

# DELEGATES QUARTERLY MEETING MARCH 2006

## Annual Meeting Of The Delegates of The American Kennel Club March 14, 2006

Dennis B. Sprung, President  
PRESENT 368

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*  
Affenpinscher Club of America—*Chad Howard*  
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Constance Butherus*  
Akita Club of America—*Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki*  
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Virginia P. Grefe*  
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—*Ms. Janina K. Laurin*  
American Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—*Patte Klecan*  
American Boxer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Stephanie Abraham*  
American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Karen Stout*  
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Mrs. Helma N. Weeks*  
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—*John D. Gammon*  
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Betsy H. Humer*  
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—*Simon M. Dickerson*  
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*  
American Maltese Association, Inc.—*Mr. Richard W. Glenn*  
American Manchester Terrier Club—*Mrs. Phyllis J. Andreasen*  
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—*Mrs. Lynette J. Saltzman*  
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—*Ms. Betty E. Blair*  
American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*  
American Water Spaniel Club—*Beth Lagimoniere*  
Anderson Kennel Club—*Phillip D. Sample*  
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*  
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Daniels*  
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Mulvey*  
Ashtabula Kennel Club—*Dr. Sheldon B. Adler*  
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*  
Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Sara Martin*  
Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kay Joiner*  
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—*Kathryn A. Hamilton*

Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Kim Occhiuti*  
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Nina Schaefer*  
Baltimore County Kennel Club—*Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie*  
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Barbara Wicklund*  
Battle Creek Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. John A. Studebaker*  
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*  
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—*Robin Sayko*  
Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Susan F. Glatzer*  
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl E. Holder*  
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Chris Gaburri*  
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—*Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson*  
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara Swisher*  
Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frank S. Piehl*  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Lilian Ostermiller*  
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough*  
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—*George Sikes*  
Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*  
Border Collie Society of America—*Claudia Frank*  
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Ruth A. Nauan*  
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Karen Staudt-Cartabona*  
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly*  
Briard Club of America, Inc.—*Tommy Miller*  
Bronx County Kennel Club—*Ms. Alexa Samarotto*  
Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marie A. Fiore*  
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. M. J. Deubler*  
Bulldog Club of New England, Inc.—*Francesca J. Castaneda*  
Bulldog Club of Philadelphia—*Mrs. Lynn E. Smith*  
Burlington County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.*  
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*  
Carroll County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cheryl L. Snedaker-Sims*  
Catoclin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*  
Catonsville Kennel Club—*Judith A. Porter*  
Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—*J Richard Seelbach*  
Central Beagle Club—*David S. Bagaley*

Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane J. Albers*  
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane D. Almy*  
Central Ohio Kennel Club—*Roberta K. Brady*  
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Claire K. Steidel*  
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Myrle Hale*  
Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*  
Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Peggy B. Kessler*  
Cheshire Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. James G. Phinizy*  
Chester Valley Kennel Club—*Dr. Samuel M. Peacock, Jr.*  
Chicago Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert L. Newcomb*  
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—*Rey Burgos*  
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*  
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Ginny Atkinson*  
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Patricia H. Haines*  
Clackamas Kennel Club—*Steven E. Nielsen*  
Clarksville Kennel Club—*Robert A. Schroll*  
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*  
Columbia Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. William A. Smyth, Jr.*  
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*  
Cudahy Kennel Club—*Don H. Adams*  
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Charles A. Paris*  
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—*James W. Smith*  
Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Carleton H. Musson*  
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Georgia L. Rush*  
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merlyn A. Green, D.C.*  
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*  
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—*John D. Hughes*  
Detroit Kennel Club—*Mr. Erik Bergishagen*  
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—*John C. Sheahan, III*  
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—*Dr. Anthony D. Dinardo*  
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*  
Dog Owner's Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynann Sarvinas*  
Duluth Kennel Club—*Hon. David C. Merriam*  
Durham Kennel Club Inc—*Linda C. Wozniak*  
East Tennessee Retriever Club—*Catherine Bell*  
Eastern Dog Club—*Charles J. Foley*  
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*

- Elm City Kennel Club—*Joan Caspersen*  
 Empire Beagle Club, Inc.—*Christopher Keenan*  
 English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Jesse A. Pfeiffer, Jr.*  
 English Setter Association of America, Inc.—*Mr. John P. Nielsen*  
 English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Mrs. Alice E. Berd*  
 English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*  
 Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Peggy Helming*  
 Field Spaniel Society of America—*Sharon Deputy*  
 Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Margaret B. Pough*  
 First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Marilyn Traurig*  
 Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—*Kurt Anderson*  
 Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Almira B. Dallas*  
 Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*  
 Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Mr. Harry G. Ottmann*  
 Fox River Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marcy G. Bankus*  
 Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lynda Kenney*  
 French Bulldog Club of America—*Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard*  
 Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kathleen Nuzenski*  
 Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Connie S. Clapp*  
 German Shepherd Dog Club of America—*Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia*  
 German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—*Mr. Kenneth A. Marden*  
 German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia W. Laurans*  
 Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*Richard L. Byrd*  
 Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Bonnie Lapham*  
 Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carole Richards*  
 Great Barrington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne D. Sliney*  
 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.—*David Keene*  
 Greater Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—*Ronald H. Menaker*  
 Greater Kingsport Kennel Club—*Karen S. Riddle*  
 Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia M. O'Connell*  
 Greater Miami Dog Club—*Pedro Cofino*  
 Greater Naples Dog Club—*Bill Pottebaum*  
 Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—*Chantal M. Andrew*  
 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.—*Clifford A. Dahl*  
 Greenville Kennel Club—*Linda A. Knorr*  
 Greenwich Kennel Club—*Dr. Stephen Blau*  
 Greyhound Club of America—*Melanie Steele*  
 Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cynthia A. Miller*  
 Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*  
 Hawaiian Kennel Club—*Norman B. Kenney*  
 Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*  
 Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*  
 Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*  
 Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen McCullagh*  
 Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—*David A. Helming*  
 Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wyoma Clouss*  
 Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Cookson*  
 Indianapolis Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Marcia S. Adler*  
 Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Constance B. Vanacore*  
 Irish Terrier Club of America—*Peggy E. Gill*  
 Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Eugenia Hunter*  
 James River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mallory C. Driskill*  
 Japanese Chin Club of America—*Vincent Adams*  
 Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—*Cledith Wakefield*  
 Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cindy Cooke*  
 Kanasasaga Kennel Club—*Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia*  
 Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*  
 Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—*Mrs. Gwen Wexler*  
 Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*  
 Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Mrs. Florence L. Prawel*  
 Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton*  
 Kennel Club of Pasadena—*Jarratt Brunson*  
 Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—*Charles H. Schaefer*  
 Komondor Club of America, Inc.—*Eric Liebes*  
 Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia Van Doren*  
 Ladies' Kennel Association of America—*Ruth Winston*  
 Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frank Majocho*  
 Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—*Sylvia Meisels*  
 Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Crecia C. Closson*  
 Langley Kennel Club—*Ms. Dianne E. Franck*  
 Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert LaBerge*  
 Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard H. Krasley*  
 Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sue Goldberg*  
 Lexington Kennel Club Inc—*Anne Kemp*  
 Long Island Kennel Club—*Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.*  
 Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan L. Fisher*  
 Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*  
 Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Betty F. Williams*  
 Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Sandra B. Barker*  
 Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Romana Arnold*  
 Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. J. C. Garvin*  
 Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. William R. Newman*  
 McKinley Kennel Club—*Herman H. Tietjen*  
 Medina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Pat Dresser*  
 Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Fr. Bryan P. Timby*  
 Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*  
 Michiana Kennel Club—*Mrs. Susan Jackson*  
 Middleburg Kennel Club—*Dianne Ring*  
 Middlesex County Kennel Club—*Robert A. Procter, Jr.*  
 Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*  
 Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. John R. Sheehan*  
 Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood*  
 Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi*  
 Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*  
 Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Sandra Haber*  
 Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Helmi Konderock*  
 Montgomery County Kennel Club—*Ms. Ida E. Weinstock*  
 Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*James M. Burns*  
 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*  
 Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*  
 National Beagle Club—*Eddie Dziuk*  
 National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*  
 Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Viola Burgos*  
 Nebraska Kennel Club —*Marvin Crawford*  
 New England Beagle Club, Inc.—*Mr. Mario S. Palumbo*

