

Quarterly Meeting Of The Delegates
of

The American Kennel Club
December 4, 2007

Dennis B. Sprung, President

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Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Constance Butherus*

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Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*

Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Virginia P. Grefe*

American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—*Patte Klecan*

American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Karen Stout*

American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*

American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—*Dyane Baldwin*

American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*

American Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Karen R. Spey*

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American Shetland Sheepdog Association—*Marjorie Tuff*

American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sally L. Vilas*

American Water Spaniel Club—*Beth Lagimoniere*

Anderson Kennel Club—*Phillip D. Sample*

Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*

Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Daniels*

Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Mulvey*

Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*

Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—*Kathryn A. Hamilton*

Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Nina Schaefer*

Baltimore County Kennel Club—*Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie*

Basenji Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Jon Curby*

Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Barbara Wicklund*

Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. John A. Studebaker*

Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*

Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Chris Gaburri*

Bedlington Terrier Club of America—*Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson*

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Denise Dean*

Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—*George Sikes*

Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*

Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Sam H. McDonald*

Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Helma Weeks*

Bulldog Club of America—*Bob Newcomb*

Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.*

Cairn Terrier Club of America—*Mrs. Molly D. Wilder*

California Airedale Terrier Club—*Carole Bullwinkle-Foucault*

Canaan Dog Club of America—*Pamela S. Rosman*

Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—*Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki*

Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—*Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge*

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Catonville Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*

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Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*

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Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Mann*

Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merlyn A. Green, D.C.*

Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*

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Detroit Kennel Club—*Mr. Erik Bergishagen*

Doberman Pinscher Club of America—*Jeffrey P. Helsdon*

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Dog Owner's Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynann Sarvinas*

Duluth Kennel Club—*Hon. David C. Merriam*

Durham Kennel Club Inc—*Linda C. Wozniak*

East Tennessee Retriever Club—*Catherine Bell*

Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*

English Setter Association of America, Inc.—*Mr. John P. Nielsen*

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*

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Field Spaniel Society of America—*Katherine Sullivan*

Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Margaret B. Pough*

Finnish Spitz Club of America—*Kim Raleigh*

Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Almira B. Dallas*

Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*

Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Mr. Harry G. Ottmann*

Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Connie S. Clapp*

German Shepherd Dog Club of America—*Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia*

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—*Mr. Kenneth A. Marden*

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia W. Laurans*

Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—*Robin Greenslade*

Golden Retriever Club of America—*Mr. Howard Falberg*

Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Nance O. Skoglund*

Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—*Thomas Sandenaw*

Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Robert M. Brown*

Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc—*Ms. Karen J. Burgess*

Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*

Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—*Patricia B. Staub*

Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia M. O'Connell*

Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—*Chari Magnan*

Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cynthia A. Miller*

Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*

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Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—*Patricia M. Cruz*

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Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*

Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*

Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen McCullagh*

Ibiza Hound Club of the United States—*Luane V. Williams*

Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wyoma Clouss*

Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Constance B. Vanacore*

Irish Terrier Club of America—*Peggy E. Gill*

Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Martha V. Dean*

James River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mallory C. Driskill*

Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—*Cledith Wakefield*

K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—*Mrs. Pam Goldman*

Kachina Kennel Club—*Marilyn R. Vinson*

Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Polly Fleming*

Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton*

Kennel Club of Pasadena—*Jarratt Brunson*

Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—*Charles H. Schaefer*

Kennel Club of Riverside—*Sylvia Thomas*

Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Fred C. Bock, II*

Klamath Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Mrs. Nancy M. Damberg*

Komondor Club of America, Inc.—*Michael Harman*

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Langley Kennel Club—*Ms. Dianne E. Franck*

Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Bryant C. Freeman*

Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert LaBerge*

Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sue Goldberg*

Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*

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Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*

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Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Romana Arnold*

Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. J. C. Garvin*

Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. William R. Newman*

Medina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Pat Dresser*

Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*

Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jeannette Nieder*

Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*

Misplion Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood*

Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi*

Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*

Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*James M. Burns*

Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb*

Mountain States Dog Training Club, Inc.—*John D. Landis*

Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Rebecca S. Stanevich*

Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Judith V. Daniels*
 Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*
 National Beagle Club—*Eddie Dziuk*
 National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*
 Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Viola Burgos*
 Nebraska Kennel Club—*Marvin Crawford*
 New England Old English Sheepdog Club—*Mrs. Jane C. Ogg*
 Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Mary W. Price*
 Newnan Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*
 Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*
 Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*
 North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*
 North Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Betty C. Pomeroy*
 Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club—*Marjorie McTeran*
 Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*
 Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Robert Nazak*
 Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*
 Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Judy F. Murray*
 Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton J. Yamada*
 Otterhound Club of America—*Mark J. Hawley*
 Ox Ridge Kennel Club—*Jack P. De Witt*
 Ozark Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mark A. Chambers*
 Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club—*Mr. Carl E. Gomes*
 Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Link Newcomb*
 Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.—*Mrs. Geraldine M. Shastid*
 Papillon Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Arlene A. Czech*
 Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Mary Strom*
 Pasanita Obedience Club Inc.—*Sheila Miller*
 Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Patricia J. Lombardi*
 Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Judy A. Hart*
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marieann Gladstone*
 Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America—*Anne Gallant, Ph.D.*
 Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Mr. Gary A. Reed*
 Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joachim Blutreich*
 Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*
 Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*Charles McWilliams*
 Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Scott Olund*
 Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*James Primmer*
 Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Savage*
 Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Karen Arends*
 Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*
 Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kerstin T. Ottmar*
 Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Michelle R. Anderson*
 Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*
 Reno Kennel Club—*Mr. Steven D. Gladstone*
 Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gerard Baudet*
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Mr. George D. Sexton*
 Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Donald B. Harris*
 Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*
 Rio Grande Kennel Club—*Mr. William H. Green*
 Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—*Ronald H. Menaker*
 Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita Mather*
 Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*

