

**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES
OF
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
JUNE 9, 2009**

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 279

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*
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Airedale Terrier Club of America—
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Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Virginia P. Grefe
American Bloodhound Club—
Mary L. Olszewski
American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—
Alan Kalter
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—
Harold Miller
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 Pomeranian Club, Inc.—
Darrell Baker
American Rottweiler Club—
Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—
Kenneth W. Mader
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—
Marjorie Tuff
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Sally L. Vilas
American Tibetan Mastiff Association—
Martha Feltenstein
American Water Spaniel Club—
Beth Lagimoniere
American Whippet Club, Inc.—
Ms. Donna D. Lynch
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—
Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
William Daniels
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.—
Barbara A. Finch
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Mulvey*
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—
Ms. Virginia M. Mayhall
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*
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—
Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America,
Inc.—*Denise Dean*
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—
George Sikes
Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—
Martha Griffin
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Ruth A. Naun
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—
Barbara O'Neill
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Ruth A. Williams*
Bulldog Club of Philadelphia—
Mrs. Lynn E. Smith
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Daniel
J. Smyth, Esq.*
Cairn Terrier Club of America—*Pam Davis*
California Airedale Terrier Club—
Kayla Kurucz
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—
Mr. Wayne F. Harmon
Canaan Dog Club of America—
Pamela S. Rosman
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington,
D.C., Inc.—*Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge*
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America,
Inc.—*Ms. Eugenia B. Bishop*
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*
Catonsville Kennel Club—*Beverly A. Drake*
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—
Sally Allen
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pam Goldman*
Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*
Chattanooga Kennel Club—*David Gilstrap*
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—
Marge B. Calltharp
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nick Piasis*
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—*Mrs.
Ginny Atkinson*
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Patricia H. Haines
Clarksville Kennel Club—
Robert A. Schroll
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachu-
setts—*Dr. Stephen Lawrence*
Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*

Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Majorie
Underwood*
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Maureen R. Setter
Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—
Ricky Blackman
Collie Club of America, Inc.—
Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—
Sidney L. Marx
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—
Robert Brown
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—
Norma J. Ryan
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—
Michael Houchar
Cudahy Kennel Club—*Don H. Adams*
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—
Mr. Charles A. Baris
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—
James W. Smith
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America,
Inc.—*Karen Dorn*
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Barbara L. Mann
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—
Merlyn A. Green, D.C.
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*
Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore—*Sandra
Olsen*
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—
Dr. A. D. Butherus
Detroit Kennel Club—*Mr. Erik Bergishagen*
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Meg Weitz
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—
Mrs. Patti L. Strand
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Kathrynann Sarvinas
Durham Kennel Club Inc.—*Linda C. Wozniak*
East Tennessee Retriever Club—
Garry Clausing
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club,
Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America,
Inc.—*Barbara A. Penny*
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—
Mr. John P. Nielsen
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tion, Inc.—*Mrs. Alice E. Berd*
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of
Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*
English Toy Spaniel Club of America—*Vanes-
sa N. Weber*

- Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Terrie Breen
- Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—
Arlene R. Harris
- Field Spaniel Society of America—
Katherine Sullivan
- Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*
- Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—
Lynda Kenney
- French Bulldog Club of America—
Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
- 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
- Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
- Golden Retriever Club of America—
Mr. Howard Falberg
- Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—
Nance O. Skoglund
- Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—
Thomas Sandenaw
- Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—
Dr. Robert M. Brown
- Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—
Ms. Karen J. Burgess
- Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—
Barbara Shaw
- Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—
Patricia B. Staub
- Greater Hickory Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. John L. Hyatt
- Greater Kingsport Kennel Club—
Georgia Warren
- Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—
Virginia M. O'Connell
- Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—
Marlene Steinberg
- Greater St. Louis Training Club, Inc.—
Jane V. (Candy) Slay
- Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—
Mary Jo Rasmussen
- Greyhound Club of America—
Mrs. Melanie S. Steele
- Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Cynthia A. Miller
- Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—
Mr. Robert D. Black
- Havanese Club of America—
Jane F. Ruthford
- Heart of America Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—
Nancy Fisk
- Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Carol A. Williamson
- Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dick Blair
- Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—
David A. Helming
- Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—
Luane V. Williams
- Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Rita J. Biddle
- Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Constance B. Vanacore
- Irish Wolfhound Club of America—
Linda Souza
- Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—
Carole Wilson
- James River Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mallory C. Driskill
- Jaxon Kennel Club, Inc.—
Margaret A. Head
- Kachina Kennel Club—
Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson
- Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—
Mr. John D. Sawicki
- Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—
Carole Plesur
- Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—
Mrs. Florence L. Prawel
- Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—
Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton
- Kennel Club of Riverside—
Sylvia Thomas
- Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Fred C. Bock, II
- Komondor Club of America, Inc.—
Michael Harman
- Kuvasz Club of America—
R. K. Barnes
- Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Virginia Van Doren
- Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Kathi Brown
- Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—
Sylvia Meisels
- 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
- Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—
Luis F. Sosa
- Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—
Judy R. Melear
- Macon Kennel Club—
Nell Stumpf
- Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. J. C. Garvin
- Maryland Kennel Club—
John T. Ward
- Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—
Dr. William R. Newman
- Medina Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Pat Dresser
- Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Robert D. Smith
- Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—
John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
- Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Jeanette Nieder
- Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—
John Russell
- Middleburg Kennel Club—
Shelley C. Roos
- Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—
Giselle Simonds
- Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ralph Hogancamp
- Misphillion Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood
- Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—
Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi
- Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—
Robert H. McKowen
- Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—
Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb
- Mountain States Dog Training Club, Inc.—
John D. Landis
- Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Judith V. Daniels
- Myrtle Beach Kennel Club—
Linda D. Witouski
- Nashville Kennel Club—
James Efron
- National Beagle Club—
Eddie Dziuk
- National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
- National Shiba Club of America—
Maggi Strouse
- 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 Kennel Club—
Richard F. Coletti
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—
Marile A. Waterstraat
- Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—
Ms. Patricia C. Scully
- Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—
James M. Ashton

