

# DELEGATES QUARTERLY MEETING December 2009

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DECEMBER 15, 2009

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American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Julie Virostek*

American Water Spaniel Club—*Beth Lagimoniere*

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

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Ashtabula Kennel Club—*Kathleen Kinney*

Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*

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

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

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

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

Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*

Border Collie Society of America—*Ms. Carol Clark*

Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Ruth A. Naun*

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Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*

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Catonsville Kennel Club—*Beverly A. Drake*

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Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*

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Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Groeschel*

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- Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Almira B. Dallas*
- Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*
- Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Mr. Harry G. Otmann*
- Fox River Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marcy G. Bankus*
- Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lynda Kenney*
- Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cathy De La Garza*
- 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*
- Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*
- 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*
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- Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*
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- Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*MaryJo Rasmussen*
- Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cynthia A. Miller*
- Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*
- Havanese Club of America—*Jane F. Ruthford*
- Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*Jan Wolf*
- Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*
- Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*
- Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen McCullagh*
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- Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wyoma Clouss*
- Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita J. Biddle*
- Inland Empire Kennel Association, Inc.—*Lawrence Coleman*
- International Kennel Club of Chicago, Inc.—*Susan Olsen*
- Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Constance B. Vanacore*
- Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Linda Souza*
- Kachina Kennel Club—*Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson*
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- Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Thomas Powers*
- Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*
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- Kennesaw Kennel Club—*James F. Gibson*
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- Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood*
- Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi*
- Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*
- Mount Bachelor Kennel Club—*Lynette Blue*
- Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb*
- 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*
- National Shiba Club of America—*Maggi Strouse*
- Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Viola Burgos*
- New England Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Virginia Rowland*
- Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Mary W. Price*
- Newnan Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*
- Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*
- Norfolk Terrier Club—*Marjorie B. McTernan*
- North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*
- Norwich Terrier Club of America—*Betty McDannell*
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Marile A. Waterstraat*

- Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*
- Okaloosa Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell*
- Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Robert Nazak*
- Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*
- Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton J. Yamada*
- Ozark Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mark A. Chambers*
- Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Link Newcomb*
- Papillon Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Arlene A. Czech*
- Pasanita Obedience Club Inc.—*Sheila Miller*
- Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Patricia J. Lombardi*
- Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Mr. Gary A. Reed*
- Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*
- Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*William E. Ellis*
- Pocatello Kennel Club, Inc.—*Fred Hughes*
- Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Ellen Fishler*
- 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*
- Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Michelle R. Anderson*
- Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*
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- Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gerard Baudet*
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Michael J. Teeling*
- 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*
- Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*
- Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita Mather*
- Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*
- Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*
- 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 Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*Audrey Sutton*
- Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*
- Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Kay Allred*
- Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty J. Patrick*
- Scottish Deerhound Club of America, Inc.—*Sally Poole*
- Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—*Nancy Perrell*
- Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Lynne M. Myall*
- Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sharyn Y. Hutchens*
- 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*
- 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—*Gay Dunlap*
- South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*
- South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*
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- Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*Dr. John V. Iola*
- Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*
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- Spokane Kennel Club—*Tina Truesdale*
- Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*
- St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—*Kit A. Bostrom*
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- Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—*Marcy L. Zingler*
- Superstition Kennel Club, Inc.—*G Philip (PHIL) Booker*
- Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—*Thomas D. Parrotti*
- Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning Stolz*
- Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*
- Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*
- Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*
- Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*
- Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*
- Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Christopher L. Sweetwood*
- Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joseph Martyn*
- Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*
- Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*
- 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*
- Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—*Mr. William F. Dumas*
- Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Lynn Worth-Smith*
- Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne Gray*
- Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Mr. Donald Rennick*
- 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*
- Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—*Torie Steele*
- Westminster Kennel Club—*Harvey M. Wooding*
- Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—*Clare L. Lincoln*
- Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mildred L. Dold*

Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frederick R. Vogel*

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—*Mrs. Karen Mays*

Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—*Fred T. Kampo*

Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*

Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard Lewis*

Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia D. Reynolds*

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DELEGATES MEETING DECEMBER 15, 2009

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

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee and the report on the additional nominations as follows: Mr. Crowley: Pursuant to Article VIII of Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee, Constance B. Vana-core, Chair, Irish Setter Club of America; Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club; Ruth W. Crumb, Mount Vernon Dog Training Club; Martha Feltenstein, American Tibetan Mastiff Association; David H. Hopkins, English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, appointed by the Board of Directors at its August 2009 meeting, has 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 9, 2010.

There are three vacancies for the class of 2014. Class of 2014: Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Marion Ohio Kennel Club; Dr. William Newman, Mastiff Club of America; Patricia C. Scully, Obedience Training Club of Hawaii.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as a candidate for vacancy on the Board of Directors for the class of 2014, to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 9, 2010.

Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America; Steven D. Gladstone, Reno Kennel Club.

The Chair advised that the Bylaws provide that nominations could not be made from the floor. Therefore, nominations closed on November 13th. In accordance with the Delegates Standing Rule, each candidate was allowed three minutes to address the Delegate body.

Candidates spoke in alphabetical order and no questions from the floor were entertained. The Chair introduced the candidates for the class of 2014.

Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, representing the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, spoke as follows:

Good morning. My career in dogs started as a young boy when my grandfather gave me a puppy. My professional career began as assistant Dean at Emory University, was followed by my work with the federal government as the Regional Administrator for the US Department of Education. During those years I owned and breed German Shepherd Dogs and today I serve as the Delegate for the GSDCA.

