

# DELEGATES' QUARTERLY MEETING

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

**Dennis B. Sprung, President  
PRESENT 239**

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*  
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*Ms. Constance Butherus*  
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*Aletta L. Moore*  
Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*  
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Virginia P. Grefe*  
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—  
*Patte Klecan*  
American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*  
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*Alan Kalter*  
American Maltese Association, Inc.—  
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*Mrs. Karen R. Spey*  
American Pomeranian Club, Inc.—  
*Dr. Geno Sisneros*  
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 Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Julie Virosteck*  
American Tibetan Mastiff Association—  
*Martha Feltenstein*  
American Whippet Club, Inc.—  
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Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—  
*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*  
Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mary A. Brocius*  
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*William Daniels*  
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Pamela J. Arwood*  
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Mulvey*  
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*  
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Gail LaBerge*  
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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Baltimore County Kennel Club—  
*Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie*  
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—  
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Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mr. John A. Studebaker*  
Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—  
*Kathy Coxwell*  
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Phyllis Belcastro*  
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—  
*Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson*  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America,  
Inc.—*Denise Dean*

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*Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough*  
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—  
*George Sikes*  
Border Collie Society of America—  
*Ms. Carol Clark*  
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Ruth A. Nawn*  
Briard Club of America, Inc.—  
*Michael Gibson*  
Bull Terrier Club of America—  
*Dr. Dale R. Schuur*  
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.*  
California Collie Clan, Inc.—*Robette G. Johns*  
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington,  
D.C., Inc.—*Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge*  
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—  
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Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*  
Catoctin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*  
Catonsville Kennel Club—*Beverly A. Drake*  
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally Allen*  
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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Central Ohio Kennel Club—*David Galloway*  
Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowood*  
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*Mrs. Ginny Atkinson*  
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*Dr. Patricia H. Haines*  
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Massachusetts—*Dr. Stephen Lawrence*  
Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*  
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Marjorie Underwood*  
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Maureen R. Setter*  
Collie Club of America, Inc.—  
*Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom*  
Columbia Kennel Club, Inc.—*Faye Erickson*  
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—  
*Norma J. Ryan*  
Companion Dog Training Club of Flint,  
Inc.—*Judith L. Priestley*  
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—  
*Michael Houchard*  
Cudahy Kennel Club—*Don H. Adams*  
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—  
*Larry Sorenson*  
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—  
*James W. Smith*  
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America,  
Inc.—*Karen Dorn*  
Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—  
*Barbara L. Mann*  
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore—  
*Sandra Olsen*  
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—  
*Dr. A. D. Butherus*  
Des Moines Obedience Training Club—  
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Doberman Pinscher Club of America—  
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Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*  
Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland—  
*Kathrynann Sarvinas*  
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Elm City Kennel Club—*Dr. Gregory J. Paveza*  
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America,  
Inc.—*Barbara A. Penny*  
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—  
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Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*  
Evansville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Smith*  
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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Field Spaniel Society of America—  
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Fort Worth Kennel Club—  
*Mr. Harry G. Ottmann*  
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*Connie S. Clapp*  
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—  
*Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia*  
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of  
America—*Mr. Kenneth A. Marden*  
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America,  
Inc.—*Ms. Patricia W. Laurans*  
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—*Robin  
Greenslade*  
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*  
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Bonnie Lapham*  
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—  
*Nance O. Skoglund*  
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 Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—  
*Chari Magnan*  
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers  
Association—*Marlene Steinberg*  
Greenville Kennel Club—*Linda A. Knorr*  
Greenwich Kennel Club—  
*Margaret K. Curtis*  
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*  
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*  
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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*Luane V. Williams*  
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Wyoma Clouss*  
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Rita J. Biddle*  
Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—  
*Evelyn M. Van Uden*  
James River Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mallory C. Driskill*  
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*Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson*  
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—  
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Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*  
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—  
*Mrs. Florence L. Prael*  
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*  
Kennesaw Kennel Club—*James F. Gibson*  
Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Dr. Fred C. Bock, II*  
Komondor Club of America, Inc.—  
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Kuvasz Club of America—*R. K. Barnes*  
Labrador Retriever Club, Inc.—  
*Mr. A. N. Sills*  
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Ms. Virginia Van Doren*  
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Langley Kennel Club—*Ms. Dianne E. Franck*  
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Robert Laberge*  
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Sue Goldberg*  
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*David M. Powers*  
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*  
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Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Dr. Robert D. Smith*  
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*  
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Jeannette Nieder*  
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*John Russell*  
Middleburg Kennel Club—*Shelley C. Roos*  
Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.—  
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Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—  
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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*  
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*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*  
National Shiba Club of America—  
*Maggi Strouse*  
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*  
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—  
*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*  
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—  
*Mary L. Jensen, Ph.D.*  
Otterhound Club of America—  
*Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.*  
Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.—  
*Dawna Mauldin*  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America,  
Inc.—*Judy A. Hart*  
Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association—  
*Dennis Daigle*  
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen 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*  
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—  
*William E. Ellis*  
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—  
*Mary Ellen Fishler*  
Port Chester Obedience Training Club,  
Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*  
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America,  
Inc.—*Mrs. Janis C. Watts*  
Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*  
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—  
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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*  
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—  
*Jan M. Ritchie*  
Rio Grande Kennel Club—  
*Mr. William H. Green*  
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—  
*Ronald H. Menaker*  
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
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Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*  
Sagehen's Retriever Club—  
*Katharine B. Simonds*

