

**Quarterly Meeting Of The Delegates
of
The American Kennel Club
June 11, 2007**

Dennis B. Sprung, President

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Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dennis J. Gallant*

American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, Inc.—*Cheryl Speed*

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

American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*

American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—*John D. Gammon*

American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—*Dyane Baldwin*

American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—*Mr. Edmund R. Sledzik*

American Maltese Association, Inc.—*Mr. Richard W. Glenn*

American Miniature Schnauzer Club, Inc.—*Don Farley, II*

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

American Rotweiler Club—*Mr. Peter G. Piusz*

American Sealyham Terrier Club—*Kenneth W. Mader*

American Shetland Sheepdog Association—*Marjorie Tuff*

American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—*Ms. Betty E. Blair*

American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*

American Water Spaniel Club—*Beth Lagimoniere*

Anderson Kennel Club—*Phillip D. Sample*

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

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

Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*

Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia M. Mayhall*

Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Sara Martin*

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

Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Kim Occhiuti*

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

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

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

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

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

Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*

Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl E. Holder*

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

Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara Swisher*

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

Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough*

Border Collie Society of America—*Claudia Frank*

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

Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—*Jon T. Steele*

Bulldog Club of America—*Bob Newcomb*

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

Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—*Mr. Wayne F. Harmon*

Canaan Dog Club of America—*Pamela S. Rosman*
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—*Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki*

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

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Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*

Catonsville Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*

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Central Ohio Kennel Club—*Roberta K. Brady*

Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Claire K. Steidel*

Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*

Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—*Rey Burgos*

Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*

Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nick Pisas*

Chow Chow Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Ginny Atkinson*

Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Patricia H. Haines*

Clarksville Kennel Club—*Robert A. Schroll*

Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*

Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Davidson*

Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Maureen R. Setter*

Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Ricky Blackman*

Colorado Kennel Club—*Louise Leone*

Columbia Kennel Club, Inc.—*H. M. Anderson*

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Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*

Cudahy Kennel Club—*Don H. Adams*

Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Charles A. Baris*

Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—*James W. Smith*

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

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

Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore—*Stuart F. Eckmann*

Des Moines Obedience Training Club—*Lee Slorah*

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

Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*

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

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

Durham Kennel Club Inc—*Linda C. Wozniak*

East Tennessee Retriever Club—*Catherine Bell*

Eastern Dog Club—*Charles J. Foley*

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

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Jesse A. Pfeiffer, Jr.*

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

English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Mrs. Alice E. Berd*

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

English Toy Spaniel Club of America—*Vanessa N. Weber*

Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Terrie Breen*

Field Spaniel Society of America—*Katherine Sullivan*

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

Finnish Spitz Club of America—*Kim Raleigh*

Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*

Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Mr. Harry G. Ottmann*
French Bulldog Club of America—*Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard*

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

Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Barbash*

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*

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

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

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

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

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

Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—*Marlene Steinberg*

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Clifford A. Dahl*

Greyhound Club of America—*Melanie Steele*

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

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*

Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Leonard Abraham*

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*

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

Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Eugenia Hunter*

Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—*Carole Wilson*

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

Japanese Chin Club of America—*Vincent Adams*

Kachina Kennel Club—*Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson*

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

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Polly Fleming*

Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*

Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Mrs. Florence L. Pravel*

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

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

Kennel Club of Riverside—*Sylvia Thomas*

Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—*Paulann Phelan*

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

Kuvasz Club of America—*R K. Barnes*

Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.—*Mr. A. N. Sills*

Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia Van Doren*

Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia T. Rowland*

Ladies' Kennel Association of America—*Ruth Winston*

Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cynthia L. Garman*

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 LaBerge*
 Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*
 Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*
 Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Sandra B. Barker*
 Manatee Kennel Club—*Pat Edgington*
 Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Romana Arnold*
 Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. J. C. Garvin*
 Maryland Kennel Club—*John T. Ward*
 Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. William R. Newman*
 Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*
 Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi*
 Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*
 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 Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*
 Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Viola Burgos*
 New England Old English Sheepdog Club—*Mrs. Jane C. Ogg*
 Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Mary W. Price*
 Newnan Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*
 Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*
 North Shore Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Mary Anne Fowler*
 North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*
 Nova Scotia Duck Trolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Marile A. Waterstraat*
 Oakland Kennel Club—*Ms. Carol (. Dean*
 Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*
 Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—*James M. Ashton*
 Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Hugh Jordan*
 Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*
 Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Judy F. Murray*
 Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton J. Yamada*
 Orlando Dog Training Club—*Rodney L. Russell*
 Ozark Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mark A. Chambers*
 Papillon Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Arlene A. Czech*
 Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Mary Strom*
 Pasanita Obedience Club Inc.—*Sheila Miller*
 Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Patricia J. Lombardi*
 Peninsula Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Joanne Jay-tanie-Duncan*
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marieann Gladstone*
 Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Jean Anderson*
 Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America—*Anne Gallant, Ph.D.*
 Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*
 Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*Charles McWilliams*
 Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*
 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*
 Reno Kennel Club—*Mr. Steven D. Gladstone*
 Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gerard Baudet*
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Mr. George D. Sexton*
 Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Donald B. Harris*
 Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*
 Rio Grande Kennel Club—*Mr. William H. Green*
 Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jill Wright*
 Rockford-Freepport Illinois Kennel Club—*Ronald H. Menaker*
 Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Janice S. Gardner*
 Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita Mather*
 Sammamish Kennel Club—*Robert Gloster*
 Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*
 San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—*Ralph S. Roberts*
 San Mateo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Diane Angeli*
 Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Tom Brown*
 Santa Clara Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Norton*
 Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*James R. Dok*
 Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*
 Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty J. Patrick*
 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 State Kennel Club—*Michael J. Connell*
 Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*
 Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Corinne J. Kehoe*
 Skye Terrier Club of America—*Mr. Walter F. Goodman*
 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*Cindy Vogels*
 South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*
 South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*
 South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*
 Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—*Medora Harper*
 Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*Dr. John V. Iola*
 Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*
 Southern Oregon Kennel Club—*Susan Fuller*
 Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*
 St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—*Linda Baker*
 St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Jan Ahlgren*
 Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*I. L. Brisbin, Ph.D.*
 Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*
 Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—*Thomas D. Parrotti*
 Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Dugan*
 Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning*
 Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Karen Clausung*
 Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Thomson P. Stanfield*
 Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*

Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Herbert H. Rosen*
 Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Carole A. Miller*
 Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*
 Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joseph Martyn*
 Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*
 Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*
 Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joan Confort*
 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*
 Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Lynn Worth*
 Wachuset Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne Gray*
 Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Mr. Donald Rennick*
 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*
 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.—*Mrs. Jan Marshall*
 Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia D. Reynolds*

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair.

Mr. Sprung: The meeting will come to order. Welcome to Las Vegas.

I would like to thank the Silver State Kennel Club for the hospitality for the Delegates at last night's reception. (Applause)

If there is any Delegate present who has not signed the attendance record, please do so, as this is the official record of attendance.

The Chair would like to introduce to you the persons seated with me on the dais. On my immediate left is Chairman Ron Menaker. To his left is the Vice Chairman, David Merriam. On my right is Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian. To her right is Jim Crowley, the Executive Secretary, and to his right is Wanda McInerney, the court reporter.

New Delegates have been requested to submit a photograph for publication in the *AKC GAZETTE*. Any Delegate who has not submitted a photograph and wishes to do, please see the photographer during recess or after adjournment.

It is my sad duty to report to you the passing of H. William Pottebaum on April 1. He was the Delegate for the Greater

Naples Dog Club since December of 2004.

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

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

Patricia A. Anders, Staunton, VA to represent Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club

H. Michael Anderson, Blythwood, SC, to represent Columbia Kennel Club

Dyane M. Baldwin, Newport, PA, to represent American Chesapeake Club

Thomas H. Barrie, Lucas, TX, to represent West Highland White Terrier Club of America

Roberta L. Berman, Staten Island, NY, to represent American Manchester Terrier Club

Josephine De Menna, Wilton, CT, to represent Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club

Stuart F. Eckmann, Mountain View, CA, to represent Del Valle Kennel Club of Livermore

Robert P. Eisele, East Islip, NY, to represent Suffolk County Kennel Club

Susan C. Fuller, Central Point, OR, to represent Southern Oregon Kennel Club

Debra Ann Hokkanen, Holden, MA, to represent Worcester County Kennel Club

Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki, Green Valley, AZ, to represent Canada Del Oro Kennel Club

Rita L. Mather, Casa Grande, AZ, to represent Sahuaro State Kennel Club

Lindy Miller, West Chester, PA, to represent Delaware County Kennel Club

Sheila Miller, Lexington, KY, Pasanita Obedience Club

Dr. Ralph R. Reuter, Bronx, NY, to represent Saw Mill River Kennel Club

Charles M. Rowe, Port Murray, NJ, to represent St. Louis Beagle Club

Gary C. Sarvinas, Catonsville, MD, to represent Catonsville Kennel Club

Barbara L. Schwartz, Hollis, NH, to represent St. Louis Collie Club

Jon Titus Steele, Hemlock, MI, to represent Borzoi Club of America

Katherine Sullivan, Houston, TX, to represent Field Spaniel Society of America

Amanda W. Toner, East Longmeadow, MA, to represent Cocker Spaniel Breeders' Club of America

Helma Weeks, Philadelphia, PA, to represent Bucks County Kennel Club

Carol A. Wilson, Douglasville, GA, to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America

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The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since

approval, were introduced from the floor:

H. Michael Anderson, Blythwood, SC, to represent Columbia Kennel Club

Dyane M. Baldwin, Newport, PA, to represent American Chesapeake Club

Thomas H. Barrie, Lucas, TX, to represent West Highland White Terrier Club of America

Stuart F. Eckmann, Mountain View, CA, to represent Del Valle Kennel Club of Livermore

Robert P. Eisele, East Islip, NY, to represent Suffolk County Kennel Club

Susan C. Fuller, Central Point, OR, to represent Southern Oregon Kennel Club

Rita L. Mather, Casa Grande, AZ, to represent Sahuaro State Kennel Club

Sheila Miller, Lexington, KY, Pasanita Obedience Club

Gary C. Sarvinas, Catonsville, MD, to represent Catonsville Kennel Club

Jon Titus Steele, Hemlock, MI, to represent Borzoi Club of America

Katherine Sullivan, Houston, TX, to represent Field Spaniel Society of America

Carol A. Wilson, Douglasville, GA, to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America

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

The minutes of the March 2007 Delegates meeting were published in the April 2007 *AKC GAZETTE* and they were mailed to each Delegate. If there are no corrections, the minutes will stand as published.

Hearing no corrections, the minutes stand approved.

The next item is the approval of new member clubs. The following clubs have been approved by the Board of Directors and will be voted upon at this meeting.

The National Shiba Club of America.

Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia.

In accordance with the Bylaws, a written ballot shall be required if requested in writing by at least five Delegates made to the Executive Secretary of the AKC, seven days prior to the start of the meeting at which such election is scheduled. The Chair has been advised by the Executive Secretary that no such request has been made. We will therefore proceed with the vote. An affirmative vote of four-fifths of all Delegates is required to elect.