- Ohio Valley Beagle Club, Inc.—
Dr. J. A. Humphrey
- Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Robert Nazak*
- Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—
Harvey A. Mueller
- Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—
Judy F. Murray
- Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—
Burton J. Yamada
- Orlando Dog Training Club—
Rodney L. Russell
- Ozark Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mark A. Chambers
- Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Suzanne L. Tolleson*
- Pasanita Obedience Club Inc.—*Sheila Miller*
- Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Judy A. Hart*
- Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association—*Dennis Daigle*
- Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America—*Anne Gallant, Ph.D.*
- Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*
- Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—
Joachim Blutreich
- Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*
- Poodle Club of America, Inc.—
Mary Ellen Fishler
- Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*
- Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—
James Primmer
- Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Joan Savage
- Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Karen Arends*
- Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*
- Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—
Michelle R. Anderson
- Puli Club of America, Inc.—*Maggie Witwer*
- Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—
Florence R. Laicher
- Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—
Mrs. Anne M. Rappaport
- Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*
- Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—
Gerard Baudet
- Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Michael J. Teeling*
- Richland County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Shirley L. Boyer
- 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-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—
Ronald H. Menaker
- Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Janice S. Gardner*
- Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*
- Sagehen's Retriever Club—
Katherine B. Simonds
- Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita Mather*
- Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*
- Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Tom Brown
- Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—
Audrey Sutton
- Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—
Laurence J. Libeu
- Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—
Kay Allred
- Scottish Deerhound Club of America, Inc.—
Sally Poole
- Scottish Terrier Club of America—
John McNabney
- Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—
Nancy Perrell
- Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Lynne M. Myall
- Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*
- Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—
Ms. Donna Beckman
- Sioux Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Jean Evanoff
- Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*
- 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
- Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—
Dr. John V. Ioia
- Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—
Lee Arnold
- Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Thomas M. Davies
- St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Deborah J. Wilkins*
- St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—
Stephanie A. Crawford
- Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*Holly S. Stump*
- Standard Schnauzer Club of America—
Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser
- Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. Robert Eisele
- Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—
Thomas D. Parrotti
- Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Florence Duggan
- Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning*
- Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—
Karen Clausing
- Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*
- Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—
Mr. Herbert H. Rosen
- Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*
- Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
William Hossler
- Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*
- Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—
Christopher L. Sweetwood
- Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joseph Martyn*
- Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*
- Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*
- United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—
Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III
- United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiaro*
- Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—
J. M. Haderer
- Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Alan King*
- Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Carol Fisher
- Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.—
Bradford W. Noyes
- Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Lynn Worth*
- Wachusett 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 Fox Terrier Breeders Association—
Torie Steele

Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. William A. Russett
 Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mildred L. Dold*
 Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frederick R. Vogel*
 Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—*Mrs. Karen Mays*
 Winston-Salem Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Martha Ruskai
 Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—
Fred T. Kampho
 Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*
 Worcester County Kennel Club—
Debra A. Hokkanen
 Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Patricia D. Reynolds

DELEGATE'S FORUM**SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 9, 2009, DELEGATES FORUM**

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

A TOUR OF THE AKC WEBSITE

AKC Chief Information Officer and Vice President, Charley Kneifel, gave a presentation titled "A Tour of the AKC Website". The presentation covered three main areas: basic account setup; how to gain access; and use of the AKC Delegate Portal. Also addressed were other features available to users of My AKC, including information about dogs, litters, and events.