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*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.*  
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—  
*Mr. John L. Ronald*  
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Tom Brown*  
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—  
*Audrey Sutton*  
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Laurence J. Libeu*  
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—  
*Kay Allred*  
Scottish Terrier Club of America—  
*Mrs. Helen A. Prince*  
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—  
*Nancy Perrell*  
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Lynne M. Myall*  
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Sharyn Y. Hutchens*  
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of  
Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*  
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—  
*Ms. Donna Beckman*  
Sioux Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jean Evanoff*  
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*William J. Feeney*  
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda  
B. Willson*  
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Linda C. Flynn*  
South Windsor Kennel Club—  
*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*  
Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—  
*Ricky Blackman*  
Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—  
*Medora Harper*  
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—  
*Dr. John V. Ioia*  
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Lee Arnold*  
Southern Oregon Kennel Club—  
*Jeanne Zuver*  
Spinone Club of America—*Karen Luckey*  
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*  
St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—  
*Kit A. Bostrom*  
St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Deborah J. Wilkins*  
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—  
*Dr. Gerry Meisels*  
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—  
*Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser*  
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mr. Robert Eisele*  
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—  
*Marcy L. Zingler*  
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Marylyn DeGregorio*  
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—  
*Mary Manning-Stolz*  
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*  
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—  
*Stacey La Forge*  
Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Robert E. Bostrom*

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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.*  
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—  
*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*  
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—  
*Alfred J. Ferruggiaro*  
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—  
*J. M. Haderer*  
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Carol Fisher*  
Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Bradford W. Noyes*  
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—  
*Lynn Worth-Smith*  
Washington State Obedience Training Club,  
Inc.—*Mr. Donald Rennick*  
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—  
*Mrs. Mary A. Eschweiler*  
Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—  
*Peter J. See*  
West Highland White Terrier Club of  
America—*Thomas Barrie*  
West Volusia Kennel Club—  
*Ferdinand Reinlieb*  
Westminster Kennel Club—  
*Harvey M. Wooding*  
Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—  
*Colleen McDaniel*  
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*

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Delegates Meeting JUNE 7, 2010

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

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

The Chair reported on the passing of two Delegates: Mary Jean Knott, Delegate for County Wide Dog Training Club since December 1990, died on December 10th, 2009. Marieann Gladstone, Delegate for the Penn Ridge Kennel Club since August 2000, died on May 28th, 2010.

He also made the following statement: I would be remiss if I did not break with tradition and mention some of our own who left us but will remain household names in the Sport: Richard Bauer; Roy Holloway; Bob Moore; Dee Hutchinson; and Corky Vroom.