I have remained active in the fancy and have written 4 books on breeding and continue to work with the breeding programs at TSA and the Department of Home Land Defense. During the past six years I have given 46 seminars to all-breed clubs and was invited to speak at 15 national specialties. My assignments with AKC have also been varied. I chaired the Committee for the Future which resulted in our highly-valued DNA program. One of my proudest achievements was my 10 years as president of the AKC's Companion Animal Recovery Program which today, has over 3 million animals enrolled. At the end of the day, leadership and education are the indispensable ingredients that make the difference.

Having said that let me say that we have a great opportunity—to refresh our brand. The AKC is a revered American brand, as well-known as other classic brands, like IBM and General Electric.

And like those brands, the AKC requires periodic invigoration, to remind our supporters of our unique value and to educate new generations about our benefits. I believe that the best way to maintain and grow our registry is to aggressively communicate the value that the AKC provides. We must develop a theme. I have suggested 6 points:

Purebred registration, Policies, Programs, Performance events, Publications and People. These principles are the lifeblood of our organization and the key to our future.

We must refresh the AKC brand, with a proven message which has three elements. They all begin with the letter “R”.

The first is Responsibility. The AKC has a unique standing as the champion of Responsible Dog Ownership. Because of the increased threat of government-imposed breeding limits and breed-specific legislation, we must change our approach to anti dog legislation and stop waiting until the wolf is at the door to react. That puts us on defense. We must change and begin to put emphasis on our own offense. We can not sit back and wait for the animal rights to launch campaign after campaign. They are well funded and they come well prepared. We can do better with a well thought-out offense. One that exposes the animal rights agenda and puts them on defense.

But our fight against the animal-rights extremists must connect our own Rights to our responsibilities. These ideas will resonate with the socially-conscious younger generation and strip credibility from PETA and HSUS. It will put them on defense. The third “R” is Relationships. We need to be seen as more than just breeders and exhibitors. By placing more emphasis on the bond between humans and dogs, we can win the sympathy and the support of public officials.

We very much need their approval to continue our mission of Responsibility and our Right to own and breed dogs. Some have said that you can't teach old dog new tricks! I hope my 6 principles and three R's disprove that. We don't need a shake-up. We need systematic change.

I thank you for the privilege of serving and ask for your vote of confidence for another four years.

Dr. J. Charles Garvin, representing the Marion Ohio Kennel Club, spoke as follows: Good morning. I would like to thank the nominating committee for their consideration, and thank the delegates for this opportunity. I will briefly discuss my experience, the contributions I can bring to the board, and some of my concerns about what can be improved.



My experience is extensive; in dog competition, dog organizations, and other organizations. I started showing Dalmatians in 1965, first in obedience, then conformation. By the time I was 15, I had the top owner-handled Dalmatian in the country. I also won the Junior Showmanship finals at Westminster - a couple of years ago. With my supportive parents, including my mother Betty, who was one of the first women AKC Delegates, and with my wife Lynn (and three kids), we have produced 87 Dalmatian Champions, most of which I personally handled, and some of the top winners and producers in the history of the breed.

I have served on the AKC Board for eight years, and have been a Delegate from Marion Ohio Kennel Club since 1990, now President of that all-breed club. I serve on the Delegate Canine Health committee. I have been on the board of the Dalmatian Club of America since 1981, serving as President 12 terms. Currently, I serve on the board of the AKC Canine Health Foundation as Treasurer. I have been an AKC judge since 1980, and have judged at our national six times, as well as at Westminster, Eukanuba, the Centennial, and nationals in other countries. In real life, I am an ophthalmic surgeon and, since 1986, President of the Smith Clinic, a 75 physician multispecialty group practice, with seven subsidiaries, 700 employees and \$180 million in annual revenues. I have served on more than two dozen governing boards.

I believe the qualities I can bring to AKC are analysis, problem solving and conflict resolution. I can balance both the big picture and the essential details. My occupation demands that I can synthesize important concepts and explain them in understandable, credible terms. I do my homework, and can manage the huge work load of the AKC Board with energy and enthusiasm. For our AKC, we need to recognize that there are legitimate differences of opinion and points of view throughout our group, but we should celebrate that diversity. I have so often found that even when people disagree with me, I find value in what they have to say. We have a wonderful opportunity to extract the benefit of the years of experience, knowledge, and talents of this Delegate body, and put that value towards the good of the organization. This will lead

to better relationships among the delegates and the board and the staff. That will give us the confidence and the tools needed to aggressively challenge the animal rights radicals and others who would take our dogs and our sport away from us. It will give us - all of us - the right to proclaim our pride in breeding and competing with pure-bred dogs. Of course it is a challenging time, but by working together we can meet these challenges, honor our past, and thrive toward our future. I would appreciate your vote to help make it happen. Thank you.

Steven D. Gladstone, representing the Reno Kennel Club, spoke as follows:

Good morning. Let's be candid. You have 5 great candidates to choose from. We each have no less than 8 years experience. We are all dedicated dog people, each devoted to the American Kennel Club.

So why should you vote for Steve Gladstone? I am perhaps a bit different. After all Charlie, Pat, Carmen and Bill: they're all nice guys.

Me? I ask the hard questions. I have spent a career as an attorney cross examining, asking questions until I get credible answers. I tell it like I see it, and often play the devil's advocate, because it is vitally important to explore both the obvious and the not so obvious consequences of proposed actions. I don't believe in rubber stamping.