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New England Old English Sheepdog Club—*Mrs. Jane C. Ogg*  
New Jersey Beagle Club, Inc.—*Louis Schmitt*  
Newnan Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*  
Newton Kennel Club—*Catherine H. Murch*  
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*  
Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*  
North Dakota Retriever Club, Inc.—*Patricia Spear*  
North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*  
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—*Billie Ponton*  
Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—*Sherry Falk*  
Norwich and Norfolk Terrier Club—*Ms. Margaretta D. Wood*  
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*  
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—*James M. Ashton*  
Okaloosa Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell*  
Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Robert Nazak*  
Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Hugh Jordan*  
Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Judy F. Murray*  
Otterhound Club of America—*Mark J. Hawley*  
Ox Ridge Kennel Club—*Jack P. De Witt*  
Ozarks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mark A. Chambers*  
Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club—*Mr. Carl E. Gomes*  
Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Link Newcomb*  
Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas, Inc.—*Mrs. Geraldine M. Shastid*  
Papillon Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Arlene A. Czech*  
Park Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Bernard Schwartz*  
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Maria Sacco*  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Judy A. Hart*  
Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marieann Gladstone*  
Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Jean Anderson*  
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America—*Anne Gallant, Ph.D.*  
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Mr. Gary A. Reed*  
Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Margaret Vohr*  
Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*  
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*Charles McWilliams*  
Pocatello Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Audrey G. Shade*  
Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Michele Ritter*  
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Barbara Green*  
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—*Josephine DeMenna*  
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kerstin T. Ottmar*  
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Michelle R. Anderson*  
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—*Florence R. Laicher*  
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne M. Rappaport*  
Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*  
Reno Kennel Club—*Mr. Steven D. Gladstone*  
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gerard Baudet*  
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Mr. George D. Sexton*  
Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Donald B. Harris*  
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*  
Rio Grande Kennel Club—*Mr. William H. Green*  
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Janice S. Gardner*  
Rubber City Kennel Club—*Marcy L. Zingler*  
Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Dr. Alvin W. Grossman*  
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Mrs. Barbara Furbush*  
Saluki Club of America—*Joseph P. Pendry*  
Sammamish Kennel Club—*Robert Gloster*  
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*  
San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Stanley S. Saltzman*  
San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—*Ralph S. Roberts*  
Sandia Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Dorothy M. McCauley*  
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Tom Brown*  
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Abbe Shaw*  
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*James R. Dok*  
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*  
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—*Jessica Eggleston*  
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Barbara M. Dille*  
Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty J. Patrick*  
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*  
Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Sam F. Burke, Jr.*  
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Donna Beckman*  
Sioux Empire Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Burggraaf*  
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*  
Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Corinne J. Kehoe*  
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*Cindy Vogels*  
Somerset Hills Kennel Club—*Billie McFadden*  
South Hills Kennel Club—*Mrs. Kathleen R. Parks*  
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*  
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*  
South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Gerry Dalakian*  
South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*  
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*Dr. John V. Iola*  
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*  
Spartanburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Trisha Weekley*  
Spinone Club of America—*James Channon*  
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*  
St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—*Linda Baker*  
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—*Thomas W. Carneal*  
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—*Ms. Ann Lettis*  
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*I. L. Brisbin, Ph.D.*  
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—*Kathy A. Donovan*  
Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr.*  
Steel City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Miss Susan M. Napady*  
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cheryl Kratz*  
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—*Paulet De Long*  
Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—*Thomas D. Parrotti*  
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Duggan*

Sussex Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. John R. Lewis, Jr.*  
 Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda H. Penney*  
 Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning*  
 Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Karen Claus-  
ing*  
 Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*  
 Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Her-  
bert H. Rosen*  
 Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Ms.  
Carole A. Miller*  
 Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—*Jane Brumley*  
 Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Hossler*  
 Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—*Toni  
Doake*  
 Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laura Wells*  
 Tri-City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bruce A. Korson*  
 Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*  
 Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*  
 Tucson Kennel Club—*Pat Jacobs*  
 Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joan Con-  
fort*  
 United States Australian Shepherd Associa-  
tion—*Leon Goetz*  
 United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*  
 United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred  
J. Ferruggiario*  
 Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—*J. M.  
Haderer*  
 Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club,  
Inc.—*Joan E. McFadden*  
 Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—*William  
H. Blair*  
 Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—*Iris K. Frankel*  
 Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Carol  
Fisher*  
 Vancouver Kennel Club—*Robert F. Damberg*  
 Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—*Mr. William F. Dumas*  
 Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Lynn  
Worth*  
 Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne Gray*  
 Walla Walla Kennel Club—*Mr. Rod Strand*  
 Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cecil Mann*  
 Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Naida  
L. Parker*  
 Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Anita A.  
Lustenberger*  
 Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy C. Rus-  
sell*  
 Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America,  
Inc.—*Donald Ong*  
 Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Peter  
J. See*  
 West Highland White Terrier Club of Ameri-  
ca—*Carolyn M. Gardner*  
 Westbury Kennel Association, Inc.—*Carmen  
Armstrong*  
 Westminster Kennel Club—*William F. Stifel*  
 Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—*Clare L.  
Lincoln*

Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Candace  
Mogavero*  
 Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Freder-  
ick R. Vogel*  
 Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Associa-  
tion—*Mrs. Karen Mays*  
 Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Jan Mar-  
shall*  
 Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard  
Lewis*

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair.

Mr. Sprung: Good morning. The meeting will come to order. If there is any Delegate present who has not signed the attendance record, please be sure to do so before leaving, as this is the official record of attendance.

If a Delegate makes an amendment to Bylaws or Rules to be voted upon, please provide a written copy to the Executive Secretary. It is most important that the Chair has the specific words, as this will greatly enhance our ability to project the precise words to be considered on the screens.

The Chair would like to introduce the persons seated with me on the dais. On my immediate left is Chairman Ronald Menaker, to his left is the Vice Chairman David Merriam. On my right is Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian. To her right is Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary; and to Jim's right is Sherri Flagg, the Court Reporter.

Today is the annual election of Directors. To best use our time and to keep our luncheon commitment, we will start with the candidate speeches. The Executive Secretary will now report on the Nominating Committee and the report on additional nominations.

Mr. Crowley: Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee are as follows: Judy A. Hart, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America; Marjorie MacNally Hanson, Bedington Terrier America Club of America; Karen Spey, American Pointer Club; Melanie S. Steele Greyhound Club of America; and Carol Williamson, Houston Kennel Club.

Appointed by the Board of Directors on August 8, 2005, has nominated the following Delegates as candi-

dates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 14, 2006. There are three vacancies to be filled today for the class of 2010:

Carl C. Ashby, III, representing the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club.

David Keene, representing the Greater Collin Kennel Club.

Dr. William R. Newman representing the Mastiff Club of America.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates and candidates for vacancy on the Board of Directors to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 14, 2006, in addition to those nominated by the Nominating Committee.

For the class of 2010:

Kenneth A. Marden representing the German Shorthaired Pointers Club of America.

Dr. Gerry Meisels representing the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association.

Nina Schaefer representing the Back Mountain Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung: The Bylaws provide that no nominations may be made from the floor. Therefore, nominations closed on January the 31st, 2006.

In accordance with the Delegate Standing Rule, each candidate is allowed three minutes to address the Delegate body. Ron Rella will indicate to the candidates when the three minutes have expired. Candidates will speak in alphabetical order and no questions from the floor will be entertained.

The Chair will now introduce the candidates for the Class of 2010 in alphabetical order. The first candidate is Carl C. Ashby, III, representing the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club.

Mr. Ashby: Good morning. Today six Delegates seek to represent you on the Board. All of us are passionate about our Sport, about our dogs and about the American Kennel Club. What makes us different is what we believe. And why is that important? Because our belief will shape our leadership and our decisions.

So what does Carl Ashby believe? What will guide his leadership and his decisions? I believe the American Kennel Club exists of purebred dogs and those who cherish the unconditional love and companionship that they provide. I believe the American Kennel Club must be financially strong if it is to be an effective organization and advocate.

I believe that when people think of purebred dogs, they must immediately think of the American Kennel Club. I believe the American Kennel Club must be an inclusive organization, one that values all people who share a passion for purebred dogs. I believe the American Kennel Club should make a difference in whatever it does, whether it's in legislation, canine health, growing our Sport, strengthening our clubs, disaster relief or seeking ways to better serve dogs and their owners.

Most importantly, I believe the American Kennel Club should be flexible in an ever-changing world. We must adopt initiatives and embrace changes that will strengthen our historic role and assure our future. But we cannot do this at all cost. If we don't know what we stand for, we will never know where we are going.

We must know what our values are and how our values impact the American Kennel Club and its actions. Without values, we are rudderless. The American Kennel Club must embrace a process to determine our values and develop a shared vision of our future. Sadly, the strategic plan has failed to bring us together and in this respect, the process has failed.

I will work collaboratively to close this gap seeking a day when you and your club will not only understand the direction of American Kennel Club but embrace it. I will never forget this day, the day I stood before you and asked for your trust and your vote and the accountability that brings.

I pledge to never compromise my commitment to our Sport, to seek your thoughts on the issues that we face, to respect this important role that you play in the success of the American Kennel Club, and to make sure to leave our club better tomorrow than it is today.

I'd like to thank the Nominating Committee for asking me to run and

your willingness to consider me. Together we can make the mantra of the American Kennel Club to be "not just champion dogs but the dog's champions" not just a slogan but a reality. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Carl.

The second candidate is David Keene representing the Greater Collin Kennel Club.

Mr. Keene: Good morning. First, let me say sincerely that I'm honored to have been nominated for the Board of Directors. On the way out here from Dallas, I was reflecting on these past months, and I remembered something my wife told me. And those of you that know her, you can tell her I followed her advice for once.

She told me back when this process first started, she said: "Don't lose sight of who you are and don't lose sight of what you believe." So this morning I will just simply tell you who I am and what I believe.

I have bred and exhibited dogs for many, many years and I've put titles on both ends of my dogs. I've worked agility, I've run agility; I've worked in the field, I've run in the field; and I've worked in obedience. I believe in the American Kennel Club, and I believe it's the finest organization of its kind in the world.

I believe it's made up of some of the most dedicated and knowledgeable people in the Sport of purebred dogs, and I'm proud to be a part of this Delegate body. I believe we all share the same hopes and same dreams for this club and for this Sport, and I believe that we're all caretakers of this club in the time that we are here. And I believe it is our duty to leave things better than we found them when it's our time to hand this over to the next generation.

I believe that the AKC is a national club with international reach. I understand that an outdoor show in Connecticut has a different set of issues than an indoor show in Houston, which has a different set of issues from a show in Boise or Orlando or Atlanta. And I envision an AKC that recognizes those differences.

One of the advantages of living in Dallas, Texas, is that from where I stand, I can see both Coasts. I believe

we must be ready in all respects to act when disaster strikes in any part of this country to get our dogs out of harm's way.