Sammamish Kennel Club—*Robert Gloster*
 San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—*Ralph S. Roberts*
 Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Tom Brown*
 Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Abbe R. Shaw*
 Santa Clara Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Norton*
 Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*James R. Dok*
 Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeau*
 Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Kay Allred*
 Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty J. Patrick*
 Scottish Deerhound Club of America, Inc.—*Sally Poole*
 Scottish Terrier Club of America—*John McNabney*
 Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—*Nancy Perrell*
 Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Lynne M. Myall*
 Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Patricia Anders*
 Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*
 Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Donna Beckman*
 Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—*Nancy Dandrea*
 Silver State Kennel Club—*Michael J. Connell*
 Sioux Empire Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Burggraaf*
 Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*
 Skye Terrier Club of America—*Mr. Walter F. Goodman*
 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*Cindy Vogels*
 South Hills Kennel Club—*Mrs. Kathleen R. Parks*
 South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*
 South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*
 South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*
 Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*Dr. John V. Ioia*
 Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*
 Spokane Kennel Club—*Tina Truesdale*
 Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*
 St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dale Hunsburger*
 St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*
 Standard Schnauzer Club of America—*Kathy A. Donovan*
 Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*
 Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—*Thomas D. Parrotti*
 Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda H. Penney*
 Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning*
 Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Karen Clausing*
 Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*
 Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*
 Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*
 Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*
 Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*
 Union County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carlotta Dennie*
 United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*
 United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiaro*
 Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—*J. M. Haderer*
 Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Carol Fisher*
 Vancouver Kennel Club—*Robert F. Damberg*
 Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—*Mr. William F. Dumas*
 Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Lynn Worth*
 Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Mr. Donald Rennick*
 Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Mary A. Eschweiler*
 Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Donald Ong*

Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Peter J. See*
 West Highland White Terrier Club of America—*Thomas Barrie*
 West Volusia Kennel Club—*Ferdinand Reinlieb*
 Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—*Torie Steele*
 Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. William A. Russett*
 Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—*Clare L. Lincoln*
 Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frederick R. Vogel*
 Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—*Mrs. Karen Mays*
 Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard Lewis*
AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
December 4, 2007

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

On the dais were Chairman Ron Menaker; Vice Chair David C. Merriam; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Executive Secretary James P. Crowley; and Cathryn Baker, the court reporter.

The Standing Rule regarding three minute speeches for AKC Board candidates was amended at our last meeting. By moving the candidate speeches to the December/January meeting, Delegates can have more meaningful input from the candidates in time to take back to their clubs before elections in March. The Executive Secretary read the names of the nominating committee and reported on additional nominations.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Board of Directors appointed the following Nominating Committee; Andrew G. Mills, Chair, Del Sur Kennel Club; Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club; Viola Burgos, Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club; John Shoemaker, Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California; Helma N. Weeks, Bucks County Kennel Club.

They have nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the club on March 11, 2008. There is one vacancy for the Class of 2010 and three vacancies for the Class of 2012.

The Class of 2010: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, representing the German Shepherd Dog Club of America.

The Class of 2012: Dr. Thomas M. Davies, representing the Springfield Kennel Club; Walter F. Goodman, representing the Skye Terrier Club of America and Ronald H. Menaker, representing the Rockford Freeport, Illinois Kennel Club.

Dr. Fred C. Bock, representing the Key City Kennel Club was nominated by petition for the vacancy in the Class of 2010.

Each candidate was allowed three minutes to address the Delegates.

Dr. Battaglia spoke as follows: Fellow Delegates - The beginning of my long and meaningful relationship with dogs started as a young boy when my grandfather gave me a dog. Growing up, I took her everywhere; we were best of friends.

For 35 years I've played a vigorous role in the Dog World, and throughout my career at Emory University, and as Regional Administrator for the US Department of Education, I continued to own and breed dogs. My wife, children, dogs and education are my passion. Over time I've learned to be a better breeder and how to help others.

I Chaired the AKC's Committee for the Future: our highly-valued DNA program was just one result of that effort. The paper I developed on the "Future Stud Book" focused on ideas gathered from vet schools, the OFA, the genome scientists and breeders.

While serving as Chair of the AKC Planning and Operations Committee, our recommendations updated the computer system, created a state-of-the-art website and improved the positive identification requirements for imported dogs. We established procedures for developing new kennel names and simplified and strengthened our relationship with other registries throughout the world. Though less visible, these accomplishments are the vital work that supports AKC's long-term goals.