THE DELEGATE PORTAL

The tour of the Delegate Portal highlighted the information available to AKC Delegates, including how to access meeting transcripts, meeting mailings, and Delegate Committee meeting minutes. It was noted that all items the Delegate's receive in their mailings are available on the Portal, including rule changes to be read or voted upon at upcoming meetings.

MY AKC

The rest of the presentation covered how to use your My AKC account to access information about dogs you own and information

about those dogs including points towards titles. The presentation also covered how to effectively use your My AKC account to simplify Online Litter Registration and how to access information about which of the puppies from your litters have been registered. One of the most well-received portions of the presentation covered how to use the AKC website to create pre-filled entry forms for any AKC event, ranging from Conformation to Lure Coursing.

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
 DELEGATES MEETING
 JUNE 9, 2009**

Mr. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Chairman Ronald Menaker, Vice Chairman, Dr. Thomas Davies, Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary, Jackie Moore, the Court Reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting: Robert L. Brown II, Columbia, MO, to represent Columbia Missouri Kennel Club
 Beverly A. Drake, Glen Arm, MD, to represent Catonsville Kennel Club
 Ralph E. Hogancamp, Woodbury, MN, to represent Minneapolis Kennel Club
 Mary MacCollum, Stillwater, NY, to represent Albany Kennel Club
 Marjorie B. McTernan, Punta Gorda, FL, to represent Norfolk Terrier Club
 Barbara O'Neill, Seattle, WA, to represent Borzoi Club of America
 Charles M. Paris, Reading, PA, to represent Pocono Beagle Club
 Barbara A. Penny, Ambler, PA, to represent English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
 Judith Priestley, Flint, MI, to represent Companion Dog Training Club of Flint
 Mary Jo Rasmussen, Falls Church, VA, to represent Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America
 Martha Ruskai, Winston-Salem, NC, to represent Winston-Salem Dog Training Club
 Katherine B. Simonds, Morrisville, VT, to represent Sagehen's Retriever Club
 Suzanne Leigh Tolleson, Center Conway, NH, to represent Parson Russell Terrier Association of America
 Deborah J. Wilkins, Prior Lake, MN, to represent St. Croix Valley Kennel Club
 Margaret R. Witwer, Greeley, CO, to represent Puli Club of America

Harvey M. Wooding, Redding, CT, to represent Westminster Kennel Club

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

Robert L. Brown II, Columbia, MO, to represent Columbia Missouri Kennel Club
 Stephanie Crawford, Binghamton, NY, to represent Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America
 Beverly A. Drake, Glen Arm, MD, to represent Catonsville Kennel Club
 Margaret A. Head, Springport, MI, to represent Jaxon Kennel Club
 Ralph E. Hogancamp, Woodbury, MN, to represent Minneapolis Kennel Club
 Sandra Olsen, Duvall, WA, to represent Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore
 Barbara O'Neill, Seattle, WA, to represent Borzoi Club of America
 Barbara A. Penny, Ambler, PA, to represent English Cocker Spaniel Club of America
 Mary Jo Rasmussen, Falls Church, VA, to represent Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America
 Martha Ruskai, Winston-Salem, NC, to represent Winston-Salem Dog Training Club
 Katherine B. Simonds, Morrisville, VT, to represent Sagehen's Retriever Club
 Michael Teeling, Corfu, NY, Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States
 Suzanne Leigh Tolleson, Center Conway, NH, to represent Parson Russell Terrier Association of America
 Deborah J. Wilkins, Prior Lake, MN, to represent St. Croix Valley Kennel Club
 Margaret R. Witwer, Greeley, CO, to represent Puli Club of America

The minutes of the March 2009 Delegates meeting were approved.

The Following clubs were approved as members of the American Kennel Club: Boca Raton Dog Club, Mississippi State Kennel Club and Norwich Terrier Club of America.

The President gave his report as follows: The staff and I have relayed to you over the past several meetings that there are serious concerns for us to counter. To simplify the issue under one umbrella -- Registration. I have explained that one must connect the dots. Without litter registrations, there are no dog registrations; without dog registrations, there are fewer pedigrees ordered and reduced entries at your events. As we continue to connect the dots, fewer registrations mean less opportunity for programs such as the AKC Chase credit card, PPI health care to insure dogs, and fewer new owners to reach out to on behalf of CAR, CHF, and the Museum.

On the business to business level, we are challenged by numbers in terms of marketing our brand to sponsors and licensees, the result being reduced revenue channels. In this economic environment, reputation, customer base and constituency size often defines a company's story. Our tradition is exemplary, but we need to restore our registration numbers or the cumulative effect on the future will find us smaller and less influential. We cannot and will not allow that to occur. We will use our passion, clout and newly acquired compelling numbers to leverage opportunities. After all, we are winners!

