

DELEGATES QUARTERLY MEETING **March 2009**

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB MARCH 10, 2009

Dennis B. Sprung, President

PRESENT 408

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*

Affenpinscher Club of America—*Chad Howard*

Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Constance Butherus*

Airedale Terrier Club of America—*Aletta L. Moore*

Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*

Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Virginia P. Grefe*

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

American Belgian Tervuren Club, Inc.—*Ms. Janina K. Laurin*

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

American Bloodhound Club—*Mary L. Olszewski*

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

American Boxer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Stephanie Abraham*

American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*

American Brussels Griffon Association—*Mark Grigalunas*

American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*

American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—*Dyane Baldwin*

American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—*Simon M. Dickerson*

American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*

American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*

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

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

American Manchester Terrier Club—*Roberta Berman*

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

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

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

American Sealyham Terrier Club—*Kenneth W. Mader*

American Shetland Sheepdog Association—*Marjorie Tuff*

American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sally L. Vilas*

American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Julie Virosteck*

American Tibetan Mastiff Association—*Martha Feltenstein*

American 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*

Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara A. Finch*

Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Mulvey*

Ashtabula Kennel Club—*Kathleen Kinney*

Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*

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

Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Chris Gaburri*

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

Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frank S. Piel*

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

Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—*George Sikes*

Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*

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

Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly*

Bronx County Kennel Club—*Ms. Alexa Samarotto*

Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marie A. Fiore*

Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Ruth A. Williams*

Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Helma Weeks*

Bull Terrier Club of America—*Dr. Dale R. Schuur*

Bulldog Club of America—*Bob Newcomb*

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.*

Cairn Terrier Club of America—*Pam Davis*

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

Canaan Dog Club of America—*Pamela S. Rosman*

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

Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Eugenia B. Bishop*

Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*

Catoctin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*

Catonsville Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*

Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—*J. Richard Seelbach*

Central Beagle Club—*David S. Bagaley*

Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally Allen*

Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane D. Almy*

Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club—*Eibhlin Glennon*

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

Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pam Goldman*

Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*

Chattanooga Kennel Club—*David Gilstrap*

Chester Valley Kennel Club—*Dr. Samuel M. Peacock, Jr.*

Chicago Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Janis L. Mullin*

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

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

Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nick Piasias*

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*

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*

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- Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom*
- Colorado Kennel Club—*Louise Leone*
- Colorado Springs Kennel Club—*Sidney L. Marx*
- Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—*Norma J. Ryan*
- Contra Costa County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barry D. Cavanna*
- Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*
- Corpus Christi Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joan Urban*
- Cudahy Kennel Club—*Don H. Adams*
- Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Charles A. Baris*
- Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—*James W. Smith*
- Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Karen Dorn*
- Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Mann*
- Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merlyn A. Green, D.C.*
- Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*
- Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore—*Sandra Olsen*
- Delaware County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lindy Miller*
- Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—*Dr. A. D. Butherus*
- Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—*John D. Hughes*
- Des Moines Obedience Training Club—*Lee Slorah*
- Detroit Kennel Club—*Mr. Erik Bergishagen*
- Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—*Meg Weitz*
- Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*
- Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynann Sarvinas*
- Duluth Kennel Club—*Hon. David C. Merriam*
- East Tennessee Retriever Club—*Garry Claus-ing*
- Eastern Dog Club—*Charles J. Foley*
- Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*
- Empire Beagle Club, Inc.—*Christopher Keenan*
- English Setter Association of America, Inc.—*Mr. John P. Nielsen*
- English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Mrs. Alice E. Berd*
- English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*
- English Toy Spaniel Club of America—*Vanesa N. Weber*
- Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Peggy Helming*
- 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*
- Finnish Spitz Club of America—*Kim Raleigh*
- First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Kenneth L. Wadley*
- Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—*Kurt Anderson*
- Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Almira B. Dallas*
- Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Mr. Harry G. Ottmann*
- French Bulldog Club of America—*Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard*
- Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Connie S. Clapp*
- Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Bar-bash*
- German Shepherd Dog Club of America—*Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia*
- German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia W. Laurans*
- Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—*Robin Greenslade*
- Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*
- Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Bonnie Lapham*
- Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carole Richards*
- Golden Retriever Club of America—*Mr. Howard Falberg*
- Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Nance O. Skoglund*
- Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—*Thomas Sandenaw*
- Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Robert M. Brown*
- Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—*Ms. Karen J. Burgess*
- Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*
- Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—*Patricia B. Staub*
- Greater Kingsport Kennel Club—*Georgia Warren*
- Greater Naples Dog Club—*John D. French*
- Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—*Marlene Steinberg*
- Greater St. Louis Training Club, Inc.—*Jane V. (Candy) Slay*
- Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—*Deborah Mulvey*
- Greenville Kennel Club—*Linda A. Knorr*
- Greenwich Kennel Club—*Dr. Stephen Blau*
- Greyhound Club of America—*Mrs. Melanie S. Steele*
- Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cynthia A. Miller*
- Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*
- Havanese Club of America—*Jane F. Ruthford*
- Heart of America Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert D. Goodin, Sr.*
- Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—*Patricia M. Cruz*
- Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*
- Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Leonard Abraham*
- Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*
- Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*
- Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen McCul-lagh*
- Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—*David A. Helming*
- Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wyoma Clouss*
- Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Cook-son*
- Illinois Valley Kennel Club of Peoria, Inc.—*Dr. John F. Davidson*
- Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita J. Biddle*
- Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Con-stance B. Vanacore*
- Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—*Susan Tapp*
- Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Linda Souza*
- Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—*Carole Wilson*
- James River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mallory C. Driskill*
- Japanese Chin Club of America—*Vincent Adams*
- Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—*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. Kin-nelly*