One of my proudest achievements is my service as president of the AKC's Companion Animal Recovery Program. CAR greatly improved the retrieval method of lost pets. Helping to re-unite them with their families is our mission. Today, we have over 3 million animals now enrolled in our database and I am proud to say that each and every day we recover 100 lost pets. That's something we can all be proud of.

As we look FORWARD, today's challenges create New opportunities. My Articles on "The Gathering Storm" and "The Anatomy of Breed-Specific Legislation" address the insidious anti-dog laws which keep cropping up. I believe that with good education and communication from the AKC we can halt these efforts before it's too late.

The establishment of a digital library enhances this education by making printed materials, scientific reports and other related articles available, once they have been published.

Leadership and education are indispensable, and as an educator who has never stopped learning, I look forward to giving you and our dogs my best efforts while serving on the Board. I ask for your support so together, we can continue to

make a difference.

Please give me your vote, thank you

Dr. Bock spoke as follows: A little over 20 years ago I was living just a few minutes from here. I had come to Long Beach from Minnesota to work in industry as a part of a Bush Foundation Grant. My wife and I had reached middle age, a time we described when the kids leave home and the family dog dies. We love dogs. We'd always had mixed-breed dogs, and we decided that for our last dog, we wanted a really good dog, an AKC dog. We researched breeds, found a breeder and found a puppy, a Newfoundland. The day came to claim our puppy, the breeder handed my wife this beautiful black ball of fur and handed me a three page show contract. I thought, show? I can do that. I've been in show business since I was six-years old. Well, that puppy changed our life. I learned all about shows. And that puppy was far from our last dog.

I learned about the Sport of Purebred Dogs, the history, the traditions and the values of our Sport and the AKC. I appreciate our history and our traditions. I support our values of responsible breeding, responsible ownership, and volunteerism. And I believe that the AKC Statement of Purpose to preserve, protect and promote the Sport of Purebred dogs provides a guide for making decisions about managing our sport. And we have a lot of decisions to make.

The AKC is changing at an exponential rate. Puppy exposés on network television seem mild now compared to the legislative attacks by animal rights groups. No one individual knows what we will be facing in ten years. The issues today are beyond the scope of any one person. We need the collective leadership of a wise and creative Board of Directors and we need the talents of the entire Delegate body. We need to be open, to communicate and to cooperate. We have challenges and we have opportunities. I think I have some ideas that can help. You'll have an opportunity to hear or read about those ideas in the next few months.

Compared to many of you, I'm a relatively newcomer to the sport and to the Delegate body. I belong to a small kennel club in rural Minnesota. We have a small show. I show my own dogs in Conformation, Rally and Obedience. We whelp our puppies in our family room. I'm a mentor judge for my breed. I think I'm a pretty typical dog person.

As a member of our Board of Directors, I believe I can bring a different perspective, a combination of show business and the pragmatism of rural America. I hope to earn your support so that you and your

clubs will elect me to our Board of Directors where I can work with you to preserve, protect and promote the best breeders, the best judges, the best dogs and the best registry in the world. Thank you.

Dr. Davies spoke as follows: Good morning. My name is Tom Davies. I have been involved in the Sport of Purebred dogs for over 40 years, and I have been a Delegate for 34 years. The way to stop the graying of our sport is to give every one of us males a box of Just For Men, and every one of our female Delegates a box of Henna.

I have no prepared remarks, it's one of the advantages of running in an uncontested election. I do, however, want to reiterate an earlier comment. I think the most dangerous thing facing us today is anti dog legislation. We all recognize that, and I think we all believe that. The way to counter that is to that have a huge constituency speaking our mantra. There are several ways that I envision that being done, and I would be glad to talk individually with each and every one of you. My phone number and my e mail address are published, please feel free to communicate with me at any point in time. I love this sport. I love The American Kennel Club. And I will do everything in my power to enhance them both. For my final remarks, I would like to share with you my dear departed Irish mother's favorite Irish blessing, which goes like this: May those that love us love us, and those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts. And if he can't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles so we know them by their limping. Thank you.

Mr. Goodman spoke as follows: Fellow Delegates, I'm living every candidates' dream this year -running unopposed. Perhaps that's a privilege of reaching the age of 595. I didn't misspeak, that's in dog years. We know there only two kinds of people who tell you exactly what's on their minds, the very young and the very old. As a very young person, allow me to share my visions for the AKC for the next four years. We have a great opportunity to refresh our brand. The AKC is a name brand, as well known as other classic brands as the American Red Cross and IBM. Like those brands, the AKC requires periodic invigoration.

Four years ago I said that the ways to grow our registry and deal with stress challenges is to actively communicate on many levels of value the AKC provides. I pointed to six Ps, Purebred dogs registration, policies, programs, performance events, publications and most importantly, people. I still believe those six Ps are the

life line of our organization and the key to our future.