The business world continues to evolve; the same is true of the AKC's business. The only constants are challenges and changes. This requires us to be creative, capable, informed, practical and first to market. We already are creative, capable, informed and practical. First to market is dependent upon quick decisions and for AKC that is a governance issue, something to address on another day. By now, you might be asking yourself where Dennis is going with this. I'll tell you exactly where. We are going to stem the registration decline and then grow that core business which requires a team with many players. By the way, you are all on the team so drop any passing thought of sitting on the sidelines and watching the rest of us. We are one -- what happens anywhere in our organization, Rally, Herding, or Conformation, matters to all of us.

With the Board's encouragement, staff has set in motion initiatives to improve registrations. Some are recent, others soon to be launched including an AKC Registration Pledge which John Lyons presented at yesterday's Parent Club and All-Breed Club Committee meetings and which will be presented to you today. Other launches have received positive initial reaction. For example, the Online Record Keeping Service which is complimentary to all breeders with a *My AKC* account. Using this free service, every breeder can assist in improving our numbers while maintaining mating, whelping, and registration information and viewing litter registration data for all puppies in your litters. A very important benefit of this service is that it allows you to verify that each puppy you sold has been individually registered or follow up with the new owner to do so.

A turn-around will not come to fruition in the first days or first months, but it will continue, endure and succeed. The sport has learned to thrive with adversity; more times than not, we have turned it into success and we will continue to do so. I have complete confidence in you and your clubs. We must believe that the decades of breeding, exhibit-

ing, contributions, volunteerism and simply doing the right thing will continue to inspire others as it has each one of us.

We are focused on our challenges -- registration, revenue, legislation; however, on the other side of the ring, we have so many assets it would take hours to list them all. Just look around the room. We have our Delegates here, our dogs at home, and our clubs with their tens of thousands of members, over 22,000 annual events, 3,000,000 entries, 125 years of tradition, and on and on. Registration will provide the influential numbers necessary to continue all of our good works. We must be bold and face our challenges in order to lay a solid foundation so the next generation has the opportunity to enjoy what we all have experienced and cherished. Future dog people will be more concerned about what steps we didn't take than about those we took. You are the leaders on this team; you can make a difference; you possess the spirit of a winner. Be proud of our past and be actively involved so together we can continue our winning ways!

The Chief Financial Officer, James Stevens gave the Financial Report. A summary follows:

Total revenues for the five months ended May 2009 were \$3.4 million or 12% lower than the prior year. Total operating expenses during this same time period were 3% below 2008. This resulted in an operating profit of \$700,000 for five months.

The improved performance of the stock market in 2009 produced a year-to-date investment gain of \$1.8 million. This represented an excellent turnaround from last year's investment loss of \$1.4 million. Our positive investment results led to a net surplus of \$2.4 million for the first five months of 2009. This was approximately \$500,000 higher than the prior year.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the following Resolution passed by the Board of Directors:

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Kennel Club held on June ninth, two thousand and nine, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Noreen E. Baxter joined the staff of The American Kennel Club on April tenth, nineteen hundred and eighty nine; and,

Whereas, her initial position was Judges Education Coordinator Assistant in the Judges Education Department; and, Whereas, she was promoted to Manager of Public Relations and Public Affairs on October second, nineteen hundred and eighty-nine; and,

Whereas, she became Director of Communications on March eighth, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and was elected Vice President of Public Education on March fifteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-five; and, Whereas, on October thirteenth, two thousand and three, she became Vice President of Communications; and,

Whereas, over her two decades of service she has overseen numerous areas of AKC operations, including, but not limited to, Communications, Publications, Public Education, Legislation, Club Relations, and Canine Good Citizen; and, Whereas, her calm demeanor, commonsense approach when addressing issues facing AKC, and her constant display of tact and diplomacy in interacting with those with whom she disagreed, made her a valuable asset to The American Kennel Club; and, Whereas, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished manager, leader, dog lover and friend; and, Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to her their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead, and their deep appreciation for her past and continuing dedicated service to The American Kennel Club and the Sport of Purebred Dogs.

Signed by Ronald H. Menaker, AKC Board Chairman
(standing ovation)

The Chair thanked Noreen Baxter for everything she has done for the AKC.

The Chair reviewed some benefits that the Committee on Group Realignment considered in their research, which will result from realigning the Groups: They are:

- To better group breeds that are similar in conformation or function.
- Improve judges' education by building on these similarities.
- Improve spectator understanding of dog shows.
- Group size is growing with the addition of new breeds recognized. The realignment will help decrease the size of five of the Groups.
- Increase participation by offering an additional twelve Group placements.

