provision for any of the champions to get Grand Champion or select or whatever, but where is that in the Bylaw change because I can't find it. I need to tell my club look on this line and it says that's why that happens.

Mr. Wade: Robin, the question is where is it? I believe it is in the rule change that if a class dog defeats the specials, that there will not be any Grand Championship points awarded.
In Chapter 3, under Section 14, winner's dog, winner's bitch and non-regular class winners are not eligible and non-regular class entries are not included for Grand Championship point computations. That's how it is written now.

Ms. Stoner: Right, but it doesn't say if a class dog goes Best of Breed none of the specials are eligible for select award. It says it on the question and answer sheet but it doesn't say it in the rule change.

Mr. Wade: Robin is going to assist us with the answer.

Mr. Stansell: That's correct, it is not presently in the rules.

Mr. Wade: We will correct that.

The Chair recognized Sylvia Meisels, Delegate for the Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
Regarding what we were just discussing, I think it is a mistake to put that in there as a rule. The idea of this is to encourage entries. If a judge is going to be reluctant to put up a dog, as has been said many times, from the classes for breed, this is the first problem. The second problem is you are going to deter people from making entries for this additional championship, whatever you call it, and I think that it is a mistake. It is a discouragement to the people who want that extra award. There is no harm if the judge feels that the class dog was best, that doesn't mean she thinks that there isn't an outstanding dog or bitch entered for Best of Breed otherwise.

The Chair recognized Betty Jo Patrick, Delegate for the Schipperke Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Initially when I came here, my club was totally against it. I was not pleased with this proposal. However, I have been listening to various ideas on tweaking the issue. And I honestly think that we might need another three months to really tweak it right to address some of the issues that have been here, possibly the name, and get it as right as we can get it first, because we all know that once it is in there, it is much harder to correct things as you go along. So I would suggest that we wait three months and then bring it back.

Dr. Meisels: It is of course very difficult for me to follow the speaker who stood before me at this microphone, my wife. I have a question on process. Since this is before the group, one of the next steps, is it not true, that it will be voted on in December? If that is so, then changes must be made by amendment at the December meeting; is that correct? If that is the case, then I would urge the Delegates who have substantial changes to make to draft those changes long before the meeting.

Mr. Sprung: The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendments to Chapter 9, Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 9, Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*.
This amendment would give clubs the option of combining classes by either gender or size in order to run a more efficient trial. The full text is on the tan worksheet.
This amendment was submitted by the Beagle Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The proposed amendment will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2009 meeting.

Mr. Sprung: Is there any question on the proposed amendment?

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests*.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 3, Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests.*
This amendment would grant license status to events held by Beagle Field Trial Federations. The full text is on the cherry worksheet.
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Mr. Sprung: Is there any question on the proposed amendment?

The Chair recognized David Bagaley, Delegate for the Central Beagle Club, who spoke as follows:
Dennis, I have good knees, but I didn't get up quickly enough for the previous reading that you had. Could I comment on the combining of classes?

Mr. Sprung: You sure can.

Mr. Bagaley: I know we are talking performance events, we are talking only a small part of the American Kennel Club. What I would want you to note is that we have doubled the number of field trials available to our sportsmen out there in the field trial events. I mean, for the Beagles, every club had one event. We now have every club holding two events. We do not have twice as many entries, which means you are getting half as many dogs at these events.
Our club looks at this as something like no dog left behind. I mean, the classes are small. If you are running enough of them, you are going to get to be a field champion. The problem I see, and I think the Board would have to agree with me on this, is it costs as much to process, that is with the service fee recording, it costs as much for the AKC to process a small event as it does a large event. At the time that our service fee went from 50 cents per dog to $3.50 per dog I believe the average entry in the field trial was 80 hounds. Now, to me, if that was a reasonable cost, you are talking 80 times $3.50, it is $280, or about $300, for the AKC to process that event. If you go with twice as many events, the AKC has twice the cost but they are only going to get half the money for each event.
I know we have caused this problem ourselves. Many clubs just feel we have too many field trials that we should go back to one trial per club per season. Many clubs have a difficulty holding one good, solid field trial, and now they are being encouraged to run two. We don't have the judges. We don't have the hounds.