The question is on the election of the National Shiba Club of America as a member of the American Kennel Club.

Those in favor, please raise your hand. Thank you. Those opposed, please raise

your hand. Thank you. There were four-fifths in the affirmative. The Chair declares the National Shiba Club of America has been duly elected a member of the American Kennel Club.

The question is the election of the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia.

Those in favor, please raise your hand. Thank you. Those opposed, please raise your hand. Thank you. There were four-fifths in the affirmative. The Chair declares that the Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia has been duly elected a member of the American Kennel Club.

The Chair calls on Ron Menaker for the Chairman's report.

Mr. Menaker: Good Morning. Last month in my Chairman's Report I reported on a pending threat to purebred dog ownership in California:

Assembly Bill 1634 would require the mandatory spay or neuter of dogs 4 months or older unless an intact dog permit is purchased through local authorities. Should this bill become law, I fear it could be a catalyst for other states. As the old saying goes, "As California goes, so goes the nation."

As many of you know AB1634 passed by one vote on Wednesday in the full Assembly. Despite this recent set back, it's important to note that this vote was not strictly along party lines. Through our continuing efforts, we were able to convince 6 Democrats to abandon their majority party to vote against this bill in this Democratic controlled body, just as we were able to convince other democrats to vote against it in the May 16th hearing when the Assembly Committee on Appropriations voted 10-to-6 in favor of the bill.

I want to sincerely thank the more than 600 dedicated fanciers who attended the Appropriations Committee hearing, **ALL** the California AKC-Affiliated Clubs and their hardworking members who have diligently been advocating against this proposed law, and **ALL** people across the country who sent letters, faxes and e-mails to California legislators.

The next step for the bill is in the State Senate where it will go through several committees and possible revisions before a vote. Should this bill pass in the Senate it would then go back to the Assembly for another vote, before it heads to the Governor.

As you can see, this is going to be a long process. It took 3 ½ months just to pass in the Assembly. And while we have a long fight ahead of us, we are encouraged by those whose vote we have swayed to the side of reason.

It is vital now that California dog owners and breeders contact their State Sena-

tors as well as the Governor to express their opposition to this bill as it continues its journey through the California state-house.

Contact information for all California State Senators, along with sample letters and talking points to oppose this bill are available on the AKC web site at the CA Spay/Neuter Action Center.

While the sponsor of AB 1634 has amended the bill five times since its introduction, none of the amendments make this bill an acceptable piece of legislation. AKC vehemently opposes AB 1634 and will continue our strong opposition until this bill is defeated.

As you recall, I also announced last month that AKC was pursuing the possibility of starting a Political Action Committee (PAC). I am pleased to report that this endeavor is well underway. In today's political climate, having access to lawmakers is critical. Establishing a PAC will allow dog lovers, responsible owners and dedicated breeders to support what they believe in as well as give AKC another tool for battling the continuing threat of anti-dog laws in California and across the country.

In the meantime, we have received inquiries from individuals and dogs clubs as to how the purebred dog community can support AKC's efforts to combat ongoing negative canine legislation. Individuals or dog clubs can send a non-tax deductible contribution to our Canine Legislation Department. For details visit our website.

The AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is scheduled to be held in Long Beach in December 2007 & 2008.

Although we have considered making Long Beach the permanent home, I have communicated to both the Mayor of Long Beach and to Governor Schwarzenegger that enactment of AB 1634 would make that impossible.

While AKC is a national organization leading the way in opposing proposed anti-dog laws, it is important for fanciers to also establish regional organizations, both statewide and locally, to oppose flawed legislation.

This must be done on a continuing basis and not just when negative canine legislation is introduced. An established and adequately funded organization that is active year-round can make the biggest impact with lawmakers by communicating with them prior to damaging legislation being introduced. All clubs must now include active involvement in our legislative challenges on their agendas.

One of the pillars of our opposition to AB 1634 is that we believe the best weapon in combating irresponsible pet

ownership is education. We put those words into action every day of the year through dog shows, community events, seminars, brochures and much more. Each September we have a special opportunity to demonstrate our incredible strength in numbers and to increase our ability to address issues in our local communities by participating in AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. Now in its fifth year, this initiative has hundreds of AKC clubs and other like-minded organizations holding free public events all over the nation. We call on all California fanciers and clubs to show solidarity by signing up to hold an event.

While the events will take place in September, we are currently enrolling clubs and will be announcing how many are scheduled to be held statewide in the coming weeks. We hope to be able to use the number of California events as a tangible example of our commitment to public education. Demonstrating our commitment to public education is critical to defeating AB 1634. I believe we can best accomplish this by having all our "hands" on deck to demonstrate our opposition to the bill and the positive effects of public education in our local communities.

I ask that you hold any questions or comments on this legislation until New Business. Walter Bebout will be available at that time to respond and to provide and additional information you seek on this bill.

Thank you.
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Ron. Next on the agenda is the President's report.

I would like to thank all 355 Delegates who took the time to participate in the mixed-breed program survey and also to those of you who passed it along to your club members. With more than 21,000 responses, our blank sheet of paper is indeed being filled in. We look forward to working together to continue exploring the possibility of such a program.

I'm also pleased to announce that our newest complimentary service for breeders, Online Recordkeeping, is now available on our website for any breeder with a My AKC account. This Online feature will help breeders manage their dog and litter information in one centralized area. I welcome you to take advantage of this secure, password -protected service for your AKC records.

The next AKC educational match is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, in Clinton, New Jersey. The event will be hosted by staff and local clubs. It will be held at the Huntingdon Developmental Center and will provide an additional

educational experience for 635 adult residents.

Just like the Raleigh event, morning programs will include educational demonstrations and one-on-one instruction in grooming, handling, entering a dog show, taking AKC Canine Good Citizen and how to join a local club. In the afternoon a B-match will be held for all first-time exhibitors to try out their new skills. Demonstrations of Obedience, Rally and Agility will be ongoing throughout the day.

As of last week the following clubs have agreed to participate: The Meadowlands Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Morris & Essex Kennel Club, Newton Kennel Club, Plainfield Kennel Club, Raritan River Akita Club, Shih Tzu Club of Northern New Jersey, and the Twin Brooks Kennel Club. Please contact Ron Rella if your club wishes to participate.

We are also well into preparation for the Fifth Annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day. This year's flagship events in Raleigh and New York are on Saturday, September 15. To those clubs that have not yet signed up, I urge you to consider holding an RDO program in your community to help us promote responsible dog ownership from coast to coast.

AKC is proud to award scholarships to juniors, vet students and vet techs. Recently we awarded 34 junior scholarships to students from 21 states. The scholarships for high school, college and graduate school students ranged from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each for a total of \$50,000.

In April we hosted some aspiring veterinarians on their visit to our offices. Pictured from Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine are Dean Don Smith and four of his students. It was a pleasure to meet them and know that these future veterinarians came away from visiting the AKC knowing that we are a resource as they move forward in their careers. We also helped breeders recently with the Breeders Symposium held in conjunction with the AKC Canine Health Foundation last month which was hosted by the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine.

There are some impressive figures concerning events and entries to report to you. For the first quarter of 2007, overall events grew by 12 percent and entries by 8 percent. The largest growth segments were in Agility and Rally with 22 percent and 19 percent growth in entries and 17 percent and 38 percent in events respectively. All breed events were up 7 percent and entries 4 percent.

Compared to last year, litter registrations were even in the month of April, but

decreased by 10.6 percent in May. Individual dog registrations increased by 7 percent in April and 2.3 percent in May, compared to 2006 figures for those months.

Staff successfully held a conference for 20 trial board members in April. Our plan is to conduct one conference every four years.

Next month we are also pleased to host, along with Eukanuba and AKC Companion Animal Recovery, the third AKC Parent Club Conference in Peachtree City, Georgia. A total of 166 breeds will be represented, including many of the FSS breeds that are eligible to compete in AKC Companion events.

Staff and panelists have been diligently preparing presentations that will provide attendees a comprehensive look at resources, programs and services available to them.

As you know, June is the official start of hurricane season. Marcy Zingler has informed me that new AKC first-aid kits followed by AKC disaster kits for dogs will be available to you and the public this summer.

In September staff will hold our annual orientation for new Delegates. Information will be forthcoming to you in the next few weeks.

Last, but certainly not least, once again I sincerely wish to thank all of you for continually volunteering on behalf of your breeds, clubs, and our organization.

Before I call for the next report, I would like to ask the Delegate body to join with the Board and staff to thank someone who is a friend to all of us and is attending his last Delegates meeting prior to retirement.

We have all been fortunate to work alongside the Vice President of Performance Events, Bill Speck, since 1992. His dedication, passion and knowledge has helped the organization grow.

Please join me in extending our deepest gratitude to a true dog person and sportsman. Thank you, Bill.

(standing ovation)

Mr. Sprung: The Chair calls on Jim Stevens for the financial report.

Mr. Stevens: Good morning. So here we are in Las Vegas. I'm sure that many of you have made a lot of money over the last couple of days, so that hearing about AKC's finances today frankly may bore you a bit. Can we see by a show of hands how many winners we have out there? Don't be shy. Okay. Just kidding...we wanted to make sure we had your attention.

Let me start by saying that our financial results so far this year for the first five

months have been reasonably good overall. However, I wouldn't say that we've hit the jackpot.

I'll leave that to you while you're still here.

Here's a snapshot of what our operating results look like for the first five months of this year compared to last year. Total revenues were up by 1.6%. Our expenses were up by almost 2%. This produced a year-to-date operating surplus of \$2.4 million through the end of May. This was marginally lower than last year.

Since these are our results from operations, they exclude the contributions from our investments.

Once we include unrealized gains of from investments of \$4.2 million dollars, our bottom line is amplified to \$6.6 million. This positions us 40% ahead of where we were last year. These investment gains for the first five months have been truly exceptional, and I'll talk about this in greater detail shortly.

Total revenues for the five months were over \$450,000 above last year. On the surface, you would look at that and say it looks pretty good. However, once we drill down into the details of this number, you will see that we have both good and bad news to share with you.

The good news is that two of our major revenue sources experienced healthy growth. Recording and event service fees rose by 11% from 2006. This was primarily attributable, as Dennis referred to earlier, to increased entries in Rally and Agility.

Revenues from our licensing programs also continued to expand very nicely. These revenues rose 13½% compared to last year. We're very fortunate to have the benefit of these alternative revenues, especially in light of the ongoing decline in registrations.

The number of litters registered for the first five months of this year was down 5% from last year. Dog registrations dropped by over 4% for the same period. Fortunately, the impact on our financials was not as painful as it might have been since over 40% of these dog registrations were completed at the new \$20 registration fee. Nevertheless, the continued trend of declining registrations obviously remains a grave concern for all of us.

