Annual Meeting Of The Delegates of The American Kennel Club
March 11, 2008

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 344

Abilene Kennel Club—Neil A. Bates
Affenpinscher Club of America—Chad Howard
African Hound Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Constance Butherus
Airdale Terrier Club of America—Cecilia L. Moore
Akitia Club of America—Sherry E. Walis
Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—Dennis J. Gallant
American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—Ms. Janina K. Laurin
American Bloodhound Club—Cecilia L. Moore
American Brabant Griffon Association—Sandra L. Albers
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—John D. Gammon
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Maltese Association, Inc.—Mr. Richard W. Glenn
American Manchester Terrier Club—Robert Berman
American Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Karen R. Spey
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piusz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—Elizabeth Lagominere
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—William Daniels
Ashville Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Mulvey
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallin
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Ms. Virginia M. Mayhall
Augusta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Sara Martin
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—Kathryn A. Hamilton
American Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Kim Occhiuti
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Nina M. Schaefer
Baltimore County Kennel Club—Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie
Bassett 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. Glazier
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 Shepherd Club of America, Inc.—Barbara Swisher
Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frank S. Piehl
Berner Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Denise Dean
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—George Sikes
Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—Martha Griffin
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—Jon T. Steele
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly
Briard Club of America, Inc.—Tommy Milner
Bronx County Kennel Club—Ms. Alexa Samarotto
Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—Marie A. Fiore
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—Sam H. McDonald
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—Helma Weeks
Butler Terrier Club of America—Dr. Michael W. Schuermann
Bulldog Club of New England, Inc.—Francesca J. Castaneda
Bulldog Club of Philadelphia—Mrs. Lynn E. Smith
Burton County Kennel Club—Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.
Butler County Kennel Club, Inc.—John W. Towns, Jr.
Cambridge Minnesota Kennel Club—Mr. Wayne F. Harmon
Canaan Dog Club of America—Pamela Rosman
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Ashby
Catahoula Kennel Club—Whitney Coombs
Catonsville Kennel Club—Gary Sarvinas
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Diane J. Albers
Central Ohio Kennel Club—Robert K. Brady
Chain O’Lakes Kennel Club—Eibhlin Glennon
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arrowwood
Chattanooga Kennel Club—David Gilstrap
Cheyenne Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. James G. Phinizy
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Rey Burgos
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—Marge B. Caltharp
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—Nick Piasia
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—Mrs. Ginny Atkinson
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Patricia H. Haines
Clarksville Kennel Club—Robert A. Schroll
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—Dr. Stephen Lawrence
Clearwater Kennel Club—Daniel T. Stolz
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—Mrs. Maureen R. Setter
Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Ricky Blackman
Collie Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom
Colorado Kennel Club—Louise Leone
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—Mrs. Andre B. Schoen
Columbia Kennel Club, Inc.—H. M. Anderson
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—Norma J. Ryan
Concord Dog Training Club, Inc.—Mary Casella
Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc.—Joan Urban
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Charles A. Baris
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—James W. Smith
Dandle Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Carleton H. Musson
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—Marylin A. Green, D.C.
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—John D. Hughes
Des Moines Obedience Training Club—Lee Sloraham
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—Jeffrey P. Helson
Dog Owners’ Training Club of Maryland—Kathryn Sullivent
Durham Kennel Club, Inc.—Hon. David C. Merriam
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 Setter Association of America, Inc.—Mr. John P. Nielsan
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—Mrs. Alice E. Berd
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—David H. Hopkins
English Toy Spaniel Club of America—Vanessa N. Weber
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Terrie Breen
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—Arlene R. Harris
Field Spaniel Society of America—Katherine Sullivan
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Margaret B. Pough
First Company Governor’s Foot Guard Athletic Association—Lt. Col. John L. O’Connell
First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—Kenneth L. Waldrey
Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—Kurt Anderson
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—Charles Arnold
Fort Worth Kennel Club—Mr. Harry G. Ottmann
Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—Lynda Kenney
French Bulldog Club of America—Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard
Furniture City Kennel Club, Inc.—Merry J. Milner
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
Glen Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Bonnie Lapham
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—Nance O. Skoglund
Great Barrington Kennel Club, Inc.—Susan D. Cinney
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—Thomas Sandten
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—Dr. Robert M. Brown
Great Western Terrier Association of Southern California—Jack Smith
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—Ms. Karen J. Burgess
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—Barbara Shaw
Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—Patricia B. Staub
Greater Kingsport Kennel Club—Georgia Warren
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—Virginia M. O’Connell