I also believe that as a refresher we need to put those six Ps in the context of what I now call the three Rs. The first R is responsibility. The AKC has a need, expanding as a champion responsible dog ownership. Yes, we publish 101 suggestions about responsible dog ownership. But facing increased threats of government imposed breeding limits, breed specific legislation, we should place more emphasis on suggestions 83 through 86. Breed to improve, if you're not breeding, spay or neuter. Contain bitches in heat. Test for health and disease with genetic screening. This will resonate the socially conscious younger generation and strip their ability from PETA and other radical groups that attack us.

The second R is rights. As we fight animal rights extremists, we must stand up for the rights of Purebred dog lovers, by demanding rights to responsibilities. Our ethics in areas like animal health, safety and training earn us the right to pursue our sport.

The third R is relationships. We need to be seen as more than just breeders, exhibitors, and not as elites by placing more emphasis on the unique and interbond with the humans and our dogs. We will win the sympathy and support of public officials. We very much need their approval to continue our mission of responsibility and rights.

They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks, I hope my six Ps and three Rs prove that. And thank you for the privilege of serving you for another four years.

Mr. Menaker spoke as follows: Good morning. First, I want to thank you, the Delegates, for your support and for affording me the opportunity to serve our American Kennel Club. In my Chairman's Reports I have attempted to keep both you and the Fancy current on the significant issues facing your Board and Management.

The principal challenge, both past and present, is to understand that we have a very unique organization. We combine into one entity a dog club committed to the Sport of Purebred Dogs and a business operation with a budget now of \$70 million dollars. These two elements do not always seem compatible.

These past four years have seen the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship show continue to grow in stature and acceptance by our Fancy. In just seven years, it has become one of the three most prestigious dog shows in the entire world.

Within the past four years we have seen AKC develop an Operating Reserve and

Endowment Reserve totaling more than \$50 million dollars. Never before has AKC enjoyed such a financial reserve.

The challenge that we faced in the last four years and we will continue to face in the next four years is the shifting nature of our revenue sources. Registrations continue to decline, the Fancy is supplying greater support, and alternative revenue is increasingly important. I assure you that we will face this and all other challenges with the traditional mission of AKC well in mind.

In 2009 AKC will celebrate its 125th anniversary. This is a remarkable achievement, matched by few other organizations in our nation's history. I consider it a privilege to serve you. Thank you.

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

Kay N. Allred, Cumming GA, to represent Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia

Martha V. Dean, Lexington, KY, to represent Irish Wolfhound Club of America

Betty Grotophorst, Belleville, WI, to represent Badger Kennel Club

Dale Hunsburger, Trimble, MO, to represent St. Joseph Kennel Club

Chari Magnan, Weirsdale, FL, to represent Greater Ocala Dog Club

James L. Marshall, Santa Fe, TX, to represent Galveston County Kennel Club

Rod Ott, Carey, OH, to represent Lima Kennel Club

Jeannette Nieder, Greenfield, NH, to represent Merrimack Valley Kennel Club

Patricia B. Staub, Ashland, VA, to represent Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club

Kenneth L. Wadley, Township of Washington, NJ, to represent First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey

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

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Jeannette Nieder, Greenfield, NH, to represent Merrimack Valley Kennel Club

Patricia B. Staub, Ashland, VA, to represent Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club

Sally L. Vilas, San Lorenzo, CA, to rep-

resent American Shih Tzu Club

The minutes of the September 10th, 2007 meeting was approved as published. Hearing no corrections.

Following a motion made and seconded, the Delegates elected the following member clubs: The American Tibetan Mastiff Association; Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club; and Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay.

Ronald H. Menaker, Board Chairman, gave the following report: As the year comes to a close I'd like to review what AKC has accomplished. The Board and Staff have worked diligently to ensure the continued success of our club and the sport. The Fancy has played a major role in our success. They were effective in defeating the proposed mandatory spay and neuter bill here in California.

This was a major hurdle but I'm pleased to say that when push came to shove, the Fancy banded together to clearly communicate the failings of this measure. We should all be proud that we defeated a proposal that at best was unnecessary and, at worst, could have infringed on our rights as responsible dog owners and breeders. While we may have won this important battle, the war against anti-dog legislation continues.

We now have established a new AKC Political Action Committee which you heard about this morning. We also created a Canine Legislation Support Fund. For the first time ever at the state level, AKC hired a lobbyist. We held two Lobby Days in California and other legislative training seminars across the country.

This year AKC launched its very successful Educational Match program with events in Raleigh, North Carolina and in Clinton, New Jersey. Clubs in the Portland, Oregon area held one of their own and in 2008 we are gearing up to assist many more clubs in rolling out this wonderful program in their communities. Our vision is for these matches to be held throughout the country, offering an opportunity for thousands of newcomers to join our beloved sport.

The Educational Match program together with our annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day allows us to reach out to pet owners and potential fanciers alike, ensuring that all dog enthusiasts have an opportunity to experience the AKC face-to-face. AKC's Responsible Dog Ownership Day was celebrated by more than 380 clubs and organizations nationwide with a variety of educational events. They received a bounty of local press coverage.

Our Communications department con-

tinues to develop strategic media campaigns that reach hundreds of millions of people annually. Topics such as avoiding internet scams when purchasing a puppy and our annual registration statistics enable us to gain national media attention and emphasize the expertise and resources that we can offer all dog lovers.

