

## DELEGATES FORUM

SYNOPSIS OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2010  
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 2010 Forum consisted of questions directed to candidates for the AKC Board of Directors who are to be elected in March 2011. The candidates fielded questions on topics including: talents they would bring to the Board, their views on how to address the decline in registrations, their position on group realignment, long term goals for AKC, judges' fees, issues related to a breed stud book, and whether there were too many shows.

## QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DECEMBER 7, 2010

Dennis B. Sprung, President  
PRESENT 249

Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—  
*Ms. Constance Butherus*  
Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*  
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Virginia P. Grefe*  
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mary M. MacCollum*  
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—  
*Patte Klecan*  
American Boxer Club, Inc.—*Bruce E. Voran*  
American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*  
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—  
*Alan Kalter*  
American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*  
American Maltese Association, Inc.—  
*Mr. Richard W. Glenn*  
American Pointer Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Karen R. Spey*  
American Rottweiler Club—  
*Mr. Peter G. Piusz*  
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Sally L. Vilas*  
American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Julie Virosteck*  
American Water Spaniel Club—  
*Beth Lagimoniere*  
Anderson Kennel Club—*Phillip D. Sample*  
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—  
*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*  
Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mary A. Brocious*  
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*William Daniels*  
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Pamela J. Arwood*  
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*  
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—  
*Gail A. LaBerge*

Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bette D. Williams*  
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—  
*Kim Occhiuti*  
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Nina Schaefer*  
Baltimore County Kennel Club—  
*Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie*  
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Barbara Wicklund*  
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*  
Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—  
*Kathy Coxwell*  
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Phyllis Belcastro*  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America,  
Inc.—*Denise Dean*  
Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Martha Griffin*  
Border Collie Society of America—  
*Ms. Carol Clark*  
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—  
*Barbara O'Neill*  
Briard Club of America, Inc.—  
*Michael Gibson*  
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Ruth A. Williams*  
Bull Terrier Club of America—  
*Dr. Dale R. Schuur*  
Bulldog Club of America—*Bob Newcomb*  
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.*  
Cairn Terrier Club of America—*Pam Davis*  
California Airedale Terrier Club—  
*Kayla Kurucz*  
California Collie Clan, Inc.—*Robette G. Johns*  
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—  
*Mr. Wayne F. Harmon*  
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—  
*Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki*  
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington,  
D.C., Inc.—*Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge*  
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—  
*Ms. Eugenia B. Bishop*  
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*  
Catocin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*  
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally Allen*  
Central Ohio Kennel Club—*David Galloway*  
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Claire K. Steidel*  
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pam Goldman*  
Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*  
Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Peggy B. Kessler*  
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Dr. Patricia H. Haines*  
Clackamas Kennel Club—*Steven E. Nielsen*  
Clarksville Kennel Club—*Robert A. Schroll*  
Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*  
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marjorie  
Underwood*  
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Maureen R. Setter*  
Colorado Kennel Club—*Louise Leone*  
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—  
*Sidney L. Marx*  
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—  
*Robert Brown*

Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—  
*Norma J. Ryan*  
Companion Dog Training Club of Flint,  
Inc.—*Judith L. Priestley*  
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—  
*Michael Houchar*  
Cudahy Kennel Club—*Don H. Adams*  
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—  
*Larry Sorenson*  
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—  
*James W. Smith*  
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America,  
Inc.—*Karen Dorn*  
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—  
*Barbara L. Mann*  
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Merlyn A. Green, D.C.*  
Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore—  
*Sandra Olsen*  
Des Moines Obedience Training Club—  
*Lee Slorah*  
Detroit Kennel Club—*Mr. Erik Bergishagen*  
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—  
*Mrs. Naomi R. Shorr*  
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*  
Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland—  
*Kathrynann Sarvinas*  
Durham Kennel Club Inc—  
*Linda C. Wozniak*  
Elm City Kennel Club—*Dr. Gregory J. Paveza*  
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America,  
Inc.—*Barbara A. Penny*  
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—  
*Mr. John P. Nielsen*  
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of  
Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*  
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Ms. Margaret B. Pough*  
Finnish Spitz Club of America—  
*Kim Raleigh*  
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*  
Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Cathy De La Garza*  
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*  
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*  
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Bonnie  
Lapham*  
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—  
*Nance O. Skoglund*  
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 Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Margaret Dicorleto*  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of  
America, Inc.—*Mary Jo Rasmussen*  
Greenwich Kennel Club—*Margaret K. Curtis*