Some rejoiced, *Dog News* tells us, when I left the Board last March. After all, the April meeting was able to adjourn 2 whole hours earlier without me dragging things out with my questions.

Being a bully is how they like to tag me.

Well, yes, I am big, steady and strong like a Bull Mastiff, persistent and tenacious like a Bulldog, and of course cute and loveable like a French Bulldog. So I guess I am Bully! Actually, my position vis-a-vis AKC has never changed from the days when I represented clients against the AKC, or when I first served here as a Delegate or during my 8 years on the Board.

I love the AKC. I love its history, I love MOST of its traditions and I love its completely selfless goal of celebrating and preserving our dogs.

On occasion my passion for the AKC has been what some consider "tough love." I have been critical of AKC policies and positions, pointing out what I considered to be

significant problems when I saw them.

The cases I took always were for the purpose of creating a better, stronger AKC. You simply can never cure a problem if you have not identified it. That's one of the things I'm good at. That's part of what I do in the Board room. I'm sure that's why Ron appointed me to serve as Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee.

Trained as a lawyer and businessman at the University of Pennsylvania, I am a successful entrepreneur, who brings a wealth of practical competitive business experience to the table.

As President of my parent club, the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, I am fully familiar with and sympathetic to the issues facing our breeders and clubs.

I am concerned about the image we are being saddled with by those with agendas polar to ours. We need to aggressively present ourselves as the true protector of the welfare of dogs. We need to blow our own horn and stand up to those who would mischaracterize and defame us. We need creative, aggressive programs to do that. Perhaps we NEED some bulli-ness.

This election is kind of like judging a lineup of 7 magnificent dogs in Best in Show. You have 5 outstandingly qualified candidates, each deserving of your support. So why vote for Steve Gladstone? You already have a dozen nice guys on the Board. That's enough.

Thank you!

Dr. William Newman representing the Mastiff Club of America, spoke as follows:

Good Morning. It is unusual for me to stand before you today to introduce myself to a group with whom I have been associated for 15 years. Our organization is such that we operate in a traditional way and since we seat in the neighborhood of 60 new Delegates a year, many of you may not know who I am or what I stand for regarding the philosophy of the sport and its future.

When elected three years ago as a new director, I looked forward enthusiastically to what new horizons we could reach with a new direction, changing what needed to be changed and reinforcing that which works well.

My naïveté soon became apparent when attempts to introduce a mixed-breed pro-

gram was met with opposition that delayed its implementation until this year. Three of the other candidates voted against the original motion and it was not until new board members were elected last year that we were able to proceed with a program that may be the lifeline to maintaining our sport as we know it.

Yes, we need to vigorously pursue the registration of every puppy in every AKC litter to support the organization and the charitable programs that we finance. Full litter registration can increase our figures to make our organization more attractive to those who support our alternative revenues.

However, even if the commercial sector were to return in force, those revenues will not return us to our previous levels. We must accept the fact that we will never return to the days of the sixties and seventies when the American family was moving to suburbia, starting families, buying big cars, getting an AKC puppy for the household and raising an occasional litter. Times have changed, many do not marry, and the dogs that they acquire are often those from rescue or the humane societies.

Believe me I do not accept a defeatist attitude, I never have and never will, nor will I ever accept business as usual. We must face the reality that we have to reconstruct our organization to compete in the 21st century with numerous enemies in the legislative and media arenas who are fueled by the animal rights people and the affluent HSUS.

The Canine Partners Program hopefully will give us the numbers, impetus and political clout to better articulate who we are and the good that we do. Our outreach to the Veterinary community will continue, together with the initiatives Dr. Haines and I have taken as liaisons to AVMA. My program to partner with local humane societies is working but needs impetus to grow. A spay and neuter program for these local Humane Societies needs to be supported by us and our local clubs, showing our concern for responsible dog breeding and ownership.

Succinctly, we need to establish a new business plan for the organization, never forgetting our core values and purpose, but realizing that we need to reach out to the entire population of dog owners and supporters. We need to step up publicly to assume the

role we have had and must continue to have, and that is, to be the most knowledgeable active dog body in the world, concerned with the health and well being of all canines. If you feel as I do that we have a future, then support me with your vote and I shall do my best to never let you or your dogs down.

Patricia C. Scully, representing the Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, spoke as follows:

Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, fellow Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I have some good news for you. As Elizabeth Taylor said to her eighth husband, do not worry, I will not be keeping you that long.

I am honored to be a candidate of the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors class of 2014. I have frequently attended venues in Performance and Companion Events. I am a strong supporter of the total dog, titles before the dog's name and titles after the dog's name.

The primary goals of the AKC should be:

1) to protect the rights of all dog owners. This involves fighting breed specific legislation and mandatory spay/neuter laws. If we lose the right to own and breed dogs, all other issues will be insignificant. The barbarians are knocking at the door; and, this is one battle we must win.

2) to increase registrations and stop the severe decline. From 1992 through 2008, registrations have decreased 50 percent and only 40 to 45 percent of all purebred dogs are registered with the American Kennel Club.

3) to be accountable to the needs of our breeders, club members, judges, exhibitors, and all members of the fancy. These are our customers.

4) And something very important to me personally, to keep open and improve the lines of communication and trust among the Board, the AKC staff, the Delegate body, and the fancy. I am a team player and a consensus builder.

I'm asking you to vote for Pat Scully because I possess expertise in several areas, and am able to offer various viewpoints.

I'm retired and I have the time to devote to the Board. I had a 100 percent attendance rate at past Board meetings.