We also reach many millions through our paid advertising which aggressively highlights the benefits of AKC registration and the wonderful AKC programs that enhance our dogs' and our own lives. In 2007 we placed ads in USA Weekend magazine which reaches over 23 million readers each Sunday via 600 papers across the country.

Our licensing program continues to grow in 2007. We added numerous licensees to our roster, expanding the AKC brand into several new categories including custom photo albums, limited-edition replications of the AKC art collection and children's coloring books. These additions join an existing program that is currently in more than 4,700 stores nationwide. Our AKC branded kennels and toys continue to fly off the shelves and we think the new Junior Series of dog toys and Agility play sets will do the same in 2008.

On the financial front, I'm pleased to report that for the first 10 months of 2007, the picture is quite favorable and that we are on track again this year to have a record number of entries in all sports – a total of more than 3 million.

Agility events have grown by 9 percent and Performance by 2 percent. Strong growth was experienced by Lure Coursing events with a nearly 26 percent increase. It's noteworthy to mention that this sport held a successful National Lure Coursing Championship – the first in five years.

The biggest growth in events has been in Coonhounds with a whopping 100 percent increase over the same period in 2006. The Doberman Pinscher Club of America held the first AKC-approved Working Dog Sport at its National Specialty in September.

In July, AKC helped sponsor the third Parent Club Conference - where representatives from more than 150 AKC Parent Clubs as well as miscellaneous, and FSS breeds - participated in a weekend of education and networking.

To continue our commitment to the integrity of our registry, I'm happy to report that we implemented a new Inspection protocol as approved by the Board in November 2006. This department continues to make us proud, having already conducted more than 5,000 inspections this year. We are on track to having the most productive year ever in regard to inspec-

tions.

This year saw the launch of Online Record Keeping which enables breeders to compile and check their records on akc.org. The AKC Breeder's department facilitated an increased number of Breeders' Symposia held in conjunction with the AKC/Canine Health Foundation and brought distribution of the AKC Breeder newsletter to nearly 120,000 readers per issue.

Preserving our history is important to the AKC and I'm pleased that the AKC Archive provided services to almost 10 new collections from clubs and personal donors and assisted dozens with important research. In addition, two new online features of the archive include the Digital Collection, where researchers can view important documents such as the original AKC minutes from 1884 and the Finding Aids tool, a summary and index of AKC Archive collections by type at akc.org. To find these resources simply click on About AKC on the homepage and look for the AKC Archives under Departments.

We are very pleased to have also launched the AKC Humane Fund, a new and distinct not-for-profit organization, separate from AKC, to present educational programs and give to charitable causes. We are now able to accept tax-deductible donations from the fancy and the larger pet-owning public. We expect to realize the Fund's mission which is "to unite a broad spectrum of animal lovers in promoting the joy and value of responsible and productive pet ownership through education, outreach and grant-making."

One area in which AKC consistently demonstrates its dedication to all dogs is canine health. We anticipate providing significant support to the AKC/CHF endowment fund above the more than

\$1.2 million annual donation the AKC normally contributes to this worthy cause.

With these many accomplishments, AKC demonstrated its commitment to its mission of promoting the Sport of Purebred Dogs, advancing canine health, protecting the rights of all dog owners, and promoting responsible dog ownership. I look forward to an equally productive 2008 and I personally would like to thank the entire Board, the Delegate Body, and the hard-working Staff for all their dedication.

Lastly, I hope you all had a wonderful experience watching the best of the best this weekend as nearly 3,000 dogs competed in the weekend's three events. The addition of the Eukanuba World Challenge brought added excitement and fostered better relations throughout the international world of dogs.

I invite all of you to relive the excite-

ment with millions of viewers on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, Super Bowl Weekend, on Animal Planet and Discovery. And don't forget to view the Bred-By Exhibitor groups and Eukanuba World Challenge highlights that are now posted on our website.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, the Los Encinos Kennel Club, and the Long Beach Kennel Club. Jack and Karen Smith have been of great assistance.

I would also like to thank the Delegate Body for your support and assistance. I hope everyone enjoyed this past weekend. On your way out please pick up your commemorative items from the show: a show guide and a unique coaster set featuring our beautiful poster artwork from the past four years.

Thank you again for a great show and a great year! I personally wish you the Best for the holidays and a healthy and happy new year. Thank you very much.

Dennis B. Sprung gave the President's Report.

Holidays typically keep us busy during this season. But it is also a time for reflection, and as we review some of our organization's accomplishments during the past year, we are looking at areas of opportunity in 2008, of course without leaving behind our core goals, and to insure our future so that traditions may be passed on. The mission statement succinctly states that our primary goal continues to be "dedicated to upholding the integrity of its Registry."

The Registry's integrity remained ever strong in 2007, exemplified with our inspections program. This will be a record-breaking year with 5,400 inspections conducted, an increase of 13 percent. Coupled with an ongoing commitment to uphold our care and conditions, dog identification and record-keeping policies, each of you as Delegates deserve congratulations that our organization is the only kennel club with a comprehensive inspection program.