The Chair recognized Christopher Keenan, Delegate for the Empire Beagle Club, who spoke as follows:
Point of order. Is this on the question?

Mr. Bagaley: Yes, it is. The Central Beagle Club would ask that you please consider not supporting that. And, by the way, we are not voting on this now?

Mr. Crowley: No.

Mr. Bagaley: Thank you.

Mr. Keenan: I'm also a member of the BAC. We had quite a discussion about this change. For many, many years we have been able to combine our small classes by size only. This presents a conflict, especially when you take a little male class and combine it with a little female class. At that point anyone who has showed up to run their little female and it is in season has to be disqualified. This is simply an option for the field trial committees that they may combine that small class, the class of less than six, with the same sex. And the Empire Beagle Club is for this proposal.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair now calls on AKC PAC Board Chairman Nina Schaefer and PAC Board member Alan Kalter to make a presentation about the American Kennel Club's Political Action Committee.

Mr. Kalter: Good morning.
First, I would like to thank President Sprung and Chairman Menaker for giving me the time to speak to you today.
We all know that there are many legislative issues facing us in the fancy today as they relate to us being able to own dogs, breed dogs, exhibit dogs, and just enjoy our having companion dogs around. The AKC Political Action Committee, the PAC, is a useful way to make sure that our voice gets heard.
Now, I'm sure you've all received a copy of September's *Perspectives*. You may have noticed that Gail LaBerge, who is a member of the AKC PAC Board, wrote a rather informative article about what is the AKC PAC, how does it work, who do we give money to, who can contribute, who can't contribute, how much you are allowed to contribute, and basically covered every question from a fact-based functional standpoint about how the PAC works and how it can serve.
Then Gail asked me if I would speak to why I personally feel -- why I personally got involved in the PAC, why I'm emotionally committed to the PAC, and why I think others should get involved with the PAC and contribute to the PAC. So I thought okay, I will write a 20-minute speech and be prepared to explain it today. On the other hand, I think we all might be more receptive to a two-minute video that I produced rather than a 20-minute speech and the meeting will get done a little earlier. So let's take a look at that two-minute video.

(Video presentation played followed by a standing ovation.)

Mrs. Schaefer: I'm glad to see you all stand up. We really need you to do that for us. Two years ago we came to you asking for your support for the newly founded AKC PAC and your contribution got us off to a very good start. But there is a lot more work to be done and we need your financial support. Every cent you give to the PAC goes to support the election of legislators who will fight for your rights and our rights in Congress and in your state legislatures as well. We can apply our PAC funds to those state legislators.
So far this year we have monitored over 900 bills on various dog issues. Last year the whole year was only 800. And we are not done yet. The AKC provides support and assistance. But as Club Delegates we need to first stand up for our dogs and our rights. We need to be leaders in this fight. We need to be part of the solution. And if you were at

the Legislative Committee meeting this morning you heard that is the approach, we need to be out there offering solutions. It doesn't do enough for us to just sit back and say it isn't my problem.
So we are going to try a little extra special effort this year to encourage you to go back to your clubs and invite them as individuals, not that clubs can't support us, but as individuals to support the PAC. We are going to honor the Delegates in December whose clubs have the greatest percentage of members who support our PAC. On your seat you have the handout. You can copy these donation cards. You can download them off the Internet to take them to your club. The two papers with it give you good talking points. And we are going to ask you today to take these cards and donate to the PAC again the way you did two years ago. We need you to do this and we are going to see whether somebody won't stand up and kick off that donation effort today.