We need to start to think out of the box and

not do business as usual, otherwise we will go the way of the dinosaurs. If a corporation has cash flow problems and decreased revenues, the business model must be leaner and more efficient for the enterprise to remain profitable. Please vote for Pat Scully for continuity, stability and long range planning. And let's always remember, dogs are not our whole lives, but they are what make our lives whole.

Thank you, and Aloha from Honolulu.

The Chair announced the passing of three Delegates: Dr. Steven Blau, Delegate for the Greenwich Kennel Club since March 2001, died on September 22. Ken Wadley, Delegate for the first Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey since October 9, 2007, died on October 8th. And Virginia Mayhall, Delegate for the Atlanta Obedience Club since October 7, 1991, died on November 17th.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting: Ricky Blackman, Franklin, WI, to represent Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club  
Mary Ann Brocius, Milford, MI, to represent Ann Arbor Kennel Club  
Dr. Sam F. Burke, Jr., Shreveport, LA, to represent Doberman Pinscher Club of America

Carol Clark, Waverly, MO, to represent Border Collie Society of America  
Gay Dunlap, Gilbert, AZ, to represent Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America  
David W. Galloway, Worthington, OH, to represent Central Ohio Kennel  
Joellen Gregory, DVM, Jefferson, MD, to represent Otterhound Club of America  
Hon. Janet G. Harner, Pittsburg, PA, to represent Western Pennsylvania Kennel Association

Judy Hiller, Mentor, OH, to represent Clumber Spaniel Club of America  
Sharyn Hutchens, Lexington, VA, to represent Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club  
Donna Kranzberg, Sarasota, FL, to represent Cornhusker Kennel Club of Lincoln, Nebraska

Betty McDonnell, Mahwah, NJ, to represent Norwich Terrier Club of America  
Sheila Favro Marks, Lakeland, FL, to represent Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club

Susan Olsen, Chicago, IL, to represent International Kennel Club of Chicago  
Shirley Sanders, Elon, NC, to represent Carolina Dog Training Club  
Kimberlee Schiff, Port Jervis, NY, to represent German Pinscher Club of America  
Dr. Geno Sisneros, Montgomery, AL, to represent American Pomeranian Club  
Diana L. Skibinski, Crown Point, IN, to represent Lake Shore Kennel Club  
Evelyn Van Uden, Ransomville, NY, to represent Irish Water Spaniel Club of America  
Diane Wagner, Boca Raton, FL, to represent Boca Raton Dog Club  
Sandee White, Boonville, IN, to represent Miniature Pinscher Club of America

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

Ricky Blackman, Franklin, WI, Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club  
Carol Clark, Waverly, MO, Border Society of America  
Kathy De La Garza, South Houston, TX, Galveston County Kennel Club  
Gay Dunlap, Gilbert, AZ, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier of America  
David Galloway, Worthington, OH, Central Ohio Kennel Club  
Judy Hiller, Mentor, OH, Clumber Spaniel Club of America  
Sharon Hutchens, Lexington, VA, Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club  
Betty McDonnell, Mahwah, NJ, Norwich Terrier Club of America  
Sheila Favro Marks, Lakeland, FL, Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club  
Susan Olsen, Chicago, IL, International Kennel Club of Chicago  
Shirley Sanders, Elon, NC, Carolina Dog Training Club  
Gene Sisneros, Montgomery, AL, American Pomeranian Club  
Diane Skibinski, Crown Point, IN, Lake Shore Kennel Club  
Sandee White, Bonnville, IN, Miniature Pinscher Club of America

The minutes of the September 15, 2009 Delegates meeting as published in the October 2009 *AKC GAZETTE* and the complete transcript as posted on AKC's website were approved as published.

AKC Board Chairman, Ron Menaker, gave his report as follows:

Good morning. I hope you all had a wonderful time this weekend. It was a memorable way to commemorate our 125th anniversary. I would like to thank all the volunteers, stewards and parent club members who staffed the Meet the Breeds booths as well as the 133 Parent Clubs who held their supported entries and specialties with us.

I would also like to thank the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, the Los Encinos Kennel Club and the Long Beach Kennel Club for all their hard work and for making us feel so welcome.

Our anniversary year has been filled with celebration, the marking of milestones and new opportunities. We have chronicled our accomplishments in dogs, the first 125 years of The American Kennel Club and an up to date version of our well known AKC Source Book last printed in 1984. And I remind each of you to pick up a copy as our gift to you on your way out today, along with a show catalog, a show guide and a memorable medallion that we prepared for each of you.

In 1884 the AKC began its all pure bred dog registry with just nine breeds. As of December 30th, we will recognize 164 breeds with the addition of the Blue Tick Coonhound, the Boykin Spaniel and the Redbone Coonhound.

In addition to AKC holding several press conferences tied to our anniversary, the AKC Publications department dedicated the entire September issue of the *AKC GAZETTE*, which has been our official journal for the sport of purebred dogs since 1889.

One of the most exciting events and another wonderful way to commemorate our 125th anniversary was the first stand alone Meet the Breeds event organized by the AKC and Cat Fancier's Association and presented by Pet Partners, our pet insurance company. We celebrated our companion and performance events, hosting the National Retriever Championship just a few weeks ago, the biennial National Tracking Invitational and the ever popular National Agility Championships.

And not to forget that the team we sent to the World Agility Championship in Austria

this September returned home with two silver metals.