The next phrase in the mission statement, "promoting the sport of purebred dogs" is always top of mind; today we present Lifetime Achievement Awards and 25-year medallions to those who have kept us on the road to success as show Chairs, judges and Delegates.

This year we established an AKC Educational Match "model program" for clubs to work together to provide a learning experience for new exhibitors -- the next generation.

Staying true to the sport also means AKC's continual support of our clubs. This year we sponsored the third Parent

Club Conference along with AKC CAR and the Iams Company.

This past weekend saw more teamwork between staff and 147 Parent Clubs at AKC Meet the Breeds, the largest number ever.

The Board and Staff thank each club and you, the Delegate, for participation in all of these different programs.

We introduced the Outstanding Sportsmanship Award for our member clubs, and we highlighted a wider variety of events on AKC.ORG.

In the month of October alone we featured the: West Highland White Terrier Club of America Earthdog Test; Kettle Moraine English Setter Club Pointing Breed Hunting Test; National Cocker Championship Spaniel Field Trial; Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore point show; National AKC Lure Coursing Championship.

Also in October, during the wildfires, we reached out to every AKC club here in California. Staff personally called AKC Clubs, the state Federation and local animal agencies to offer assistance. AKC and AKC/CAR donated hundreds of crates, bowls, leashes, & collars to those in need. We worked closely with our clubs and had an AKC Field Inspector on-site to provide assistance.

And finally, our mission statement's first sentence wraps up with "breeding for type and function." The Board's Breeders Committee continues to assist the backbone of our sport, the breeder. We are providing educational resources for both first-time and experienced breeders. Initiatives include the AKC Breeder newsletter, which now boasts more than 120,000 subscribers. Also, nine Breeders' Symposia were held this year by AKC and AKC CHF.

Successful breeders are the foundation of many of our traditions and we continue to honor those fanciers with our award programs.

These include the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship providing a wonderful venue to recognize all of the Breeder of the Year winners as well as highlighting the breeder/owner/handler with the Best Bred-By Exhibitor in Show competition.

In addition, throughout the year, breeders are rewarded for their accomplishments through the Bred-By Exhibitor Medallion program. And beginning January 2008 we will enhance this program by awarding special medallions for those who have finished 5 or 10 champions from Bred-By.

I am proud of our core constituency's combined dedication to AKC's mission. Our ongoing accomplishments will continue to be achieved together with a mutual belief and respect in our sport, our traditions and in one another.

I want to wish safe travels and warm

greetings to you, your club and your family members this holiday season.

James Stevens gave the Chief Financial Officer's report: Total revenues for the first ten months of 2007 were slightly higher than last year and operating expenses were 2% higher than 2006. This resulted in an operating surplus of \$3.6 million for this period.

Year-to-date unrealized investments gains of \$5.6 million were significantly higher than the previous year.

Consequently, the net surplus was \$9.2 million, which was \$2 million greater than 2006.

Unfortunately, the number of dog and litter registrations continued to decline from the previous year.

David C. Merriam gave the Vice Chairman's report: Good morning. In listening to you all this morning, I was concerned about your concerns about grey hair. Well, I'm pleased that you were not concerned about white hair.

In September I spoke to you about an offer that the AKC Board made to the AKC Canine Health Foundation. I'm sure you've read that this offer was accepted. On this past Thursday, six new AKC Directors and Officers sat in their first CHF Board meeting as Directors. I'm pleased to report that that meeting was both successful and harmonious. You thought otherwise?

The acting CHF president, Cindy Vogels, with the support of her Officers and Board, has committed the CHF to a policy of openness and financial transparency. After a year end audit, the CHF will move aggressively to fashion and implement any reforms that they might deem necessary. You and your clubs may be assured that the CHF remains pledged to their mission of funding essential canine health research.

In 2008 all clubs with donor advised funds, as well as all others with donor advised funds, will receive written reports of their accounts on at least an annual basis. The financial success of CHF is grounded in the generous support by AKC, Purina, our many dog clubs, as well as hundreds of individuals. Your continued support of CHF is essential, and I assure you they will not fail you.

I'd like to at this time take the opportunity to recognize and introduce those Delegates who are also Directors on the CHF. I would ask that they stand as their name is called. The Director and the acting President of the CHF is Cindy Vogels. The Vice President of CHF is Catherine Bell and the Secretary is Lee Arnold. Directors include Tony Dinardo, who I don't think is here today, Howard Falberg, Susan Hamil, Karen Mays, Andrew Mills, Nina Schaefer and Melanie Steele. The new AKC additions to the Board are Ron Menaker, Dennis Sprung, Jim Stevens,

Steve Gladstone, Dr. J. Charles Garvin, and myself.

I'd liked at this time, to give Cindy Vogels, the acting President, an opportunity to say just a few words to you.