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Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*  
Havanese Club of America—*Jane F. Ruthford*  
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*  
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*  
Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—*Luane V. Williams*  
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wyoma Clouss*  
Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Cookson*  
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita J. Biddle*  
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*  
Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—*Cledith Wakefield*  
Kachina Kennel Club—*Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson*  
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*  
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Thomas Powers*  
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*  
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Mrs. Florence L. Prawel*  
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*  
Kuvasz Club of America—*R. K. Barnes*  
Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathi Brown*  
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Diana Skibinski*  
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—*Bruce Walsh*  
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Crecia C. Closson*  
Land O' Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jan Croft*  
Langley Kennel Club—*Ms. Dianne E. Franck*  
Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Bryant C. Freeman*  
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert N. LaBerge*  
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sue Goldberg*  
Lima Kennel Club—*Rod Ott*  
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*  
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*  
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*  
Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Robert D. Smith*  
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*  
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jeannette Nieder*  
Middleburg Kennel Club—*Shelley C. Roos*  
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*  
Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.—*Sandee White*  
Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ralph Hogancamp*  
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi*  
Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Sandra Haber*  
Mount Bachelor Kennel Club—*Lynette Blue*  
Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb*  
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Judith V. Daniels*  
Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*  
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*  
National Shiba Club of America—*Maggi Strouse*  
New England Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Virginia Rowland*  
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*  
Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*  
North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*  
Norwich Terrier Club of America—*Betty McDonnell*  
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Marile A. Waterstraat*  
Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Alan D. Dorfman*  
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*  
Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Christiana Gaburri*  
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*  
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton J. Yamada*  
Otterhound Club of America—*Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.*  
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*  
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*  
Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*  
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*William E. Ellis*  
Pocatello Kennel Club, Inc.—*Fred Hughes*  
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*  
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*James Primmer*  
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Savage*  
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Janis C. Watts*  
Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*  
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Frances Stephens*  
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.—*Michael J. Teeling*  
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—*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.*  
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*  
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Tom Brown*  
Santa Clara Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Norton*  
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*Audrey Sutton*  
Santa Cruz Kennel Club, Inc.—*B. Sue Adams*  
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*  
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*  
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*  
Skye Terrier Club of America—*Mr. Walter F. Goodman*  
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*  
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*  
South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*  
Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—*Ricky Blackman*  
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*Dr. John V. Iota*



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Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Lee Arnold*  
Spokane Kennel Club—*Tina Truesdale*  
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*  
St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Deborah J. Wilkins*  
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Dale Hunsburger*  
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—  
*Holly S. Stump*  
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—  
*Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser*  
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mr. Robert Eisele*  
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—  
*Marcy L. Zingler*  
Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Thomas D. Parotti*  
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—  
*Mary Manning-Stolz*  
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—  
*Catherine Bell*  
Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*  
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*  
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*  
Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*  
Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Christopher L. Sweetwood*  
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*  
Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*  
Tucson Kennel Club—*Pat Jacobs*  
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*  
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne Gray*  
Walla Walla Kennel Club—*Rod Strand*  
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 Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mr. William A. Russett*  
Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—*Treva Faires*  
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*

### AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Delegates Meeting December 7, 2010

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

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the podium: Chairman Ron Menaker; Vice Chairman Dr. Thomas Davies; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary; and Laurie Davis, the court reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee and the report on additional nominations as follows: Mr. Crowley: Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club the Nominating Committee, Dr. John Ioia, Chair, Southern Adirondack Kennel Club; Viola Burgos, Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club; William J. Feeney, Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club; Robert A. Schroll, Clarksville Kennel Club; Margarette Wampold, South Windsor Kennel Club, appointed by the Board of Directors at its August 2010 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 8, 2011. There are three vacancies for the Class of 2015: Robert A. Amen, Port Chester Obedience Club; Steven D. Gladstone, Reno Kennel Club; Kenneth A. Marden, German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. 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 vacancies on the Board of Directors for Class of 2015 to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 8, 2011: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America; Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club; John L. Ronald, Samoyed Club of America; Daniel J. Smyth, Burlington County Kennel Club.

The Chair stated that the Bylaws provide that nominations may not be made from the floor. Therefore, nominations closed on November the 15th, 2010. In accordance with the Delegate Standing Rule, each candidate is allowed three minutes to address the Delegate body. Candidates spoke in alphabetical order and no questions from the floor may be entertained. The Chair introduced the candidates for the Class of 2015 who spoke as follows: Robert A. Amen, representing the Port Chester Obedience Training Club: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First I want to thank the Nominating Committee for selecting me as one of their nominees for the Class of 2015. The question many of you have, I

know, is Who is this guy? The Nominating Committee I think considered my 40 plus years in the business world, 30 years in dogs, and also saw a new face with no agenda. I started in the Business News Department of the New York Times, followed by work as a Wall Street consultant; moved on to become an elected officer for three major Fortune 500 companies as corporate vice president responsible for all external and internal communications. In 1980 I formed Amen & Associates, advising corporations like AT&T and Campbell Soup on their financial and corporate public relations. In the late eighties I was elected to the Board of the National Investor Relations Institute, a not for profit organization with over 3,500 members, and was elected its Chairman 1988 '89. My firm was acquired in 1992 by Ketchum, one of the nation's five largest public relations consultancies, and in 1994 I was elected partner and president Ketchum Global Corporate Practice, responsible for "Reputation Management." Will this experience help the Board? That's for you to decide. What will the AKC face for the next few years? Registrations have declined, entries have dropped since 2007, financial performance as slipped. The economic outlook is still pretty grim. There are some five unemployed persons for every available job, 7 million homes are in foreclosure, oil is expected to reach a hundred dollars a barrel by 2012. Household budgets will continue to be squeezed. What can the AKC do in this environment? Here is one idea I that mentioned earlier, the family of four, a favorite audience; let me suggest we talk about the family of two, the 50 plus couple whose kids have left home, who have an income stream and may be looking for a hobby as they think about retirement. They represent over 21 percent of our population of 75 million people. That's how I began the focus on dogs. I've worked for some 30 years with purebred dogs; Australian Shepherds, Golden Retrievers, a Scotty and an Afghan Hound. Although my focus has been on obedience in the companion events, I've shown in conformation and lure coursing as well, and training in agility and tracking. My primary interest in obedience led me to training, exhibiting and judging. I've won the OTCH title on four dogs, and become an obedience judge along the way. I qualified for the AKC's National Obedience Invitational for the past seven years. In addition to serving on the Board of the United States Australian Shepherd Association, a member breed club, I also wrote the obedience column for its magazine. In 2007 my column was a finalist in the Dog Writers Association of America annual writing competition. I'm on the Editorial Board, and a columnist for "Front and Finish" magazine. I've also appeared on NBC TV's Today Show and CBS TV's Morning News with



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one of my obedience dogs.