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Clifford A. Dahl
Greenville Kennel Club—Linda K. Knorr
Greenwich Kennel Club—Dr. Stephen Blau
Greyhound Club of America—Mrs. Melanie S. Steele
Harrissburg Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cynthia A. Miller
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Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black
Havanese Club of America—Jane F. Ruthford
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—Patricia M. Cruz
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Carol A. Williamson
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dick Blair
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—Gwen McCullagh
Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—David A. Helming
Ibzipan Hound Club of the United States—Luan E. Williams
Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—Wyoma Clous
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Rita J. Biddle
Intermountain Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Cledith Wakefield
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ., Inc.—Dave Morgan
Kachina Kennel Club—Mrs. Marilyn R. Vinson
Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—Joanne E. Kennelly
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. 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 Brunsom
Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—Charles H. Schafer
Kennel Club of Riverside—Sylvia Thomas
Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Fred C. Bock, II
Komondor Kennel Club of America, Inc.—Michael Harman
Kuvasz Club of America—R. K. Barnes
Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Virginia Van Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Kathi Brown
Ladies’ Kennel Association of America—Ruth Winston
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Frank Majocha
Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—Sylvia Meisels
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cecilia C. Closson
Land O’ Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert LaBerge
Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sue Goldberg
Lima Kennel Club—Rod Ott
Long Island Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.
Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan L. Fisher
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—David M. Powers
Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—Luis F. Sosa
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—Judy R. Melear
Macon Kennel Club—Nell Stumpff
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
Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
Mid-Hudson Kennel Association, Inc.—Gayle Bonnard
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Gretchen Bernardi
Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—Robert H. McKown
Mornmouth 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
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club—Linda D. Witoski
Nassau Dog Training Club, Inc.—Margaret Uminsky
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Viola Burgess
Nebraska Kennel Club—Marvin Crawford
New England Beagle Club, Inc.—Mr. Mario S. Palumbo
New England Old English Sheepdog Club—Mrs. Jane C. Ogg
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Mary W. Price
Newman Kennel Club—Willie Crawford
Newton Kennel Club—Catherine H. Murch
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane F. Taylor
Nisqually Kennel Club, Inc.—R. H. Hachtel
North Dakota Retriever Club, Inc.—Patricia Spear
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Coletti
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—Ms. Patricia C. Scully
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton
Okoala Kennel Club—Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell
Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—Robert Nazak
Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—Harvey A. Mueller
Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—Judy F. Murray
Orlando Dog Training Club—Rodney L. Russell
Otterhound Kennel Club of America—Mark J. Hawley
Ox Ridge Kennel Club—Jack P. De Witt
Ozark 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. Shastis
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—Mary Strom
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Patricia J. Lombardi
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
Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—Joachim Blutreich
Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Margaret Vohr
Plainfield Kennel Club—John McCullagh
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—Charles McWilliams
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Robert A. Amen
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—James Primer
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Savage
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—Karen Arens
Progressive Dog Club—William H. Blair
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—Kerstin T. Otterm
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, Inc.—Jan M. Ritchie
Río Grande Kennel Club—Mr. William H. Green
Riverhead Kennel Club, Inc.—Catherine D. Farrell
Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Jill Wright
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—Ronald H. Menaker
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Janice S. Gardner
Sacarappa Obedience Club, Inc.—Stephanie Iika
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—Mrs. Barbara Futterbusch
Saluki Club of America—Monica H. Stoner
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—Mr. John L. Ronald
San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—Ralph S. Roberts
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Tom Brown
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—Abbe R. Shaw
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—Laurence J. Libeu
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Ralph Reuter
Savannah Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—Kay Aldred
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
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Patricia Anderson
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susan L. Hamill
Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—LuAnn Moore
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Donna Beckman
Silky Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Kris Griffin
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—Nancy Danler
Silver State Kennel Club—Michael J. Connell
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—William J. Feeney
Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Corinne J. Kehoe
Skye Terrier Club of America—Mr. Walter F. Goodman
Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—Gloria Shaver
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Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—
Cindy Vogels