I believe we must be involved in the legislative process in the four corners of this land, and we must establish a network so that we stay on the forefront of proposed laws, bans and trends; and we must work every day to make sure that the AKC is a household word and that our message is sincere and honest.

I grew up in a time and place where a man's word is his bond. When you go back to cast your ballots in a few minutes, I ask for your vote. In return for that vote, I will work hard every day for the good of the Sport, the AKC and this Delegate body and for the good of that twelve-year-old Basset Hound who will meet me at the back door when I get home tonight. And she'll be glad to see me and she will trust that I have done all I can do to keep her and the millions like her safe and safe from harm, and she will understand and she will trust that I have done my best.

I will perform the job of director with honesty, accountability and with an open mind. And for that, I give you my word. Thank you and I appreciate your support and I appreciate your vote.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, David.

The third candidate is Kenneth A. Marden representing the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America.

Mr. Marden: It was General Patton who once declared: "War: God, how I love it." Well, that might be fine, you know, for the military man, but it certainly shouldn't apply to our Sport of purebred dogs or the American Kennel Club. As we sit here today, some of us are very concerned about dissension within our club, we're worried about our loss of field trial grounds, we're looking at our loss of show sites, political problems, what my dog's going to do next week in the event I'm competing in.

That's all fine. But what we should be worrying about is the fact that we are at war, and we don't love it. The most important threat to the American Kennel Club and to us and to our Sport is the campaign being waged

every day by the animal rights maniacs and fanatics of this world. Never in our history have we seen so many breed-specific and anti-dog legislation all across this country, and some of them are even being enacted.

If you think that they're going away, forget it. These are well-funded groups like the Humane Society of the United States, the Doris Day Animal League, PETA. If you don't think that they're after us, you must have been living on Mars. They are the enemy.

These are the people who hate your guts because you breed and own purebred dogs. You're in for the fight of your life. You're in danger of losing if we can't all work together. And the AKC Legislation Department can just do so much. What we need is you people out there on the local level, your clubs out there on the local level to attend every hearing and avoid our opposition. If we don't get out there and if your club members that you represent don't go out there, we're going to lose this war.

The other war that we have is from competing registries, and we have to stop the bleeding. We've got to reach that first-time puppy buyer who never plans to breed or never plans to show his dog, that registering with the American Kennel Club will provide you with ways to have more fun with your dogs. Our staff is implementing the strategic plan and they are testing several things to reach this audience.

Income is what supports us and it has to be there or we'll have a problem. Today I need your vote. Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow we need your work so we can get started winning both of these wars.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Ken.

The fourth candidate is Dr. Gerry G. Meisels representing the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association.

Dr. Meisels: Good morning everybody. I will follow the lead of a couple of the previous candidates and tell you first who I am; second, how I operate; and third, what I stand for.

First of all, my family have owned, bred and shown Westies since 1959. We have owned and handled 60 Westies to the championships and have had a few in the top ten in the breed. We've also worked some in obedience

trials and Earthdog trials. I've been an active member of all breed clubs in Texas, Nebraska and Florida since 1967, and I've served as President, Show Chairman and Secretary. I've been a life member of our parent club, and I've been founding president of two local specialty clubs. I judge all Terriers.

Second, I'm a little bit like our Westies are: game, hardy and possessed with no small amount of self-esteem. I speak my mind, but I'm also a team player. I have a strong commitment to consensus building. My professional background as the University Dean Provost has made me action-oriented and insistent on examining options and projecting their consequences before making a decision. Even my enemies will say about me that you may not like what Gerry's thinking, but you will always know what it is. I'm direct and straight forward.

Third, I stand for integrity, I stand for honesty, directness, communication and the partnership approach whenever possible. These all shape my approach as a potential board member if you elect me. Above all, I believe the Delegates, exhibitors, club members, staff, breeders in the fancy are family, and we must learn to work together as a family instead of separate units. We need to talk things out using an open approach and build support for decisions before they are made.

The Board has done some very good things but needs to now focus on long-range issues. And the very first one is to develop a shared vision, what others have already mentioned. The shared vision has to go beyond the mission statement and give us a blueprint of where we want to be 10, 15 years from now. The lack of such a broadly understood and shared vision leads to a lot of the problems we've been having over the last few years. We are not just exhibitors, we are not simply breed exhibitors. Some believe AKC is for elite exhibitors, others for the breeder-exhibitor, or for all purebred dogs, or all dogs, or that it is a registry with other peripheral functions. We need to come to some closure as to what we really are before we can work together for the future. Without a common vision, we have

no foundation and no guiding principles. If you elect me, I will bring to the Board my passion, my energy, my commitment to the AKC and the Sport, my insights, my ability to consider new ideas, a long-range view and the dedication to AKC.

I will close by asking for your vote with one quote, because I think it's something we should be doing in the future. We do not have problems in AKC; we have opportunities. And I'll quote from the former president of 3M Companies: "The future belongs to those who see opportunity, where others see only problems."

Mr. Sprung: Thank you Gerry. The fifth candidate is Dr. William R. Newman representing the Mastiff Club of America.

Dr. Newman: My name is Bill Newman. I am the Delegate from the Mastiff Club of America and I'm Chairman of the Delegates Subcommittee. It's an honor to be chosen by the Nominating Committee for the class of 2010.

I'm sure you'll agree with me that those best qualified to serve on AKC's Board must combine the history of achievement with a vision for the future. I stand before you as an accomplished Mastiff breeder and exhibitor over 40 years. I've been active in my club and have served in every capacity from the president to the current judges education director. Many of you have been in my classes.

I've been a Delegate for 13 years, the only office in the Mastiff Club that is not term-limited. On behalf of my club, I have worked with the Delegate body to lower the obedience jump heights and formed a preferred agility class so that the big boys could play without being injured.

I've also served for a decade on the Delegates Health Committee, the last three, as its Chairman. This committee has made great strides in bringing to fruition many important projects to advance the cause of canine health and reported them to this body.

As a millennium founder and eight-year Board member of Canine Health Foundation, I was Vice Chairman of Grants and Chairman of Bylaws, working closely to advance the health of our dogs and to foster a closer rela-

tionship between the Foundation and the AKC Board, which is our greatest benefactor.

I come to you with eight years of practical hands-on experience as Mayor of my community. I learned that in the political arena, in order to be effective and accomplish your goals, you must sit at the table with those with whom you may disagree. I also learned how to work with a diffuse group of people with different objectives and goals in order to achieve what you want.

In addition, as a director of radiology for over 30 years, I've been a member of many boards and executive committees, scholarship fund committees, human resources committees, and the president of many, many societies. As director, I've pledged to do my best to assure that AKC remains fiscally sound, serves its constituents and customers promptly and courteously and maintains communication.

Communication, public perception and being the place to turn to with any questions relating to dogs are vital to the future of the AKC. Responsible dog ownership, sound breeding practices and positive public relations are the key to our future.

My aspiration is to build on the achievements of the past in the areas of legislation, public awareness, fiscal responsibility, canine health, in order to meet the challenges that lie ahead. I believe my experience in all these matters qualifies me to serve on the Board, and I'd be honored to have your vote. Thank you very much.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Bill.

The sixth candidate is Nina Schaefer representing the Back Mountain Kennel Club.

Mrs. Schaefer: A lot of you know that I've just come from marrying off my 44-year-old son for the first time, and I hope you're going to ask to see some pictures. But now I want to talk to you about a much bigger challenge and a bigger picture for all of us.

Today I'm seeking your support to serve another term on the AKC Board of Directors because my leadership skills are, in three areas, vital to our future as dog fanciers: navigation, negotiation and communication. We

face major challenges on many fronts, including breed-specific and anti-breeding legislation, animal rights extremists, competing alternate registries, and the growth in governance of our own American Kennel Club.

I've been an active and successful navigator, negotiator and communicator in these and other arenas for a long, long time; as breeder, exhibitor, steward, officeholder and AKC judge.

As president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog clubs, I helped to get a law passed that prohibits breed-specific legislation, a breakthrough that we need to copy in the country and in the world.

As a Delegate for 13 years and as an American Kennel Club Board member, I've pushed for more support for our clubs, particularly in their efforts regarding rescue dogs. Breed club rescue programs are critical, especially to protect the reputations of some of our most cherished and criticized breeds.

In my experience, our American Kennel Club is most successful when we tackle our challenges not just from the top branches of Board and staff but from the grassroots of the dog fancy.

The long-term viability of the American Kennel Club depends upon the replenishment of its volunteer base. Unfortunately we've seen many of our clubs losing members, momentum and financial strength. As your Board member, I pledge to work and rebuild in all these areas, using my experience as an officer of three breed and four all-breed clubs, as a former Chair of the Delegates Bylaws Committee, and as a controller and computer systems administrator in my business career.

Having served on boards of various nonprofits, I'm keenly aware that volunteers like you deserve tremendous credit for sustaining the AKC's value and reputation. That's why an important part of my leadership platform continues to be the development of more open dialogue. Your voices must be heard.

We need your dedication, participation and energy to fulfill our mission. If you reelect me to the Board today, I will continue to serve as a navigator, negotiator and communicator on behalf of you, your club and your dogs. Our love is with our dogs but

our strength is in you, our people, and I ask for your vote.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Nina.