The Executive Secretary to read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting: Pamela Jane Arwood, Euless, TX, Arkansas Kennel Club  
Fay Erickson, Columbia, SC, Columbia Kennel Club  
Michael Gibson, Scurry, TX, Briard Club of America  
Ralph E. Goshorn, Fort Wayne, IN, Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club  
Mary-Lynne Jensen, Ph.D., Windermere, FL, Orlando Dog Training Club  
Paul Kouski, Port Byron, IL, Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club  
Lydia Maduri, Elmwood Park, NJ, First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey  
Colleen McDaniel, Bothell, WA, Whidbey Island Kennel Club  
Sue Pfrank, West Terre Haute, IN, Terre Haute Kennel Club  
Naomi Shorr, Hillsboro, OR, Doberman Pinscher Club of America  
Nancy Smith, Lawrenceville, IL, Evansville Kennel Club  
Janice C. Watts, Glendale, AZ, Portuguese Water Dog Club of America  
Jeanne D. Zuver, Mount Shasta, CA, Southern Oregon Kennel Club

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

Pamela Jane Arwood, Euless, TX, Arkansas Kennel Club  
Fay Erickson, Columbia, SC, Columbia Kennel Club  
Michael Gibson, Scurry, TX, Briard Club of America  
Mary-Lynne Jensen, Ph.D., Windermere, FL, Orlando Dog Training Club  
Dawna R. Mauldin, Pampa, TX, Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas  
Colleen McDaniel, Bothell, WA, Whidbey Island Kennel Club  
Naomi Shorr, Hillsboro, OR, Doberman Pinscher Club of America  
Nancy Smith, Lawrenceville, IL, Evansville Kennel Club  
Evelyn M. Van Uden, Ransomville, NY, Irish Water Spaniel Club of America  
Janice C. Watts, Glendale, AZ, Portuguese Water Dog Club of America  
Jeanne D. Zuver, Mount Shasta, CA, Southern Oregon Kennel Club

The minutes of the March 2010 Delegates meeting which were published in the April 2010 AKC *Gazette*, were approved.

The following club was approved as a member Club: Glen of Imaal Terrier Club.

The Chair called on Ron Menaker, who gave the Chairman's Report as follows: Good Morning. I'm pleased to report that this year across all event types – conformation, companion and performance – each one now offers a brand new AKC title.

The conformation and performance titles will appeal to the long-time exhibitor while the companion title will help bring along the novice handler or inexperienced dog. Last month, conformation added the Grand Champion title.

Judges now have the opportunity of awarding Grand Championship points to their Best of Breed and Best of Opposite winners as well as to additional AKC Champions with the Select Dog and Select Bitch award.

We believe this title gives breeders and owners a new way to showcase the quality of their breeding stock to judges and other breeders and exhibitors alike. We encourage you to take advantage of the enhanced conformation title.

We are proud to announce that we already have the first AKC Grand Champion in history – a 4-year old Weimaraner named Grand Champion Monterra's Best Bet, Master Hunter – finished his title in six consecutive shows.

In addition, all dogs that complete their Grand Champion title will receive an invitation to the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship.

Companion events, starting this summer, will offer a new Beginner Novice obedience title. This title is an excellent competitive event for both the novice handler and dog.

Most exercises, a blend of Rally and Companion Dog, are completed on-leash. In the Performance area, Earthdog competitors now have the opportunity to earn a new title – the Endurance Earthdog – the first since the program's inception in 1993. This EE title provides a new challenge for dogs that have earned their Master Earthdog title by earning five double qualifications in master and senior. In fact, a Border Terrier named "Rosemary" recently earned the first ever EE title.

As you know, Parent Clubs have a variety of breed specific sports and events. The Board recently approved a program to allow the recording of parent club performance event titles if AKC does not provide a test for these breed-specific skills.

The Bloodhound Club of America is the first to apply for acknowledgment of its titles with their "man-trailing event"

If your parent club would like to participate in this new program please contact Performance Events AVP Doug Ljungren.

As you can see it's an exciting time for AKC exhibitors. Whether you want to further compete, add more titles or participate in parent club events, we hope these new AKC titles will inspire you to reach higher goals, remain longer on the competitive trail, and provide you with more ways to bond with your dog.