You can get more details on my background on a new website I just launched recently at [www.RobertAmen.com](http://www.RobertAmen.com), designed specifically for the Delegate body. Thank you. (Applause)

Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, representing the German Shepherd Dog Club of America: My 40 years in dogs started when my grandfather gave me a puppy. My professional life and my business career began as an assistant Dean at Emory University. From there I became the Regional Administrator for the US Department of Education, then, the president of a consulting firm and finally the owner of three proprietary schools.

During those years I was involved in many research projects while owning and breeding German Shepherd Dogs. Since 2001, I have bred 7 champions, written 4 books and 50 articles. Last year, my study on the First Year of Development was published in the Journal of Vet. Behavioral Science. This year, my research on Bloat and Risk Analysis will be published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

During the past 15 years my assignments with AKC have also 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 AKC's Companion Animal Recovery Program which enrolled over 3 million animals.

Over the years I have given more than 50 seminars to all-breed and specialty clubs. It is no secret that we must address declining dog and litter registrations. After 19 years of decline some see this as a gloom and doom problem. I see it as an opportunity—to refresh our brand with new goals and better objectives. At the end of the day it is leadership and education that become the indispensable ingredients that will make the difference.

Those of us who grew up with AKC see AKC as a revered brand. But over the years we seem to have lost touch with the average American. We can bring them back by changing the way we do business. We have something unique to offer. The value of owning a purebred dog and the benefits of AKC. We do a good job preaching to the church, the delegate body and the fancy but we need to find better ways to reach the public. We need new and creative themes that focus on our events, our clubs and our research. They continue to be the lifeblood of our organization and the key to our future.

A good start would be to upgrade our educational programs with a focus on the benefits of owning a purebred dog.

There are empty Bill Boards all across America and advertisers looking for customers. Their rates are low and the opportunity awaits us. Because of the increased threat

of government-imposed breeding limits and breed-specific legislation we must also change our approach. We can not continue play defense by waiting until the wolf is at the door. This allows the animal rights to launch campaign after campaign. They are well funded and they come well prepared. The days of just playing defense are over. I suggest we try the no huddle offense that exposes the animal rights agenda and puts them on the defense.

Our ideas must resonate with the socially-conscious younger generation and strip credibility from PETA and HSUS. Our plan must be clear in order to win the sympathy and support of our public officials.

By placing more emphasis on the values of AKC, canine research and purebred dogs we can turn the corner.

I'm out of time, Gina tells me, so I'll just wrap it up by saying I ask for your support as I try to help move AKC forward during the next four years.

Thank you. (Applause)

Karen J. Burgess, representing the Greater Clark County Kennel Club:

Good morning. In preparing this speech I thought seriously about what to say and how to say it. I researched some of my favorite speakers and came across a quote of Colin Powell that defines me and my passion for the sport of purebred dogs: "Being responsible sometimes means pissing people off." Good leadership takes responsibility for the welfare, the organization, and offers sensible, thoughtful direction that may often not please everyone. In order to strengthen the organization it's imperative that we all work together toward a common goal: The future success of The American Kennel Club and the sport we love. The combined efforts of the united Board of Directors, Delegate body and staff have depth and experience to initiate commitment needed to realize our mission.

We are AKC's greatest resource. We must utilize our expertise to promote our goals, and educate the public and lawmakers. We have the responsibility to inform the public that, not only will their right to own a dog disappear, but the health and welfare of all dogs will suffer.

The very future of our sport is in danger. We are here to preserve what has meant so much to all of us for so many years, and to continue into the future we must focus on new programs to enhance and protect our interests. We need to be creative in continuing to develop programs that keep our sport vital.

The American Kennel Club is a unique organization. My background in business and financial administration will be of great value, as well as being proficient in managing a wide variety of events, from small specialties to nationals and large all breed clusters, has given me a great deal of experience in our

sport. I have been a Delegate for 12 years and have served twice on the Nominating Committee, and currently serve on the Parent Club and Group Realignment Committees. I have the passion to pitch in to take a bold stand on issues that will ensure the future of purebred dogs. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you. (Applause)

Steven D. Gladstone, representing Reno Kennel Club:

Good morning. Marieann and I got our first Cardigan Corgi in 1974, and by the time I graduated law school in 1979 we were hooked. Even then, in the Penn Law School yearbook I said, "if in the future you want to contact me, find me through the Secretary of The American Kennel Club".

I remember sitting in the nosebleed section at the Garden, overlooking an empty arena in the afternoon, watching Lawrence set up the group rings for the night, studying income tax law so I could understand how it applied to the AKC.