Ms. Vogels spoke as follows: Thanks, Dave. I want everyone to know just how much we appreciate the support of The American Kennel Club and Purina. You are really helping keep the lights on down there in North Carolina. AKC continues to give us so much financially. Now, as we enter into this new era, our new Board members from AKC are additionally contributing their valuable time and expertise. Thanks so much.

Dave mentioned transparency. And I want to touch on that one more time. You just saw quite a number of people stand up representing a good portion of our board. And, the names of the rest of our board are readily available on our website. We're here to tell you anything we can about our organization. There are no secrets among us, or between us and you. So, please, when you have questions or concerns, come to one of us.

We had a great meeting on Thursday with our new Board. And I want everyone to know there's a united commitment on the part of the Foundation's board towards our mission because it's all about the dogs. Thanks so much for your continued support.

There was a luncheon recess.

There was a discussion on a proposed amendment to Article VII, SECTIONS 3 and 7. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Bayou Kennel Club. This amendment would remove the restriction on term limits on the AKC Board of Directors. Following a motion made and seconded, there was a vote on the proposed amendment. It failed with 115 affirmative votes and 139 opposed.

The second vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 3 and 6 of AKC's Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The amendment is the result of a strategic action item. The proposed Amateur-Owner-Handler class to replace the Novice class would appeal to a larger number of exhibitors who want to compete against their peers rather than more experienced professional handlers. The seldom used Novice Class comprises less than point .2% of regular class entries. An editorial change to Chapter 3, Section 3 where the regular classes are listed would be necessary if Section 6 is adopted.

The questioned was divided and the underlined section (adding Amateur-Owner-Handler) was considered. This gave Delegate body the opportunity to

have both classes offered at shows.

A motion was made and seconded to remove the word "Amateur" from the name of the class. This motion failed. After a motion made and seconded, the new Amateur-Owner-Handler class was adopted as follows:

CHAPTER 3

Section 3. The regular classes of The American Kennel Club shall be as follows:

- Puppy
 - Twelve-to-Eighteen Month
 - Novice
 - Amateur Owner Handler
 - Bred-by-Exhibitor
 - American-bred
 - Open
 - Winners
- These classes shall be divided by sex.

Section 7. The Amateur-Owner-Handler class shall be for dogs that are at least six months of age that are not champions. Dogs must be handled in the class by the registered owner of the dog. This class is restricted to exhibitors who have not, at any point in time, been a professional dog handler, AKC approved conformation judge, or employed as an assistant to a professional handler. Additionally, members of the immediate family or household of a current professional handler are ineligible for this class (as defined in Chapter 11, Section 13).

Professional handlers are defined as any person who belongs or has belonged to a professional handlers' organization, distributed rate cards, or otherwise advertised or represented themselves as handling dogs for pay.

Following a motion made and seconded, it was voted to retain the Novice Class. As a house keeping measure, the Executive Secretary, without objection, was directed to renumber the section of Chapter 3, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, to provide this class. The new class may be offered at shows held on and after January 1, 2009.

There was discussion on a proposed amendment to Article VI, SECTION 5 of AKC's Bylaws. This amendment was recommended by the Board of Directors. The amendment would create a provision in the AKC Bylaws allowing for the disapproval or the removal of a Delegate candidate who is determined to have stolen funds from an AKC club.

Following a motion made and seconded, the amendment was amended further

to include the words "or property" after funds in this section.

Following a motion made and seconded, two paragraphs were added to ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5, of the AKC Bylaws:

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 5 - Two additional paragraphs

No person may become or remain a Delegate if convicted of a misdemeanor or felony involving the theft, embezzlement, or misappropriation of funds or property from an AKC-sanctioned licensed or member club within the previous 10 years. The same would apply to a person found liable for the theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or property from an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club in a civil court action within the previous ten years.

A conviction or admission of guilt or finding of liability in a court of competent jurisdiction involving theft, embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or property from an AKC-sanctioned, licensed, or member club within the last ten years, shall be deemed conclusive proof and shall be grounds for the disapproval of a Delegate candidate or the removal of a seated Delegate.

There was discussion on a proposed amendment to Article VII, SECTIONS 1 and 3 of AKC's Bylaws concerning the continuation of a Board member who is removed as a Delegate by their club. This vote was postponed at the September meeting. The Beaumont Kennel Club proposed an amendment to permit a Board member to serve a full elected term, even if removed as a Delegate by their club. However, there was concern about a non Delegate serving on the Board for as much as four years. The item was postponed until this meeting so these concerns might be addressed. A notice of an amendment by substitution was distributed to eliminate the nullification window which has always existed but which has been expanded by the shortening of the nomination process. It also addresses Delegates' concerns by not extending the period during which a non Delegate may serve as a Board member.

Under this proposal, if a Delegate shall be removed as a Delegate by their club prior to August 1 of any year, he or she may only be continued by the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting. If removed after August 1st of any year, he or she may be continued for a period of six months. If he or she has been approved as a Delegate by the end of that

six month period, he or she may be continued until the annual meeting of the following year. This would ensure that a Board member with time remaining on his or her elected term would have the opportunity to at least run for that term. This would only apply if a Board member was removed by their club and not if the Board member voluntarily resigned as a Delegate.