You might be interested in knowing that today only about 20% of dog registrations originate from the Fancy.

Many of you have heard me comment before about the erosion in our core revenues. We have been extremely fortunate to be able to generate increased alternative revenues over the past couple of years to compensate for declining registrations. However, let me remind you that alterna-

tive revenues are uncertain by their very nature. If and when some of these other revenue sources begin to drop off and registrations remain in decline, this will have serious financial consequences to the organization.

Management continues to proactively seek opportunities and explore strategies in order to mitigate this situation as best as possible.

We also remain very focused on controlling our expenses. This is something we continue to take very seriously. This is evidenced by the fact that our year-to-date operating expenses have risen by less than 2% from last year. Payroll and benefits, which is by far our largest expense, was up by only 1.8% over the past year. The total of all other operating expenses were also up just slightly from last year. There is really nothing unusual to report to you in this regard.

Let's next turn our attention to the world of investments. Investments continue to play a very significant role in shaping our financial position. For those of you who play blackjack, such as these two right here, when you take a look at our investment results, you might think we've been dealt the equivalent of a hand of 21. Our response would be not quite.

Fortunately, our investments continue to perform extremely well. Having a strong stock market performance through the end of May has certainly proved to be very beneficial. While our goal is not to outperform all of the various stock market indices, we do closely monitor how the various asset allocations within our portfolio compare to their benchmarks.

Our investment objective is to seek long-term growth, while minimizing the downside risk when the market is underperforming. We believe that we've been reasonably successful in meeting these objectives to date.

You might wonder if we are comfortable with the current structure of our investments given what's transpired in the markets this past week, and I'm sure most of you know it's been a little tumultuous to say the least. So here's how we respond to this.

For those of you who are poker fans, let's look at it this way. If we were playing Texas Hold 'Em, we would have no reservations about staying in the game with the hand we have.

As a frame of reference, our investment gains of \$4.2 million for the first five months of this year were almost double those of last year. Our return for this period was about 7½ percent. In the past we've typically outperformed most of the major stock market indices, such as Dow Jones, Standard & Poor's 500, NASDAQ

and the Russell 1000. However, as many of you may know, Dow Jones and S&P hit record levels in the month of May, and certainly given that, we would not expect to match those returns. Frankly, our portfolio is not designed to outperform every stock market index, particularly when they are at record levels.

While we continue to be pleased with our investment performance overall, we offer the caveat that these results are not indicative of how our investments will perform in the future.

The markets have obviously had a very good run, and, frankly, it's unrealistic for us to assume that this upward trend will continue indefinitely. The turbulence in the markets this past week makes this very clear. We can't take anything for granted.

As most of you know, our operating reserve is fully funded, and the endowment fund reserve currently stands at \$22 million dollars. Our success in building these two reserves has primarily been the result of the excellent returns that we've achieved over the last few years, rather than being funded from our operations.

So in conclusion, our overall financial position today remains fairly positive. We continue to work hard every day to do everything we can in order to keep it that way.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Jim.

Before proceeding to voting on the proposed amendments, let's review the process to help all Delegates consider the amendments. AKC staff will project the proposed amendments that Delegates have been asked to consider on the screens. The proposed amendments will be typed and shown on the screens. If an amendment is adopted, the screens will reflect the proposal as amended. If an amendment is not adopted, the screens will project the originally proposed amendment. Delegates will continue the consideration of the proposed amendment as thus amended or not amended.

The Chair intends to take a standing vote as a two-thirds vote is required to adopt an amendment. If necessary, the Chair will take an additional counted vote.

Today's first vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The amendment was requested by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The revision would resolve conflict between Chapter 5, Section 6, and Chapter 6, Section 8. The proposal was read to you at the March meeting. It has been published

in two years of the *AKC GAZETTE* and is on the salmon-colored worksheet. The Board recommends its approval. A two-thirds affirmative vote is required for adoption.

Is there any discussion?

The question is on Chapter 5, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Those opposed, please stand. Thank you.

There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The next vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 16, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The amendment was requested by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. The amendment would add clarification of the judges' authority to excuse for any cause. The proposal was read to you at the March 2007 meeting and published in two issues of the *GAZETTE*. It is on the cream-colored worksheet. The Board recommends its approval. A two-thirds vote is required for adoption.

Is there any discussion?

The question is on Chapter 7, Section 16, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Those opposed, please stand.

There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The next vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 12, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The amendment was requested by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by your Board. The amendment will resolve conflict between Chapter 12, Section 6, and Chapter 6, Section 8. The proposal was read at the March 2007 meeting. It has been published in two issues of the *GAZETTE* and is on the turquoise worksheet. The Board recommends approval.

Is there any discussion?

The question is on Chapter 12, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Those opposed, please stand. Thank you.

There are two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment is adopted.

The final vote is regarding an appeal from the Kalamazoo Kennel Club to approve Cindy Cooke as a Delegate in light of the staff recommendation and AKC Board decision of April 2007 to declare her ineligible in accordance with Article VI, Section 5, of AKC's Charter and Bylaws.

Article VI, Section 5 (e): "No person is

eligible to become or remain a Delegate if he or she ... (e) has a significant interest in a dog registry, dog event-giving organization or any organization deemed to be in competition with AKC... Significant interest would include, but not be limited to, ownership in, employment by, a directorship of, and holding office in."

And Section 7 states: "An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting that the candidate is eligible under Section 5 of this article shall be required to seat a disapproved candidate."

This is on the golden colored worksheet. These Bylaws are posted on the screens.

The Chair now calls on Executive Secretary, Jim Crowley, to explain the background of this decision.

Mr. Crowley: Based on a written statement from Mrs. Cooke in response to my inquiry that the United Kennel Club pays her a retainer to serve as Legislative Specialist for the United Kennel Club and that the United Kennel Club is a major client, Mrs. Cooke was determined to be ineligible to continue to serve in AKC's governing body in accordance with the Article VI of the Bylaws. The Board of Directors declared her ineligible to continue as a Delegate at its April 2007 meeting.

Article VI, Section 5, of the Bylaws clearly rules out on individual from serving AKC as a Delegate when there is a significant interest in a dog registry or event-giving organization or organization in competition with AKC. Significant interest would include, but not be limited to, ownership in, employment by, a directorship of and holding office in. As to significant, when asked about significant remuneration she received from UKC, without indicating how much her ongoing retainer from UKC is, Mrs. Cooke did indicate that UKC was a major client.

The Board believes that anyone who is paid on an ongoing and regular basis to perform a service and to represent a competing dog registry to the public in an official capacity with corresponding responsibility to that organization and is paid a large enough amount to have it be classified as a major client, has a significant interest in it.

That was the sole basis of my recommendation to the Board. I could not reconcile the idea that unlimited remuneration as a consultant is acceptable while the most minimal salary as an employee is not.

That recommendation would be even stronger today. Illustrating how conflicts between competing registries can arise, an attorney representing Wayne Cavanaugh, the president and CEO of the United

Kennel Club, which pays Mrs. Cooke, has notified AKC that a lawsuit against AKC will be filed unless it reaches a settlement with the UKC president in regard to the restricting of his participation in AKC activities, including the judging of AKC shows, the authoring of a regular brief column in the *AKC GAZETTE*, and serving as the on-air announcer for AKC televised events.

A number of individuals, current and former Board and staff members of AKC, are mentioned in regard to AKC's "unlawful conduct" against the UKC president, including "the intentional infliction of emotional distress."

On May 8, 2007, the Kalamazoo Kennel Club appealed to the Board of Directors to declare Cindy Cooke eligible as a Delegate because the club disagreed with the Board's determination of the conflict regarding a significant interest in another dog registry, event-giving organization or any organization deemed to be in competition with AKC stated in the Bylaws. However, they focus on what she does for UKC, which is not relevant under the Bylaws.

A provision to overturn the decision of the Board is in Article VI, Section 7, an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting that the candidate is eligible under Section 5 of this Article shall be required to seek a disapproved candidate.

Mr. Sprung: In accordance with Robert's Rules, debate must be confined to the merits of the pending question, which is whether Mrs. Cooke, the present Delegate of the Kalamazoo Kennel Club, is eligible to serve as AKC Delegate in accordance with Article VI, Section 5 (e) while being the paid Legislative Specialist for the United Kennel Club.

Let us stipulate the fact of Mrs. Cooke's longtime dedication to the sport, her active involvement in AKC clubs and events and in the canine legislative arena is commendable. Let us stipulate the fact that the United Kennel Club is a dog registry and event-giving organization. These issues are not up for debate because they are not germane as to whether or not Mrs. Cooke's interest in the United Kennel Club is significant. Debate of this nature will be ruled "not germane" on this question.

As a reminder, Robert's Rules stipulates that no member may address the issue more than twice, and after a member has spoken the first time, he or she may not speak again until all others who wish to address the issue have done so. We also request that speakers limit their comments

to two or three minutes so that everyone who wishes to speak has an opportunity to do so.

The floor is open for discussion. The Chair recognizes Cindy Cooke if she wishes to speak.

Mrs. Cooke: My name is Cindy Cooke, for those of you who don't know me, and I'm here on behalf of the Kalamazoo Kennel Club who wishes me to retain my seat as a Delegate.

When this conflict of interest rule was enacted last fall, there were a number of Delegates, including myself, who expressed some concern that the language of significant interest was going to be very broad, and we were assured, however, that the final ability to determine what constituted a significant interest would rest with this body, — so in order for you to make an informed decision, I would like you to know a little bit more about me.

I started showing dogs just about 30 years ago, headed off to Big Springs, Texas, with a mean, ugly Scottish Terrier at my first dog show in January '77. When I retired from the Air Force, I worked in a civilian legal practice for a couple of years. I didn't like it. When the opportunity to go to work for UKC came up, I thought it would be great to be paid money to do dog stuff. So I took the job. I will say that for the 7 years I worked there my world was expanded immeasurably. Instead of just my little tiny conformation dog show world, I went to hunts, I went to ace holes, and I drove a dog sled.

I set up the first DNA program at UKC. I wrote green standards. I met with the FCI officials in Europe. And so I really got a breadth of dog experience that I wouldn't otherwise have had.

At that time, when I took the job, I was the Kalamazoo Delegate. I knew then there would be some conflict because of my employment. And I brought that to the attention of Board, and I brought it to the attention of Fred Miller, who was president of UKC, and the Kalamazoo Kennel Club, and all the parties waived that conflict at that time.

A little over three years ago, I decided to leave UKC for a lot of reasons. One was that legislative work, which had been sort of additional work at UKC, was growing into full-time work. So I decided that I would retire from UKC and just do legislative work. When I said UKC is a major client, essentially they're the only people I'm getting money for legal work from, because I'm retired from the Air Force. I have investment income. I don't live on the UKC money. It helps feed my dog show habit.

Your decision today is important, not

because I'm indispensable. The Air Force and my ex-husband seem to be thriving without me. So I'm sure this organization can go on too.