Today that AKC that I love is in trouble. Our world has changed. "Purebred dogs" does not mean AKC purebred dogs anymore. Today the public will take any kind of puppy from any registry or none at all. They see no reason to send us their registration dollars because they perceive very little value in that purchase. We're in trouble to survive. Our funds are diminishing, registrations plummet, our events decline, and we're being attacked from the outside from all sides.

We are 126 years old, but that does not guarantee that we'll survive. We need to adapt to our new marketplace and our new reality, and we need to do it now. There is not a weekend goes by that a judge or an exhibitor or a handler doesn't come up to me and ask if the AKC is going to survive. Will we be here in another five or ten years? I tell them I'm trying to assure that we are.

We are at war, - usually with our co owners. We need fresh, aggressive approaches to be able to quickly respond, not 126 year old bureaucracy that turns like the ocean liner in the middle of the ocean.

Our greatest asset is in our people.

Throughout the country we have thousands of AKC clubs and people. We need to engage them.

Purebreds are being attacked and the puppies are harder and harder to sell. Our breeds decline. We have more and more endangered breeds. Puppies are hard to sell in order to sustain an affordable level for participation at our shows.

Kitty Steidel brought me a proposal quite a few years ago. It was brilliant, now maybe it's timely: AKC should engage its breeders, its local clubs, its specialty clubs in every town, in every city, to form cooperatives. The local breeders, specialty clubs, all breed clubs and all others should create a local cooperative

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store from which to meet the public and sell their AKC branded puppies. We have better puppies than the pet stores. We should compete for the sale of Americans' canine pets. Such a local cooperative can sell to whoever it chooses, or not sell, just like now.

I see, Carmen, I, too, have run out of time. I would simply tell you, I appreciate the confidence of the Nominating Committee; I would appreciate your confidence as well. Thank you.  
(Applause)

Kenneth A. Marden, representing the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America:

When the sport of purebred dogs is faced with a faltering economy, constant harassment by well funded maniacs of this world and the big decline in the major funding for The American Kennel Club that used to fund 96 percent of our activities -- all of these things together are happening, and you can see why your Board is right now scrambling to stay ahead of the changes. And they're changes that are happening right now.

I'll give you an example: A couple years ago, when I was the president of AKC -- well, okay, 22 years ago -- one of my accomplishments was, I convinced the Board to initiate and start establishing performance events. I hired a vice president and I said at that time, What I want you to do is to get hold of all the information on herding, agility, lure coursing, all of those events, and we're going to make them AKC events, so people can have more fun with their dogs.

Now, why do I bring this up? I mean, most of you know that that's the case. The reason that I bring it up now is that we have dramatic changes in our sport. In 1995 we had 1,800,000 entries in events; 84 percent were conformation, 16 percent were performance and companion events. Last year we had 2,600,000 entries in events; 47 percent were companion and performance events. By next year I know what it will be; it will be 50/50. We've got to change how we approach things. We need a Board and a Delegate body who is going to make these changes, who isn't afraid to make them, without trampling on some of the traditions of course that we've had for the past 126 years. The next four years are going to be absolutely critical. And with that I say, "Sit Stay," and I'm through. Thank you.  
(Applause)

John L. Ronald, representing the Samoyed Club of America:

AKC faces big challenges. There have been a steady decline in registrations, entries and core business revenues. The Board and Staff have instituted measures which will help. But, mostly they are aimed at AKC's current customers: you and me. However, our numbers are shrinking.

AKC's healthy future will need a long-term plan to reverse this trend so that we can

expand our customer base and grow. Of course, AKC's Board and staff want to achieve this goal. However, it took a long time to arrive at this point, and it will take time to rejuvenate AKC. I believe I can contribute to strengthening AKC.

For those of you who don't know me well, I'm a businessman, Delegate and, most of all, a dog person who wants AKC to flourish and succeed.

I spent my career as a bank executive in finance and investments, and led a staff in managing more than \$25 billion in client assets. I've also served on a number of non-profit boards.

I've been an active Delegate for 23 years. My motion created the Delegate Committees. I served as Editor of Perspectives and helped it grow. I serve on the All-Breeds Committee and have served on a number of other committees including the Coordinating Committee. I've been a judge 23 years. For the last 6, I've served on the Board and been Treasurer of the American Dog Show Judges Association. I've seen the sport internationally through judging.

More importantly, I'm a committed Dog Person. I am the 4th generation of my family to be involved in purebred dogs. I've had great success as an owner handler of Samoyeds and Tibetan Terriers. I still show my own dogs occasionally. Kathy and I bred a litter this year. We've been competing for Grand Championship titles on our dogs. We are proud AKC Breeders of Merit. We've done herding, obedience and therapy work with our dogs.

I've worked against anti-dog legislation on a local level. I know the current state of the sport, AKC and its customers. The customers regularly give me input. I can bring this perspective to AKC's Board in a collegial and consultative approach.

However, if elected, my first duty will be to listen and learn so that I can contribute responsibly where appropriate.

You and I represent AKC's past and present. But, as we gather here today, we are responsible for ensuring AKC's strong future. We have a responsibility to the next generation of fanciers who deserve the same strong AKC we've been privileged to enjoy.

Most of all, we have a responsibility to our DOGS and those of the future to ensure that they will enjoy the same quality of life and freedoms that our dogs have enjoyed all these years.

For this to happen, we need a strong, vibrant AKC. In order for me to contribute as I envision, I need your support and I ask for your vote.