Somerset Hills Kennel Club—Billie McFadden

South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Linda B. Williams

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. Ioia

Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—Lee Arnold

Spokane Kennel Club—Tina Truesdale

Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Thomas M. Davies

St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—Linda Baker

St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—Dale Hunsburger

St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—Dr. Gerry Meisels

Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—Ms. Ann Lettis

Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert Eiselle

Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Florence Duggan

Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—Linda H. Penney

Tampa Bay Kennel Club—Mary Manning

Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—Steve Schmidt

Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—Mr. Herbert H. Rosen

Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—Jane Brumley

Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—Toni Doake

Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—John Shoemaker

Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—Joseph Martyn

Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—John J. Cadalso, Jr.

Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—James S. Corbett

Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—Joan Confort

United States Australian Shepherd Association—Leon Goetz

United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III

United States Lakeland Terrier Club—Alfred J. Ferrugiaro

Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—J. M. Haderer

Upper Suncoast Dog Training Club—Josephine DeMenna

Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—Iris K. Frankel

Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Carol Fisher

Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Lynn Worth

Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—Susanne Gray

Walla Walla Kennel Club—Mr. Rod Strand

Wampaouag Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Naida L. Park

Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Mr. Donald Rennick

Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Anita A. Lus tenberger

Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Mary A. Eschweiler

Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Donald Ong

West Highland White Terrier Club of America—Thomas Barney

West Volusia Kennel Club—Ferdinand Reinhleb

Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—Torie Steele

Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—Mr. William A. Russett

Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—Mildred L. Dold

Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—Candace Mogavero

Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—Frederick R. Vogel

Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—Mrs. Karen Mays

Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—Fred T. Kampo

Women's Field Trial Club—Judy Rasmuson

Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—Rosann Sexton

Worcester County Kennel Club—Debra A. Hokkanen

Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Richard Lewis

Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Patricia D. Reynolds

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Delegates Meeting
March 11, 2008

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Chairman, Ron Menaker; Vice Chairman, David Merriam; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, the Executive Secretary; and Todd DeSimone, the Court Reporter.

As it was the annual election of Directors, the Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee, and the report on additional nominations.

Mr. Crowley reported that pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee: Andrew G. Mills, Chair; Del Sur Kennel Club; Karen J. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club; Viola Burgos, Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club; John Shoemaker, Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California; Helma N. Weeks, Bucks County Kennel Club, appointed by the Board of Directors on August 13, 2007, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 11, 2008. There is one vacancy for the Class of 2010, and three vacancies are for the Class of 2012.

Class of 2010: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, representing the German Shepherd Dog Club of America.

Class of 2012: Dr. Thomas M. Davies, representing the Springfield Kennel Club; Walter F. Goodman, representing the Skye Terrier Club of America and Ronald H. Menaker, representing the Rockford Freeport Illinois Kennel Club.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegate has been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as a candidate for the vacancy of the Board of Directors for the Class of 2010, to be filled at the annual meeting on March 11, 2008.

Class of 2010: Dr. Fred C. Bock II, representing Key City Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung reported that the Bylaws provide that no nominations may be made from the floor and that nominations, therefore, closed on November 14th, 2007. As no additional nominations may be made, and the Bylaws make no provision for write in candidates, the same procedure used in previous instances where there was an uncontested election were to be followed. The Chair, without objection, declared that three candidates for the Class of 2012 were elected, Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Walter F. Goodman, and Ronald H. Menaker.

Delegates were reminded that elections, in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order, require a majority vote to elect. There was one vacancy for the Class of 2010. The candidate receiving a majority would be elected. Delegates were advised to vote for no more than one candidate for the Class of 2010.

A representative of Ernst & Young, AKC’s accounting firm, oversaw the tellers who conducted the election and counted the ballots. Candidates were offered the opportunity to observe the election procedures.