AKC Board member Dr. William Newman, Delegate for the Mastiff Club of America, spoke as follows:
Those of you who know me know I play in politics, I love it. It is a great game. Our people on the legislative staff and the clubs have done a great job in beating off legislation. With that said, Charlie Garvin knows that even though Ohio State is winning at halftime, they may not win the game. Just because they are ahead now, doesn't mean they are going to win. I also know in politics that you have to put your money where your mouth is. Last year I think HSUS was talking about $150 million. None of it went to spay or neuter. It all went to politicians. We have $18,000 - $20,000 in our fund?

Mrs. Schaefer: We just spent $5,000 of it on four or five legislators. But we are spending what we've got.

Dr. Newman: We need to reward, as you do in the dog game, those who do well. They do what you want them to do, you give them money. That's where it counts in politics. With that said, if everybody in every club gave five bucks, just our members, we would probably have half a million dollars, which is not tremendous, but it would be great for us to spread that money around.
With that said, I filled the card out. You take credit cards, correct?

Mrs. Schaefer: Yes. Sheila [Goffe] is standing back there.

Dr. Newman: You can give it here?
Mrs. Schaefer: You can give it here. She has a credit card machine and she is prepared to take your money.

Dr. Newman: Thank you very much.

Mrs. Schaefer: Thank you, Bill, and thank you for being our first donor.

A. Nelson Sills, Delegate for the Labrador Retriever Club, spoke as follows:
The Labrador Retriever Club is pleased to contribute $10,000. I will deliver the check at the conclusion of the meeting.
(applause)

Mrs. Schaefer: Thank you. Nelson, is that a donation from individuals within the club or is that from the club itself?

Mr. Sills: That is from the club itself.

Mrs. Schaefer: Our legislative support fund can use that money, and we need it, don't get me wrong, we need it for our legislative support fund, but in order for it to go to the PAC, which supports individual legislators, it must come from individual club members. But we are very grateful for your support of our legislative efforts and I thank you very much.

Sidney Marx, Delegate for the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, spoke as follows:
That was a great video. And is it possible for us to get a copy to play for our clubs? That would help the contributions.

Mr. Kalter: It is a wonderful video to play for this venue. I appreciate the fact that you felt so strongly about it.

AKC Director of Government Relations, Sheila Goffe, spoke as follows:
I would like to add, it is a wonderful film and I would like to thank Alan for the tremendous efforts he made to produce this film. It hits the nail on the head of what we are facing and what we need to do. In terms of the video, I would like to see if we couldn't work to develop something similar.

Mrs. Schaefer: Thank you all very much. Don't forget to put something in that envelope and leave it with Sheila. I thank you for your support of the PAC.

Mr. Sprung: I would like to again thank Alan and Sheila and Nina.

Karen Barnes, Delegate for the Kuvasz Club of America, spoke as follows:
It is a fantastic video and I would like to recommend that AKC come up with something like that for one of their commercials. I think that would impact the general public a lot. Thank you very much.

Mr. Sprung: The Chair calls on John Lyons, AKC's Chief operating officer, to present a number of awards.

Mr. Lyons: Good morning everyone. The AKC Community Achievement Awards are given to clubs and AKC Federations and their members who have made outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislation activities. Each honoree receives an AKC certificate of recognition and the AKC donates $1,000 to each honoree's club or federation. Details about the honoree's accomplishments are published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and featured on the AKC web site.
The third quarter honorees are Lynne Clements of the Clackamas Kennel Club, Delegate, Steven E. Nielsen.
Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Delegate, Ann Cookson.
Danita Slatton, Sussex Spaniel Club of America, Delegate, John R. Lewis, Jr.
Please join me in congratulating the honorees.
(applause)

This is the 11th time that AKC has had the privilege to present Delegate medallions. The medallion is in recognition of meritorious and long-term contributions to the sport. Each individual has served in this body for 25 years and they join 69 previously-honored