Also in 2009, the Obama family found their dog, a Portuguese Water Dog named Bo. The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America and the PR department worked closely to make this an opportunity to educate the public about the breed, about purebred breeds and about responsible dog ownership. The AKC started the public conversation and followed the Obama dog campaign from President Obama's first mention of a dog, all the way through to Bo's arrival. Their work on this campaign helped them win many national and local PR awards and keep the AKC and purebred dogs front and center with pet owners.

Finally, we began looking to the AKC's next 125 years with the creation of several new programs. We launched our STAR Puppy Program, a precursor to our popular AKC canine good citizenship test which will get puppies and their owners off to a good start. The Canine Health and Welfare Advisory Panel was created and has met several times to review public perceptions on this topic and to insure that AKC has access to the insight and information that will allow us to continue leading the dialog when it comes to enhancing and protecting canine health and welfare.

The AKC Canine Partners Program also launched this year, has already listed more than 1300 dogs beginning in April 2010. More than 300 AKC clubs will be hosting stand alone obedience, agility or rally events open to mixed breeds.

Beyond the competition, millions of additional dog owners we may never have reached will be able to access a myriad of AKC resources and services, bringing together like minded people who share our passion for dogs and our commitment to responsible dog ownership.

This has been a historic year of great achievement and progress for the American Kennel Club. In addition, I'm happy to report that despite the current economic climate, our preliminary numbers show that we will have a reasonable operating profit for the year in addition to record breaking investment results.

Once again, I wish to thank you all for your support and look forward to another 125

years of history as the dog's champion. Thank you all very much.

AKC President and CEO, Dennis Sprung, gave his report as follows:

Meet the Breeds began as a vision. It became a shared vision and a common goal of the American Kennel Club and the Fancy to bring our unique breeds to the public on a broad scale.

We wanted to show pet lovers not only our dogs and their endearing, predictable qualities but our responsibility, devotion and love of them.

The recent success of Meet the Breeds hosted by the American Kennel Club and the Cat Fanciers Association and sponsored by Pet Partners Pet Insurance has once again proved that when we set goals and work together, we can meet a challenge and exceed all expectations.

We expected a large number of attendees and welcomed more than 36,000.

We asked legislators to serve as honorary chairpersons and 91 accepted.

We strived to reach 140 million media impressions and generated more than 468 million.

We invited media outlets to join us and over 40 were in attendance.

Additionally, there were 15 sponsors, 90 vendors and 148 parent clubs to engage and educate the public.

We gave visitors an exciting venue, spectacular demonstrations, fabulously decorated booths brimming with happy, healthy dogs, knowledgeable experts and responsible breeders, all in a nurturing, family friendly environment.

But without you, our volunteers from member clubs, parent clubs and local specialty clubs, success would not have been possible. I want to thank our presenting sponsor, Pet Partners, for their tremendous support, the hundreds of club volunteers who came out to work, and AKC staff led by Gina DiNardo and Michael Canalizo and Pat Laurans, Chair of the Parent Clubs committee. Without all of us working as a team, we could not have held an educational program of this magnitude.

To share with you the scope of Meet the Breeds, our communications department, which was instrumental in garnering pre-

and post publicity, has put together a brief presentation, including a small sampling of the media coverage for you to enjoy. (There was a video presentation.)

Thank you again for helping to create this historic weekend. We are all proud of your tremendous accomplishments including this past weekend's Meet the Breeds success and our ability to bring the American Kennel Club, our clubs, our people, responsible messaging, and most importantly our dogs front and center to the public. Thank you.

James Stevens, AKC CFO, gave the financial report. A summary follows:

Total revenues of \$55.6 million for the first eleven months of 2009 were 10% lower than last year. The major sources of our revenues have been negatively impacted by the recession. Successful cost containment efforts resulted in total operating expenses of \$54.5 million being 7% less than 2008.

This produced a year-to-date operating surplus of \$1 million vs. \$2.8 million last year. A better performing stock market environment in 2009 has led to a year-to-date investment gains of \$8.8 million. This contrasted with last year's loss of \$17 million.

The first vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*.

The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This amendment would bring the Bred by Exhibitor requirements in line with all regular classes as defined by Chapter 11, Section 1 of the Rules.

The proposal was read to you at the September 2009 Meeting. It was published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*. The Board recommended its approval.

The Delegate voted with a two-thirds affirmative vote so that the amendment was adopted, effective immediately.

The second vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 14 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 Variety of Breed; Best

of Opposite Sex of Breed or Variety of Breed, Select Dog and Select Bitch; and to Chapter 5, Section 1, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*, which would allow for a ribbon for Select Dog and Select Bitch awards in connection with the Grand Champion of Record Title; and to Chapter 16, Section 6 and 7 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Championship and new Grand Championship Awards* that would allow for the creation of awards for these new titles.

The proposed amendment was a staff recommendation and was approved by the Board of Directors. The proposal was read at the September 2009 meeting. It was published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*. The Board recommended its approval. A two thirds affirmative vote was required for adoption.

There was discussion as follows:

Gwen McCullagh, Delegate for the Huntington Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I move to amend the proposed amendment to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Dog Show Classification*, Chapter 3, Section 14, by striking "Neutered dogs or spayed bitches are not eligible for Grand Championship points." And again, under Championship and Grand Championship Awards, Chapter 16, Section 6, by striking out "Neutered dogs and spayed bitches are not eligible for Grand Championship points."