Mr. Sprung: It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Jack Sheahan on December 14th. He was the Delegate of the Devon Dog Show Association since July of 1991. He previously served as Delegate of Delaware County Kennel Club from September 1956 until May of 1978 when he joined the staff of AKC’s Club Relations Department.

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

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting:

Frandel Brown, Fresno, CA, to represent Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno
Kathi Brown, Stow, MA, to represent Ladies' Dog Club
John D. French, Miami, FL, to represent Greater Naples Dog Club
Joanne Kinnelly, Ann Arbor, MI, to represent Kalamazoo Kennel Club
Marilyn Mayfield, Camarillo, CA, to represent Old English Sheepdog Club of America
Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser, Turner, OR, to represent Standard Schnauzer Club of America
David W. Morgan, New York, NY, to represent K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, New Jersey
Rose Robischon, New Hampton, NY, to represent Wallkill Kennel Club
Dr. Dale R. Schuur, Grandville, MI, to represent Bull Terrier Club of America
Rosann H. Sexton, Chester, VT, to represent Woodstock Dog Club
Sarah Stebbins, Saratoga Springs, NY, to represent Saratoga New York Kennel Club
Julie Virosteck, Lucerne Valley, CA, to represent American Spaniel Club
Georgia Warren, Kingsport, TN, to represent Greater Kingsport Kennel Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:
Kathi Brown, Stow, MA, to represent Ladies' Dog Club
Debra Ann Hokkanen, Holden, MA, to represent Worcester County Kennel Club
Joanne E. Kinnelly, Ann Arbor, MI, to represent Kalamazoo Kennel Club
David W. Morgan, New York, NY, to represent K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County New Jersey
Rod Ott, Carey, OH, to represent Lima Kennel Club
Dr. Dale R. Schuur, Grandville, MI, to represent Bull Terrier Club of America
Rosann H. Sexton, Chester, VT, to represent Woodstock Dog Club
Julie Virosteck, Lucerne Valley, CA, to represent American Spaniel Club
Georgia Warren, Kingsport, TN, to represent Greater Kingsport Kennel Club
Linda D. Witousky, Conway, SC, to represent Myrtle Beach Kennel Club

As no corrections were heard, the minutes of the December 4th, 2007 Delegates meeting were approved as published.

Ronald Menaker, Board Chairman, gave the following report: Good morning. The most valuable messages we can communicate to the public are the value of AKC Registration and Responsible Dog Ownership. In order to achieve this goal we must be out in the forefront delivering our expertise and continuing to pursue a variety of ways of reaching the widest audience.

In today's culture, our most visible way is through our many televised events. We are very fortunate to have Eukanuba and Animal Planet partner with us to present the AKC / Eukanuba National Championship to reach millions of viewers with our messages about the joy of AKC purebred dogs.

For 2008, the National Championship alone reached an estimated 6 million dog lovers. The AKC Agility Invitation, televised last month, enabled us to highlight top athletes in our most popular companion event to 1 million people.

In 2007, our televised events hosted by clubs, including eight All-Breed shows, reached more than 20 million viewers.

We are proud to support our clubs and their televised events by placing AKC ads during their broadcasts.

Additionally, our Marketing Department in 2007 began placing banner ads and paid searches for the first time. This year our Parade Magazine ads promoting AKC as the registry of choice along with our programs, events, and affiliated organizations is scheduled to reach a circulation of 112 million.

Beyond the televised events and advertising AKC hosts many championship events for companion and performance sports which increase our public persona to diverse dog-loving audiences.

Last month, we hosted the AKC World Coonhound Championships where a pair of Treeing Walker Coonhounds captured both top honors - the “World Nite Champion” and the “World Show Champion” awards. This six-day event in Newberry, South Carolina featured more than 400 dogs from 24 states - representing two AKC recognized breeds as well as four Foundation Stock Service breeds.