But it's important because one of the things we're talking about today is perception, and whether it's true or not, there is a perception out there that this is a result of my very vocal opposition to PAWS.

Mr. Sprung: Delegate, would you please address the issue on the floor.

Mrs. Cooke. My sole work in UKC is legislative. I have no office there. I have no phone there. I don't consult with them before I make my recommendations. I heard about this alleged lawsuit yesterday. I called the executive vice president at UKC and said: Is UKC suing AKC? He said: If they are, I don't know about it. So that's essentially how much involvement I have at UKC.

By taking the money from UKC, it enables me to regularly work on behalf of other organizations, such as the Michigan Purebred Dog Association, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, and a lot of other groups that have written me or called me and asked for help.

This week is kind of a microcosm of what life in purebred dogs is like. A dog that we bred just made it to No. 1 All Systems, and in the same week I got a letter from Dr. Gerald Bell saying her sire was a carrier of cerebella myotrophy. So thrilling victories on the one hand and heartbreak on the other. I knew that those were both going to be in the sport when I came into it. So I wasn't shocked or disappointed. I never really expected to be here defending my loyalty to the American Kennel Club.

So if any of you have any questions you want to ask about my role there, if there is anything you feel you need to know before you make a decision, I will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Judith Daniels, Delegate for Mt. Baker Kennel Club, who spoke as follow:

Good morning. I would submit that I would think that there is a leap across one of the things we just heard that our secretary read, and that a major client automatically becomes a significant interest, notwithstanding what Cindy just told us. That client could be the only client and it could be a very minor thing, and that does not immediately lead to significant interest, as I interpreted what we heard. It is my opinion and the opinion of my club that being a consultant for an organization

is not a significant interest.

Thank you.

The Chair recognized John Studebaker, Delegate for the Battle Creek Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

For those of you not familiar with geography, Battle Creek lies down I-94, 30 miles east of Kalamazoo. Battle Creek Kennel Club and the Kalamazoo Kennel Club have been involved for years and years, and I am a past president of the Battle Creek Kennel Club.

The Battle Creek Kennel Club has instructed me to stand up and speak on behalf of the Kalamazoo Kennel Club and Cindy Cooke. As you recognized, Cindy Cooke is a person of exemplary conduct in all of her activities related to AKC dogs, and she is not in question here. The point, as you brought out, is the question here - can a member club have a Delegate seated that has sometime worked under contract, sometimes has a position in opposition to the American Kennel Club.

That is what we see, and we see in this instance that that is not the case. We support the Kalamazoo Kennel Club. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, sir.

The Chair recognized David Hopkins, Delegate for the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, who spoke as follows:

I know the comments from Jim and Dennis focused on the key phrase significant interest today, but, frankly, I have a great reluctance that the Board has based its action on an erroneous interpretation of key words from our Bylaws. The most important point is in the third paragraph of the written sheet. This is where the error is set forth. It reads in April 2007, the Board found Mrs. Cooke to be ineligible to continue to serve as a Delegate. The next sentence says: This was based in part on the fact that the Bylaw only addresses interest in the competing organization without regard to what someone actually does for that organization. The only way that sentence could be correct would be if you insert *significant* in front of the word *interest*. The effect of that sentence strongly suggests that the word *significant* has been read out of the Bylaws for purposes of this particular decision. When there is an operative term, such as *significant interest*, providing a qualification as to what is meant by the term *interest*, there really are two definitions, *significant* and *insignificant*. And I submit that the proper interpretation - this isn't intended to be a legal conclusion, although I am a practicing lawyer - I think the proper interpretation would mean that a significant interest entails a

connection or is a connection with a competing organization entailing an actual or imputed meaningful involvement in management of the competing organization.

Now, the Bylaws are helpful in that they provide a definition of significant interest. It's not a dictionary definition. There are four illustrative examples. A few minutes ago I referred to the word *imputed*. That is a very important legal concept. There is a field of law known as conflict of law, and the imputation principle is very, very important in conflicts of law.

My firm is a family-law firm. Ninety percent of our cases are divorce cases. We deal with conflict of interest problems all of the time.

Last week I received a phone call from a wife. I scheduled an appointment for an initial consultation. I double checked with her as to the name of her husband, and you have to be very careful because sometimes there are different last names. I had my secretary check our computer. Sure enough, the husband had had a consultation with another attorney in the firm some months ago. I had to call her back and explain that we could not go forward with the consultation because of a conflict of interest. I am imputed with the knowledge that my fellow attorney in the firm derived from that consultation. It's attorney/client privilege, confidential information, and that is simply the way it is.

All attorneys in the firm are imputed with the same knowledge, and it doesn't make a bit of difference whether the attorney that interviewed the first spouse that came through the door was a senior partner involved in management or a young associate not involved in management. The imputation principle is very important to take into account in terms of the conflict of interest issue that we're dealing with today.

The definition of *significant interest* in the Bylaws involves four examples. Obviously a director or an officer is involved in management. An owner, even of a very small percentage or on the periphery, has rights in terms of being a shareholder or a partner and has access to confidential information.

Employees, even if at the lower end of the spectrum within the entity, are imputed with knowledge of their seniors. The reason why, commonly when there is a definition like this, an employee - even a low level employee or a peripheral shareholder is treated the same as a director or a president or a senior officer, is the imputation principle, not because of the realities of the actual situation. The actual knowledge of the person involved is irrelevant. Turning to the situation at hand, I have heard nothing that leads me to the

conclusion that the imputation principle should be brought into play here. I don't think that Cindy Cooke should be imputed with any involvement of management at the UKC or any knowledge of confidential information at the UKC level.

Turning to the actual involvement, I don't see that her services to the UKC are at the core of competition by the UKC with the AKC. I think the reality of it, in my view, the proper interpretation is that, yes, she has an interest, but I respectfully submit that it is an insignificant interest.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized John McCullagh, Delegate for Plainfield Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

As there is a considerable difficulty I think in agreeing on what defines, and I quote, "a significant interest in a dog registry, et cetera", unquote, I submit that Mrs. Cooke is entitled to the benefit of doubt and that the Board should not have found her ineligible to continue as a Delegate.

Further, in accepting that the alleged ineligibility is in doubt, I feel that the wishes of the appellant club should be respected and we continue to honor the right subject to clear Bylaws of member clubs to choose who shall be their Delegate. Accordingly, I encourage this body to overturn the Board's decision.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized: Don Adams, Delegate for Cudahy Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

24 hours ago I was in lock step with the previous speaker. I'm troubled at this point.

What bothers me is the previous employee status has been moved now to a consultant status, and apparently the consultant status has a single one-on-one relationship when there are no other significant financial clients.

If we can simply allow someone to go from a W-2 status to a 1099 status, thus avoiding the conflict, I'm not so sure that that is a proper interpretation.

I applaud the Board for kicking it to the Delegate body because this is a difficult issue, and in the last analysis we have to decide. I guess from my standpoint what changed my mind was the one-on-one relationship, the previous employee status, and the message that we will be sending.

I think this one, although a close call, we should decide that that is a significant interest.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Carl Holder, Delegate for Beaumont Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. President, I understand why the Board did this because of the way the Bylaws are written, but Bylaws should be here to help the organization. It should be written in a manner so that we don't eliminate people that are an attribute to the organization.

I think maybe we should look at this Bylaw amendment again in the future and maybe amend it to be extremely more specific or do away with it.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Mr. President, I too have mixed emotions on this, and Don stood up and said part of what I was going to say and Judy Daniels said part of what I was going to say.

We've been talking in terms of something that's very amorphous. I agree with Don that just the changing from the word employee to consultant doesn't make the case. I agree that going from a W-2 to a 1099 does not make the case.

I heard Judy say we don't know how much Cindy's reimbursement is. I've heard Cindy say it is her only paying client, and that she would answer any questions. I am not asking for exact amounts, but I also know that we as a body have said that judges who charge a hundred dollars should not be part of the Delegate body because we vote on things that affect our organization, even though we may not work for a competing registry.

I would like to know in some way whether it be an amount, a percentage, is it in the 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 40,000, or 50,000 a year range, I would like to know what the significant amount of money from Mrs. Cooke's only paying client is, so I can make a rational vote on the subject, not on Cindy Cooke, who I always felt has been a good addition to this body.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Richard Glenn, Delegate for the American Maltese Association, who spoke as follows:

I want to give you my bona fides for the comments I hope to make. I have been president of and board members of charitable nonprofit organizations that have gone through difficult times. I have been president and chairman of commercial businesses. My specialty, when I was working – I'm now retired – was in turnarounds of financially distressed companies into successful companies.

And what I have learned through those

experiences is that at difficult times like this one that we face on this issue, what is needed is visionary leadership. We tend to get immersed in the details. We tend to let those things make our minds up, and we forget our vision. I have no comments against Mrs. Cooke or the UKC or the AKC. But in my mind this issue gives us the responsibility to act on what we see as the vision, the long-term objective irrespective of the tactics that get us there on this issue, and I find it very difficult to come to a position, but in my mind I think the Board did the right thing.

I believe that you give up things a small step at a time and then suddenly realize you made a mistake a while ago, and now you're in a situation that is very difficult, even though at the time the details made it seem insignificant.

And unlike other comments here – and I'm certainly not an attorney – I think if you make money or take money or are paid for your services and ideas in one organization, when you are faced with a conflict of where you're going to go when the two organizations you're trying to work with are conflicting, you have already exhibited your loyalty.

Sometimes that issue never arises and we can have service to both organizations without difficulty, but now this issue has arisen, and I think visionary leadership requires that we act so that we can always act in favor of those who will act and vote independently on the best interests of the AKC.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sylvia Arrowwood, Delegate for the Charleston Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I just wanted a clarification. Another speaker had said that we were here because the Board had decided to have the Delegate body vote. I was under assumption that the Delegate body is to vote on this issue because the Kalamazoo Kennel Club appealed the Board's decision.

Mr. Sprung: That's correct.

Ms. Arrowwood: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Constance Vanacore, Delegate for the Irish Setter Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I would just like to point out that last September this body passed this amendment, this conflict of interest amendment, and I think that we had concerns about the verbiage, significant, what is significant, what isn't significant. That should have been addressed before that time.

But since this body already passed this amendment, there's some talk that we

shouldn't have done this and we shouldn't have done that. I think that's something we ought to keep in mind.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Thomas Sandenaw, Delegate for Great Dane Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Our attention has been called to the language - ownership in, employment by, directorship of and holding office in. There's another phrase that I think is being overlooked - would include but not be limited to those four things.

What's my point? My background is that of a former state court judge, former part time U.S. magistrate, and I know there is a difference between avoiding impropriety and the appearance of impropriety, and I think this gives us the opportunity to avoid the appearance of impropriety, and for that reason I support the action of the Board.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on John Ward, Delegate for Maryland Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Without getting into the consulting aspect, I am a lawyer. I have consulted with many clients. But my consultation is never in terms of general management, policy decisions, anything of that nature. I am asked to consult and advise as to specific areas.