I would also like to review with you, the estimated cost of Group Realignment.

As with all projects, there are two types of costs. The most easily definable cost is the actual monetary expenditures for the program. These would include printing and discarding obsolete publications. The actual expenditures related to Group Realignment is estimated to be \$65,000

The more difficult cost to define is the opportunity cost. This is the cost of time

existing employees will spend working on this program that could be used on different programs. Although this is not an additional expense since they are employees, the existing staff members, time spent on Group Realignment will delay other programs that could produce more income. If the deferred programs were determined to be more critical they would require overtime or contract labor in order to meet all of the requirements. We have estimated the value of these hours to be \$150,000.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendments to **Chapter 3, Sections 1, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and **Chapter 2** of the *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, Registrable Breeds by Group*.

Mr. Crowley: These Amendments to **Chapter 3, Sections 1, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* and **Chapter 2** of the *Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, Registrable Breeds by Group*, would split the Sporting and Hound Groups, replace the Non Sporting Group with a Companion Group and the Northern Group, and change all references from seven groups to ten. The full text is on the Blue worksheets.

The amendment was submitted by the Board appointed Group Realignment Committee and is recommended by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2009 meeting.

The Chair recognized Dr. Robert D. Smith, Delegate for the Memphis Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I do have a few comments I would like to make as a Delegate, a concerned judge, and also as a member of the Group Realignment Committee. As I have observed, many of the comments regarding Group Realignment, and this includes comments at yesterday's caucus, especially negative comments, relates to the issue of the size of the groups. That is indeed a partial reason for the recommendation made by the committee, and it is true certainly that without a change within the next five to seven years there would be several groups, four or five of them whose numbers of breeds will be increased to nearly 40 and that is a concern to the committee and I think to the entire Delegate body. There were other issues, however, which I think should be emphasized. One of the major areas of focus by the committee was the effort, as was also stated earlier by the President, to put breeds in groups of like individuals so that it would make more logical sense.

The committee spent a lot of time discussing what breeds should go into what groups and

I think they did a pretty good job, but as our considerations came to a tentative conclusion, we felt that we needed more input, particularly from the Parent Clubs of those breeds affected. So we communicated to those Parent Clubs and asked them to poll their members for their opinions as to where a particular breed most appropriately belongs, and I am pleased that we got a pretty darn good reception and response from those clubs. We made every effort to accommodate as many of them as we possibly could and I think, for the most part, we were successful in doing so.

I think we also need to look at the potential impact of the changes we are recommending. If you recall back in 1983 when we split the Working and Herding Groups, a lot of herding breeds were not particularly well represented in Group competition in the Working Group and they were not in great numbers in entries at shows. Over the years since then those numbers and entries have increased dramatically, the breeds in the Herding Group, and I think also the Working Group, have thrived with those changes made in 1983. It is our anticipation that we can expect the same kind of results from the changes as proposed by the committee.

It appears in my opinion, from the conversations I have had around the country, that most judges, most exhibitors, and most handlers, are pleased with the prospect of the changes we recommended.

More importantly, I think we can probably anticipate increased entries in the breeds that are affected in this manner, particularly in those groups that were reduced in size. I think that this will be of benefit to The American Kennel Club, the clubs involved around the country, your breed clubs and your all-breeds clubs, and you will see an increase in entries that will benefit the bottom line for AKC, as well as the bottom line for handlers, photographers, magazines. Are you listening Matt, and in general the Fancy. I strongly recommend that you seriously consider approving these amendments.

The Chair recognized Sidney L. Marx, Delegate for the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

We heard the President's report this morning about the economic condition. It is even more dire for some of the smaller clubs out there giving shows. While our clubs support consideration of consolidating some of the varieties to be shown as one breed, and we understand the importance of being creative, we think this proposal will negatively impact the smaller clubs. It will negatively impact the Group Clubs and increase expenses. At this time we are against the proposed realignment. We prefer to see greater effort

put into being proactive dealing with PETA and HSUS and taking under advisement the proliferation of dog shows and the effect this is having on dogs being shown. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Peggy Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I would like to say that some of the best minds in this sport met for over a year to come up with this proposal. At this time in our history we have to adapt to change. If it doesn't work, we can always go back but if we don't try something new we are not going to be back here in a few years. Thank you.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 5** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 5** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications* would permit the further division of the 12 18 month class at the option of the individual club. The full text is on the Canary worksheet. This amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and is recommended by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2009 meeting.