While this, at first glance, appears to be a fairly radical step, it actually is not. It has a very narrow application to a very small group of dogs in a very small group of venues. But obviously I believe it's important or I wouldn't be standing before you.

Let me try to tell you what precisely this does. The Grand Championship program is intended to provide incentives for breeders and exhibitors to continue to show their Champions and also as a secondary goal to generate additional revenues for entry from AKC. It is an add on program. Champions of record will earn points towards their additional title by competing for Best of Breed. All single as well as dogs and Champions entered for Best of Breed competition, all winners of single entry classes will be eligible to compete for Best of Breed and, if they are champions of record, for Grand Championship points.

But spayed and neutered dogs in general are



not eligible to compete for Best of Breed, which will eliminate them automatically from earning Grand Championship points or the title.

Now, that said, there is one group of spayed and neutered Champions who are permitted to compete for breed, and that is the veteran. The veteran dog and the veteran bitch, spayed or neutered though they may be, have independent specialty shows only, may compete for Best of Breed.

The intent of that exception was to recognize that by the time a dog attains the age required to be a veteran, health issues or prophylactic intervention for health may have required them to be spayed or neutered. They probably have already made contributions to the breed.

Until now, that spayed or neutered veteran competing for breed did so on a completely equal basis to its not neutered fellow contestants. The intent of this program, I am quite sure, is not to downgrade or denigrate any champion. And we have to, as we go forward and add additional opportunities, keep in mind the original intent of this exception, which was to let the spayed and neutered veteran compete in this specific time at independent specialties for everything that was going connected with Best of Breed competition and win.

You gave them prizes, you gave them whatever was going and now I believe we need to still recognize them fully and allow them to earn Grand Championship points.

If the amendment before you passes without this amendment, they will be eliminated from that opportunity. And so I would like to urge you to allow them to compete fully. Thank you.

Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, spoke as follows:

I'm speaking as chair of the Delegate Parent Club committee. We had a very good and long discussion of this at our meeting yesterday which culminated in a vote of the Parent Club committee. The Parent Club Committee, after hearing from Gwen, others in the audience, and John Wade, have voted to support this amendment so that champion veteran dogs and bitches and independent specialties may be allowed the rights they have now and to continue that into this new

and very worthwhile program. Thank you.

Larry Sorenson, Delegate for the Dachshund Club America, spoke as follows:

I do have a concern that we have used this requirement to help hold the barrier on mandatory spay and neutering. By dropping this requirement, we may weaken that wall and I would like the Delegate body to think about that.

The Chair called on Robin Stansell, Vice President Event Operations, who spoke as follows:

This may be a bit unusual but I would like to clarify one thing that perhaps people don't recognize, that although veterans may compete in independent specialties after they are altered, should that dog not be a champion, it is not eligible to retain championship points.

We do not award neutered dogs or spayed bitches championship points. We don't award championship points to any dog from the non regular classes. The intent of this wording was to continue that practice to not award additional championship titles to dogs that are neutered or spayed.

Marcy Zingler, Delegate for the Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, spoke as follows:

I'm also quite sure that the original intent of this wording was not to foster inconsistency. If we adopt this amendment, it will be consistent with the fact that veteran dogs and veteran bitches who are spayed or neutered can, in fact, win Best of Breed. If they can win Best of Breed, they certainly ought to be able to be awarded, as Gwen said, Grand Championship points. In addition to which, and this may be a small adjustment for the amendment, it reaffirms our concern for dogs' health. It shows people that that is our primary concern and not the show.

A majority voted to adopt the amendment.

Sidney Marx, Delegate for the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, spoke as follows:

I'm a firm believer that language and words are very important. We are all aware that in stock venues there are Grand Champions. That term usually indicates that this is something above and beyond championship status.

In this particular motion all that is necessary is for a dog to beat one champion three times but the dog need never win Best of Breed. Because of that, I make a motion that we amend it from the name Grand Champion to Champion of Merit.

Mr. Sprung: Is there a second on that motion?

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Alan Kalter, Delegate for the American Bull Mastiff Association, spoke as follows:

I obviously agree that language is critical in communicating anything. The program really is a marketing program. So if we think of it as a marketing program, it's a program that is to entice people to bring those dogs, once they finish them, bring them back out and really compete to achieve something of value. So the name we put on the program actually will have a lot to do with the desire to want to continue.

Since in the last three years there are something like 50,000 Champions of Record that have been shown six or fewer times in that three year period, it would be a terrific opportunity for the individual clubs to not only get additional entries but to get additional people interested in the sport and interested in their clubs.

So, I think as a marketing program, since we are devoid of every other tool that we normally have in marketing, there is no advertising to be able to do this, there is no promotion. It's basically going to have to be the name of the program and word of mouth that is going to create the energy and excitement around the program.

I will tell you from the 40 some years I did marketing, that the hardest thing you could possibly do is name something, and you will never make everybody happy. But I will encourage the Delegate body to stay with Grand Championship.

I think it is a known term and it is one that will excite and incite the people who are sitting with dogs at home on the sofa to bring them back out and participate at all our shows.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America spoke as follows:

I brought this up at a legislative caucus

because a number of people had expressed reservations about this particular title because they have had, in the past, ranked dogs or very famous dogs that were just Champions. Their opposition to this is not actually to the idea, per se, but that they felt as if the ability to have a Grand Champion would mean that the dogs that were in the past would somehow be lesser or dogs that were too old to show would somehow be cheapened because they were just Champions. They were much more comfortable with some other name and Champion of Merit was what someone suggested and it seemed to be much more acceptable.