The President gave his report as follows: Last month the Board approved a fee for Conformation Judges excluding Delegates and those approved only for Junior



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Showmanship. The reason for this fee traces back to revenue, which has changed significantly since you and I began in this sport. As we know, the decline in registration is not a new issue for us to face as a community; it started in 1992, and for the last 18 years no one has discovered the silver bullet to change the slide. The fact is that if we look back to earlier years when registration was on the increase, approximately 95% of our revenue came from our core business of registration allowing us to subsidize all areas, and it is still our intent to do so.

Each of us is aware of the increase in services and programs we have developed over the last number of years, which is an especially positive accomplishment considering that all of these enhancements were made while revenue fell; in fact, today less than half of our total revenue comes from registration. We must be flexible enough to guarantee our future and work collectively to support one another. Perhaps the original judges' fee was too much too soon, but to suggest no fee is not appropriate either. It was adopted with the best long-term interests of the organization.

It is easy to understand the differentiation in how people within the same community look at things, and it is fair to look at these issues from opposing points of view. A judge naturally forms an opinion based on how an action, in this case a fee, affects him or her; your Board and staff look at thousands of judges and consider their fiduciary responsibility of how that fee affects the entire organization's future. A number of fees have already been implemented including Registered Handlers, CGC evaluators and the event service fees which impact clubs and exhibitors. These fees have allowed us to maintain and enhance the level of service our core constituents deserve and expect while paving the way for the future.

The Board and staff listened to the concerns expressed and swiftly decided to withdraw the structure and perform additional due diligence. Management in the Judges Department immediately began the reevaluation. They reached out for additional input and also held individual conference calls with three Judges groups and have already scheduled meetings with the Dog Judges Association and the American Dog Show Judges in the upcoming weeks. I thank all of the organizations who are willing to work cooperatively and share ideas with us. In my opinion, we will be able to formulate a fee structure that is both fair and reasonable, and also perceived as such. We will accomplish this by following the Board's direction to prepare a document and share details and the reasons for the recommendations with the fancy. This process welcomes your input. While references to the past provide you with factual information, any resulting decisions are not easy ones as they are about our future

and our survival. In a world of constant and fast-paced change, we must be willing to be a participant. I realize that it is not always easy to accept certain realities of today's world. Even esteemed organizations with the greatest of traditions must learn to do so. Think back to when you first were bitten by the dog show bug and recall some of the gradual but significant changes we have experienced, all thankfully without "the sky falling." I remember not having a judges approval process of any type, just one man who at his sole discretion made or broke the dreams of your entire judging career; AKC was a virtual monopoly; no women were permitted to be a delegate; there were only six groups; and those meetings I attended as a delegate back in the early '80s were simply rubber chicken and rubber stamps. We didn't have clusters, group clubs, back-to-back shows, online registration nor e-mail, laptops, blackberries, or cell phones.

I appreciate that there is uneasiness about the rapid changes of today's world; there is a natural resistance to the unknown; change can be painful, scary and challenging. My friends, it affects me just the same as it does you; however, some change is what is needed to preserve our great sport. Together, as a community -- and as friends -- we can embrace change. We can collectively take the long view, for the benefit of the future of the American Kennel Club.

Thank you.

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

Total revenues for the five months ended May 2010 were \$1.9 million or 7% lower than the prior year. Total operating expenses during this same time period were 4% below 2009. This resulted in an operating deficit of \$100,000 for five months.

Our investments generated a gain of \$1.6 million for the first five months of this year. This represented a 2 ½% return for the period, which outperformed the major stock market indices.

There was a vote on a proposed amendment to Chapter 14, additional wording on National Championship Events of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds - Rules for Pointing Breed Field Trials*. This amendment establishes minimum standards for National Championship events. It was published in two issues of the AKC Gazette. The amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club*.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows:

This amendment to Article VII, Section 1, of

the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club*, would eliminate AKC Board term limits. The full text is on the Blue worksheet. This amendment was submitted by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC *Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

The Chair called on Judith V. Daniels, Delegate for the Mt. Baker Kennel Club and Chair of the Delegate By-Laws Committee who spoke as follows:

I would like to briefly explain how the By-Laws Committee arrived at this proposal in order to bring it to the Delegate body for our consideration. We've had many Delegates over the past few years mention to us and to each other, their thoughts on term limits. Some agree with term limits, while others have said that they don't agree with term limits, and it's also been stated several times that many feel that if there is a term limit it should be a full term which is four years. And so our committee, at the last meeting where we proposed this, considered three ways of proceeding. One was to do nothing and leave it in place; one was to consider eliminating the term limit as it now stands in the Bylaws; and the other was to propose increasing it to a full term of four years. After a long meeting with lengthy discussion, we voted six to five to propose eliminating the term limit as it appears in the Bylaws. Now, at our meeting this time, it was asked if this proposal could not be amended to a full term, and the answer to that is no, because that would be out of the scope. The scope right now is one year or none. And we also announced that if people wish to propose a term limit for a full term, any Delegate can do that through their club and the By-Laws Committee can consider it. So this is in the hands of the Delegates. Thank you.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds - Entry Requirements and Eligibility*.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Dachshunds - Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, would specify a minimum age of six months. The full text is on the Grey worksheet. This amendment was submitted by the Dachshund Club of America and is approved by the AKC Board of Directions. It will be published in two issues of the AKC *Gazette* and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Field Trial Rules and*



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*Standard Procedure for Basset Hounds - Entry Requirements and Eligibility.*

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Basset Hounds - Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, would specify a minimum age of six months. The full text is on the Yellow worksheet.

This amendment was submitted by the Basset Hound Club of America and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Large Pack Field Trials - Entry Requirements and Eligibility*. Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Large Pack Field Trials - Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, would specify a minimum age of six months. The full text is on the Orchid worksheet.

This amendment was submitted by the Beagle Advisory Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couples Pack Hunting Tests - Entry Requirements and Eligibility*.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Chapter 7, New Section 1, of the *Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couples Pack Hunting Tests - Entry Requirements and Eligibility*, would specify a minimum age of six months. The full text is on the Tan worksheet.

This amendment was submitted by the Beagle Advisory Committee and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds - Judges and Their Decisions*.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Dachshunds - Judges and Their Decisions*, would delete wording to permit officers of the club to judge, becoming consistent with other

AKC venues and increasing the judges' pool. The full text is on the Green worksheet. This amendment was submitted by the Dachshund Club of America and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

The Chair called the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Basset Hounds - Judges and Their Decisions*.

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment to Chapter 5, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Basset Hounds - Judges and Their Decisions*, would require clubs to retain entry forms for one year. The full text is on the Salmon worksheet.

This amendment was submitted by the Basset Hound Club of America and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the September 2010 meeting.

The Chair called 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 Breeds Clubs Committee: Four, three year terms  
Bylaws Committee: Four, three year terms  
Canine Health Committee: Four, three year terms and one, two year term  
Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee: Four, three year terms  
Dog Show Rules Committee: Four, three-year terms and one, one-year term  
Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee: Four, three year terms and one, one year term  
Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee: Four, three-year terms  
Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee: Four, three year terms and two, two year terms  
Parent Clubs Committee: Four, three year terms  
Perspectives Editorial Staff: Six, two-year terms

Mr. Sprung informed the Delegates that they will be sent the self nomination form by the end of June. This self nomination form must be returned to the Executive Secretary by Friday, July 23rd. 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 for each committee to elect their Chairs and Secretaries.

The Chair called on John Lyons, Chief Operating Officer to announce several awards.

Mr. Lyons spoke as follows:

I am pleased to announce the second quarter recipients of AKC 2010 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: Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Robert LaBerge, Delegate; Belle City Kennel Club  
I am also pleased to announce the winner of the Inaugural Walter Bebout Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation. Named for the late Director of AKC Government Relations, this award honors federations and organizations that have been actively involved in educating legislators about responsible dog ownership issues and have worked to preserve the rights of responsible owners and breeders. Winners of this quarterly award receive an AKC Certificate of Recognition and a \$1,000 check to help offset the costs associated with their legislative efforts. The winner of our very first Bebout Award for Leadership in Canine Legislation is the North Carolina Federation of Dog Clubs.