Delegates. This medallion program recognizes our core constituency and allows a grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own.
Will the following Delegates please come forward:
Darrell W. Baker, American Pomeranian Club; John J. Cadalso Jr., Troy Kennel Club; Harry G. Ottmann, Forth Worth Kennel Club; Betty C. Pomeroy, Northern Kentucky Kennel Club; Mary W. Price, Newfoundland Club of America, and John D. Sawicki, the Keeshond Club of America.
Please join me in congratulating them.
(applause)

Thank you. Now we would like to award an AKC Humane Fund grant to Tibetan Mastiff Rescue. Tibetan Mastiff Rescue was formed to help Tibetan Mastiffs that have been abandoned, placed in shelters, or that belong to people who have died or who have suffered a serious illness that have left them incapable of caring for their dog. The AKC Humane Fund is pleased to award Tibetan Mastiff Rescue $1,000. The grant funds will be used to help this group continue to rescue and re-homing of Tibetan Mastiffs. Please join me in congratulating this very worthy group.
(applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, John.

I now call on Jim Crowley to honor four of our member clubs.

Mr. Crowley: I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Chicago Collie Club; the Greyhound Club of America; the Pekingese Club of America, and the West Highland White Terrier Club of America, which are celebrating 100 years of membership in the American Kennel Club. The Chairman will present each club with a plaque to commemorate this occasion.
If the Delegate to these clubs are present, please come to the front of the room.
(aplause)

Mr. Sprung: I have been advised we need a little longer for the Teller's report, so we will jump ahead.
The next item is a report on the appointments to the Nominating Committee. At the August meeting, the Board of Directors selected the following Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the class of 2014. Constance B. Vanacore, Chair, Irish Setter Club of America; Ruth W. Crumb, Mount Vernon Dog Training Club; Martha Feltenstein, American Tibetan Mastiff Association; David H. Hopkins, English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois; and Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club.
The two alternates are Howard Miller, the American Foxhound Club, and James Efron, Nashville Kennel Club.

I now call on Connie Vanacore to address the Delegates.
Mrs. Vanacore: I'm here to encourage anyone who is interested in becoming a candidate for the class of 2014 Board of Directors to please contact me or any of our members. I would like them to stand up so that you know who they are. Karen Burgess; Ruth Crumb; Martha Feltenstein; and Dave Hopkins.
And our alternates, James Efron and Harry Miller.
We have resume applications. If anybody is interested you can talk to any one of us. We have a deadline of September 30th. Information about where to send your applications

will be at the bottom of your resume if you choose to do that. Our deadline is September 30th. I hope we get lots of applicants. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Connie.

For your information, the next Delegate meeting is Tuesday, December 15th, at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach. A block of rooms has been reserved for Delegates use. Reservations in the block can only be secured by calling AKC's Conference and Travel Department. Due to the popularity of the AKC Eukanuba National Championship, the fact that it is our 125th anniversary show, and overwhelming demand for hotel rooms, an early cancellation policy will be in effect.
Once again, our photographer is outside waiting to take your photographs should you choose to do that after adjournment. Delegates will be reminded to leave their badge at the desk when they leave this meeting.
We are going to go to new business and keep the meeting moving. I will have the Teller's report as soon as they are finished.
Is there any further business to come before the Delegate body?

The Chair recognized Barbara Shaw, Delegate for the Greater Collin Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
This is not actually new business, but I received my *AKC GAZETTE*. I have thoroughly enjoyed the 125th celebration of the *GAZETTE*. I wanted to publicly thank the department who produced this publication. Very well done, high marks.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you very much. The Publications department worked hard on it over many months and it was truly a labor of love.

The Chair recognized John Sawicki, Delegate for the Keeshond Club of America, who spoke as follows:
My board has asked me to express their concern about the future of the AKC library. We can certainly sympathize with the fact that the decreased revenues were behind the decision to leave the library unmanned. However, we cannot believe that the lack of interest was the reason for its lack of use. We hope that in anticipation of better fortune in the future, that you have placed a high priority on opening the doors again. In the meantime, we ask that you continue collecting books and periodicals and that everybody continue to donate material. We also ask that as much library content as possible is placed online. The library is a treasure and I suggest to all of us that we must use it or lose it.