Delegates are reminded that elections are held in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, which requires a majority vote to elect. There are three vacancies to be elected today. When more than three candidates receive a majority vote, the three receiving the highest number of votes are elected. When less than three candidates receive a majority vote, the candidates receiving a majority vote are elected and all other candidates remain on the ballot for the necessary repeat balloting. Vote for no more than three. Only one vote per candidate will be counted. A totally blank ballot is not counted towards the majority. A ballot with more than three votes is invalid, but does count towards the majority. In order to facilitate the tabulation of ballots, we ask that you fold your ballot in half. After results of each ballot are reported, the Chair will give ample time and opportunity to any candidate who wishes to withdraw. A representative of Ernst & Young, our accounting firm, will oversee the tellers who will conduct the election and count the ballots. All candidates have been given the opportunity to observe the election procedures. After it appears that everyone who is present has voted, the Chair will inquire as to whether everyone who wishes to vote has done so, and the polls will then be declared closed. A second ballot, if necessary, will be cast just before we proceed to lunch. Delegates are reminded that there are eight polling stations in the back of the room. Please line up by your last name and give your last name and your club name to the Teller. The staff will now distribute the ballots and the polls are open.

(Voting)

Mr. Sprung: Delegates please take your seats. Is there anyone who wishes to vote who has not done so?

Hearing none, the Chair declares that the polls are closed.

New Delegates have been requested to submit individual photographs for publication in the AKC Gazette. Any

Delegate who has not submitted a photograph and wishes to do so, please see the photographer during a recess or following adjournment.

It is the Chair's sad duty to report the passing of three Delegates: Robert Kelly, Delegate for the Land O' Lakes Kennel Club since December 1986 and an AKC Board member from 1999 to 2003, died on February the 6th. Helen Munday, Delegate for the Port Chester Obedience Training Club since March 1990, died on February the 11th. Thaddeus Makowski, Delegate from the Colorado Kennel Club since April 2002, died on March the 3rd.

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the names of Delegates who have been seated since our last meeting:

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

Charles Arnold, Oakland Park, Florida, to represent Fort Lauderdale Dog Club

Ann Cookson, Springfield, Illinois, to represent Illinois Capitol Kennel Club

Nancy M. Dandrea, Bonita, California, to represent Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego

Dr. Suzanne Hampton, Ringwood, New Jersey, to represent Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey

David A. Helming, Flemington, New Jersey, to represent Hutchinson Kennel Club

Kenneth W. Mader, South Windsor, Connecticut, to represent American Sealyham Terrier Club

Peter J. See, Somis, California, to represent Welsh Terrier Club of America

Gloria H. Shaver, Fisherville, Virginia, to represent Skyline Kennel Club

Barbara Shaw, Denison, Texas, to represent American Spaniel Club

Jane V. (Candy) Slay, Cary, North Carolina, to represent Greater St. Louis Training Club

Trisha Weekley, Tryon, North Carolina, to represent Spartanburg Kennel Club

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

Charles Arnold, Oakland Park, Florida, to represent Fort Lauderdale Dog Club

Ann Cookson, Springfield to represent Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club

Dr. Suzanne Hampton, Ringwood, New Jersey, to represent Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey

David A. Helming, Flemington, New Jersey, to represent Hutchinson Kennel Club

Ann Lettis, to represent Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America

Kenneth W. Mader, South Windsor, Connecticut, to represent American Sealyham Terrier Club

Peter J. See, Somis, California, to represent Welsh Terrier Club of America

Barbara Shaw, Denison, Texas, to represent American Spaniel Club

Jane V. (Candy) Slay, Cary, North Carolina, to represent Greater St. Louis Training Club

Marlene Steinberg, to represent Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers

Trisha Weekley, Tryon, North Carolina, to represent Spartanburg Kennel Club

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

The minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting were published in the February 2006 *AKC Gazette* and copies were mailed to all Delegates. If there are no corrections, the minutes will stand approved as published. Hearing none, the minutes stand approved.

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

Mr. Menaker: Good morning. I would like to give you a brief update on PAWS this morning. I am pleased to report that Senator Rick Santorum this past weekend provided us with an advanced copy of his "Discussion Draft" of an amended version of the PAWS bill.

This Discussion Draft will be posted on the Senator's website this week.

The draft clarifies several original provisions of the bill and includes some new provisions which resulted from discussion at the November 2005 hearing.

In general, the highlights of the Discussion Draft of the revised bill include:

\* All references to hunting, security and breeding dogs are eliminated from the dealer definition in both PAWS and the existing Animal Welfare Act.

\* There is an exclusive exemption for animal shelters, rescue organizations and other persons who do not operate for profit and do not import dogs and cats for resale.

\* There's a new provision that would exempt retailers who are inspected by a not-for-profit organization, such as the AKC, which is approved by the Secretary of Agriculture.

\* And, finally, the USDA would be required to regulate the importation of dogs and cats for resale, including requiring that dogs and cats imported for resale be at least six months of age and comply with health and vaccination requirements.

Let me emphasize: This is for dogs and cats imported for resale only.

Copies of the Discussion Draft are being printed and will be available at the end of this meeting.

The next step in the legislative process is that the Discussion Draft will be introduced as a new bill or will be offered as an amendment to the current bill. In either case, it is the intention of Senator Santorum that PAWS will reflect the provisions contained in this Discussion Draft.

I believe we have achieved a result in this draft that fully justifies our involvement in this process. This bill is good for dogs and coincidentally, good for the AKC, the fancy and the Sport of purebred dogs. I hope you'll all take the opportunity to read the bill which you'll receive on the way out, and we welcome your input.

Thank you very much.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you Ron. The Chair calls on Jim Stevens, Chief Financial Officer for the annual financial report.

Mr. Stevens: Good morning. Each of you should have previously received a copy of our 2005 audited financial statements. As many of you may recall, consistent with prior years, our annual audited financials consolidate the results of AKC and AKC companion Animal Recovery Corporation, commonly referred to as CAR.



Generally accepted accounting principles require this treatment. As such, the numbers that we'll review with you today reflect the combined results of AKC and CAR.

Many of you have heard me mention during last year's Delegate meetings what a tough act we had to follow in terms of 2004's record financial performance. Quite frankly, we never could have imagined that this time last year, that 2005 would have ended up the way it did. The combined net income of AKC and CAR for 2005 was \$11.5 million, and that was the second highest P&L in our history.

I'm sure you can appreciate these results didn't come about by chance. It was the result of a concerted effort by management to enhance our revenues and also control our costs. You might wonder: How much attention do we really pay to watching our costs?

And as an example, I think you may find it somewhat amusing when people see either Dennis or me walking around the New York office turning out lights in conference rooms that are no longer being used. Quite frankly, it's become a force of habit. We just do it; what can I say?

Our strong results for the past two years have resulted in positioning the organization with a very solid balance sheet. In fact, from a balance sheet perspective, we're now in the strongest financial position in the history of the organization. We should all feel very good about this.

2005's total revenues of \$72.7 million were 1 percent above the prior year. It's interesting to note that total revenues increased despite the fact that registration fees decreased by 3-1/2 percent from the prior year.

A closer look at the details of 2005's registration revenues compared to 2004 reveals slightly lower registration revenues in almost every single category. As a result, the total of \$35.5 million in registration revenues for 2005 was unfortunately below the previous year, as we've previously noted.

In reviewing other revenues, fees and pedigrees of \$8.4 million were 7 percent higher than 2004. Publication revenues of \$3.6 million were 13-1/2 percent higher than the previous year. This was due to increased advertising in our magazines.

Lastly, interest and dividend income of almost \$750,000 was over a half million dollars higher than the prior year, due to the distribution of realized profits generated from one of our investment funds.

If we now shift our focus to expenses, 2005's total expenses were \$65.2 million. This represented less than a 2 percent increase from 2004. Our largest expense category, payroll and benefits, which totaled \$30.3 million, increased by only 1 percent from the previous year. Some other expenses which increased in 2005 were travel costs and higher depreciation related to new computer hardware. Offsetting these were reductions in numerous other expense areas.

I'd also like to mention that our pension plan is in excellent financial shape. Unlike other companies today whose plans are significantly under funded, ours enjoys a healthy surplus as of the end of last year. Frankly, this seems to be the exception rather than the rule these days.

If we take a look at our 2005 audited balance sheet, it's clear that our position has strengthened considerably in 2005. Total assets increased by over \$10 million from 2004, while total liabilities decreased by over 900,000. And that was certainly a good thing.

As a result, our total net assets increased by over \$11.5 million to \$77 million as of the end of 2005. You can see very clearly here how our net assets, which are analogous to shareholders' equity in a public company, have risen steadily over the past five years. This amount has increased 65 percent from 2001 to 2005 and, reached an all-time high of \$77 million at the end of last year.

Then take a look at the composition of our balance sheet today compared to five years ago, you may find this very interesting. Back in 2001, only 25 percent of our assets were comprised of cash, investments and receivables. These assets we typically refer to as liquid assets. The remaining 75 percent of the balance sheet back then consisted of illiquid assets such as property and equipment and various prepaid expenses.

We've certainly made great strides since that time. As of the end of 2005, investments, cash and receivables

now comprise 60 percent of our total assets. This transition has been extremely beneficial. In particular, having the luxury of a large investment portfolio affords us the opportunity for this valuable asset to make a meaningful contribution to our bottom line.

Due to improved stock market conditions and having successfully constructed a more sophisticated and diversified investment portfolio, we've rebounded from investment losses we experienced back in 2001 and 2002. The red bars on this graph reflect these losses, while the gains are illustrated in black.

The last three years have been outstanding in terms of our investment portfolio, as you can clearly see here. During this three-year period, our investments have generated total income of \$11 million for AKC and CAR combined. I'm sure you'll agree that this is a very significant contribution and has been very beneficial to our financial situation.