On March 28th through the 30th we will host the AKC National Agility Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Here, more than 700 of the top-winning handlers and their dogs will compete against the clock and others in the six height divisions for top dog honors. In addition, the State Team Tournament will be held on Friday where competitors from across the nation show state pride and build camaraderie, as an exciting warm-up to the Championship.

Last fall, North Carolina was the host state for Championship events in Lure Coursing and Tracking.

The AKC National Lure Coursing Championship featured 102 of the very best lure coursing hounds in the United States from as far away as California, Texas, Arizona, Florida, and Washington State.

The 4th National Tracking Invitation held at the Biltmore Estate provided owners of Champion Tracker dogs an opportunity to participate in an event designed especially for them.

We are delighted that AKC is able to offer such a wide variety of top notch events for exhibitors. But where does all of this begin? With an AKC registered puppy.

We have asked Clubs to join us in promoting responsible breeders of AKC puppies with the new “Demand AKC Papers” program whereby clubs place classified advertising in their local newspapers sending puppy-buyers to resources to help them find those responsible breeders.

Once new exhibitors are ready to become involved in the sport, AKC now has two newly re-named programs, the AKC Canine Experience and the Purebred Alternative Listing or PAL program which will nurture our future fanciers.

The first AKC Canine Experience (formerly the AKC Educational Match) was held last month in Raleigh, North Carolina to welcome nearly 500 newcomers. Fifteen specialty dog clubs with 107 volunteers hosted educational booths and seminars in the morning before novice exhibitors tried out their new-found skills in the afternoon match.

For purebred dog owners who do not have AKC registration the new PAL program (formerly the ILP) launched
last month allows dogs that are ineligible for registration but are distinguishable as a member of an AKC-registrable breed, to participate in AKC Companion Events, AKC Performance Events and AKC Juniors competition.

So whether a purebred dog lover is a life-long fancier or a first-time attendee at a match, the AKC strives to give exhibitors the opportunities and tools to get started in a variety of sports and help them find clubs to continue their journey. Ultimately, many will compete at spectacular championship venues hosted by AKC to showcase what they have accomplished with their dogs.

And in terms of communicating our messages, a happy involved purebred dog exhibitor is our best advertisement!

Dennis Sprung gave the President’s report: Teamwork is the foundation of every great organization. The American Kennel Club’s success is similarly based on the leadership of the Chairman and Board of Directors combined with the teamwork of nearly 5,000 affiliated clubs, over 600 Delegates, and staff. This success is evident in the more than 21,000 events hosted annually by clubs comprised of volunteers, entries of almost 3.2 million, and another very sound financial performance by management. However, beyond the numbers there are people like you and I that make things happen.

I can stand in front of this distinguished body to take credit for AKC’s many accomplishments - because I have more than 400 reasons to do so, our employees. Some of our most gifted employees are our best kept secret, they work each day to serve you our core constituency, but more often than not they are out of the limelight.

During my career at AKC I have been fortunate to be able to establish ways of recognizing individuals in our sport, such as the medallion program for Delegates, Judges, Show Chairs, and breeders, the Lifetime Achievement Awards in Conformation, Performance and Companion events and the Outstanding Sportsmanship award. I initiated these programs because I believe we have an obligation to honor our own.

Today we will take another step by honoring some long-time employees who serve your clubs and share with you their lifetime commitment to the American Kennel Club.

Two weeks from today, our first honoree will celebrate her 23rd anniversary on staff. Ines Maldonado would you please join me here on the podium.

Ines met a college recruiter who inspired her to resist the temptation to go to work right out of high school and enroll in Kingsborough Community College. Ines committed and completed an Associates Degree. Graduating in 1985, she interviewed with AKC and went to work in the Judges Department as a typist. Some of you may remember her as Ines Perez.

Three years later, she became a Data Entry Operator and six years down the road she joined the Judges Education department as a secretary. Shortly thereafter, Ines was promoted to Supervisor in the Judges Applications department.

Then in 1999, she received another promotion to her current role as Manager of the Judging Operations Department.

Our next family member has been with us for 28 years. Maria Robinson, please join me.