Mr. Sprung informed the Delegates that the September 2010 Delegates meeting will be held at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel on Tuesday, September 14th, and the AKC would be e mailing and placing hotel information on the Delegate Portal after July 1st. The December Delegates meeting will be held in Long Beach, California. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach Hotel on Tuesday, December 7th, 2010. A block of rooms have been reserved for Delegates' use. Reservations on the block can only be made by calling AKC's Conference and Travel Department. In the next few weeks, AKC's Conference and Travel Department will e mail more information and will place the hotel information on the Delegate Portal.

The Chair asked if there was any further business to come before the Delegate Body. The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:



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On May 13, when I received the letter regarding the enacted Judges Annual Fee I spoke to a number of Board and Staff members to express my concerns. I also posted the following statement on several lists.

"I believe that the Conformation Judges Annual Fee that the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club voted to adopt on May 11, 2010 is arbitrary, flawed and discriminatory.

I also believe that it is another example where there was not enough discussion and input and certainly not enough explanation or disclosure before the fee became an edict. At the June Delegate's Meeting I intend to propose a motion that there be a vote of the Delegate Body to request the Board to rescind and revisit the concept known as the Conformation Judges Annual Fee."

After hearing that the proposal had been pulled back for review I wrote the following to read at this meeting: "I was pleased to hear that the Board has pulled back the originally adopted fee/assessment plan and that the Board and Staff will be working to come up with some type of fee proposal that, if adopted, will be fair and equitable.

The meeting scheduled with staff members and representatives of the Judges Organizations is a good step in determining if there should be a fee.

If the determination is made that a fee is necessary and appropriate, I believe that the proposal should be made public before the Board votes on its adoption."

I was pleased to hear in the President's message presented to us this morning that the Board and staff after listening to the concerns expressed decided to withdraw the original fee structure and to perform additional due diligence. He also indicated that a request of communication and transparency deemed necessary by AKC's core constituency was heard.

After the July meeting with members of AKC staff and the Judges Organizations, and if it is decided that a fee is deemed appropriate, a proposal will be drafted.

I was also pleased to hear that the Fancy will be made aware of what this proposal will be and that there will be time provided for AKC's constituency to comment before the proposal goes to the Board for a vote. As we all know it is the Board that is charged with the responsibility of making the necessary decision.

I encourage everyone here and in the Fancy to participate in this process by communicating your thoughts and concerns to the Board and Staff, before a proposal is developed, and also once the proposal is announced.

I thank the Board and the Staff for hearing our concerns and acting on them. Only if we work together as a family, if we communicate with one another, if we are open and honest, and if we continue to care about AKC, our sport and one another, can we come up with

an equitable solution. We must work together so that those working against us do not defeat us.

Thank you very much.

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:

For once I'm not going to say something controversial, I hope. The Delegate Committee for Obedience, Tracking and Agility has been working to put together an e-mail list, and it is finally in existence. This list is designed specifically to help clubs find ways of making their companion events more profitable and more successful. We would especially like to get Delegates and members of All-Breed clubs, Specialty clubs and other people who put on these trials, who are not training clubs, we recognize that you're having difficulty with these at times and we hope that we have some ideas that will help you. We've got some handouts, there's some that are back on the table underneath the big AKC legislation sign out there. We don't have enough, we know that, but we would like to encourage groups and clubs to appoint at least one member to join this list. We're going to put something out on the Delegates' e-mail list about this so that you'll know who to contact. It will be me, Barbara Mann, or Maureen Setter. We're going to be sort of managing the group to start with. There will also be an article in the next *Perspectives* Magazine about it. So we encourage everybody who puts on companion events to have somebody in your club who's interested in companion events to get on this list so that we can share ideas and continue to make these events successful. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Harold Sundstrom, Delegate for the Collie Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I'd like first of all to confirm Pat's comments to the Board and also I appreciate the comments that you made, Mr. President. Our newly elected president, Robert A. Meyers, has asked that the following statement be addressed to the Delegates and the Board regarding annual licensing fees for judges at AKC events.