If we then take a look at how our investments performed in 2005, here's a comparison of the return on AKC's investments compared to the major stock market indices. Our annual return of almost 8 percent far exceeded the major benchmarks, which were somewhat anemic in 2005. Our return is reflected on the left in green. It surpassed the S&P's return of 3 percent, 4.3 percent for the Russell 1000, a minimal return for in 2005, NASDAQ and Dow Jones actually suffered a small loss.

The performance of our investments continues to boost our positive financial results.

Article VII of the AKC's Bylaws requires that reimbursed expenses incurred by Board members in conducting AKC business are to be reported to the Delegates. Accordingly, during 2005, directors who attended Board and Committee meetings or functions in support of AKC business were reimbursed \$291,032 for travel and related costs.

Copies of the 2005 annual report will be mailed to Delegates not in attendance today, as well as secretaries of member clubs. We trust you will find this information will give you a more complete understanding of the Club's operations.

As always, if you have any financial questions, please feel free to direct those to me. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Jim.

Next is the President's report.

The paramount benefit for member clubs is the role of their Delegate. This benefit includes voting on rules and affecting the governance of AKC through electing a Board of Directors which then establishes policy for the staff to implement.

Beyond the obvious, there are many other new services that AKC offers to all clubs that enrich this experience.

Recently, through our Club Communications Department, we launched the AKC syndicated column on our website. This program offers editorial content, not only to the media, but to club newsletter editors and web masters.

Clubs can gain access to the "Ask AKC" syndicated column, and also to informative editorial articles, AKC news, book reviews and photos, all of which to publish in your newsletters or on your club's websites for free.

In addition, we have recently created a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation entitled "An Overview of AKC" available for your club's use to enhance their meeting presentations, membership drives, or at booth displays.

The AKC archive, previously available only to parent clubs, will now be accepting historic one-of-a-kind documents and materials for preservation from all member clubs. This brings the total number of clubs from 150 to more than 580 that can utilize the AKC archive. In addition, we are currently recruiting for a professional archivist to manage this project.

In this age of growing anti-dog laws and breed-specific legislation, clubs can now take advantage of our canine legislation department's new online advocacy website to access legislative updates, send letters to elected officials and keep up to date on related matters.

These are just a few of the new opportunities and resources available to clubs. And, as always, we continue to offer enhancements to existing programs as well as other valuable resources for your clubs such as:

- An expanded AKC booth schedule – the booth attended more than 100 AKC events in 2005.

- Parent clubs are invited to send Club newsletters and publications to the AKC library where they become a permanent, cataloged part of the research library. To date, 85 percent of parent clubs have taken advantage of this service. This program is in addition to the AKC archive. Based on the success of the parent club program, we are now announcing its expansion to all member clubs.

- Assisting your club members to prepare for media appearances and interviews by receiving spokesperson training from the AKC Communications Department and providing geographic media lists to help you publicize your club's events.

- Hosting the parent club specialty show site locator on our website to enable clubs to find suitable national specialty show sites.

- Use of the quick poll, located on the home page of AKC.org, where your club can submit questions and collect data on issues important to them.

- Expanded offerings in the AKC responsible dog ownership day kits sent free to all participating clubs.

As AKC continues to grow both in terms of member clubs and Club services, our staff invites you to take advantage of all of these complementary resources.

Lastly, to foster better communications, I have added a toll free number in my office. This is for your exclusive use as Delegates. The number is located in the agenda packets placed on your Chairs. I invite you to call me at your convenience.

The Chair now calls on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Elaine Allen, of Ernst & Young to read the results of the balloting for the class of 2010.

Ms. Allen: Good morning, all. The total number of ballots cast was 364; therefore, the majority to elect would be 183 ballots. The result of the ballots are as follows:

Carl Ashby, 106  
David Keene, 176  
Kenneth Marden, 142  
Dr. Gerry Meisels, 91  
Dr. William Newman, 208

and Nina Schaefer 222 votes

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Elaine. The Chair declares that Dr. William R. Newman and Nina Schaefer have been duly elected as members of the class of 2010. There is still one vacancy for the class of 2010, so we will proceed with another ballot. If there are any withdrawals, now would be the appropriate time to indicate this.

There is only one vacancy left in this class. Vote for no more than one. You may vote for Carl C. Ashby, III, David Keene, Kenneth A. Marden or Dr. Gerry G. Meisels. Do not vote for Dr. William R. Newman or Nina Schaefer, as they are already elected.

Will the Tellers please go to the polling station. The staff will now distribute the ballots. After the ballot is cast, we will proceed to lunch. Please take the escalator down to the Times Square ballroom on the lobby level.

Is there any Delegate wishing to vote who has not done so? The Chair declares that the polls are closed.

(Voting then Luncheon Recess)

Mr. Sprung: The meeting will come to order. The Chair calls on Elaine Allen for the tellers report.

Ms. Allen: Good afternoon. There were 365 ballots cast, therefore the majority to elect would be 183. And the results of the ballots are as follows:

Carl Ashby, III, 51  
David Keene, 169  
Kenneth Marden, 107  
and Dr. Gerry Meisels, 35 votes.

Mr. Sprung: The Chair declares that no candidate has been elected on the second ballot. Therefore we will have a third ballot. There is still one vacancy for the class of 2010. We will proceed with another ballot. If there are any withdrawals, now would be the appropriate time to indicate this.

Dr. Meisels: I would like to withdraw.

Mr. Sprung: Dr. Meisels has indicated that he withdraws his name. There is only one vacancy left for the class of 2010. Vote for no more than one.

You may vote for Carl C. Ashby, III, David Keene or Kenneth A. Mar-

den. Do not vote for Dr. Gerry Meisels, Dr. William Newman or Nina Schaefer. The staff will now pass out the ballots.

(Voting)

Mr. Sprung: Delegates, please take your seats. Is there any Delegate wishing to vote who has not done so? Hearing none, the polls will be closed.

Before proceeding to voting on the proposed amendment, let's review the process to help all Delegates consider the amendment. AKC staff will project the proposed amendment that Delegates are asked to consider on the screens. The proposed amendment will be typed and shown on the screens. If an amendment is adopted, the screens will reflect the proposal as amended.

If an amendment is not adopted, the screens will project the originally proposed amendment. Delegates continue the consideration of the proposed amendment as amended or not amended. The Chair intends to take a standing vote as a two-thirds vote is required to adopt a Bylaw amendment. If necessary, the Chair will also take an additional counted vote.

Today's vote is on the proposed amendment to Article II: Seal, of the AKC's Charter and Bylaws. The proposed amendment was requested by the Board of Directors based upon Delegate input. This amendment would help to differentiate AKC from other registries by emphasizing its age, thus featuring its longevity and tradition. This change will be phased in so that AKC, clubs, superintendents and others will be permitted to use existing stocks of material with the current logo.

The proposal was read to you at the January 2006 meeting. It has been published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette* and appears on the blue work sheet in front of you. The Board recommends its approval. A two-thirds affirmative vote is required for adoption.

Is there any discussion?

The Chair recognized Maureen Setter, Delegate for the Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, who spoke as follows:

Good Morning. I just have a quick question. Every time I've seen pictures of the seal, you also have the big words

"American Kennel Club" underneath it. Is that part of it now, or is it just the circular seal?

Mr. Sprung: Just the circular seal.

Ms. Setter: Okay, thank you.

Mr. Sprung: The question is on Article II: Seal of AKC's Charter and Bylaws. Those in favor, please stand. Thank you.

Those opposed, please stand. Thank you.

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

The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article VI: Delegates, from AKC's Charter and Bylaws.

Mr. Crowley: The proposed amendment is to Article VI, Section 5 of AKC's Charter and Bylaws. The amendment would add a revision that could have some impact on the pool of possible Delegates by eliminating the restriction for Professional Judges. The full text is on the pink work sheet that was sent to all Delegates.

A proposed revision was requested by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette* and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2006 meeting.

Mr. Sprung: Is there any discussion on this proposed amendment?

The Chair recognized Crécia Closson, Delegate for the Lake Region Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I have a question, just a point of information: Am I allowed to speak to something that's just being read or do I have to wait till next time?

Mr. Sprung: It can be discussed but cannot be amended at this time.

Ms. Closson: If Professional Judges are allowed to become Delegates, will they then be precluded from charging a fee?

Mr. Sprung: No, they will not. Any further discussion?

The Chair recognized Karen Arends, Delegate for the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I'd hopefully like for someone from the Bylaws Committee to answer this. I was wondering why the judges are mentioned but not handlers and some of the others that are making money also.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. The Chair will ask the Chair of the Delegate's By-Laws Committee to respond.

The Chair recognized Judith Daniels, Delegate for Mount Baker Kennel Club and Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, who spoke as follows:

Part of the reasoning behind this has stemmed from the fact that we have many Delegate/Judges in this body, and there are a lot of expenses that we are not allowed to cover because clubs do not pay for them.

And the other portions of this are not measured because we do not have handlers, per se. We don't have the other things that you're asking about. Whereas, the Professional Judge part of the Bylaws that we are suggesting be eliminated is to allow those of us in the body who do judge to charge a fee if we so desire. It doesn't mean everyone is going to.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wire-haired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:

As most of you know, I judge extensively, do not charge a fee but luckily can afford to do that. I concur with this change because it is my belief that as the rules stand, it is not equitable. We have professional photographers in our Delegate body who are able to work at shows and earn their living. Professional judges don't even come close to earning a living, especially if they're like me who judge one or two weekends a month.