Hired in 1980 as a Jr. Keyplex Operator, Maria quickly graduated to lead Operator. In 1991 she was the lead clerk in Event Records and also held the position of discrepancy clerk in the mid-1990s. By 1997 she became a supervisor.

Two years later Maria was promoted to Manager of Event Plans. Then her title went through some growing pains as AKC reorganized. She became Manager of Show Operations and eventually the Manager of Show Records which is her title today.

Maria repeatedly set challenging goals for herself attending night classes to learn new software, taking leadership and management courses, and volunteering to work on AKC’s new sports in order to be well rounded with all aspects of Event Operations.

And finally, last but not least, a third longtime friend. One of the most senior employees at AKC with more than 37 years of service, he began his tenure in 1970 as a part-time File Clerk while still going to College at St. John’s.

Ladies and gentleman, the pride of the New York Rangers and of AKC, Michael Liosis.

Two years after Mike was hired he became a full-time Posting Clerk in Show Plans. A year later he became an Assistant Supervisor and 7 years later he was promoted to Supervisor.

In 1981 Mike was an Administrative Assistant to the new Club Operations Department. But for the last 22 years, since 1985, this diplomat of the AKC has held the position of Director of Club Relations.

According to his supervisor Jim Crowley, who actually hired Mike for his full-time position back in 1972, one prime task of his is to become involved in one of those very rare occurrences – a dog club dispute. Jim states, where else can you go into a job knowing that half of those you deal with are going to end up believing that you are ignorant, something is awry, and you are in league with the other half, who also believe that you are foolish and unfair.

And now our Chairman will present to each of you, our valued friends and employees, a special token of our appreciation, an engraved AKC medallion as well as an additional gift in recognition of your accomplishments.

Ladies and gentlemen, these employees are truly a shining example of the unheralded heroes of AKC.

I’ve just been advised that the tellers are ready, so we will give you that information. The Chair calls on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Elaine Allen, of Ernst & Young, to read the results of the balleting for the Class of 2010.

Ms. Allen: Good morning. There were 334 Delegates eligible to vote, which makes the majority 168, and the result of the ballots are as follows:

- Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, 174
- Dr. Fred C. Bock II, 160

Mr. Sprung: The Chair declares that Dr. Carmen Battaglia has been duly elected as a member of the Class of 2010.

The Chair calls on Jim Stevens, our Chief Financial Officer, for the annual financial report. This report reflects the annual audited financial results for the year 2007. Our audited figures reflect the combined results of AKC and AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR). This treatment is required by generally accepted accounting principles and is consistent with how these annual
amounts were reported in prior years.

Total revenues for 2007 of $72.8 million were over $500,000 higher than 2006. Total operating expenses of $68.4 million were 1% lower than the prior year. This resulted in an operating surplus of $4.4 million in 2007 vs. $3.2 million in 2006.

2007’s investments gains were $5.9 million. This trailed the prior year’s record gains of $7.2 million due to a superior performance of the stock market in that year.

This resulted in a net surplus of $10.3 million for 2007, which was comparable to the previous year.

2007’s statement of operations also reflected a one time (non-cash) cumulative accounting adjustment of $16.8 million from the adoption of Statement 158 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board. This new accounting pronouncement required that amounts related to pension and postretirement plans, which were previously disclosed in the footnotes to the financial statements, now be fully recorded within the financial statements.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 7, of Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline. The proposed amendment was recommended by AKC’s Board of Directors. This amendment, which allows changes in the dog’s name under certain provisions and requirements, if it does not impact the AKC Stud Book or our event records.

The proposal was adopted as follows:

Section 7. The name of a dog registered with The American Kennel Club will be allowed to be changed provided the dog was whelped in the United States and in cases where the breeder(s) first individually registered the dog, their written consent would be required. A dog name containing a Registered Kennel Name cannot be changed without the written consent of the owner(s) of that Registered Kennel Name.

However, no change in the name will be recorded by The American Kennel Club after the dog has produced or sired an AKC registered litter or received an award at an AKC licensed or member event.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dog Affecting Eligibility.