Wyoma Clouss, Delegate for the Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, spoke as follows: We've discussed this name on both the e-mail list and at our local kennel club meetings. The objection was not to the program but some concern about the name Grand. They thought it was a little grand. I guess we also think of Grand Champion cows or something, I don't know. We did like ideas of Champion of Merit.

There is also the issue of if this goes forward and it becomes like having a MACH, a MACH 1, 2, 3 as you progress, go beyond the first Champion of Merit or Grands, so then you have a Grand 1, Grand 2, Grand 3. The Champion of Merit could become like a CM, CM1, CM2, CM3. It was just a general feeling. The program is fine. The name should be worked on.

William Green, Delegate for the Rio Grande Kennel Club, spoke as follows:

One thing I discovered while researching this name issue was that Grand Champion is already in use in the dog world. Apparently in Pit Bull circles Grand Champion is used to denote a dog that has come out the winner in five or more fighting matches. And that might be another reason for avoiding it. Thank you.

Ms. Laurans: I'm not usually the one that steps up here to be conciliatory and to try to get us to come to a centrist position. And I understand and have heard the concerns out there in terms of the word grand and I don't want the program to go down because of a name change.

I appreciate the name Champion of Merit

but I'm not sure it's strong enough and I'm wondering if we could come to a compromise. And the only thing I can come up with is Select Champion or something in that vein, unless someone can come up with something different. I think you need something in front of the word champion that has some punch. Meritorious champion, select champion, whatever you want to make it. But I don't think we want to throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Mr. Green: If this amendment fails, I will move that the name be Distinguished Champion. Thank you.

Mrs. McCullagh: Just to speak to the negative connotations of this being a title used by Pit Bulls, the title Grand Champion presently exists with Bassett Hounds where we have field trial Grand Champions. And if you look at the intent, which I think most of us as breeders now have, which is to do more with less dogs because that's the reality of life, when you start putting multiple titles on the dog, we already have dual champions which are dogs that have earned a field trial championship and a bench championship, and we have grand field trial champions. So the match there would be dual Grand Champion. It works.

But if we go with some other title, it will not fit as neatly. And perhaps that's not a major consideration but I did like to say that there is a grand title in use in AKC events and it has a very positive connotation.

William Blair, Delegate for the Progressive Dog Club, spoke as follows:

Just to make a suggestion, premier champion. It has a little more punch.

Ms. Zingler: Aside from the one somewhat negative connotation with Pit Bulls, there are all the positive connotations in virtually all other species of livestock. There are Grand Champion cats, there are Grand Champion cattle, there are Grand Champion sheep and on and on and on. And I think all of those positive connotations go toward recognizing the fact that this perhaps is the best terminology. It is one syllable. It is widely known. It is not in contradiction or redundancy with the word champion as some suggestions might be. I think that Grand Champion says

it all and it is most widely recognized.

Unidentified Delegate: I object to Champion of Merit on a very practical point of view. Does that mean my dog that is only a champion that doesn't have merit?

Mr. Sprung: The motion is to amend striking Grand Champion of Record and inserting Champion of Merit. This would be a majority vote.

All those in favor please raise your hands.

Thank you

All those opposed? Thank you.

The motion does not pass.

We are back to the original amendment. Is there any further discussion?

John McCullagh, Delegate for the Plainfield Kennel Club, spoke as follows:

On the gray sheet, on the second page of the gray sheet, the second paragraph underlined says, "Select Dog and Select Bitch eligible for this award are" and the eligibilities do not relate to Grand Champion, they relate to the previous half of the second paragraph. I think it just needs to move down towards Section 15.

Eugenia Bishop, Delegate for the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, spoke as follows:

I agree with the Delegate. Basically that paragraph needs to be moved down to the last paragraph because those eligibility requirements are for Best of Opposite Sex, not for a Select Dog and a Select Bitch.

The Chair called on Robin Stansell, Vice President Show Events, to address this question, who spoke as follows:

Mr. Stansell: I certainly have no objection to that change. The intent is the same in either location.

Mr. Sprung: Mr. Crowley advised me that is a housekeeping detail.

The question is on Chapter 3, Sections 14 and 15 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Classifications*; Chapter 5, Section 1 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*; and Chapter 16, Sections 6 and 7 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows Championships and new Grand Championship Awards*. Those in favor, please stand. Thank you.

Those opposed, please stand. Thank you. There are two thirds in the affirmative. The amendment is adopted. The effective date will be the same as when the new point schedule is adopted, which will be in May 2010.

The third vote was on the proposed amendments to Chapter 9, Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trial and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests*. This amendment was recommended by the Beagle Advisory Committee and gives clubs the option of combining classes by either gender or size in order to run a more efficient trial. The proposal was read at the September 2009 meeting. It was published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE*. The Board recommended its approval. The Delegates voted with a two-thirds affirmative vote to adopt the amendment, effective January 1, 2010.

The fourth and final vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 1 of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests*. The amendment was recommended by the Beagle Advisory Committee. This amendment would grant licensed status to events held by Beagle Field Trial Federations. The proposal was read at the September 2009 meeting. It was published twice in the *AKC GAZETTE*. The Board recommended its approval. The Delegates voted with a two-thirds affirmative vote to adopt the amendment, effective January 1, 2010.