"Requiring judges to pay an annual licensing fee will place an undue hardship on clubs sponsoring AKC events. The Collie Club of America does not pay a fee to judges for their services. Judges at our National Specialty are only paid their actual expenses. These judges are prohibited by our national show rules from judging collies except for herding group competition for the period of one year prior to the national. If these judges are licensed to judge other breeds as well as our breeds, they would be paying a fee for the privilege of judging our national. It is our sense that this would not be appropriate. A projected judge's licensing fee should be

given careful scrutiny and thorough review prior to its implementation. Consider that as a group of enthusiasts we nurture and encourage newcomers to embrace our sport of purebred dogs. With additional fees being placed on judges, these fees would be passed to club events and then to exhibitors. This would be another costly expense to exhibitors. I ask that The American Kennel Club proceed with due diligence so that the sport we love does not again become the sport of kings because only the rich may afford it. Consider that as a group of enthusiasts we nurture and encourage newcomers to embrace our sport of purebred dogs. With additional fees being placed on judges, these fees would be passed to club events and then to exhibitors.

During New Business, the following Delegates spoke:

Nancy Fisk, Delegate for the Hockamock Kennel Club, spoke about communicating with our veterinarians to get them on board in legislative fights, because it is a battle for them and for us.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Delegate for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, spoke about a new study which is now out in conjunction with Dr. Otto at the University of Pennsylvania on Bloat.

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, spoke about soliciting articles for *Perspectives*.

Dr. Gerry Meisels, Delegate for the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, spoke about anger in the dog community concerning judges' fees.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, spoke about stakeholders in the Sport having more input on things like judges' fees, and the committee that is reviewing the judging procedures.

Kenneth Marden, Delegate for the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America, spoke as follows:

At this time I would like to inform the Delegates about one of the most prestigious national events run by the American Kennel Club and that is the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championships which have just been completed. It was run at Fort Robinson, the historic Fort Robinson out in Nebraska. And it is a fantastic thing. It ran 11 days, judges sat in that saddle eight hours a day running dogs. We had 100 dogs, qualified dogs that ran in each on of the stakes. That's never happened before. The other thing is that we had a really unusual occurrence. A German Shorthaired Pointer won both stakes. In 17 years that has never happened before. Yes and a Wirehaired was second.



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Ms. Laurans: And the Wirehaired that was second is a dual champion and got an award of merit at our national.

Mr. Marden: Right. That was great. What I was most proud of though was the performance of our event reps out there. They did a fantastic job. A field rep's job is different from a shop rep's job. Especially when you get up at 4:30 in the morning. By 5:30 you're out there on the grounds planting birds over a one-hour stake, or you are functioning as a marshal, you are writing and scribing every single brace, what every single dog does, as well as taking pictures. And then what happens is we all go to bed except that rep has to sit up, write this all up, put it in a computer, send the photographs to the AKC and the next morning on our web site you had all of the running of the day and exactly what happened. And the people are just fantastic. They do all kinds of jobs. They do gunning, they help the club. I must also give credit to the Colorado Pointer Club who was the host club, and they were so well organized, it went beautifully. I had people come up to me and saying, you know, this is the greatest event that AKC runs. And boy, it's so – it's just wonderful and there's no friction, there's no flack. It's just terrific. And I'll tell you, most of that is due to our performance event reps. I thank them and I would like that to be in the record please. Thank you.

Ms. Laurans: Is Doug Ljungren in this room?

Mr. Sprung: He's right in the front of the room.

Ms. Laurans: The sire of Louie, the dual champion who won the award of merit at our National in conformation and also did quite well at our field trial happens to have been sired by a dog that our own AVP of Performance, Doug Ljungren bred.

Mr. Sprung: Congratulations, Doug.

Mrs. Daniels, who spoke positively about the Grand Championship program.

Nancy Perrell, Delegate for the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, who expressed appreciation for the certificates sent to Delegates who served for the first ten years of the 2000s.

William Green, Delegate for the Rio Grande Kennel Club, who expressed the pride of Rio Grande Kennel Club that the first Grand Champion came from their cluster in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Marcy Zingler, Delegate for the Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, who spoke about the Keeshond Club of America's 75th anniversary show and fees for judges.

Robert Eisele, Delegate for the Suffolk County Kennel Club, who spoke about adding representatives from the judges' groups and two non-group judges currently going through the process to the committee reviewing the judging approval system.