Thank you.  
(Applause)

Daniel J. Smyth, representing Burlington County Kennel Club:

The first dog show I ever saw was on a 7inch TV screen in the early 1950's. After attend-

ing the AKC/Eukanuba Invitational in person this weekend, I have the honor today of addressing the organization that made it all possible.

My name is Dan Smyth and I am honored to run for the Board of Directors of the organization that is the Champion of the Dogs. I am a Delegate and have been a Delegate for 18 years. I have never missed a meeting. I don't intend to change that mindset that I am a Delegate regardless of the outcome of this election.

I realize that there are a complex set of fiduciary responsibilities for Board members to embrace, but, as an attorney for 35 years, I have learned to remember what duties fall on my shoulders and when. I take all responsibility seriously.

My positions as a Delegate have been many and my experiences have been varied. Parent club Delegate for 6 years; all breed club Delegate for 12. I became a DAAC committee member in 1997, and have been chair since 2001. I am proud of this committee as it has been able to increase Delegate empowerment and has assisted this Delegate body to take its place as one of the three equal branches that run this organization's governance.

I have served on the Coordinating Committee for 9 years and recently Chair for three years. During that time we made great advancement in staff/Delegate relations and were able to move the Legislative caucus to a time when all Delegates could attend. In 1998, I became a member of the Northeast Trial Board, and have served as its Chair since 2003.

I have been a member of the Perspectives Editorial Board for thirteen years and was Chair for the last three years.

I am a group judge also. Just like you, I am a responsible breeder! I show my own dogs; I whelp my own litters; and I get my hands dirty. I chair a cluster, and represent an all breed club that offers most major performance events.

I bring all of this experience to the table. I have a strong respect for the power of the Delegate Body, and a desire to see the AKC take back its position as the only quality registry brand in the United States. We face the very serious problem of the rapid disappearance of purchasers who don't understand why they should register their dogs with the AKC.

The answer to our economic challenges is not to surcharge the registered owners and member clubs. It lies in convincing America that we are truly the Dogs champions, and they need to join us.

We need to change our corporate philosophy. We need to show the fancy what we do with their registration monies to protect the well being of all dogs including the dogs in the Sara McGlaughlin ads.

Hard questions need to be asked, and hard decisions have to be made. We need visibility



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in the actions of the Board; visibility in the actions of the staff, and the continued involvement of the Delegate Body in the teamwork between all three branches.

I want to be part of that team.

I want to be able to ask the hard questions, I want to be able to vote on the hard decisions, and I want to proudly represent you, the Delegate Body, with a seat on the Board of Directors.  
(Applause)

Executive Secretary, Jim Crowley, read the names of the Delegates seated since our last meeting:

Wanda H. Allen, Albany, NY, to represent Saratoga New York Kennel Club  
Frances C. Stephens, Puyallup WA, to represent Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers  
Bruce H. Sussman, New York, NY, to represent Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America  
Bruce Walsh, Lakeland, FL, to represent Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club  
Carol A. Wilson, Smithon, IL, to represent Belle-City Kennel Club

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

Frances C. Stephens, Puyallup WA, to represent Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers  
Bruce Walsh, Lakeland, FL, to represent Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club  
Carol A. Wilson, Smithon, IL, to represent Belle-City Kennel Club

The Minutes of the September 4, 2010 Delegates meeting were published in the October Gazette and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegate's Portal. The Minutes were approved as published.

The following clubs were approved by the Board of Directors as member clubs: The American Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Association; Black Russian Terrier Club of America.

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

Good morning, I hope all of you had an enjoyable time this weekend. Don't forget to re-live the excitement and watch the show's broadcast on the ABC television network on Sunday, January 23.

I want to thank all the volunteers, stewards, and parent club members who staffed the show and Meet the Breed booths, as well as our long time partners, the Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, the Los Encinos Kennel Club and the Long Beach Kennel Club, for making us feel so welcome these past five years. Next year, on December 17th and 18th, the National Championship will be in Orlando, Florida. We hope you are able to join us. We have mementos of this year's event for all of you, which you may pick up on your way

out.

As we wind down the year, I am pleased to highlight programs and initiatives we have introduced this year. In April the first agility, obedience and rally trials open to mixed breed dogs in the AKC Canine Partners Program were held. So far, 853 AKC licensed clubs have hosted 2,968 trials and nearly 600 mixed breed dogs have achieved more than 1,200 titles. We received hundreds of positive comments from dog owners who had been waiting years for this opportunity, as well as clubs who welcomed the increased entries in their trials. We're excited to welcome these dogs to next year's AKC Agility Invitational and the AKC National Obedience Invitational.

We also sent a team to the Agility World Championships in Germany and returned with many placements, including a silver medal for "Rush" and handler John Nys. We hosted the successful 2010 National Agility Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and crowned six national champions in varying height classes.

We launched the Grand Championship Program in May. For the first six months of this program we have seen a 9.6% increase in Best of Breed entries over the same period in 2009, about \$750,000 in entry fees to our clubs. So far, 3420 dogs have earned their Grand Championship in nearly every breed. We further enhanced the program by launching a Grand Champion ranking system, which lists the top 25 dogs in each breed determined by the number of Grand Championship points they have earned. In addition to this new conformation title, we have also created new titles in the companion and performance arenas with the Obedience Beginner Novice and Endurance Earthdog, respectively.