Mr. Sprung: The library is not closed, and has never been closed. It remains open. We are receiving the periodicals. We are receiving books. The only difference is rather than having a few visitors per month that walk in any time, they simply have to call or come to the reception desk and ask to be allowed in the library. It is opened instantly.

Mr. Sawicki: We encourage that that continue, sir.

Mr. Sprung: It will continue.

The Chair recognized Burton Yamada, Delegate for the Orange Empire Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

The Orange Empire Dog Club has asked that I express their concern and our concern that if the mixed-breed program is implemented without an amendment through a subsidiary organization or an affiliate organization that there could be some challenges as far as the Charter of the AKC Charter and Bylaws.
So with that I would like to make a motion that the Delegate body -- that the Orange Empire Dog Club moves that the Delegate body vote on the mixed-breed program that was passed by the Board of Directors back in April. There was no discussion at the last meeting. There was just a straw poll vote. So, anyhow, that is the motion that our club would like to put forth.

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Mr. Crowley: There is no specific motion before the floor at this time. Your motion is to have the Board bring it to the Delegates for a vote, am I correct on that? Which would be a resolution for the Board to consider.

Mr. Yamada: I'm sorry, I didn't understand you, Jim.

Mr. Crowley: We have nothing on the floor right now that was noticed for a vote to the Delegates. Is your motion to refer it back to the Board and have the Board bring the proposal back to the Delegates for a vote; is that what you are asking the Delegates to vote on?

Mr. Yamada: What I was asking or, and I guess the parliamentarian can rule on it, that there be a discussion on this subject because it was never brought forward to the Delegate body to have participation.

Mr. Sprung: It was discussed numerous times with the Delegates. There were numerous presentations, numerous surveys over a period of four and a half years since research started. Twice the Delegates overwhelmingly held a nonbinding standing vote in favor of mixed breeds. Twice the Board voted unanimously to have it. The program begins on October the 1st.

Mr. Yamada: May I speak now?

Mr. Sprung: Sure.

Mr. Yamada: At the last meeting there was an individual that made a motion and it was ruled inappropriate or out of order, and that was to have discussion on the subject. They said that would occur at the next Board meeting -- excuse me, at the next Delegate meeting. That was in the June meeting. So all I'm requesting is that discussion take place, the opportunity for that discussion.

Mr. Crowley: There is nothing to prevent discussion. This is new business. You can certainly comment on the issue.

Mr. Yamada: That's why I thought it was appropriate to bring it up here.

Mr. Crowley: That is fine. You can certainly open discussion. If anyone wants to comment on that subject, they would be free to do so.

Mr. Yamada: Is it appropriate for me to make a few comments?

Mr. Sprung: Of course.

Mr. Yamada: The concern that I have, not me, well, myself and the club has, is that if you read through the AKC Charters and Bylaws it specifically states that the purposes for purebred dogs, registry, etc., etc., and in fact that's in Article 3 on page 4 of the objectives of the club, but I won't read it to the body because I think everybody has a copy of the Charter and Bylaws. The concern is that if you don't have reference in there, which is what our amendment had proposed, to mixed breeds, you could be challenged in the State of New York. So that's the concern that I personally have and our board has.
And the other part of it is that it seems to me that that can be remedied by making a change in the Bylaws to accommodate that and/or having an affiliate organization, much like what AKC has done for their other endeavors, and that would remove it from a challenge in the Charter. So I would like to continue doing the dog shows and all that. I just don't want to see it come to that by some individuals that might possibly do that. Anyhow, that's my argument.