Dr. William Newman, Delegate for the Mastiff Club of America, spoke as follows: I recently was given the dubious honor of being made chairman of the PAC Committee. We formed our PAC about three years ago, the purpose of course was to raise money so that we could reward those legislators who are kind to us. HSUS has about \$100,000,000 or more. They get all kinds of bucks. They have a legislator and lobbyist in every state. The highest money we've raised is \$18,000 in one year and that's not going to do anything. And most of that money came from this body. You're our biggest contributors. As of this month we have raised \$2,100 in 2010. We can't do it on that. So we had a meeting, we're working on some new concepts and you'll be hearing about them. One of them came out of the committee was to have us send a person letter, a rep's carrier to the show. So if you are at your shows, and the rep gives your show chairman our letter and you are presented with a letter from us you'll know about it. I want you to be informed so you guys are on top of the game and perhaps help us with it. We have other things in mind, but I'll tell you, it's a serious situation. The Legislative Committee is working very hard to caucus people. Our department works hard. But if we don't have the money to reward those guys who support us, then HSUC is going to kill them with donations. And we don't need thousands and thousands. We can only solicit the members of our club. But we have 3,000 members and licensed clubs. If we have, let's say, 30,000 and members and each guy gave us 10 bucks, that's 300 grand. Now I got money to work with. And we have a very good committee. We have Patti Strand, Alan Kalter, Nina Schaefer, Carl Ashby, Dr. Anthony DiNardo and myself. And we're going to try and move forward. So there will be some new concepts coming at raising money and I sure hate to be hitting you guys up, but you are the only ones who really supported us very, very strongly. Thank you.

Kenneth Mader, Delegate for the American Sealyham Terrier Club of America, who spoke about how little HSUS contributes to individual humane societies.

Marilyn DeGregorio, Delegate for the Taconic Hills Kennel Club, thanked the Board of Directors and the AKC for allowing recognition of working dog titles that are approved by Parent clubs and requested that the AKC Board reconsider the pricing of the recording of the working dog titles.

Joachim Blutreich, Delegate for the Piedmont Kennel Club, spoke about our legislative fight and the benefit of contacting your representatives.

There being no further business to come before the Delegate Body, the meeting was adjourned.  
(Meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.)

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## **DELEGATES FORUM**

### **SYNOPSIS OF THE JUNE 7, 2010, 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.

### **CLUB RELATIONS**

The Club Relations portion of The Forum dealt with the main areas of assistance that the department provides club officers and club members and the fancy.

The Club Relations section of AKC's website was presented which included an overview of the department's responsibilities such as the development of clubs from inception right through AKC membership. Other topics included the approval of bylaws and how they can be used to assist in internal club dispute resolution. The discussion on bylaw FAQs included the concepts of club suspension and

AKC partial or complete suspensions. The glossary of frequently used terms and concepts was reviewed as were the policies covering the use of email, teleconference and videoconference. The remarks on officer responsibility focused on the duties of the Treasurer and that a club's board of directors be up-to-date on all club financial transactions. The importance of the timely annual submission of officer and club membership lists and the different types of insurance available to clubs was highlighted. An introduction to AKC's Weather, Natural Disaster Preparation and Recovery efforts with clubs was also given.

### **COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT**

Lisa Peterson, AKC's Director of Communication gave an overview of AKC Services and Programs for Clubs. She highlighted the public relations resources for clubs available through the Club Communications Department including offerings on the akc.org website, such as media templates,

AKCommunicates! e-newsletter, online publicity tools, and the AKC Syndicate. A synopsis of Responsible Dog Ownership Days was given as well as a recap of the 2009 Meet the Breedstm event at the Javits Center in New York City.

The formation of DOGNY and the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund and what microchip discounts AKC CAR can offer clubs was discussed. Other topics included social media, AKC Logo Branding, Club Event Management Tool, and new ISD initiatives for clubs such as the Club Outreach Program. Parent Club Electronic Services such as New Titles of Record reports and the Electronic Stud Book and online services such as My AKC and the Delegate Portal were reviewed. Public Education and Government Relations resources and downloadable fliers were presented.