For retrievers that pass the Master National Retriever test three times, we now have the new suffix, Master National Hunter, as well. For breeders, we instituted the Breeder of Merit Program this year as a way to recognize, congratulate and thank AKC's core breeders, the backbone of our sport, and who ensure the continued success of our registry. We continue to welcome new breeds into the AKC registry as well. As of January 1st, 2011, the Norwegian Lundehund, Entlebucher Mountain Dog and Xoloitzcuintli will be our newest breeds. We continue to work with FSS and Miscellaneous breed clubs as they strive toward full recognition.

As a new accommodation for parent clubs, we now record parent club performance event titles if AKC does not provide a similar title. The Bloodhound Club of America was first to apply for title acknowledgement with its Man Trailing event, and most recently we acknowledged the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever's Working Certificate. Our parent and member clubs have also con-

tinued to donate their historical documents to our newly expanded AKC archives. We reached out to the general public this year with our Second Annual stand-alone Meet the Breeds event. Thanks to our partnership with the Cat Fanciers Association and Pet Partners, Inc., we welcomed more than 39,000 people through the doors and achieved nearly 500 million media impressions.

We also hosted AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days with more than 550 events nationwide for the public to attend. Our good works did not go unnoticed, as the AKC Humane Fund Awards for Canine Excellence received unprecedented media coverage this year, with articles in *People Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *New York Daily News*. Among the canine heroes were dogs that worked in Haiti after the earthquake, rode a surfboard in the ocean to raise money for children's foundations, helped autistic children find service dogs, and more. AKC Companion Animal Recovery also donated more than \$400,000 this year to assist organizations across the country with search and rescue grants and disaster preparedness.

Along the business front, AKC has added Lisa Gonzalez to the newly created position of Vice President of Marketing and Communications. In this role she will provide marketing leadership for the AKC, to ensure the long term sustainability of the AKC brand recognition, as well as its future relevance. Her main focus will be growing AKC registrations and Canine Partners enrollments, in line with AKC's mission of promoting responsible dog ownership.

The Board has taken other steps to ensure the future of the sport with its September Board planning session, which generated many new ideas. And finally, in November, the Board formed the "Imagining the Future of AKC" Committee, to review the needs of the sport and the AKC in the future. The Committee is a blend of Board members and staff, and chaired by Alan Kalter, with myself, Vice Chairman Tom Davies, Chief Operating Officer John Lyons, Vice President of Marketing and Communications Lisa Gonzalez, and Assistant Vice President of Registration Development Mark Dunn. 2010 has been a very positive year, and we look forward to an even brighter 2011. Thank you all, and happy holidays.  
(Applause)

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

In addition to Saturday evening's recognition of the Breeders of the Year, we honor all past and present American Kennel Club breeders who perform the important work of sharing our mission with new puppy buyers by communicating the benefits and importance of AKC registration and our events, services and

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programs. It's our breeders at the grass roots level that help us bring new "members" to the AKC family.

Our parent club volunteers and staff recently welcomed tens of thousands of new people to the AKC family via two large public education and responsible ownership programs: Meet the Breeds here in Long Beach, and October in New York City, where we achieved 713 million media impressions at a value of \$10 million.

In addition, all types of clubs held more than 550 AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Days nationwide.

Our breeders continue to produce quality purebred dogs and bitches that earn AKC titles. This year from January to October there have been 19,321 conformation titles, 159 double champions, eight triple champions, and 8618 performance titles earned, and in companion events an astonishing 51,062 new titles and 219 versatility ones.

In 2010 nearly 40,000 dogs achieved an AKC Canine Good Citizen Certificate, and 12,000 puppies completed the S.T.A.R. Puppy Program.

Moreover, I'm delighted to share with you that our October event status report indicates an increase of over 35,000 entries for the month throughout all sports, improving our year to date figures, a positive note in this increasingly challenging economic time. In this vein, staff continues to do research prior to implementing programs such as Grand Champion or Canine Partners. We will continue our research on a number of topics including registration and events, as well as some new ideas. While performing this due diligence, you or a member of your club may be contacted to share input. We appreciate this helpful participation.

We also have the privilege all year-round of honoring breeders. The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship provides the venue to recognize achievements of the Breeder Owner Handler with the Best Bred By Exhibitor competition.

Breeder Owner Handlers are also rewarded for their many accomplishments through the Bred-By Exhibitor Medallion Program, enhanced with special presentations awarded to those who have finished five or ten champions from the Bred By class.

Our newest celebration is the Breeder of Merit Program. This honors the dedication and hard work of the breeder exhibitor. Breeders of Merit have the ability to influence, guide and educate future breeders, exhibitors, and each purebred dog owner while working as a team with AKC to register all puppies. We are proud to announce that to date there are more than 1,000 breeders already participating. In fact, it is worth noting that all seven of our 2010 Breeders of the Year Group Winners are each members of the Breeder of Merit Program. Breeders are a source of pride in the AKC family. Thank you for all the work you do for dogs and for

our sport.