There are people such as veterinarians, who own boarding kennels who earn their living and can be Delegates. There are Board members—and I was a Board member—and I was given a honorarium of a thousand dollars a month as a Board member, and I was still able to vote on these issues.

I find the present situation discriminatory. And that, I don't believe in. And I don't like being part of an organization where we promote discriminatory practices.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Cindy Cooke, Delegate for the Kalamazoo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I was here the last time this came up, and honestly, I've never understood why this was so controversial. However, I am part of a cluster and our fall cluster's show expenses - our building - goes up \$500 to \$1,000 every year. And at the last cluster meeting where we were discussing what are we going to do to cut costs, one of the suggestions was that for that particular fall cluster, that we should just hire Delegate judges. And that would enable us to continue to keep our really good show site, which is located in Grand Rapids and therefore enable Grand Rapids to continue to have a show in its area.

So while I'm not taking a position on this one way or the other, this is an issue for more and more clubs. We're very fortunate to be relatively financially secure, but we are reaching a point where we may not be able to afford that fall cluster.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Anne Rappaport Delegate for Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, who spoke as follows:

I'm adamantly opposed to this amendment. The people who usually - I have only been a Delegate for 15 minutes, and I have voted against this, I believe, four times. This - coming here, to me, is an honor, and the club does not pay me, they do not reimburse my expenses. It's a contribution I make to purebred dogs and the organization.

I keep hearing that there's no way we can get our money back. Well, I never thought of getting my money back. However, the fact that AKC still intends to charge \$25 a breed for the same Delegate judges who are contributing their time four times a year - and I don't know about the rest of you, but I can't imagine that you don't contribute much to your breed clubs or all-breed clubs because I've underwritten my all-breed club to the tune of several thousand dollars every year or every show.

I'm sorry that these people don't feel

that they can afford to keep doing this without getting reimbursed or charging a fee. But I'm not in favor of voting for it.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Naida Parker, Delegate for the Wampanoag Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I'm not a judge and you will forgive me if I indulge my predisposition for semantics. There's a lot of judges, you are all professionals. I wish you could find another way to describe the business of charging the clubs, whether it's for their expenses or for the actual fee. But to I - as an exhibitor, everybody in this room who judges is a professional.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

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

I also am not a judge. And as I look around the room, there are some excellent judges here, and I am sympathetic to the costs and possibly to the discrimination. But I don't view it as discrimination.

We ask our stewards to steward for basically nothing at a dog show. We ask our cleanup people to clean up for nothing, we ask our food people to come and we ask our parking lot people to come. And the whole Sport is predicated on a volunteer army.

Now, presumably we are the best. We represent our clubs, we are the best that the Sport has to offer. Most of us dipped into our own pocket to afford to come to this meeting. And it seems to me that in keeping with the spirit that the Sport is an amateur-run Sport, that it is not too much to ask that we just judge dog shows on a reimbursement basis. I think it would send a message that this is an amateur-run Sport.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Chantal Andrew, Delegate for the Greater Ocala Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

I'm a cheap judge. I am invited to judge because I'm a Delegate and I judge the Herding Group and I have

eight provisional hounds. I have to pay like everybody else to get my breeds. I have to go to seminars. I am a working person, I work in a busy ER. Getting a weekend off is a hardship for me.

I don't get reimbursed very much by my club to come here. \$225 a night is three days' pay for me as an ER nurse. So, yes, I would like to be able to get some of my expenses back, and I don't consider it in any way, shape or form to be lowering the criteria we have for judging just because we get reimbursed just because we're a Delegate.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Lynette Saltzman, Delegate for the American Shetland Sheepdog Association, who spoke as follows:

I am a judge, and I've been a judge for quite a while. This is a Sport - or the Sport that I came into at least was a Sport that was based upon volunteerism. Almost all of us here are volunteers. We certainly volunteer constantly at our own shows, work for our clubs. None of us expect to be paid. We breed dogs; most of us don't expect to make money breeding our dogs, and I certainly don't know anybody really that does.

I don't view myself as a Professional Judge, but despite what I've read in Perspectives lately, the fact that I'm not a professional simply means that I don't get paid. It doesn't mean that I'm not as good a judge as people who do get paid.

I certainly oppose the concept of having Professional Judges because I think it opens the door to having professionals of every other ilk. And frankly I would like to see this remain an amateur, volunteer body as long as possible. We're certainly moving in other directions very rapidly, and I would hope that we would not continue to do so, and I hope you will not support the concept of Professional Judges leading us into a professional Delegate body.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Marcy Zingler, Delegate for the Rubber City Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I have a statement and a question.

One, that the person who said that we were professional, all of us, is certainly correct in terms of conduct, which means that we are not unprofessional. Many of us, however, are non-professional.

And that leads me to my question: Would it be helpful if the Board or some other body gave us a better written or more specific definition of the Professional Judge with tighter parameters than we have now, simply someone who charges a fee?

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized John McNabney, Delegate for the Scottish Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I wanted to read from this article written by Richard Bird, Professional Judge and Delegate. I just want to quote a paragraph:

"It seems to boil down to the definition of amateur and professional. According to the old Bylaws, an amateur doesn't charge money for his or her services. Professionals charge money. Do you think that definition's useful? Why would an expert body want to exclude professionals, people who charge for their career-long expertise? Why would an expert body want to rely solely on amateurs, people who lack the experience and expertise to be paid for their services?"

That, I think, is a very unkind definition of amateur by any status. A professional is one who derives a significant portion of their income from the activity once they are deemed to be professional. Professional status is by no means an indication of competence.

High volume and commercial breeders which fit the definition for professional breeders, is it to these individual that the fancy should be turning to for guidance on breeding practices because they are professional?

While I'm not a fan of the slippery slope theory of the natural law of progression of events, whether it is in PAWS or on points for reserve winners in the national specialty, it is the natural law that this body seems to embrace. Therefore, let's follow that natural law in this instance to the

point the significant number of existing Professional Judges become Delegates and/or existing Delegate judges decide to join the ranks of Professional Judges. Since any Delegate can then be elected to a Board member and if we accept the premise that Professional Judges would be the most competent among us, it stands to reason that at some point the Board would consist primarily of Professional Judges. We'd then be in the situation where those who derive a significant portion of their income from our Sport are now governing that Sport.

We are currently in a Sport run by and for amateurs that accept professionals within our ranks. With this change, we could become a Sport run by and for professionals who may or may not tolerate amateurs in their ranks.

If it's the opinion of this body that Professional Judges possess knowledge and insights that are currently lacking in our deliberations, then perhaps we can establish a Professional Judges advisory panel that could provide that wisdom to the fancy.

I think Carl Ashby made a brilliant suggestion yesterday in his discussion on those points. And that is I see no problem with an honorarium where judges can be compensated in some small amount for their expenses per assignment but without charging a fee, per se.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Delegate for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I think perhaps maybe we're losing sight of what the real issue is. I don't think we want to define ourselves by whether we're judges or whether we're judges who charge or don't charge a fee. I think the important question is: What are the qualifications of the Delegates who sit in this room and vote?

And while this is not the issue that is before us at the moment, I think the better question we should ask ourselves is: Are there minimum qualifications we expect of Delegates who come to this meeting and represent the clubs?

I'm not proposing anything other

than the fact that I think we ought to look at that because, you know, we do have Delegates who have just joined a club, just purchased a dog and because no one else wants to be their Delegate, they become it.

So to me, the issue is not whether you're a judge or not. The question really ought to be: You know, what are the qualifications to be a Delegate? And that's for another day, but I think that's something we ought to seriously address.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

There really are two issues here: The first is what we're reading about the Professional Judge, and I'm not taking the position one way or the other. What we have to ask ourselves is: Do we want to avail ourselves of the talent and the knowledge and the contributions that could be made by some of the Professional Judges?

And we all know who they are within this Sport who have lived and breathed this Sport for 24/7 for many years.

The other issue—and I think that it hasn't been mentioned but it's sort of an underlying current here—is that many Delegates feel that when the application fee was instituted to apply for new breeds, those that are Delegates are penalized in a way that they have no way to recoup. Because we cannot charge a fee because we do not charge a fee, there's no way to recoup the expenses that go into applying for becoming a judge or for advancing themselves along that line.

And perhaps if there were some — either with the role of that application fee to those people who are Delegates or a small stipend, \$50 or \$100 per assignment allowed but still allowed you to keep your amateur status, that might be something for the Board and perhaps for the Delegate body to consider at the next meeting.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Dr. Suzanne Hampton, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey, who spoke as follows:

I would like to suggest we look at this from a somewhat different perspective and one that is not specifically related to judges or judging.

I think that 99 and 100 percent of the member clubs of the American Kennel Club have within their membership the wisdom to elect a Delegate to represent them who comes with both knowledge and a dedication to the job.

That being the case, I would suggest that this body consider eliminating all the exclusivity criteria, and that includes the judge one also.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Kathrynann Sarvinas, Delegate for the Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland, who spoke as follows:

I'm a fairly new Delegate; I've only been here about seven years, I guess. And from my own knowledge—and I'm sure some of the newer Delegates—why was this implemented in the first place? Why is there this criteria that you cannot be allowed to charge a fee?

So if you could enlighten us to that, then maybe we can maybe make a better informed decision when we vote.

Mr. Crowley: I can only say that it's been in for many decades, these exclusions or variations of these exclusions. And it probably goes back to the origins of the American Kennel Club where the concept was to have strictly an amateur body governing the Sport.