And that is the reason why the knowledge of the directors and officers of that organization are not imputed to me in other areas.

I do not know, because I am not a director, whether or not there are in fact conflicts between the AKC and UKC in terms of legislative direction. If Mrs. Cooke's representation or consultation with UKC is solely in that area, then I have some problem with the Board's decision. I simply raise that issue. This is a very difficult time for people involved in dogs like we are. We need to pull together. We do not need to throw unnecessary objects in the road of cooperation between UKC and AKC if in fact our objectives in legislation, which is the area in which Mrs. Cooke consults, are aligned.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Robert Amen, Delegate for the Port Chester Obedience Training Club, who spoke as follows:

By way of background, I spent over 45 years in public relations, crisis management, most recently as partner and director of their corporate practice. In our industry and in most of the law firms that we work with and investment banking

firms, notwithstanding, but in our industry we are only allowed to work for one client in one industry at a time, because the clients wouldn't allow it any other way. These are major corporations, midsized corporations, even down to smaller corporations. So I want to make that point.

Number two - the language. The words *significant interest* are being refined, and you and I here today are helping to establish a pattern of what we will mean by the words of *significant interest*, which is not limited to the four types listed there.

In our business in the public relations world, I want to add that perception is reality. So when you're dealing with a legislator, whether it's a municipality or on the federal level, as I did for a while, it's very difficult not to see some kind of a bit of a conflict here.

The other point I want to make is that if a person of lesser stature than Mrs. Cooke were here, would she be receiving the same support that Mrs. Cooke is? Just something I want to throw out as a thought.

And finally, I think we always have the option of bringing in new directors over a period of time, if we don't agree with the positions that they take, and I would vote on this issue I think for the directors' decision.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Don Farley II, Delegate from the American Miniature Schnauzer Club, who spoke as follows:

In various positions that I have held in the past, I have worked for nonprofit organizations, I have also worked for profit, and I've been in the position of hiring advisers, and hiring contractors. In those cases, especially when I was getting advice on something, the person giving me advice that I was paying was never considered to have a significant interest in my organization. They were providing me a service for which I paid, yes. But they had no interest, significantly, in the functioning of my organization, whether I succeeded or did not.

In this case, especially on legislative issues, I don't believe she has any significant interest in the UKC's functioning as it goes forward that would be in conflict at all with the AKC. I would vote to support her remaining as a Delegate.

The Chair recognized Steven Gladstone, Delegate for Reno Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I have a historical interest in this question. Mostly I'm delighted that the Delegates have an opportunity to even be debating this today. In 1993 the issue was whether or not I was in good standing.

Today the issue is whether or not Mrs. Cooke has a significant interest in the organization that we have identified as being a competing organization with AKC. The important question for me is that the Delegates have the right to make that determination today. I respectfully disagree with the idea that there's something wrong with this Bylaw. I think it's working exactly the way it's supposed to work.

I think that by voting today you have the choice of determining whether or not Mrs. Cooke should be a Delegate because of the relationship that she has with a competing organization. And so for me, the real importance here, the Board did in my opinion - and I abstained - exactly the right thing, having been given information to have raised the concern to leave it through the appeal of the Kalamazoo Club in the hands of the Delegates to determine exactly what it is that we will accept and what we won't accept. So I think that really is what we're being asked to determine today. And I think it's important to realize that you have that choice, and as you were told you would have when you adopted this amendment.

But it's also important to realize that what you determine to be a significant interest today will be subject to what you or your predecessors will vote on in the future as to who has a significant interest in what organizations then. So I think this is exactly the way the process is supposed to work.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. Sir.

The Chair recognized Edmund Sledzik, Delegate for American Lhasa Apso Club, who spoke as follows:

First of all, my comments here are for academic purposes, not for personal purposes. I want to stop at that.

The first question that I have is that - I am an attorney and I do have clients that are not American Kennel Club clubs. I want to know is what we're saying here is that once you're tainted, you can never, never become a Delegate even though time has gone by?

I get the impression through the Executive Secretary, when he talks about the fact that there is going to be a lawsuit, which I don't understand what has to do with this particular thing, and it became a McCarthy type statement, trying to tell us: Be very careful because they're suing us, and she must be tainted, so she must be suing us too. Only logic I can get.

I'm concerned about myself; I'm concerned about the statement that was done; and I'm concerned also about where this is going to lead me.

There is an old saying: Who's next? I can remember when they came for my

neighbor, I turned my head, and they were gone. Now they come for me, and there's no one here to help me because everybody else is gone. When we first started this last fall, there was discussion about the fact that we're not looking for people sitting, we're looking for people coming into the organization.

Well, it has changed already. Now we're looking for people who are already seated. Where do they go next? What is the test that is significant? They haven't told us the test except what's on the Board. If I represent 200 AKC clubs and I represent two non-AKC clubs, am I now up for the next one to go? I think you could do that. And we got the other people saying: Oh, it's okay.

My concern is the person has been here for years, has done the job and nobody complained about it, and now you want to let her go. What happened? Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I think many of you know that I am a big proponent of strong and vigorous debate, and for that reason I am glad Cindy Cooke is in our Delegate body, and frankly I wish she would get another job so she could remain in the Delegate body. However, my question is if we are constantly talking about the 40 or so other competing registries, although I think there are five competing registries. Will we then welcome consultants, employees, members of these other competing registrations into our body?

Thank you.

The Chair recognized Bob Newcomb, Delegate for Bulldog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I call the question.

Mr. Sprung: To close the debate, it's two-thirds. All of those in favor of closing the debate, please rise. Thank you.

All those opposed closing the debate, please rise.

The ayes have it. The debate is closed.

Unidentified Delegate: Do a count.

Mr. Sprung: We're going to do it again. We'll do a count.

All those in favor of closing the debate, please rise and stay standing, please.

(Paula Spector counts)

Mrs. Spector: 152.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Now everybody who wishes to continue debate please stand.

Mrs. Spector: 113.

Mr. Sprung: There are not two-thirds. Debate continues.

The Chair recognized Ralph Roberts, Delegate for San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

And I would like to say that when we start speaking insignificant interests and the conflict of interest, to me it's obvious that there is a heck of a difference of significant difference and a heck of conflict of interest. She's the legislative consultant. Now, you people sitting here who don't think that somewhere along the line this problem isn't coming up again, you're off your gourds. Of course, there is a going to be a conflict of interest, and I know it and she knows it. And if you have a conflict of interest, we're going to be back here again fighting this darn thing all over again.

Now, let her make up her mind, with all due respect to her, with all the credit I give her for all of the things she's done, she knows that she has a significant effect on whatever they decide, and it will come down to the point where she'll have her interest with her employer, legislative, and we're talking different. This is an attorney. She recognizes what conflict she has. And we should take a stand here to protect the interests of the American Kennel Club.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized James Smith, Delegate from Dalmatian Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I do not understand our problem in not understanding. Significant interest includes employment; therefore, if you are employed by the definition of our rule, you have a significant interest. There is no other way to interpret it.

The only question is, which is what Don Adams brought up, is the 1099, which is what a consultant or a contractor gets equivalent to the W-4, if she were an attorney. There are no other items that we can talk about or question. As Dennis said, the debate should be limited to the facts. The facts are employment or something else that disqualifies. Yes or no. It's that simple.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Cynthia Garman, Delegate for Lancaster Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I'm yet another one of those attorneys, although these days I don't have a conflict of interest because I represent abused children and not abused dogs.

When this proposal was being debated before its enactment, I seem to recall that we were well aware that in order to cover a lot of ground, there would be gray areas

available and there would be times to have interpretation, and that's why it could come to the Delegate body so that the Delegate body could exercise its common sense in making a judgment as to whether this would apply to a particular Delegate. I certainly did not think when I voted for that proposal that the first person to whom it would be applied would be a sitting Delegate on this particular type of issue. And for the people to be talking about, well, we can guarantee there will be a conflict in the future, well, gee, I could go work for PETA – oh, God, no – tomorrow and that would be a conflict of interest, but it's in the future. It doesn't exist today.

And the other thing I would like us all to think about is the touchstone. We get off from our core touchstone on lots of little procedural this and that, and priorities and traditions, but our real lodestone in making a decision as a Delegate should be whatever this is in the best interest of purebred dogs.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized David Merriam, Delegate Duluth Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

And yet one more attorney, unfortunately. As dog show judges, we're asked to apply the standard in our judging without favoritism, without injecting our own personal opinions. In court I was asked to apply the law on that same basis. And as Delegates, you're asked to apply this Bylaw, so recently adopted without concern of favoritism or concern or any other basis.

I think we should proceed to do it. I intend to vote no.

The Chair recognized Ruth Ann Naun, Delegate for Border Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I really didn't want to stand up to speak because I am not an attorney, (applause) but I was a school counselor, and we do career counseling, and I heard the Chairman of the Board speak about his interest in and our concerns, all of us, for the process going on now in California. And because I got a good laugh, I will say a lot of you are attorneys, and I think we are coming – I know as a school counselor we have come to a time in employment where increasingly, if we have younger people in this Delegate group, they are going to work as independent agents more and more and more because that's the nature of the world of work. I know that from my work, and you've demonstrated it by what you do.

Mrs. Cooke spoke about the fact that she has a professional career that she had a career in the military, that she's retired and, bless her heart, I suppose she's on a

government retirement income from that. But being an attorney, like my brother and sister-in-law are – we have them in our family, too – they still are working and they're making more money now than they ever made; and we educators, don't work, but we carry on.

But there is an aspect in this that I think – and I agree for once with Mr. Gladstone – that the discussion we're having today is extremely important to the organization as a bigger question. This point does apply to a number of people in this room in addition to Mrs. Cooke because you're attorneys and because you work as independent agents and some of the others of you who do other work as independent agents.

But there is also going to be more people coming, and I think we must vote today, but I think we have something represented here that is going to start to exclude people that show purebred dogs, who love purebred dogs, who are purebred fanciers, many of them have their fields of work that only now are getting to be issues that relate to dog issues.

And I think we stand at a point of whether they will stay in this group or not, and I did vote against this change because I'm a little concerned if we go forward too far and exclude people – we talk about trying not to exclude the dogs – I think we have a lot of skill sets we will be excluding and I will vote for keeping Mrs. Cooke in the group.

Mrs. Daniels: Just briefly, I would like to address a couple things that some of the other speakers brought up, one which I found extremely important which spoke to the overall vision of this corporation, which in my mind above all else is the protection and promotion of purebred dogs.