Now we'd like to spotlight a dedicated family member. Everyone knows that Connie Vanacore has been a devoted Irish Setter enthusiast for decades. What some of you may not know is that in a former life Connie was a staff member, serving as the Features Editor of the AKC Gazette over 30 years ago. She then went on to become the delegate of the Hollywood Dog Obedience Club beginning in 1993, and served for 16 years before assuming the Delegate position in the Irish Setter Club of America in 1999. Connie has been a member of the Delegate Canine Health Committee since its inception in 1993, and was Chair from 2006 to 2009.

During these years she of course has remained dedicated to her parent club and at one time was its President. She is currently Chair of the Irish Setter Club of America Foundation. Among her many writings Mrs. Vanacore co authored "The New Complete Irish Setter" with Ted Eldridge in 1983, and later wrote "The Official Book of the Irish Setter." She contributed the Canine Section for the 1994 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, and currently writes a regular column in Dog News entitled "A Delegate's Journal."

In recognition of all of these accomplishments, it is an honor, at her last meeting, to have the second "Ronnie Award" presented to a Delegate and friend who has given so much to the well-being of dogs, the sport, her club and to the American Kennel Club. Could I ask Dr. Bill Newman to assist me with this presentation? Connie, would you come forward, please?

(Standing Ovation)

Mrs. Vanacore spoke as follows: I don't know what to say. I want to thank you all. I want to thank the staff and Ron and everyone for supporting me, supporting the Irish Setter Club of America, and allowing me to do what I've been happy to do for all these years. But it's time for me to step aside for someone else. And I've appreciated everything that the American Kennel Club has done for me, and all of the help that I've had from everyone, and especially the friends that I've made being a Delegate all these years, and I hope to continue to see you all. And I don't know what else to say but, thank you. (Applause)

AKC Chief Financial Officer, James Stevens, gave his report. A summary follows:

Total revenues for the ten months ended October 2010 were \$47.9 million. This amount was 6% lower than the prior year. Total operating expenses of \$48.9 million during this period were \$1 million or 2% below 2009. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$1 million for ten months. Our investments generated a year-to-date gain of \$3.7 million for the first ten months of this year.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 10 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians*; 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; while Chapter 15, Section 1, would include the Event Committee in the process of removing dogs from the show, to eliminate the requirement for a form, and to assign the fiscal responsibility for veterinary expenses.

This 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 2011 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Section 4 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Making Application to Hold a Dog Show*, which would create a common deadline for the application and judges panel in an effort to reduce confusion by clubs.

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 2011 meeting.

AKC Board member Carl Ashby gave a presentation on The American Kennel Club Political Action Committee as follows:

Good morning. I was asked to serve on the PAC Committee soon after I was elected to serve on the Board of Directors. At the last couple of meetings in December we have historically come before you to talk a little bit about the PAC, and tell you some things that we are doing that might be of help to you. I think they asked me to do it this time because I had scars on my back from not paying attention to what was going on in our local area. While the PAC works primarily at the state and federal level; nevertheless, it is made a big impact on me in understanding that you better be planning ahead, because those who want to change the way that we operate with our animals and do eliminate animals are always looking ahead. So in many ways the PAC is the way we plan for our future. It's not something you do when you get in trouble; it's something that's an investment that you make day in and day out. Now, there's two ways we plan for our legislative future at the American Kennel Club. We all know politics are local, so the real goal is, how can we facilitate our local efforts? We do it through two things: We do it through the legislative support fund -- and we've talked a lot in the last couple of days



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about our Westminster raffle, and you all responded "Great" to that. We're under a hundred tickets; this morning however I want you to consider a donation to our PAC so you are safe from me pushing raffle tickets but I would ask you buy'em on the way out the door!

I want to share just very, very briefly, is a little bit about what we're up against and how we can take a little and do a lot. One thing I've learned on the PAC Board is that you don't have to give thousands of dollars, you just have to give a few dollars. And in giving those few dollars, you'd be amazed at the seeds we can plant for our future.

As you know the PAC has some rules that make giving confusing and difficult. We are doing our best to simplify the guidelines to make it clear and your help with your Club's members is a key part of that effort.

So let me just share with you for a moment some numbers. I have used our dreaded adversary, the HSUS, but I think it will really puts in perspective some of the challenges we face. If you look at total money raised you see they have raised over 25 times what we have raised year to date. We have raised only \$11,000 this year coming off a \$16,000 year in 2009. We hope before we leave here today, and when you go back to your clubs, that's going to change.

If you take a look at who supports the legislators, they gave gifts to roughly 250 different people at the state and federal level in 2010, according to their latest report. We supported somewhere in the neighborhood of 48 through the PAC.

If you look at the amount that was given our average gift was somewhere in that six hundred to a thousand dollar range; their average gift was something less than 2500. But let me tell you something it's not so much about whether we give somebody \$500 and they then give somebody 2500; what we're really doing here is building relationships, we're investing for the future.

And one thing that I've been amazed with as I've worked with other members on the PAC Board and as we've made decisions about who would get money, is the impact that that's having. 85 percent of the candidates that the AKC PAC supported were successful in November, and that's not bad in stretching a small amount of money to do a world of good for dogs. And by the way, if you go to the HSUS website, they claim this huge success rate; but if you bore down into it, that's smoke and mirrors. Our 85 percent is real. And it's very important as we go forward that we understand that between the Legislative Support Fund -- which is much easier if your club treasury can participate in that -- and then leveraging your membership with your check offs on your dues notices, keeping the proper records, getting that to us, you and your club can have a significant impact.