The Chair calls the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to **Chapter 8, Section 9** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers - Eligibility of Dogs for Entry*.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment to **Chapter 8, Section 9** of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Retrievers - Eligibility of Dogs for Entry* updates the wording to address all contagious and communicable diseases. The full text is on the Pink worksheet.

The amendment was approved by ballot by the 2008 Retriever Advisory Committee and recommended by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC GAZETTE* and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2009 meeting.

The Chair read the following statement about the election to fill vacancies on Delegate Committees:

In accordance with the standing rule approved at the June 8, 1993 Delegate meeting there will be an election for the Delegate Committees at our September 2009 meeting. Delegates now filling expired terms are eligible to be candidates. Any Delegates appointed to fill a vacancy on a committee from last September's election would have to self nominate to be a candidate. All Delegates not currently serving on one of the commit-

tees are eligible to self nominate for one committee. No Delegates can run for, or serve on, more than one of the committees created by the Standing Rule. The only exception is that 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 called on the Executive Secretary to read the 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 Clubs Committee: four, three year terms

Bylaws Committee: three, three year terms
Canine Health Committee: three, three year terms and two, one year terms

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: four, three year terms

Dog Show Rules Committee: four, three year terms

Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee: three, three year terms and two, one year terms

Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing Events Committee: three, three year terms and one, one year term

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

Parent Clubs Committee: four, three year terms

Perspectives Editorial Staff: six, two year terms and one, one year term

Mr. Sprung: All Delegates will be sent the self nomination form by the end of this month. This self nomination form must be returned to the Executive Secretary by Friday, July 24, 2009. Questions on the procedures to be followed should also be addressed to the Executive Secretary. Delegates may only self nominate for one committee, except that a member of 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 rooms will be provided for each committee to elect chairs and secretaries.

The Chair called on John Lyons, Chief Operating Officer, to announce a number of awards and present information on AKC's registration initiatives.

Mr. Lyons spoke as follows: Good morning everyone. I am pleased to announce the second quarter AKC 2009 Community Achievement Awards. This award is given to clubs and AKC federations and their members who have made outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislation activities. Each honoree receives an AKC Certificate of Recognition and the AKC donates \$1,000 to each honoree's club or federation. Details about the honorees' accomplishments are published in the *AKC GAZETTE* and featured on the AKC Website. The second quarter honorees are: Bakersfield Obedience Training Club, Lori Finlayson of the Mid Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa, Karen Gibson, Delegate Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Marieann Gladstone, Delegate.

Please join me in congratulating the honorees.
(applause)

I am pleased to announce the AKC Humane Fund's first Breed Rescue Grant. This \$1,000 grant is presented to the Silky Terrier Rescue Charitable Trust. This 501c3 organization is supported by the Silky Terrier Club of America. Congratulations.
(applause)

And now, an announcement about another important new award. AKC Companion Animal Recovery supports and recognizes outstanding disaster relief and preparedness efforts conducted by AKC-affiliated clubs and their members. We would not be able to offer such assistance during disasters if not for our hard working volunteers and club members.

One of the great disaster relief advocates, first with Hurricanes in Florida then Katrina and every major storm in the Gulf regions since, was Diane Albers, AKC Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club and President of the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs. Her steadfast determination, tireless advocacy and hard working dedication to get supplies to help animals went far and wide. Her efforts helped animals affected and displaced by natural disasters, especially hurricanes, with widespread and repeated evacuations affecting thousand of pets.

With the passing of Diane, and as a tribute to her trailblazing in this arena of disaster preparedness and relief, AKC CAR is pleased to announce the creation of the Diane Albers Memorial Disaster Relief Award to be known as the "Albers Award."

The Albers Award will be granted to either an individual member of an AKC club or to the AKC club itself. Honorees will receive a plaque and their club will receive from

\$1,000 to \$5,000 to further volunteerism in connection with disaster preparedness and/or relief efforts within their community. Nominations will be accepted throughout the year and awards may be granted once every quarter.

A Nomination Form and instructions are now located on the AKC web site on the Disaster Preparedness page.

We are pleased to announce the inaugural winners for this quarter.

During the recent floods in Fargo, North Dakota, AKC CAR reached out to club officers in the area, offering assistance. The Secretary of the Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club, Deb Hoff, responded and began working with us to coordinate disaster relieve where it was most needed. She was instrumental, with the help of the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund, in getting immediate supplies to the temporary shelter at the Fargo Fairgrounds where evacuated displaced pets were being housed. Deb and her husband drove their pick up truck during the flood, at great risk, to a local feed and supply store. Their quick actions gave the shelter instant and much needed disaster relief before the other shipments of crates, kennels and leashes arrived. Because of AKC club members like Deb Hoff, AKC CAR was able to come to the rescue quicker and with great emphasis for local AKC clubs in the community.