We heard our Chairman talk about the legislative issues we've got, and to me considering that anyone in this body who works legislatively to advise any other organization that has any iota of working toward the protection and promotion of purebred dogs, whoever they may be – I cannot imagine that we would consider that a significant interest against our corporation. We need all the help we can get. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Vanessa Weber, Delegate for English Toy Spaniel Club of America, who spoke as follows:

When I look at this – at Section 5 (e), I am reminded of the reasons why this was brought up in the first place. One of the reasons that I see that it was brought up in the first place or written was to protect the American Kennel Club from competing organizations, the assumption being that

other organizations were going to steal our constituents. I think we have to remember that that's what going on. I think everybody here is probably going to focus on whatever piece of this they want to, whether it's significant interest or how they define employment. I think there are a lot of different opinions on that.

But I think at the very bottom for me, when I look at this whole picture, I would like to judge this on our strengths and not our weaknesses. I think if we got people whose intention is in our court, I would rather give them the benefit of the doubt because I think the benefit of the doubt is possible within this. I think if you got someone who clearly is undermining the American Kennel Club and doing things against it and we are in a position to read this in a more critical fashion, then by all means we should do it. But I don't think we should throw the baby out with the bath water. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Lee Arnold, Delegate for Southern Colorado Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

There are two operative phrases in this amendment which we passed, "in conflict" and also "significant interest."

The only antilogy, having been in broadcasting 50-plus years, is that most people in our business have with radio and television stations, personal and service contracts.

Delegates elected to this body are personal representatives of their clubs and have a contract with the American Kennel Club.

You could not have a personal services contract in radio or television and work for KNBC and then freelance across the street at KABC. Your contract was with who you signed it. If there is remuneration from a competing registry that is certainly, no matter if it is 5,500 or 500,000 dollars, a conflict of interest. I'm voting against her.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Mrs. Cooke: I would like to address just a couple of issues. First of all, I just didn't change jobs and do my same work as a contractor. When I worked for UKC, I started in the registration department; and while I was there, I was there during the time that AKC's registration started to decline; and based on what I learned during that time, I can tell you that the registrations that AKC is losing, UKC is not gaining. You can take that for whatever it's worth. That might have changed since I left my job there. The AKC people who participated in UKC are dual registering their dogs. That was my experience then.

The job that I do now – sorry. When I left registration, I took over the event-giving department. The job I do now is totally unrelated to those two areas.

What I do now is only fighting anti-dog legislation. And one of the reasons that I agreed to do it as because in my mind and I think in the minds of most reasonable people – we are very much like the automobile industry.

Right now the government is considering requiring them to get better mileage on their cars, and yet when the automobile industry goes to lobby Congress, they go together, Ford, Chrysler, General Motors and the foreign companies as well, march right up there all together and say: We don't want to do this for various reasons.

It doesn't mean they're not competing in other arenas, but their interest in legislation is identical.

I have been working in legislation now for 10 or 12 years. There has never been a time when our interests were different. There has not been one single occasion when our perception of how to protect our interests varied. But there has never been another occasion, a single occasion, where our actual interests were different. So that's why I took the job. As to how much money it is, it's enough that if I didn't have it tomorrow, my life wouldn't change dramatically. I'm not going to come up and show you my income tax returns. I don't feel I should have to. But it enables me to travel, to help out organizations who don't have money when they call and when they need me. And I have been available to numerous AKC clubs over the years to help with problems because that little bit of extra money makes it possible to do it for free.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Is there further discussion?

The question is shall the Delegates seat a disapproved candidate, overturning the decision of the Board of Directors that a person is ineligible to serve as AKC Delegate while being paid a retainer as a Legislative Specialist for the United Kennel Club.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Delegates present and voting that the candidate is eligible under Section 5 of this article shall be required to seat a disapproved candidate.

Just to be clear, when you vote, a yes vote agrees with the Kalamazoo Kennel Club and their AKC Board-disapproved Delegate remains seated, while concurrently serving as the United Kennel Club's paid Legislative Specialist.

A no vote upholds the Board of Directors' decision that the Delegate is deemed ineligible.

All those in favor of seating the disapproved Delegate and overturning the decision of the Board, please stand. Thank you.

All those opposed to seating the disapproved Delegate and in favor of upholding the decision of the Board, please stand. Please be seated.

We're going to count this one.

Please stand. All those in favor of seating the disapproved Delegate, please stand and stay standing, please.

(Count taken)

Mrs. Spector: 150.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

All those opposed, please stand. (count taken)

Ms. Spector: 112.

Mr. Sprung: There are not two-thirds in the affirmative, and the disapproved Delegate is not seated. The Chair declares that Cindy Cooke is not eligible to remain as AKC Delegate. This will take effect upon the adjournment of this meeting.

Paula is telling me it's time for lunch. Please be back in one hour.

Thank you.

(luncheon recess)

Mr. Sprung: The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the first proposed amendment to Article VII, Board of Directors Election, Meeting and Quorum of the AKC's Charter and Bylaws.

Mr. Crowley: The amendment is to Article VII, Board of Directors Election, Meeting and Quorum of the AKC's Charter and Bylaws.

This amendment would permit a Director of the AKC to continue to hold his or her office as Director after resigning or being removed from his or her position as a Delegate.

The full text is on the green worksheet and the correct wording is on the worksheet at your seat. There was an extra sentence in the one that was mailed out. The one that is replaced is correct and that is the version that will be published.

This amendment was requested by the Beaumont Kennel Club 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 September 2007 meeting.

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

Mr. Holder: Since I have arrived here for the Delegates meeting, I found out that

this is supposed to be a David Keene Bylaw amendment and all other kind of rumors.

This amendment was written up last year by the Beaumont Kennel Club, and the purpose of it is to – our current situation is that we totally destroy the Democratic process by which we're supposed to be following. We allow one club, one vote to totally nullify the entire majority vote of the Delegate body. And this is extremely bad.

This was – for any Delegate that once they become a member of the Board, when they're a member of the Board and they're in a Board meeting, they are representing the Delegate body. They are not representing their individual club. They're representing the Delegate body when they're in a Board meeting.

And the Beaumont Kennel Club just thinks it's horrible that one individual vote can negate the vote of the entire Delegate body, and we encourage people to vote in favor of this at the September meeting.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you for your club's input.

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 8, Section 12, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers.

Mr. Crowley: The amendment is to Chapter 8, Section 12, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers.

This amendment would allow a handler to withdraw from a specific stake during the trial if the handler feels that running the test may injure or aggravate an existing physical or medical condition of the dog.

The full text is on the gray worksheet that was sent to all Delegates. The proposal was submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2007 meeting.

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

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 5, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 14, Section 5, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers. This amendment would elimi-

nate pigeons as a permitted choice of birds for use in the minor stakes and make requirements for game birds for all licensed field trial stakes.

The full text is on the yellow worksheet that was sent to all Delegates. The amendment was submitted by the Retriever Advisory Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and it will be asked to vote on it at the September 2007 meeting.

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

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Sections 2, 6 and 7 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 9, Sections 2, 6 and 7 of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Basset Hounds. This change will reduce the number of entries required in order to obtain a championship title from 10 to 6.

The amendment was requested by the Basset Hound Club of America and approved by the Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2007 meeting.

Mr. Sprung: Is there any question?

Next on the agenda is a statement about the election to fill vacancies on the Delegate committees.

In accordance with the Standing Rule approved at the June 8, 1993 Delegate meeting, there will be an election for Delegate committees at our September 2007 meeting.

Delegates now filling expired term are eligible to be candidates. All Delegates not currently serving on one of the committees are eligible to self-nominate for one committee. No Delegate can run for or serve on more than one of the committees created by the Standing Rule. The only exception is they may serve on the Coordinating Committee and on one Standing Committee. They may also serve on the Perspectives Editorial Staff and on one other Standing Committee as the former was established under a different Standing Rule.

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

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

All-Breed Club Committees: four, three-year terms.

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

Canine Health Committee: four, three-year terms.

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: four, three-year terms.

Dog Show Rules Committee: four, three-year terms.

Field Trial Clubs and Hunting Test Events Committee: four, three-year terms and one, two-year term.

Herding, Earthdog, Coursing Events Committee: four, three-year terms and one, two-year term.

Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee: four, three-year terms and one, one-year term.

Parent Clubs Committee: four, three-year terms.

Perspectives Editorial Staff: six, two-year terms.

Mr. Sprung: All Delegates will be sent the self-nomination forms by the end of this month. This self-nomination form must be returned to the Executive Secretary by Friday, July 27. Questions on the procedures to be followed should also be directed to the Executive Secretary. Delegates may only self-nominate for one committee except that a member of the Perspectives Editorial Staff may also serve on another Standing Committee. In August the Delegates will be sent a list of nominees for each committee, their qualification statements and a sample ballot. At the September meeting following the election of committees, meeting space will be provided to elect their Chairs and secretaries.

The Chair now calls on Ron Rella to announce the second quarter AKC Community Achievement awards.

Mr. Rella: I am pleased to announce the second quarter AKC 2007 Community Agreement Awards. This award is given to AKC clubs and federations and its members who have made outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislation activities.

Each honorary receives an AKC Certificate of Recognition and AKC donates \$1,000 to each honoree's club or federation. Details about the honorees' accomplishments are published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and featured on the AKS web site.

The second quarter honorees are: Bernard and Donna Thompson, Blue Ridge Dog Training Club.

Gloucester County Kennel Club, Delegate: Carole Richards.

Putnam Kennel Club, Delegate: Florence Laicher.

Please join me in congratulations these

honorees.

(Applause)

I would now like to introduce Marcy Zingler, Corporate Project Manager, who will speak on Disaster Preparedness.

Ms. Zingler: Good afternoon. If there is an upside to Katrina, it is that the majority of our people and particularly the government have both finally recognized the necessity of planning and accountability for pets in times of disaster.

You can be proud of yourselves. As people in the forefront of dog activities, you serve as crucial educators for lawmakers and others who now know how our bond with animals influences human behavior in times of crisis.

Never has the phrase "Be Prepared" been more relevant than it is today. Not just for Scouts, but for us all. Remember when you were a kid and your mother told you to wear clean----- let's just say *clothing*, just *in case* something happened?

Hurricane Katrina become the rallying cry for acknowledging, yes, something *can* happen in my backyard. Preparedness is essential for your life and the lives of your pets. Your pets depend entirely on you. *So be prepared.*

- **Plan** – all aspects of your own emergency response for both you *and* your pets. Ideally, design for two scenarios; one if you are confined to your home for several days and another if you and your pets have to evacuate. Elements for both of these plans include, but are not limited to, supplies (including food and medications), finding the safest parts of your home, and escape routes if you are ordered to evacuate or if your home becomes unsafe.

- **Research** – various destinations, as well as escape routes. Investigate routes in several directions in the event that one or more might become blocked or impassable. Practice a dry run for each route, so if you have to improvise, you will be able to do so quickly and without jeopardy.