Another thing I'd share is this: We get very

few requests -- because I think there's just a misunderstanding of this fund -- all to support your state and federal people. I think if we did, we'd actually be able to raise the giving, because this money can be turned around to directly help your state and federal legislators. Between the local giving that you're able to do and then what we're able to do as The American Kennel Club, standing together, we can leverage the organizations which support responsible dog breeding and ownership.

So I urge you to go back and take a look at how you can make a difference. Now, of course, we have an opportunity today, and so I hope that you all will consider it. We recognize, we seem to come back to this well an awful lot, the Delegate body, to support our PAC. That is a concern to us. But the other side of it is, if you will carry the message out to your clubs we can both raise more money and influence more legislators. If all Clubs would, in 2011, provide a check off for your members to donate to the AKC PAC at both the local and Parent Club level we would substantially increase our ability to impact candidates. Remember, if the donation is less than 200 we only need a name so the record keeping is easy...and if you have questions contact Sheila Goffe and she can make sure that you dot the "i" and cross the "t" correctly.

So as we leave the room, consider a donation to PAC. Recognize that we do need you and every member of every eligible organization. It is extremely important that we understand this the AKC PAC is relevant and important to our future. \$11,000 may not seem like a lot of money, but let me tell you we've been able to leverage that very well with a high degree of success. But we do definitely want to grow it, and with your help I know we will. Thank you. (Applause)

John Lyons, Chief Operating Officer, announced the Fourth Quarter AKC Community Achievement Awards, 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 a thousand dollars 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: Lake Cumberland Kennel Club; Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club, Black Hills Dog Training Club; with honorable mentions going to Vegas Valley Dog Obedience Club; Hernando County Kennel Club; and Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club. Please join me in congratulating the honorees.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel. The March meeting will be the annual election of Directors for the Class of 2015.

The following Delegates spoke during New Business:

Judith V. Daniels, Delegate for the Mr. Baker Kennel Club and Chair of the Bylaws Committee advised the Delegate body that the Bylaws Committee had an additional item on its agenda for which it began discussion yesterday, and did not have an opportunity or the time to present it the Coordinating Committee at their meeting. The item was a proposal to have term limits for Delegate Committee members. It will be discussed by the Coordinating Committee in March.

Dr. William R. Newman Delegate for the Mastiff Club, AKC Board member, and Chairman of the PAC, thanked Mr. Ashby for his presentation.

Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, addressed judging honorariums, which some might consider a fee. She suggested that Delegates consider donating judging honorariums to the AKC PAC. The check would be made out to the judge who would endorse it to the PAC right then and there.

Marile Waterstraat, Delegate for the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA), thanked AKC Board of Directors for approving the opportunity for their members to add their Parent Club performance titles to their dogs' individual records.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, reminded everybody that the deadline for Perspectives articles is January 5th, and not to get too complacent during the holidays.

Margarette Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, thanked the AKC and their staff for the Meet the Breeds in New York City. She encouraged all Parent Clubs to participate in the future.

Wyoma Clouss, Delegate for the Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, wanted to share a problem that the American Miniature Schnauzer Club of America has had for a number of years. It concerned AKC breeds to be used to make designer dogs; e.g. Schoodles, which also resulted in producing sad looking white dogs that maybe looked like a Westie cross, but were registered Miniature Schnauzer. There was also concern expressed about other unnatural colors for the breed that have appeared in dogs regis-



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tered as Miniature Schnauzers (19.82% of all dogs registered). She asked that other clubs and other breeders be aware of what can happen, and also asked that if you started seeing miracle colors in your breed, what will you do? What will you ask AKC to do? What will AKC do for you? Her concern was that these breeders of designer colors can easily meet the requirements for a Breeder of Merit.

Mr. Sprung reiterated his offer to have representatives of the American Miniature Schnauzer Club meet with AKC Vice President David Roberts to discuss this.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, encouraged everyone who puts on obedience trials, whether they're a obedience club or an all breed club or a parent club, to really look at AKC's new optional titling classes. She saw optional titling classes and the non regular classes, as ways of increasing entries in obedience trials.

Dr. Bryant Freeman, Delegate for the Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club of America, suggested the idea of AKC Associate Members.

Gina DiNardo, Assistant Executive Secretary, indicated that AKC was finalizing and finishing up a year long research project that will determine for us the best incentives to offer just such a product.

David Galloway, Delegate for the Central Ohio Kennel Club, spoke about some of the activities that clubs can be doing with their members, e.g. making a calendar of purebred dogs.

Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, questioned apparent inconsistencies between a stated willingness to be responsive to the breed-specific wishes of a Parent Club, while refusing to cancel registrations when requested to do so by the Parent Club.

Dr. Thomas Davies, AKC Board member and Delegate for the Springfield Kennel Club, suggested that an honorarium for judging could also be donated to the AKC Humane Fund, another very worthwhile organization and another part of our organization to give consideration to.

Mari-Beth O'Neill, AKC Assistant Vice President Special Services, reviewed AKC's procedures for handling cases where an application is received to register a dog with a color that is not on the application. She also indicated that staff continues to be in communication with the American Miniature Schnauzer Club regarding this issue.

There being no further business to come before the body, the meeting was adjourned

at 11:47 a.m.

**The opinions expressed by the speakers may not necessarily reflect those of The American Kennel Club.**