Mr. Crowley: The proposed amendment is to Chapter 11, Section 6, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility. The amendment would permit incorrectly entered dogs to be moved into the open class. This would also benefit all of those entered in the competition by providing the opportunity to maintain the number of dogs eligible to compete in the classes, thereby the number of dogs counted in the computation of Championship points. The proposed revision was requested by a licensed dog show superintendent and agreed on by the Dog Show Superintendents Association and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2008 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment is to Chapter 17, Section 2, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Submission of a Show’s Records to AKC. The amendment would make the rules consistent with the Bylaws, which charge the Board with setting of all fees. The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rule Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2008 meeting.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment is to Chapter 2, Section 13, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Making Application to Hold a Dog Show. The amendment would, again, make the Rules consistent with the Bylaws and charge the Board with the setting of fees. The proposed amendment was submitted by the Delegate Dog Show Rule Committee and approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2008 meeting.

Chief Operating Officer John Lyons announced the first quarter AKC 2008 Community Achievement Awards. This award is given to clubs and AKC federations and their members who have made outstanding contributions to public education or canine legislative activities. Each honoree receives an AKC Certificate of recognition and the AKC donates $1,000 to each honorees’ club or federation. Details about the honoree’s accomplishments are published in the AKC GAZETTE and featured on the AKC web site. The first quarter honorees are: The Delaware County Kennel Club, Delegate Lindy Miller; The Lexington Kennel Club, Delegate Anne Kemp; The Illini Great Dane Club.

Mr. Lyons also announced that for the second consecutive year AKC Family Dog was awarded Best All-Breed Magazine by the Dog Writers Association of America at their awards banquet in February, with an additional award going to an AKC publication staff member for best column. In addition, the AKC GAZETTE was the recipient of six awards, the most given
to any nominee in the All-Breed Magazine category. With two more awards, one at the Alliance of Purebred Dog Writers Awards Luncheon, AKC publications were the recipient of a total of ten awards for 2007.

Mr. Sprung reported that the June 9th, 2008 Delegates meeting will be held in Quincy, Massachusetts at the Boston Marriott Quincy. Delegates were advised to contact Paula Spector of the Conference and Travel Department if they needed additional information or hotel accommodations. Mr. Sprung also reported that the 2007 Annual Report will be mailed to all Delegates by the end of March.

The following Delegates spoke during new Business. The speakers and subjects were:

- Carl Ashby III, Delegate for United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, speaking on behalf of the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee, requested that Delegates complete a form that had been distributed. It was intended to build an All-Breed email list.
- Daniel Smyth, Delegate from the Burlington Kennel Club, speaking as acting chairman for the Perspectives Committee, thanked Janice Gardner, Perspectives editor since the mid-90s, who retired from that position, for all her contributions. Delegates were requested to submit any material for an article through the soliciting member that asked for the article or if they couldn’t do that, to send it to Crecia Closson, who is the coordinator this month.
- Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, complimented AKC staff for an article on the AKC web page concerning dog breeding.
- Gwen McCullagh, Delegate for Huntington Kennel Club, spoke in support of a request from the Basset Hound Club of America to require that Basset Hounds be judged on a ramp at shows. This matter will be considered by the AKC Board at its April 2008 meeting.
- Nancy Fisk, Delegate for Hockamock Kennel Club, who was speaking for both the Legislative Caucus Forum Group and also for the All-Breed Clubs Committee, addressed an initiative, with dog show superintendents. It is an armband initiative, that all of the superintendents are supporting and is available to clubs. She also spoke of the superintendent’s ability to assist with an email survey of exhibitors, which would be a post dog show survey. Some of the suggested questions would be economic impact questions such as how far did you travel? How many nights did you spend? How much did you spend on specific categories, such as lodging, food, whatever, which would give an economic impact for that specific locality which could then be given to the legislators of that specific area. Some of the other questions that would help All-Breed Clubs that may be struggling with their entries and the financial situation, might be things like do you plan to attend a dog show again in the future? Rate things 1 to 10, such as judging, show site, etc., what works for you, and ask for improvements that would bring them back to those dog shows in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

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