- **Equip** – your home and your vehicle with emergency supplies and provisions. Include an easily readable map with routes highlighted, waterproof containers for food and medications, waters, bowls, leashes and collapsible carriers or crates. Don't forget medical records, permanent identification, (microchip for pets), a photo and description of your pet, as well as proof of ownership. A First Aid kit is also a necessity. Most of the contents are good for both humans and pets.

- **Practice** – emergency situations and include your pets. Try to do a drill for each type of emergency that may hit your area. Over a period of time practice until

you get the start -to- finish time down to a minimum. Experiment with pretending to be confined to your home. Make it a game for your pets, whether in home or on the road and your pets will be more at ease if and when the real thing strikes.

- **Add** – subtract, or change supplies periodically. Medications that are out of date become ineffective at best and toxic at worst. Food can become stale or worse. Even water stored long term can take on the taste of its container. Consider changing bedding for crates, and check to see that leads and collars still fit and are in good repair.

- **Review** – all plans and preparations regularly. Safe havens may change or cease to exist. Roads may be closed or new ones built. Landmarks may be torn down or names changed. If friends have volunteered to help, make sure that these offers are still viable. Your plans, as well as your vehicle preparation, should be appropriate for various temperatures and seasons.

And, perhaps most important of all,

- **Establish** – an ongoing relationship with your local authorities, such as the Offices of Emergency Management, and dog clubs in your area. FEMA dictates that in times of emergency jurisdiction will be ceded to local authorities where the disaster occurs. Planning and communication with other clubs in your area will create a team effect that can avoid duplication of resources and efforts, as well as produce strength and a much more efficient result.

You can organize your local all-breed club to explore the emergency management resources in your area;

- Where is your nearest County Animal Response Team (CART)? How can you join or help them? If none exists, do you know how to contact the State Animal Response Team (SART)?

- Do you know how to reach your local Office of Emergency Management? Is there someone there who knows you?

- What does your local emergency response agency require from its volunteers?

- How can you and/or your club members fulfill those requirements so that you can be of assistance in times of crisis?

The reality of any situation is that FEMA sets the rules and boundaries. Authority is then delegated to the Department of Agriculture in each state (they oversee the state's Department of Emergency Management), which in turn cedes jurisdiction to the local area where the disaster occurs.

This does not mean that concerned local individuals cannot help.

What it *does* mean is that everyone will have to establish an ongoing relationship with the local authorities considerably in

advance of any disaster, as well as fulfill any requirements the local authorities may establish, as many areas are making lists of those people who are eligible to help. This is often in addition to the requirements set by FEMA. This has been established post-Katrina because it has been generally agreed by all emergency workers that many of the so-called "spontaneous" people did not have a positive affect on relief efforts.

This is a most important function for local all-breed clubs. They are at the forefront of organizing resources in the geographic area they know best and one in which they have personal contacts.

Preparation on the part of local clubs includes;

1. Alerting authorities to the contact people within your club.

2. Names and numbers of resources, (human, financial and material) in your area to be accessed in the event of an emergency. This would include, but not be limited to, supplies for donation or purchase as well as active breed rescue groups, etc.

3. Determining the best and alternate evacuation routes out of the area.

4. Procedures for acquisition and distribution of resources.

5. Pet first aid and/or disaster kits made available by the club for distribution to, or purchase by, all area pet owners.

6. Facilities to house temporarily displaced dogs. This may include temporary shelter facilities, commercial kennels or individual volunteers.

7. Microchip information and/or clinics for all dogs in the area the club was formed to serve.

8. Incident Command System (ICS) training and certification for club members. This is available free and on-line at the FEMA and NIMS websites: <http://training.fema.gov> and at www.nimsonline.com

In January of this area the Animal Issues Working Group was convened under the aegis of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). It is comprised of federal, state, local, and non-governmental experts in animal response and emergency management.

Their charge was to revise the National Response Plan (NRP) to include companion animal and service animal issues and address the critical need for comprehensive inclusion of all animal issues.

Revision of the NRP must take into account that the previously existing Stafford Act has been amended by the passage of the PETS (Pets Evacuation Transportation Standards) Act. This requires state and local disaster preparation to specifically address animal issues. The NRP must take into consideration the

impact of the PETS Act on all local and national incident response.

Their key ideas focus on;

- * Animal issues as an extension of human issues. The way animals are managed in a disaster directly impacts human reaction in that circumstance.

- * Owners taking primary responsibility for animals in planning, response and recovery.

- * Service animals are legally considered an extension of the owner's person according to ADA, and *must* be sheltered with the owner.

- * Local government Animal Control authorities have control over all stray and abandoned animals. The size of the disaster does not change this primary legal authority.

The Animal Issues Working Group reminds us that like all disaster response, animal related response and recovery is most effective when handled at the local level by local resources.

You, as leaders of the dog community, are at the vanguard of marshalling these local resources and authorities.

PLAN YOUR LOCAL RESPONSE — AND RESPOND TO YOUR LOCAL PLAN.

Thank you.
(applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Marcy.

For your information, the September 2007 Delegates meeting will be held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel on Monday, September 10.

There is also hotel information at your chair for the December Delegates meeting in Long Beach. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach Hotel on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. A block of rooms have been reserved for Delegates' use. To reserve one, you must use the special code found on your December hotel information sheet. Due to the popularity of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, the busy travel season and the overwhelming demand for hotel rooms in Long Beach, an early cancellation policy will be in effect for downtown hotels. If for some reason you are not able to keep any part of your hotel reservation, please keep in mind you must make all cancellations by 6:00 P.M. California time October 25, 2007 to avoid a non-refundable charge of one night room and tax.

Once again, new Delegates, our photographer is outside waiting to take your photographs should you choose to do that after adjournment. Delegates are also reminded to leave their badges at the reg-

istration desk.

Is there further business to come before the Delegate body?

Mrs. Daniels: Judy Daniels, speaking as the Chairman of the Bylaws Committee. This is just a brief announcement for the Delegate body. Our most recent Bylaws amendment moved the nomination process for our Board of Directors, whereby all candidates either by nomination or petition, are known prior to our December meeting. This allows us time to share information with our clubs and seek their direction. We're planning to have several opportunities in December to meet with, ask questions and listen to our candidates speak. Many of us remember years ago when Bob Kelly proposed our Standing Rule, which is a three-minute speech prior to election voting to allow Delegates to actually meet the candidates because up until that time we had not had that opportunity. With the changes that we have now made, which were also a part of Mr. Kelly's vision, the standing rule has served its purpose and is no longer necessary.

To that end with the greater opportunity that we now have, the Bylaws Committee is hereby giving notice at this meeting that we propose to rescind the Standing Rule which calls for the three minute speeches just prior to voting at the annual meeting.

This proposal will be voted on at our September meeting, and by giving this notice it will require a simple majority for passage rather than two-thirds. We assure the Delegate body that more information will be available to you with respect to getting to know our candidates before you're asked to vote on this proposal in September, and we thank you in advance for your consideration.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized I. Lehr Brisbin, Delegate of the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I would like to bring to the attention of the Delegate body the recent death of a woman who has had a long and very interesting impact on the sport of purebred dogs and the AKC. Mrs. Evelyn Bui passed away on May 22 of this year at the age of 91 from terminal cancer. Back in the 1950s and '60s, when I'm sure most of this Delegate body was either not born or were in diapers, she was very active in showing Dobermans and Boxers, and she was an AKC judge and she was one of the earliest Board members of the OFA, Orthopedic Foundation for Animals. She's particularly known for Springer Spaniels where she edited and published the maga-

zine known as the Springer Bark, through 1979, and her family has now given a complete set of that magazine to the AKC archives.

I never knew Mrs. Bui, but I rise to commemorate her through a strange contact to the present. Her son Glenn Bui had the great wisdom to become involved with American Staffordshire Terriers. He in his position as a Director of the American Canine Foundation has served the interest of the plaintiffs and was the chief architect of our victory over breeds specific litigation against Toledo in 2001 and he is now playing the same role when we go in against rate specific regulation directed at ten breeds of dogs in Aurora, Colorado this summer.

I think it's interesting a lady like the late Mrs. Evelyn Bui through her son can continue to have an important impact on the sport of purebred dogs today. Mr. Chairman, I thank you for the opportunity to bring these comments.

(applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Dr. Bryant Freeman, Delegate for the Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I'm from the state of Kansas. In Kansas we believe that women are a fine thing, and we are very much in favor of women. In fact, we even have a woman governor.

In light of that fact, I would like to make the following motion. Be it moved that no member or licensed club of the AKC may discriminate in this membership based solely on gender, race, sexual orientation, religion or natural origin.

May I remind you not too many years ago this Delegate body was strictly men. But the last time I looked at my calendar, it was the 21st century and I think no member club of the AKC should in the 21st century have its membership limited just to men or discriminate on the basis of national origin, religion, sexual orientation et cetera. We think that women are a good thing and that no club which is a member of the AKC should discriminate.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, sir.

The Chair recognized Thomson Stanfield, Delegate for Terry-All Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I want to agree with Steve Gladstone this morning. You'll be welcome to hear that, right?

We saw fit to rule our petition to change the Standing Rules last year by ruling it out of order. I was happy to see the Board has come around in their position and presented to the Standing Rules Committee, or to the Dog Show Rules Committee to reinstitute this back to the Delegate body. Therefore, Terre Haute Kennel

Club proposes to change an amendment, to change the dog show rules of the American Kennel Club and, we presented this last week to Executive Secretary Jim Crowley, and he now has a copy of this. And it is identical to what we presented before with the exception we took off the offending paragraphs that we all recognized needed to be removed anyway.

So, therefore whereas the American Kennel Club Board of Directors had voted to a policy to place certain restrictions on its judges and in the process change a rule, thereby usurping the power of the Delegate body, since Article XIX of AKC's Charter and Bylaws grants the Delegates the sole power to make the rules, and whereas the policy on judge's restrictions proposed by the AKC staff and approved by the Board are not in accordance with those Charters and Bylaws of AKC, and whereas the Delegate body should be given the opportunity to agree with the Board of Director's proposal, thereby asserting their sole power granted them to make such rules, and whereas the Delegate body in all likelihood would desire into entering into a not conflict of interest with the Board of Directors, and rather would want to ensure that the Board's policy concerning judges restrictions be addressed by this body in accordance with AKC's Charter and Bylaws.

Therefore, be it resolved to change the Bylaws, the Standing Rules in Section 1, Chapter 7, Judges, where it now reads under Judges would add Section 1: "No AKC judge may have a significant interest in a dog registry or event giving organization deemed by the AKC Board to be in competition with the American Kennel Club.

Significant interest would include, but not limited to, ownership of, employment of, directorship, or holding an office."

That is the identical verbiage out of the policy and by furthering this, Terre Haute wants to assure that the Delegate body has the opportunity to vote positively or negatively in this issue.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you and your club.

The Chair recognized Cheryl Speed, Delegate for American Black and Tan Coonhound Club, who spoke as follows:

The Chair recognized Cheryl Speed, Delegate for American Black and Tan Coonhound Club, who spoke as follows:

I've been instructed by my club to present a statement regarding the recent decision of the AKC Board to open a stud book for the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club.