Following a motion made and seconded, the Delegates accepted SECTIONS 1 and 3 of the AKC BYLAWS is as follows:

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 3:

When a Delegate who is also a Director of the AKC shall be removed as a Delegate and shall not offer his/her resignation as Director of the AKC, he or she may continue to hold the office of Director provided that at the first regular meeting of the Board held subsequent to the date of his or her removal as a Delegate, the majority of the Board present shall vote to continue him or her on said Board.

If a Director shall be removed as a Delegate prior to August 1, of any year, he/she may only be continued by the Board until the next annual meeting.

If a Director shall be removed from that position after August 1, and he/she has more than one year remaining on his/her term, he/she may be continued for a period of six months. If at the end of this six-month period, he/she has been approved as a Delegate, the Board may vote to continue him/her on the Board until the annual meeting in the following year. If he/she has not been approved as a Delegate, a vacancy shall exist and ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2, shall apply.

The Executive Secretary read a proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, which would allow for a dog's name to be changed under certain conditions without impacting the AKC stud book or event records.

The amendment is recommended 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 March 2008 meeting.

Mr. Sprung reported that The American Kennel Club Operations Center has received an award from the North Carolina Awards for Excellence. This recognition reflects our commitment to creating a sustainable high performance organization that results in an improved service for our customers. John Lyons, Chief Operating

Officer, was honored to accept the award at the North Carolina State University Conference for Excellence.

The program is based on the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program. It provides a framework for organizations to measure their improvement in business operations, as it focuses on operational performance.

John Lyons presented Delegate medallions, commemorating twenty-five years of service as a Delegate to: Diane Albers, Central Florida Kennel Club; Ginny Atkinson, Chow Chow Club; Louis Auslander, International Kennel Club of Chicago; Dr. John Ioia of the Southern Adirondack Dog Club; and Jan Marshall of the Woodstock Dog Club.

Mr. Lyons congratulated the Kennel Club of Pasadena, the Western Beagle Club and the Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association, which are celebrating 100 years of membership in The American Kennel Club. Each club was presented with a plaque to commemorate this occasion.

Mr. Lyons announced of the third and fourth quarter AKC Community Achievement Awards. 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 honorees' accomplishments are published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and featured on the AKC website.

The third quarter honorees are: Detroit Kennel Club, Delegate Erik Bergishagen; Everglades Golden Retriever Club; Joseph Foster, Wilmington Kennel Club, Delegate Candace Mogavero.

The fourth quarter Community Achievement Awards solely honor AKC clubs and federations holding exceptional AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events. Each of the three honorees will receive an AKC certificate of recognition and the AKC will donate \$1,000 to each club or federation. Details about the honorees' events will be published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and featured on the AKC website. The special fourth quarter RDO Day honorees are: Rapid City Kennel Club; Oconee River Kennel Club; and the Susque Nango Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung reported that the Delegates annual meeting will be held on Tuesday,

March 11, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square Manhattan Hotel. The March meeting will be the annual election of Directors for the class of 2010 and for class of 2012. Delegates were advised to contact Paula Spector if they needed hotel accommodations.

A number of Delegates spoke during New Business. The speakers and subjects addressed were:

- Dr. Fred Bock II, Delegate for the Key City Kennel Club regarding links to AKC resulting from internet breed web searches.

- Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, on behalf of the Delegate Bylaws Committee, thanking those who participated in the Delegate Forum.

- Carl Ashby III, Delegate for the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, reporting on an All-Breed clubs e-list being established through the efforts of the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee.

- Lydia Kenney, Delegate for the Framingham District Kennel Club, confirming the effective date for the Amateur-Owner-Handler Class (January 2009).

- Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, to clarify the Parent Clubs Committee's position on Group Realignment. The Parent Clubs Committee endorsed the idea of asking the Board to establish a committee to support Group realignment.

- Barbara Shaw, Delegate for the Greater Collin Kennel Club, requesting that the information given by Mr. Menaker on AKC's real estate situation be put in writing so that it may be given to club members.

- Constance Butherus, Delegate for the Afghan Hound Club of America, thanking AKC for the September 2007 Educational Match it held on the grounds of the Hunderdon Developmental Center in Clinton, NJ.

- Erik Bergishagen, Delegate for the Detroit Kennel Club, thanking AKC for its Community Achievement Award.

- Sue Golberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, thanking AKC for the wonderful show weekend.

- Joachim Blutreich, Delegate for the Piedmont Kennel Club, advocating a return to a live telecast for the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Show.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

DELEGATES FORUM

Synopsis of the December 4, 2007 Delegates Forum

The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and the expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.

MEETING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

The December 2007 Forum consisted of questions directed to candidates for the AKC Board of Directors who are to be elected at the Annual Meeting in March 2008. The candidates fielded questions on topics including: AKC DNA profiles used for identification; promoting profiles used for identification; promoting the value of AKC registered dogs; the AKC Strategic Plan; the possible consolidation of AKC offices; mixed-breeds in Companion Events; Group realignment; and Registration services provided to foreign registries.