Mr. Crowley: Just to address that. Before our Board did take the first vote, or the second vote, they were very careful in doing their due diligence. They did consult outside legal counsel from Simpson Thacher, which is our outside legal firm, and we received a very strong opinion that if the Board felt it was advancing the objects of the American Kennel Club by providing the stand-alone events where mixed-breed dogs could compete, it would be legal for the Board to adopt this mixed-breed program.
Of course nobody could stop anybody from suing us or challenging us, but our attorney felt very confident that we would prevail in the case of such a suit and the Board did act on this legal opinion and that was the result of the Board's two unanimous votes.

Mr. Yamada: I'm glad to hear that because, as you know, in the letter that we wrote there are some dissenting legal opinions by a very respected attorney and judge. I don't want to mention who that is. I just want the Delegate body to be aware of this. And that's fine.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Ms. Mann: Once again, here I am. I want to sort of continue where I left off when Dennis very appropriately ruled me out of order earlier. I know that quite a few Delegates are often told by their clubs how to vote on certain issues. That really concerns me. I believe that our job as Delegates is partly to represent our clubs, but it is more to represent the American Kennel Club. We are the governing body of the American Kennel Club. It is very appropriate for us to seek the advice of our clubs in how we are going to vote on certain issues. I certainly do that. I do that all the time. Whenever there is an issue coming before this body, I ask for the advice of my board and my club. But I think it is my job as a responsible Delegate to factor in the discussion that goes on in these meetings, the arguments that are made by other Delegates, the work that is done by the Delegate Committees, and the work that is done by the American Kennel Club Board before I vote on a particular issue.
I would like to think of myself as an intelligent person who can juggle all that. And I think probably all the rest of you are too. I think very often we get, on some of these issues, a lot of nitpicking about bits and pieces of issues because each of our clubs has a

particular ax to grind. I hope that the Delegate body will think carefully about whether that's best for the American Kennel Club. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Cindy Vogels, Delegate for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:
Wearing a slightly different hat right now, I would like to remind you all of the Canine Health Foundation's National Parent Club Health Conference, which is being held in St. Louis October 23rd to 25th. This is generously underwritten by Purina. I have some information. There are still some slots available. It is a little bit of a complicated process, so if you have any questions feel free to ask me. Some of these sheets are right where you turn your badge into. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Marieann Gladstone, Delegate for the Penn Ridge Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I want to agree with Barbara. She said it quite well. We are Delegates. We do represent clubs and there are issues that involve the clubs and we do take them in and their opinions. But there are also issues on the Delegate floor that involve things, as Barbara said, that we know about. It is no different when a person becomes a Board member. They are a Delegate but they also have duties to the AKC as a Board member. It is no different. So you have to take that all into account and you have to get back to your clubs and explain that to them.
We are privy to more information than they are, and they don't get it, they don't know what is going on here. I thank Barbara for standing up and saying that. I agree with that. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sylvia Arrowwood, Delegate for the Charleston Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
I would like to add a little to the Orange Empire Delegate's presentation. I spent an awful lot of time in the federal courts and county courts. I think it is better to err on the side of safety. I would ask to the Board to consider setting up a separate corporation because sooner or later down the line there is going to be a problem. And if you took the option of setting up a separate corporation that could never happen. Thank you.

Mr. Menaker: Let me say this. A very, very good friend of mine, we speak often, David Merriam, recommended the subsidiary approach, but Burt, to take it a step further, and also to you, Sylvia, the subsidiary idea without the use of the AKC name was to be a totally separate subsidiary. I can tell you to run non-purebred dogs in those companion events and not to use the name American Kennel Club will not in any way engage those people out there who want to participate in this type of activity. So having a subsidiary called the XYZ Subsidiary for Mixed Breeds, does nothing to achieve our objective. There are, in fact, already mixed-breed associations. There is no problem at all, Burt, with us calling, our attorneys, one of whom came out of the Attorney General's office, who told us, you can set up a subsidiary, and call it whatever you want. We can do a 501(c)(3) or a (4), it would be a (4), but to even do a mixed-breed program under a subsidiary without any reference to the AKC, or under the auspices of the AKC, would essentially be a recipe for failure.
So it is not a subsidiary per se. And I agree with you, that anybody can sue anybody. But in our legal opinions and in conversation with our attorneys, we think we have a very valid opinion. We have done our due diligence. The Delegates have stood up twice in great numbers to support the mixed-breed Program.