We congratulate Deb Hoff and the Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club on their efforts. A check for \$5,000 will be sent to the club to continue their good works in this area. Please join in congratulating Deb and the Fargo Moorhead Kennel Club.
(applause)

Now, I would like to turn from awards to address a topic of increasing importance – Yesterday we introduced a registration initiative in both the All Breed Committee and Parent Clubs Committee. It represents one of the steps that we need to take if we are to stop the decline in our registration numbers. As you know, the Board and Staff are leaving no stone unturned in an effort to restore the AKC registry. One of the areas of opportunity involves the return of blue slips on AKC litters.

Let me illustrate the problem by using this example: Picture a litter of 10 Weimaraners. Today, on average, we experience a return rate of 44% across all litters bred. This means that 6 of this litter of 10 puppies will never get registered. We not only will lose the dogs from our registry, but experience shows that we also lose the households from participation in the AKC community. This translates into not only lost revenue, but lost resources for our clubs, and diminished influence in

dog-related areas such as legislation and health research.

We know you want to help to solve the problem of decreasing registration numbers because you have told us so. You represent the dedicated breeders, who more than anyone else, carry forward a message of responsible dog ownership, high breeding standards, and a desire to see the whole AKC community flourish. What can you do in this case?

As a start, we are asking all of our Member Clubs, which you represent, to make a commitment. A commitment that starts at the Club level and goes right through the entire membership. This is a Call to Action, a pledge that as a Club you believe it is important that your members do whatever is necessary to make sure their puppies become registered with The American Kennel Club. Very simply, registrations can happen in several ways: the breeder can take the initiative to register the puppies themselves before a new home is even identified, or, they can provide the new owner with the blue slip as they do today, making sure to follow up with the new owner to complete the registration process, whether it be Full or Limited Registration. But, in any case we would like the breeder to take ultimate responsibility for the successful registration of their puppies.

The goals of this program are to raise awareness of the problem of blue slip return and to involve our core constituency in the solution by asking them to build into their routine the completion of the registration process. Some of our best AKC breeders have told me that they just did not understand the importance of this process in the big picture and in the end it was just a matter of changing their conversation with the new owner and making registration one of the necessary items to be completed during the exchange of the puppy from the breeder to its new home.

This is a pilot program for our Member Clubs, and if successful it will be extended to all of our licensed clubs and then throughout the Fancy to those who are active but do not necessarily belong to a Club.

Shortly, you will be receiving via e-mail the information that you need to fully understand and become engaged in this program. Make no mistake, we need your help in order to make this program a success and to restore our registry.

Patty Van Sicklen, who did the detail of the work on this program, will quickly take you through the mechanics and explain to you how this will work.

Ms. Van Sicklen:

I would like to introduce the AKC Registration Pledge Challenge. This is a pilot program for Member Clubs and it calls on you,

the leadership of AKC Member Clubs, to issue a call to action to your members.

Member Clubs include many of our most involved, best informed, and most influential fanciers. We ask every member of every Member Club to take a pledge:

“As a responsible owner of purebred dogs, I pledge:

I will encourage, assist and follow up with my puppy buyers to ensure that 100% of the puppies I produce are AKC registered.”

It's simple, it's direct, and it's achievable. We hope that your club members will embrace the Pledge and rally to this call to action. Because dog people enjoy competition, we've added a contest.

In Round 1, Member Clubs with the highest **percentage** of members who sign the Pledge will be honored at the December Delegate Meeting.

In Round 2, Member Clubs with the highest **percentage** of dog registrations, either full or limited, from among litters born June 1 through December 31 will be honored and awarded \$1,000 at the June 2010 Delegate Meeting.

We are relying on you to make this work by using your club's communication channels to take the Pledge to your members.

Shortly after this meeting, we will launch emails to presidents, vice presidents, corresponding secretaries and delegates of Member Clubs with a web link to go online and accept the Registration Pledge Challenge on behalf of your Member Club. Club opt-in will be available through July 31. As part of the club opt-in process, you will need to provide the number of individual members of your club. This is **individual** members, not households.

When the club is signed up, your next step is to encourage every club member to go online and individually accept the Pledge.

The online Pledge will be available to your members on August 1st. To assist you in communicating the call to action, there are links to a flyer and to newsletter inserts that you can use to promote the Registration Pledge Challenge among your members. Starting August 1, your individual club members can go online to take the Pledge. We hope most people will take the Pledge online because that is more efficient and cost effective for us to administer. But if any of your members do not have Internet access, there will be downloadable paper Pledge forms that they can send in.