The Chair called on the *Executive Secretary* to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility* which would eliminate the use of telegrams to change or cancel entries as telegrams are obsolete. The amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee 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 March 2010 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 10, Section 1 to 6 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Duties and Responsibilities of Animals*, and Chapter 15, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Protests Against Dogs* which would update the requirements for show veterinarians to better accommodate on call veterinarians and to require clubs to inform them of their duties.

Chapter 15, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Protests against Dogs*, is intended to include the event committee in the process of removing dogs from the show to eliminate the requirement for a form and to assign the physical responsibility for veterinary expenses. This memo is 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 at the March 2010 meeting.

The Chair now calls on John Lyons, CEO, to announce the fourth quarter AKC Community Achievement Awards. Mr. Lyons spoke as follows:

The fourth quarter Community Achievement Awards solely honor AKC clubs and federations holding exceptional AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day events. Each of the honorees will receive an AKC certificate of recognition and the AKC will donate \$1,000 to each club or federation. Details about the honorees and events will be published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and featured on the AKC website. The special fourth quarter RDO day honorees are: The Lake Cumberland Kennel Club, the Rogue Valley Kennel Club, and the Western Carolina Dog Fanciers Association.

And we have honorable mentions: the Huntsville Obedience Training Club, the Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club, the Obedience Training Club of Chugiak. Please join me in congratulating the honorees.

Mr. Sprung reported that the annual meeting will be held on March 9, 2010 at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel. The March meeting will be the annual election of directors for the Class of 2014.

The following Delegates spoke during new business:

Judith Daniels, Delegate for the Mt. Baker Kennel Club and Chair of the Delegate Bylaws Committee, advised the Delegate body that the Bylaws Committee voted to submit to the Board of Directors for their consideration an amendment to the Charter and Bylaws of the AKC which would delete the third paragraph and Article VII, Section 1, that stipulates term limits for our Board members.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, reminded everyone that January 5th is the deadline for submission of articles to *Perspectives*, and asked if anybody had anything they would like to write about and would like to send her. Ms. Wallis is the coordinating editor for that issue.

Barbara Wicklund, Delegate for the Bassett Hound Club of America, requested that in the future when new breeds are being admitted to the Miscellaneous class and to regular classes, that consideration be given to requiring the Parent Clubs to at least have a rescue content.

Wyoma Clouss, Delegate for the Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, encouraged using the mixed-breed program as a way of involving members of Four H in our sport.

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, spoke about Bill Bruce, the director of Animal and Bylaw Services in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. she stated that the caucus proposed to the Coordinating Committee yesterday that we be allowed to bring them in to do a forum for the Delegates and with the Coordinating Committee's support and with AKC's generous support, that has been scheduled for September of next year.

Nancy Perrell, Delegate for the Scottsdale Dog Fancier's Association, spoke about somebody who had never been to a dog show that she met at the Long Beach Airport when she arrived. The woman had attended on Saturday, and went to every booth at Meet the Breeds and was extremely impressed and was upset because Terriers were her particular interest and she couldn't

stay for Sunday. So next year she's coming for both days.

Carol Clark, Delegate for the Border Collie Society of America, spoke about the Border Collie that received the ACE award for Search and Rescue. This dog worked at Katrina, Rita, 9/11, and spent six months in Iraq finding bodies. Because AKC and the Canine Health Foundation decided to support and do health testing on all the dogs after 9/11, this dog, I don't know exactly how long ago it was, came up with a tumor in the lung and a tumor between the heart and the lung. Three weeks ago Sage had surgery and is totally, they think, free now of the cancer. And some members of the Border Collie Society that have a dog related to her donated hotel rooms for her to stay in while she was at Colorado State University having surgery. Her owner, Diane Whetsel, is extremely thankful to AKC. Ms. Clark thought this story could be used in a commercial, because everyone wants to recognize the veterans and the dogs that support them and this is a happy story for AKC that we should share.

Mr. Gladstone, as Chairman of CAR, pointed out that they are working hard to bring out new marketing programs and sales programs for both our microchips and enrollments. He asked that club members, if approached by representatives from CAR to try and set up meetings and programs at your club meetings. Mr. Gladstone asked that you please help and cooperate. He said that he believes and knows that most of you feel that AKC CAR is a great asset for AKC and needs to make to be successful. Mr. Gladstone asked again for clubs' cooperation when asked to come to their club and talk and have a program to discuss.

Blackie Nygood, Delegate for the Mispillion Kennel Club asked that AKC consider selling Delegates a printed copy of the Delegate Directory:

Robert Nazak, Delegate for the Old Dominion Club of Northern Virginia, thanked Dennis for acknowledging the fact that Bo Obama has joined us but said we are also very proud that one of our members, Martha Stone, bred Bo. It was handled with a lot of

dignity. It was actually well accomplished, what could have been a very complicated issue, and Mrs. Stone did a beautiful job. Mr. Nazak was sorry to report that we have lost her and asked that she be kept in your prayers.

Margarette Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, praised the New York Meet the Breeds.

Rose Radel, Delegate for the Ramapo Kennel Club, also praised the New York Meet the Breeds.

Hearing no additional business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:58 am.

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## DELEGATES FORUM

### SYNOPSIS OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2009 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 2009 Forum consisted of questions directed to candidates for the AKC Board of Directors who are to be elected in March 2010. The candidates fielded questions on topics including: their previous tenure on the Board, talents they would bring to the Board, their views on how to address the decline in registrations, their position on group realignment, and AKC judging approval.