We were very specific and diligent in that we isolated it to a very specific program. We are trying to fight legislation. We are trying to do away with this elitist reputation. We are trying to bring in some new forms of revenue. We, the Board, are in no way trying to hurt The American Kennel Club. We have spent, as Dennis said, years on this issue. We asked the Delegates for a straw poll and when we received overwhelming support, we sought counsel, both internal and external. We were advised that if the Directors believed this would further the tax exempt purpose set forth in the AKC By-laws, it would be acceptable, and that they had the right to create this program.
So when we talk of a subsidiary that we could create tomorrow, the AKC mixed-breed subsidiary, no problem at all, but that's not what the people who were proposing the subsidiary had in mind. A subsidiary without the use of the AKC's name in any fashion - that's very, very different.
So I just would like to make point. Burt, I see you want to respond, so please go ahead.

Ms. Arrowwood: I guess I beat you to the punch, Burt. I'm all for the mixed breeds. I would like that to be understood. I just thought it was a safety precaution. That was my only thinking. Thank you.

Mr. Menaker: Thank you, Sylvia.

Mr. Yamada: I'm glad you have clarified a lot of it. I wanted to speak again just to say that I said perhaps a subsidiary. That was not paramount in my mind, nor our board, Orange Empire board's mind. What we were trying to do was insert within the bylaws specifically mixed breeds which would then again protect us. But if you have solicited and received and opinion from an Attorney General of New York --

Mr. Menaker: From an attorney who was formally with the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Yamada: That's where the challenge would occur. That's what, quite frankly, we want to make sure, we, the Orange Empire Dog Club, would like to make sure we are protected. But if you are convinced of that -- and, again, I would like to make it clear for the body that the subsidiary was a perhaps matter because I understand what all the complications are.

Mr. Menaker: Burt, the only point I wanted to make was when we talk of subsidiary, the recommendations had another line which said in no way mention the AKC or association with the AKC. We felt very strongly that to do something like that would not enhance the program because a major factor is the connection between with the AKC and the fact that we reach out in certain circumstances to all dogs and all dog owners.
When it comes to funding health projects, for example, we don't delineate between purebred and non-purebred. When it comes to CGC, we don't do that. I can assure you we have done absolute due diligence. But I can also tell you that anybody can go to the Attorney General, which is what we were told, no matter what we did, the question is whether we would prevail.
What we know is from the one other time it was done, it cost us a significant amount of money and indeed we did prevail having gotten the same guidance. If the Delegates felt they didn't want to do a mixed-breed program that would have ended the matter on the basis of the Delegates not wanting to do it obviously. But the Board believes, and it is not often we get a unanimous vote, that we have done extreme due diligence. Allowing mixed-breed participation in AKC activities will further the tax exempt purposes set forth in the AKC Bylaws.

I appreciate everybody's input but I wanted to let you know and assure you that we have done an incredible amount of due diligence and the Delegates have made it clear that they want the program to go forward and so we appreciate your comments and we certainly have no intention of doing anything whatsoever that would hurt the American Kennel Club.

Mr. Yamada: That's the concern that our club had. I thank you for your very detailed explanation. Because I as a Delegate had never heard all of that rationale and I think that the whole body here would appreciate it, which is why my club asked me to bring this forward to make sure that it was aired completely before the Delegate body, which it has now.
I feel very comfortable with your explanation and the manner in which you are going forward. I just felt that, again, our club felt that it needed to come forward to everybody. Thank you very much.

Mr. Menkaker: Thank you, Burt.