Your members have until November 30 to take the Pledge. This allows time for your club to promote the Pledge through your newsletter, web site, email groups, and other club communication channels. And the message should be two-fold: encourage your

members to sign the Pledge *and* to make sure all puppies become registered.

You may hear the question, “Why should I take the Pledge if I'm not actively breeding dogs?” The answer is, as members of Member Clubs, we are the “dog people” in our communities. We need *everyone* to carry forward a message about the importance of AKC registration and responsible dog care. The contest will include four competition categories. Please remember that this pilot program is for Member Clubs. Awards will be available to large Parent Clubs, small Parent Clubs, large Member Clubs other than Parent Clubs, and small Member Clubs other than Parent Clubs.

At the December Delegate Meeting, the clubs with the highest **percentage** of members who accepted the Pledge in Round 1 will be honored and presented certificates. So to recap, in Round 1 a club officer or delegate goes online to opt-in on behalf of the club, and then starting August 1, your club members can go online and take the Pledge. In Round 2, we will track the **percentage** of registrations completed by your club members who took the Pledge. We will look at litters born between June 1 and December 31 of this year. Your members will have until April 30, 2010 to get the dog registrations completed. The Round 2 winning clubs will be those clubs with the highest based percentage of dog registrations. The winning clubs will receive \$1,000. The reserve winning clubs will receive \$250.

Based on the participation and response to this pilot program, we may then extend the Registration Pledge Challenge to licensed clubs and other AKC fanciers.

And please remember, the contest is the fun part. The focus of this pilot program is education and outreach, and to keep this goal top of mind: to get every eligible puppy AKC registered.

Look for an email that with links to the web site and program details.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung thanked John Lyons and Patty Van Sicklen, then proceeded as follows:

For your information the September 2009 Delegates meeting will be held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, September 15th. Hotel information is in the packet you found at your chair.

There is also hotel information at your chair for the December Delegates meeting in Long Beach, California. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach Hotel on Tuesday, December 15th. A block of rooms has been reserved for Delegates' use. Reservations in the block can only be made by calling AKC's Conference and Travel

Department.

Due to the popularity of the AKC/Eukanuba National Championships, the fact that this is our 125th Anniversary show, 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, Thursday, November 5th to avoid a non refundable charge of one night room and tax.

Once again our photographer is available at the registration desk to take photographs of new Delegates after adjournment. Delegates are reminded to leave their badges at the registration desk.

The following Delegates addressed the Delegate Body:

Carol A. Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club spoke about controlling expenses for the *Perspectives* Newsletter. She took a poll of the Delegates covering whether they would prefer an electronic or hard copy and whether they would prefer color or black and white photographs, etc. Ms. Williamson announced that the Coordinator of the next issue will be Sylvia Thomas and the deadline for articles is July 5th. Ms. Thomas's email address is in *Perspectives*.

Peter G. Piusz, Delegate for The American Rottweiler Club announced that plans for the next Parent Club Conference were underway for a July/August 2010. He also thanked AKC for its efforts to defeat New York 7218 which would have outlawed docking and the exhibition of docked dogs. Thank you.

Rose J. Radel, Delegate for the Ramapo Kennel Club, expressed her wish to see the Toy Group renamed to something like Miniature Companion Group, which she believed would be more correct and appropriate.

John McCullagh, Delegate for the Plainfield Kennel Club, asked AKC to try to work with the nation rail passenger carriers to allow dogs on their trains.

John S. Fitzpatrick, Delegate of the Mensona Kennel Club, suggested that AKC set up a special fund dedicated to using both print and television ads to address or to counter PETA and HSUS ads. One suggestion is that individuals and clubs could include a check-off box in the entry form if you want to donate to that advertising fund.

Paltricia W. Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America publicly thanked all of the 107 Parent Clubs who already signed up to do a Supported, Regional or National Specialty, for AKC's 125th birthday show.

Judy A. Hart, Delegate for the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, congratulated one of her club's affiliate clubs, The Golden Gate Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club, which just celebrated their 50th golden jubilee show in May and have an incredible pet outreach program. They held an annual Corgi fair in the winter and invited all of their puppy buyers. Last year they had over 600 that attended. This year they held an altered, spayed, neutered competition, which was very successful. Hopefully, other clubs have already picked up the idea.

Peggy Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, publically thanked Dennis Sprung for what he did in Connecticut, sending a spokesperson to meet with legislators, which helped to change a bill affecting breeders for the better.

Mr. Sprung adjourned the meeting 11:55 a.m.

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