Beginning in the early to mid '40s, discouraged by the growing trend of modern day Black and Tan Coonhounds, several long time dedicated breeders of a long

eared Old Glory strain of Black and Tans advanced the idea of AKC registration. They were troubled by the general direction developing in the breed as UCK Black and Tans began to be bred as fast on the track, smaller in size, slight boned and short eared and lacking the magnificence of the old fashioned hounds, and the appearance of the "old fashioned" hounds. These prominent breeders embraced the American Kennel Club and envisioned the AKC registration as the road to guardianship of their grand old breed. 60 years later, and against the expressed wishes of the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club, the Board members of the American Kennel Club last month unanimously approved the transfer of approximately 2,000 FSS Black and Tan Coonhounds to the AKC registry effective January 1, 2008.

Furthermore, AKC has indicated the stud book remain open to dogs with acceptable PKC or UKC pedigrees that met all AKC requirements until December 31, 2010.

The FSS dogs are essentially part of the acquisition of the American Coon Hunters Association registry purchased by the American Kennel Club 21 years ago.

At this point of purchase begins the dilemma for the Black and Tan Coonhounds, the only one AKC-recognized of the nine coonhounds acquired in the registry at that time.

ACHA Black and Tan Coonhounds now in the FSS registry have been bred and shown on the bench over the decades to a standard upheld by the United Kennel Club, one that reflects significant differences to the AKC standard developed by our foundation breeders of the '40s. It is precisely for this reason when asked by the American Kennel Club to poll our membership last year with regard to combining the two registries, that the decision by the parent club was overwhelmingly against opening of the stud book. The numbers alone are daunting.

Last year the American Black and Tan Coonhound ranged 139th in popularity of all AKC recognized breeds, registering 159 dogs in 2006. After the impending tsunami of approximately 2,000 FSS dogs, our breed will soar to the mid 50s.

The American Black and Tan Coonhound is extremely disheartened by the current action of the Board and the Parent club fully understands this is an unparallel situation. However, it is not one that we created.

The current situation has been a source of frustration and disappointment over the years from all parties to the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club, as we strive to maintain the integrity of our stud book and be the custodian of the "old

fashioned Black and Tan Coonhound" to the FSS club as they wait for the fulfillment of the many promises made to their group 21 long years ago and to the American Kennel Club as they attempted to find a solution that gives closure to both groups and to fulfill the promises made. As disappointed and frustrated as the American Black and Tan Coonhound has been with the recent decision, we have been further disheartened and basically insulted by the process of reaching the conclusion.

We became aware of the vote taking place at the May AKC Board of Directors meeting only by reading the minutes of the April meeting which stated that there would be a decision made on FSS Black and Tan Coonhounds and a vote my take place at the AKC Board of Directors meeting. After a unanimous vote by the Board we were notified not by the American Kennel Club, but by the president of the FSS Coonhound Club and by reading about the vote on the FSS Coonhound Online Forum.

Our letter from the American Kennel Club announcing the results officially was not received until May 19th, 11 days after the fact. We were the last to officially be notified.

At this time the American Kennel Club or the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club urges and requests the following: that the stud book for the Black and Tan be closed as of January 1, 2008. We are not a new breed and the three year open registration typical for new breeds should not apply.

That the registration application for FSS Coonhounds omit the color selection of black only. Obviously, Black and Tan is the only acceptable color choice for this breed.

That the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club be kept fully up-to-date and informed regarding any and all issues regarding our breed. This should go without saying.

The American Black and Tan Coonhound Club remains steadfast in our mission to uphold the integrity of the stud book, to encourage and educate judges and breeders to adhere to the Black and Tan Coonhound standard.

We take great pride in the fact that our breed has remained true and virtually unchanged over the past 60 years to a standard established by our predecessors. Yes, other hunting and sporting breeds may reflect extreme differences between the dogs seen in the show room and those in the field, but not one breed in history has been faced with such a disproportionate influx at one time. Yes, this will dramatically increase our gene pool, but that is a decision that would be exclusive for

the Parent club and for the right reasons.

Ours is a breed that has remained relatively healthy over the years, and the proposed new gene pool carries with it much of the way of the unknown, untested, unscreened animals whose potential for positive contribution remains unknown and suspect.

As we move down the trail of the unknown, our club membership reflects the same temperament as required by our breed standard. We are basically even-tempered individuals, outgoing and friendly, and able to work in close contact with others.

Now as we find ourselves in close contact with the FSS group, we will honestly strive to find common ground and mutual understanding. We hope to encourage and enjoy a good relationship with the members of the FSS group at the same striving with all our hearts to protect our grand old breeds, our small group holds so dear.

Thank you.
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: We appreciate your club's input. A lot of the issues you brought forward are being addressed such as changing the date of the closing of the stud book. There is also ongoing communication between your club and our staff. But again we appreciate all of that input.

The Chair recognized Mildred Dold, Delegate for Wichita Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs for their help during the Greensburg disaster. The Greensburg tornado was no Katrina in virtue of number of animals, but it was utter deviation. It was a community completely, I would say, exploded during the night from the high winds and pressures. The total support system of the downtown business district was destroyed and the farming community around it. But that happened during the night and before 8:30 the following morning I had a call from Diane Albers, a perfect stranger to me because I'm a fairly new Delegate, offering the support of the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs.

She gave me a list of the things that we would need, asked what was going on, and I was watching TV just as everybody else was, but I was able to discern that the local veterinarians were headed west.

I live on the yellow brick road leading out to Greensburg, and she gave me a list of supplies that they would need and tried to round up as much as we could. They stopped by on their way out to pick them up. She said she could offer the support of PetSmart, and the vets got back to us with a list of things they needed when they got

on the scene and within a few hours Diane had us corporate approval from PetSmart and we were able to go in and get the supplies that were needed for the veterinarians and the support system, the initial responses team that went out. So I would like to publicly thank Diane and the Florida clubs because it was just wonderful to hear her voice over the phone offering that support, and they checked on us almost every day do see if there were more things that they needed. PetSmart was fabulous to us. And the managers even loaded the igloo vans for us.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you and thank you Diane, PetSmart and the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs.

Ms. Laurans: Speaking now as the Chair of the Parent Club Committee, I was touched and disturbed by some of the things that I learned from the Delegate from the American Black and Tan Coonhound Club, and I am concerned that something of that great magnitude where another group of non-AKC Parent clubs is allowed great latitude, even if well-deserved without it at least being explained to the Parent Club Committee and the Parent club Delegates who attend your meetings.

I'm disturbed by what was interpreted at this meeting in terms of how it was handled, but I'm glad, Dennis, that those things are being worked on, but I am fearful that something like this could happen to other parent clubs as well as disappointed until I hear the rationale that it happened to even one of our parent clubs, and I would hope in the future that if moves of this magnitude that affect Parent clubs are being thought about and even before they're enacted, that the Parent Club Committee and the many Parent clubs and all-breed Delegates, Obedience Delegates that attend our meetings have the opportunity to know the reasons and rationale before decisions are made. Thank you.

Ms. Bernardi: I think I remember correctly, that during Jim Steven's report, he said that 20 percent of our registrations come from the fancy. I was shocked to hear that, because the number that I was told was a much smaller percent of our registrations. I'm curious as to how we arrived at the number.

The Chair called on Connie Pearcy, staff, to address the question.

Ms. Pearcy: Thank you. To get at that, we looked at a number of different factors. There are some different statistics when

you are looking at litters or dogs, so we tried to take all that into account. We looked at the number of litters that had a titled sire or dam and we then also looked at different registrations rates by different breeder types, as well as the number of litters registered by different groups. So we took all those things into account to get to that 20 percent number that accounts for a higher registration rate among breeders in the fancy. That was a dog registrations of course that Jim provided. We looked at whether litters had a champion sire or dam, at registration rates, and number of litters per year to derive this. What we mean when we say registration rates, we mean the number of puppies in a registered litter that are indeed registered. And that does change from year to year and varies by breed. That's kind of an aggregate of what we allocate as coming from the fancy, but we can break that down in lots of different ways to look at it from different angles.

The Chair recognized Cindy Vogels, Delegate from the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier of American who spoke as follows:

Switching hats, as vice-president of the Canine Health Foundation, I'd like to bring the Delegate body up to date on an important initiative that the CHF Board approved at our meeting this weekend. In concert with AKC efforts to defeat California AB 1634...

Mr. Sprung: May I interrupt the Delegate, please? If there is going to be discussion on AB 1634, without objection, I ask that we go into Executive Session.

(Executive Session)

Mr. Sprung: We are out of Executive Session. Delegate Vogels, can you give Jim Crowley a copy of The Canine Health Foundation statement and we will make that part of the minutes. Thank you.

Ms. Vogels: Thank you. As Vice President of the Canine Health Foundation, I would like to bring the Delegate body up to date on an important initiative the CHF Board approved at our meeting this weekend.

In concert with AKC efforts to defeat AB1634, the Canine Health Foundation will provide fact sheets to all involved parties explaining the economic and medical impact of our work in the state of California.

CHF has funded over \$1.8 million for 42 studies in grants to universities in California.

Recently the state of California allocated \$3 billion towards stem cell research. CHF has funded its first major project uti-

lizing stem cell research to study degenerative myelopathy and dilated cardiomyopathy. This grant is translational in nature meaning it has implications for human medicine which illustrates the applicability of canine research to human models. Also, canine research is much less constrained by regulatory agencies making it ideal for ground-breaking discoveries.

By providing these facts, we will be pointing out more ways in which purebred dogs have a positive impact on our lives.

I would also appeal to other legislative groups which would like our support to contact us. CHF is happy to help in any way we can.

The Chair called on David Merriam.

Mr. Merriam: To the Delegates, I offer the following:

“Be it resolved that the Delegates of the American Kennel Club declare that the enactment of AB1634 in the State of California would 1) be detrimental to the sport of purebred dogs; 2) fail to achieve the humane results it purports to espouse; and 3) cost the State of California and its communities tens of millions of dollars in lost revenues.

Be it further resolved that the Delegates of the American Kennel Club urge the Governor, the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California to defeat AB1634.”

Mr. President, I move the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Sprung: The motion has been made and seconded.

All those in favor, please raise your hand. Thank you.

All those opposed, please raise your hand. Thank you.

The motion is carried, thank you.

Is there any further business to come before the Delegate Body?

Mr. Gladstone: We should let the whole country know that this resolution was adopted unanimously.

Ms. Arrowwood: I just have a query that will take a minute. I read somewhere that we were going to be informed at this meeting where the location for the June 2008 meeting would be. I just wondered if that location has been determined?

Mr. Sprung: It has not yet been decided.

Hearing no further business to come before the Delegate Body the meeting stands adjourned. Get home safely.