Ms. Pough: I'm changing topics completely. There was a lot of chat recently on the Delegates list and some of the other lists about canine influenza. Yes, the canine influenza virus is still out there. There is now a canine influenza virus vaccine.
Canine influenza is not highly communicable. Dogs have to appear to be fairly closely in contact. We have a new handout that has come out of Cornell and will be in *Perspectives*. We may expand it slightly.
If you are vaccinating your dogs, this is a kill vaccine. Your first vaccine is a primer. Your second vaccine should be given three weeks later and it will probably take two or three days before you have immunity established. If you are taking in dogs from rescue that are coming from hotbeds of where you know there is canine influenza in the shelters, and that goes from south of Philadelphia to the New York City area, you should probably vaccinate your own dogs. Because it is circulating in shelters in those areas and shelters in the Denver area. They have not seen an active case of canine influenza in Florida in the last year. There was a dog in Virginia that died. It is believed that the case was that somebody took a rescue dog out of a shelter and the house dog got influenza.
Canine influenza is just like any other kennel cause, good hygiene. We did not see outbreak in the show dogs in 2005-2006 when we came inside for the winter shows. We don't expect to see it this year. Don't bring coughing, sick dogs to shows, and use good hygiene.
If people want to see this, they can email me or put it out in the Delegates L list and I will send you individual emails. Thank you very much. This is from the Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The next item is the Teller's report. I now call on Dominic Pember of KPMG to read the Teller's results.

Mr. Pember: For the All-Breed Clubs Committee, the following Delegates have been elected for a three-year term: Fred C. Bock, Charles J. Foley, Lawrence Libeu, and Andrew Mills.
For the Committee on Bylaws, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Sylvia Arrowwood, Lynn Myall, and Diane Taylor.

For the Canine Health Committee, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Susan Hamil, and Joan Savage. Also for the Canine Health Committee, the following Delegates have been elected to a one-year term: Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser and Melanie Steele.
For the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Dick Blair, Whitney Coombs, Carol Plesur, and Edmund Sledzik.
For the Dog Show Rules Committee, the following individuals have been elected to a three-year term: Cynthia Miller, Charles Schaefer, Robert Schroll, John Shoemaker.
For the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events, the following Delegates have been elected to a three-year term: Beth Lagimoniere, Joan Tabor and Judith Tighe. Also for the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee, the following individuals have been elected to a one-year term: Fred Kampo and A. Nelson Sills.
For the Parent Clubs Committee, the following individuals have been elected to a three-year term: Ricky Blackman, Peter Piusz, Patricia Laurans and Karen Mays.

Mr. Sprung: There is no election required for the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee, the Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee, and for the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee. The Delegates nominated for these committees are seated. The Executive Secretary will read the names of the Delegates who will serve on those committees.

Mr. Crowley: Delegates who self-nominated and will serve three, three-year or one, one-year term on the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee are Don H. Adams, Carol Fisher, Bonnie Lapham, and Nicklas Pisias.
Delegates who self-nominated and will serve four, three-year terms or one, one-year term on the Obedience Tracking and Agility Committee are James M. Ashton, John J. Cadalso, Jr., Barbara L. Mann, Virginia Mayhall, and Patricia Scully.
Delegates who self-nominated, six of whom who will serve on the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee for the Class of 2011 and one of whom will serve on the class of 2010 are Sylvia Arrowwood, Bonnie Lapham, Carol Plesur, Daniel J. Smyth, Monica Henderson Stoner, Sherry E. Wallis, and Barbara Wicklund.

Mr. Sprung: The organizational meetings of the newly selected standing committees will take place one hour and 15 minutes after adjournment. The committees will be meeting in the Atlantic/Burlington rooms on this floor. I also remind you that Sheila Goffe will be at the PAC table outside the lunchroom collecting donations.
If there is no further business, the meeting stands adjourned.
(Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.)

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