The Chair recognized John Nielsen, Delegate for the English Setter Association of America, who spoke as follows:

What concerns me is the issue of conflict of interest. I am a Delegate judge and you are going to ask me to vote on something which directly affects my financial well-being or lack of well-being as the case may be. This concerns me.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Diane Albers, Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

As you all know, I've been in the Delegate body for a very long time, and this will be the third time that I have been here that this has come up. We have several months to think about/talk about this with our fellow people at our clubs and come back and vote on it in June.

I was asked to ask this question: Number one, when we all filled out our credentials, we knew judges could not charge. We also knew meetings were on Tuesday, and yet this is the third go-around.

The last time this came up, there was an amendment made to help the judges with those incidental expenses. That amendment was for \$150 over what was already allowed. The amendment failed because they wanted full ability to charge a full price.

But go back and discuss this and talk amongst each other and come back and vote.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. We will now have the report on the third ballot for the Board of Directors, Class of 2010.

Ms. Allen: There were 355 ballots cast, therefore, a majority would be 178 ballots. And the results are as follows:

Carl Ashby, III, 39  
David Keene, 208  
and Kenneth Marden, 107 votes.

Mr. Sprung: David Keene has been duly elected to the class of 2010.

Mr. Menaker: Ladies and gentlemen, I'm certain that you will want to join me in honoring a person who has served AKC long and well. As President, as a Director and as an advocate of AKC field trials, Ken Marden has won our hearts and our lasting appreciation. I ask that you now join me in honoring our friend, Ken Marden.

(Applause and standing ovation)

Mr. Sprung: The Chair calls on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article VIII: Board of Directors Nominating Committee from AKC's Charter and Bylaws.

Mr. Crowley: The proposed amendment is to Article VIII: Board

of Directors Nominating Committee from AKC's Charter and Bylaws. This amendment would add a revision eliminating the Nominating Committee. Any Delegate including incumbent Board members would be able to run by petition. The number of signatures required is being proposed to be raised from 20 to 50 and a six-week window is being proposed for the submission of nominations.

With this change, all candidates will be known before the December-January Delegate meeting. The full text is on the green work sheet that was sent to all Delegates. The proposed revision was requested by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2006 meeting.

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

The Chair recognized Catherine Nelson, Delegate for the National Capitol Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

What provision in the Bylaws — should this pass, would cover the situation when there are less self-nominees than the slots to be filled?

Mr. Crowley: The Bylaws provide that if after an election a vacancy exists, the Board would fill that vacancy until the next annual meeting.

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

The previous speaker just took away my question. I was just going to ask what if insufficient ballot petitions were received, thank you for the answer.

Meanwhile I think this a very good idea, and I would support its adoption when it comes up for a vote.

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

I'd like to speak out in opposition to the proposal to eliminate the Nominating Committee.

I think an organization like ours needs a functioning Nominating Com-

mittee. There are things that a Nominating Committee that carries out its duties appropriately can do that otherwise would not be accomplished. Nominating Committees can solicit input on a one-to-one basis, they can conduct confidential discussions, they can focus on questions about the degree of specialized expertise to be brought to the Board in a particular election. Hopefully they can focus on both positive and negative attributes of possible candidates.

To be nominated by a Nominating Committee should count for something, and there may be some other things that can be done to enhance the credibility of the Nominating Committee within our organization. And in this regard, I'd like to take just a minute to mention a few things that the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association instituted about 12 or 15 years ago.

We had some similar questions to wrestle with and I believe that we all face here today, and we worked out some solutions. And the bottom line is that these solutions have worked well. There's been very, very little criticism of the process that the Springer parent club carries out in terms of nominations each year.

There's a seven-man committee, three are appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Governors. Four are appointed each year by four independent processes. We have a regional governorship system with our 21-member Board of Governors, there are five regional show governors, five regional field governors. Each of the groups of regional governors select one member of the Nomination Committee.

We have another member of the Nominating Committee selected each year by the National Specialty Committee and another one selected by the National Amateur Championship Committee, our two most important national events.

So four out of the seven members of the Nominating Committee each year are selected by independent processes. That eliminated all the questions and concerns that have existed for decades about cliques being able to perpetuate control of the club, that sort of thing. It's a minority that's appointed by the president.

Very, very importantly we've found

over the years that the independent processes put people on the Nominating Committee that otherwise really hadn't come to the attention of parent club management. We get new blood, new faces functioning on the Nominating Committee. And some of these people that step into these roles involving parent club activities for the first time are the greatest talent scouts for new possible nominees.

Many of these people over the years have come up with names who now serve on the Board, who now serve as executive officers of this organization or our organization.

Now, there are a lot of different possibilities, and I just threw out one possibility by way of example. I haven't really thought it through but what if, in terms of the AKC Nominating Committee, there were seven all together, three appointed by the Board, four selected by independent processes. I would suggest maybe two designated each year by the Coordinating Committee, perhaps one selected by the predecessor Nominating Committee from its own so that there would be a carryover member from the preceding year's Nominating Committee for continuity purposes, and perhaps a fourth member selected by another Delegate committee.

There are numerous possibilities, numerous ideas. The idea would be to enhance the credibility of the Nominating Committee so that if there is an effective nominating process, it means something. And I throw this out by way of suggestion.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Dr. Charles Garvin, Delegate for the Marion Ohio Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I would also like to oppose this amendment. I think the Nominating Committee is a favorite whipping post that people like to criticize. And over the years that I've been a Delegate, the pendulum has swung both ways: Sometimes the Nominating Committee tends to nominate all the incumbents and they get criticized for that. Sometimes the Nominating Committee doesn't nominate the incumbents, and they get criticized for that.

But it seems like every year that we have an election, we have always been provided with a ballot that has a sufficient number of excellent candidates to serve on our Board of Directors. And I think that's incredibly important for our organization. Sometimes you have to go out and solicit people, sometimes you have to twist their arms to convince them of why they should run for the Board.

And it is much better to have too many good candidates than not enough good candidates. There are some things with the process and the timing that could be improved, but I think to throw out the Nominating Committee would be overkill for that. Basically all of the clubs you represent have a Nominating Committee of some form and almost all organizations in this country have such. It works very well.

Also I realize that we have very minimal instructions given to our Nominating Committee, so it's hard to punish your dog for misbehaving if you've not taught him well how you want him to behave in the first place.

So in summary, I think we should look at how we can do things better, but getting rid of the Nominating Committee is not the best way of doing this. And just for full disclosure, I will tell you that two out of the three times I ran for the Board, I was not nominated by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Dr. Gerry Meisels, Delegate for the St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, who spoke as follows:

I belong to a number of professional organizations, none of whom do not have a Nominating Committee. I belong to several kennel clubs and specialty clubs; every one of them has a Nominating Committee.

The issue to me is not so much that there's a Nominating Committee, but I think the Nominating Committee should nominate two persons for each vacant position which is the standard in all organizations that I belong to.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Ms. Laurans: Personally I don't have an issue whether we have a

Nominating Committee or not. Where I think the importance of this proposed change lies is with the shortening of the time period that we spend on our election.

I find that during that time, almost all of the energy is devoted to the election and also having been on the Board, sometimes the Board finds you'd better be careful what you do during the period of time just prior to the election. So the first point that I'm concerned with is maybe studying this and finding a way that the process can be improved.

Secondly, in terms of being able to only have 20 people sign a petition and that everybody in the body can sign as many petitions as they want, I also think is something we might want to look into.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

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

I've been a Delegate five years now, and I've got to say that honestly I think everybody that's been nominated from the floor or by the Committee has been excellent, and it really doesn't matter to me which way we go.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. The Chair calls on Noreen Baxter, Vice President of Communications, to announce the first quarter Community Achievement Award.

Ms. Baxter: I am pleased to announce the first quarter AKC 2006 Community Achievement Award. 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 Honoree's accomplishments are published in the *AKC Gazette* and featured on the AKC website.

The first quarter Honoree is Antelope Valley Kennel Club, William Daniels Delegate. Please join me in congratulating this quarter's Honoree.  
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: For your information, the June 13, 2006 Delegates meeting will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina at the North Raleigh Hilton. In the next few weeks, our Conference and Travel Department will send you additional information.

The Chair reminds the Board to meet at the conclusion of this meeting in Room 405. New Delegates, once again, our photographer is outside waiting to take your photographs should you wish to do that after adjournment. Delegates are reminded to leave their badges at the registration desk.

Is there further business to come before the Delegate body?

Ms. Laurans: During the caucus and during the speeches, people made reference to the fact that we need better communication between clubs, Delegates, staff and Board if we're to unite and totally work together in the best interests of AKC and the dogs that we love.

Recently I've become aware of some significant changes that have happened in terms of AKC's dealing with commercial breeders. There may be reason and rationale for those changes, but I am concerned that we, as Delegates and representatives of our clubs, were not aware that they were happening before they did and the reason and rationale for them.

I will give you a couple of examples: AKC giving money to be a platinum sponsor of the Missouri Pet Breeders Association, an organization founded by commercial breeders in that state to promote their puppy mills and the like, the same organization that boycotted the AKC over the frequently used sire DNA requirement. They could have had a booth, they could have had an ad. They did not need to be a platinum \$3,000 sponsor. And if they did, we needed to know that perhaps ahead of time.

Secondly, AKC taking out a full-page back cover ad in *The Kennel Spotlight*, a publication for commercial kennels which is published by Bob Hughes, a leading dog auctioneer through his Southwest Auction and one of the former owners of Dobey Tri-Kennels, which had its U.S. Department of Agriculture Dealer permit revoked and which was subsequently purchased by the Hunte Corporation.

Now, maybe there are reasons for things like this and for certain high-volume breeders being offered the fact that they can register their dogs without paying a late fee. But if there is, we need to understand that first, not be shocked when we are called by members of our clubs and not be shocked by actions that we think are not necessarily in keeping with what we have come to believe the American Kennel Club stands for.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Kenneth Mader, Delegate for the American Sealyham Terrier Club, who spoke as follows:

I wanted to take just a moment to thank the American Kennel Club for its help and sponsorship at the AKC Challenge show that was held at November at Mohican Sun. We greatly appreciate all the efforts Farmington Kennel Club and the Kenilworth Kennel Club.

The only suggestion I would make for this coming AKC Challenge show in I believe November of 2006 is that the Farmington Valley and the Kenilworth Kennel Club get a little more name recognition as we were sort of light on that this past year. So I'm hoping that you will at least show our names other than a brief statement about it. I would appreciate that.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

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

I'm pleased to report that since my return to this Delegate body in January in Orlando, there has been a precedent-setting victory against breed-specific legislation.

On March 3, 2006 the Appellate Court of Appeals of the Sixth District of Ohio overturned the breed-specific legislation in Toledo, Ohio granting in our favor on not one, not two, but three specific issues of constitutionality. Unfortunately, that challenge was led by other groups and, to my knowledge, the AKC was not directly involved in the courtroom process or in supporting that.

But my purpose here is rather to focus on the little-known fact that way



back in November of 1982, the American Kennel Club led the way in putting forth the first challenge against breed-specific legislation in the state of Ohio. This was a challenge in Cincinnati, Ohio and I would like to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of my club, the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America, some of those key individuals who 24 years ago laid the foundation upon which this Toledo victory was eventually established.

First and foremost, I'd like to thank Mr. Bill Stifel, who was then president of the AKC, and his Executive Secretary, Mr. Roy Carlberg and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hartinger, Delegates from the Cincinnati area, all of whom not only supported the challenge but came into court and sat beside us and laid this foundation.

And therefore, I'd like to ask you to join me and my parent club in thanking these individuals for their pioneering efforts.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Susan Glatzer, Delegate for the Bearded Collie Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Two things if I may: First, on behalf of the BCCA, I would like to sincerely thank AKC's Communications Department for the excellent release they recently distributed on behalf of Bearded Collies and Siberian Huskies cautioning against star-struck, whim buying in relation to the two featured movies currently being shown. We are very grateful for AKC for taking this initiative. We truly appreciate it. You can imagine our fears.

Secondly, I would just like to comment something in relation to what Pat Laurans raised. Some of us confront the frustrating question on the part of the puppy-buying public: ACA, APR, ARRI, AKC; what's the difference? When we—myself in particular—think of our Canine Health Foundation, our veterinary scholarships, our outreach programs, our breeder education programs, all of the wonderful things that AKC does do and stands for, it's easy to jump in and say, okay, here are the differences, here are the distinctions.

But then we're met with information of the perceptions of AKC seem-

ingly cozying up to the commercial segment of seeking registrations from high-volume commercial breeders that, in all probability, do violate our own care and condition standards. And, of course, the AKC position paper that we all just received states very clearly: AKC opposes the random breeding on a huge scale by commercial breeders for commercial purposes. So now we have to face that and try to reconcile it and explain it.

And my worry is that if we continue to allow ourselves to be perceived as reaching out to those commercial breeders who the public sees in violation of care and condition standards, we might just be confirming the validity of their question: ACA, APR, AKC; what's the difference?

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

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

As I indicated at the last meeting, I'm here to talk about the judging and approval process.

I am an exhibitor, I exhibit dogs on a regular basis. I firmly believe that the observer judge or judge observer program, whatever it may be called, where a judge is in the ring judging dogs with another person in the ring, should be eliminated as quickly as it possibly can. It is part of the 60 points of light, or whatever, that has to do with being granted additional breeds based on something other than merit.

As an exhibitor, I feel that it is blatantly unfair to the exhibitor to have a judge's concentration broken. The judge is there working. It is a difficult enough job as it is and the judge does not need to be concerned with an observer, to say nothing of the fact that I doubt there's a person here who has not seen a judge and observer in the ring doing a breed that a person who is familiar with is saying, "Oh, my heavens, I bet there's more harm than good being done in that ring today."

Since my last comments at the meeting, I have had discussions with American Kennel Club management that is directly involved with the judges approval process. They are indeed interested in improving and tweaking the process to get it better than it is. I would certainly hope that

the Board who is responsible for the policies will listen to management, will listen to those things that they bring forward and encourage them to think outside the box, just as I would encourage the Board to think outside the box so that we will, in time—and I don't expect it to happen overnight—in time have a judges approval process that makes sense.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Mr Adams: I think we would be remiss if we didn't honor the memory of one of our own that passed away. And that's Bob Kelly.

I first met Bob 20 years ago when I was a brand new Delegate, and I stumbled into a room at the Roosevelt Hotel and someone said "Hey, there's a Delegates caucus going on. You'd better find out what's going on."

And I stumbled in there and there was this kind of a country bumpkin kind of a guy who would stand up and he would tell some corny joke about a dog in his pocket or something, and we would all laugh. But we sat down and it was his philosophy that there was no such thing as a bad idea and if you had a question, get it out and we would all work together.

Throughout his life, I think Bob exemplified the best there is in an amateur-run Sport. We elevated him to the Board of Directors, he always was one of us. I never saw Bob grouse about anything. He patiently worked, he was a great friend of the Sport, and I think maybe more than anyone else he was one of us.

He was responsible for the Delegates Committees, he led that effort. He has led an awful lot of the changes and more important than that, he was a sounding board for all of us. And I think that we owe his family and his club a debt of gratitude for sending him to us.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

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

I'd like to return a moment to the letter that both Pat and Carl have referred to from staff to the commercial breeders. And in that where they have waived the fees, the late fees.

It seems to me that that was a Delegate responsibility because—please correct me or clarify this for me—in Rules, Chapter 3, Section 4, it sets the fact that we would then—and I remember voting for this—charge for late registrations.

The Board sets the amount of that fee, but the Delegates voted that in. Is that not a rule? Can you clarify that for me?

Mr. Crowley: Yes, it is a rule that if an application comes in after a certain date, they shall provide such information and shall pay such late fees as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Ms. Bernardi: And did the Board waive those late fees? Do I have any way of knowing that? I personally didn't see it in the minutes.

Mr. Sprung: It's part of the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Bernardi: Does the strategic plan allow for staff to go over the rights of the Delegate body to enforce or not enforce a rule?

Mr. Sprung: No.

Ms. Bernardi: Well, I think it is discriminatory to the rest of the breeders. And I have called several friends of mine who are high-volume breeders and members of the fancy who got no such letter, including the fact that if you registered four letters that they would send it back to you Fed-Ex at no expense.

I think this is something that should have come before the Delegate body. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, who spoke as follows

It is my very sad duty to report the passing of a former Delegate. And this announcement is being made on behalf of Houston Kennel Club and Galveston Kennel Club.

Jim Green, who was the Delegate for the Galveston Kennel Club from 1998 through 2002, passed away late February. I knew Jim for probably 30 years. We just talked about Bob Kelly's contribution to the Sport on a national level. In our area, I think that Jim's contribution to our Sport was every bit as large. I doubt that there were very few clubs in our area at all where he did not contribute and helped their shows always behind the scene with very, very little personal recognition, always with a smile on his face.

We will all miss him terribly, and I appreciate the time to make the announcement.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Ms. Setter: I just want to take the time to thank the AKC web services, the web designers, for the changes that they're continuously making to the website.

A couple of weeks ago I went to a dog show, put everything in the car, got over the turnpike to go to the

show, had no directions, had no idea where I was going. So what did I do? I looked up and there was a Kinko's. I went into Kinko's, got on the computer on the AKC website, clicked on "Event," the dog show, and printed out a map.

If the map hadn't been there, I'd probably still be driving around looking for the site. So anyway, I want to thank the AKC for doing a great job with their website. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The chair recognized Simon Dickerson, Delegate for the American Chinese Crested Club, who spoke as follows:

I've worked a great deal with the state legislatures and at one time with the U.S. Congress. One of the policies of all of those bodies and all Committee Chairmen is the cell phones must be turned off at the beginning of the meeting.

I thought I was going to get up and say there were nine calls during the meeting that I heard/witnessed/was disturbed by, but a tenth one just went off. So I believe the Board needs to visit that issue. Business can be conducted out in the hallway, but inside, phones need to be off. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. Is there any more business to come before the Delegate body?

Hearing none, the meeting stands adjourned.

(The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.)

<b>REGISTRATION</b>			
<b>DOGS AND LITTERS REGISTERED</b>			
January 1 - February 28, 2006 compared with 2005*			
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>% Up/(Down)</b>
<b>Dogs</b>	<b>162,466</b>	<b>170,010</b>	<b>(4.4)</b>
<b>Litters</b>	<b>69,112</b>	<b>68,579</b>	<b>0.8</b>

\* 2006 and 2005 had 40 workdays.

<b>EVENTS &amp; ENTRIES</b>			
<b>DOG SHOWS, OBEDIENCE TRIALS &amp; PERFORMANCE EVENTS</b>			
January 1 - January 31, 2006 compared with 2005**			
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>% Up/(Down)</b>
<b>Events</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Entries</b>	<b>179,470</b>	<b>186,779</b>	<b>(3.9)</b>

\*\* 2006 and 2005 had 4 dog show weekends.