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- Kanadasaga Kennel Club—*Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia*
- Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*
- Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Thomas Powers*
- 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*
- Kennel Club of Riverside—*Sylvia Thomas*
- Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy Corbett*
- Key City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Fred C. Bock, II*
- Komondor Club of America, Inc.—*Michael Harman*
- Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Virginia Van Doren*
- Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Kathi Brown*
- Ladies' Kennel Association of America—*Ruth Winston*
- Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club—*Sylvia Meisels*
- Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Crecia C. Closson*
- Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Cynthia L. Garman*
- Land O' Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jan Croft*
- 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*
- Lima Kennel Club—*Rod Ott*
- Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan L. Fisher*
- Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Luis F. Sosa*
- Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*
- Macon Kennel Club—*Nell Stumpff*
- Mad River Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Betty J. Miller*
- Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Sandra B. Barker*
- Manatee Kennel Club—*Pat Edgington*
- Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Romana Arnold*
- Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. J. C. Garvin*
- Maryland Kennel Club—*John T. Ward*
- Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. William R. Newman*
- McKinley Kennel Club—*Herman H. Tietjen*
- Medina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Pat Dresser*
- Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Robert D. Smith*
- Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*
- Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jeanette Nieder*
- Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—*John Russell*
- Middleburg Kennel Club—*Shelley C. Roos*
- Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*
- 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*
- Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb*
- Mountain States Dog Training Club, Inc.—*John D. Landis*
- Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Rebecca S. Stanevich*
- Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Judith V. Daniels*
- Muncie Kennel Club, Inc.—*Philip Gray*
- Myrtle Beach Kennel Club—*Linda D. Witouski*
- Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*
- National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*
- National Shiba Club of America—*Maggi Strouse*
- Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Mrs. Viola Burgos*
- Nebraska Kennel Club—*Marvin Crawford*
- New England Beagle Club, Inc.—*Mr. Mario S. Palumbo*
- New Jersey Beagle Club, Inc.—*Louis Schmitt*
- Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Mary W. Price*
- 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 Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*
- Northern Ohio Beagle Club, Inc.—*Richard C. Scranton*
- Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—*Billie Ponton*
- Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—*Margaret K. Mott*
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Marile A. Waterstraat*
- Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Alan D. Dorfman*
- Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*
- Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—*James M. Ashton*
- Ohio Valley Beagle Club, Inc.—*Dr. J. A. Humphrey*
- Okaloosa Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell*
- Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Robert Nazak*
- Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Marilyn Mayfield*
- Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*
- Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Judy F. Murray*
- Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton J. Yamada*
- Orlando Dog Training Club—*Rodney L. Russell*
- Otterhound 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*
- Papillon Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Arlene A. Czech*
- 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*
- Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association—*Dennis Daigle*
- Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America—*Anne Gallant, Ph.D.*
- Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Mr. Gary A. Reed*

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- Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*
- 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*
- Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Ellen Fishler*
- Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*
- Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*James Primmer*
- Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Savage*
- Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Karen Arends*
- Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*
- Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kerstin T. Ottmar*
- Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—*Florence R. Laicher*
- Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne M. Rappaport*
- Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*
- Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Sally J. Nist*
- Redwood Empire Kennel Club—*Margaret Mayes*
- Reno Kennel Club—*Mr. Steven D. Gladstone*
- Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gerard Baudet*
- Richland County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Shirley L. Boyer*
- Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Donald B. Harris*
- Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*
- Rio Grande Kennel Club—*Mr. William H. Green*
- Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jill Wright*
- Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—*Ronald H. Menaker*
- Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Janice S. Gardner*
- Rockland County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Karen Justin*
- Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*
- Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita Mather*
- Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Mrs. Barbara Furbush*
- Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*
- Sammamish Kennel Club—*Robert Gloster*
- Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*
- Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Abbe R. Shaw*
- Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*Audrey Sutton*
- Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*
- Saratoga New York Kennel Club—*Sarah Stebbins*
- Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Ralph Reuter*
- Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Kay Allred*
- 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 Anders*
- Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*
- Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—*LuAnn Moore*
- Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Donna Beckman*
- Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—*Nancy Dandrea*
- Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Corinne J. Kehoe*
- Skye Terrier Club of America—*Mr. Walter F. Goodman*
- Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gloria Shaver*
- Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*Cindy Vogels*
- Somerset Hills Kennel Club—*Billie McFadden*
- South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*
- South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*
- South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*
- Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—*Medora Harper*
- Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*Dr. John V. Ioia*
- Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*
- Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—*Glenda Stephenson*
- 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. Louis Collie Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Schwartz*
- St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*
- Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*Holly S. Stump*
- Standard Schnauzer Club of America—*Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser*
- Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr.*
- Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*
- 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*
- Terre Haute Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dan Harrison*
- Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*
- Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*
- Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Herbert H. Rosen*
- Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*
- Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—*Jane Brumley*
- Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Hossler*
- Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*
- 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*
- Union County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carlotta Dennie*
- 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. Ferruggiaro*

Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—*J. M. Haderer*

Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Alan King*

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*

Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bradford W. Noyes*

Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Lynn Worth*
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—*Suzanne Gray*

Walla Walla Kennel Club—*Mr. Rod Strand*
Walkkill Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Rose Robischon*

Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Naida L. Parker*

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

Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Anita A. Lustenberger*

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

Weimaraner Club of America—*Ms. Judy Colan*

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

Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Peter J. See*

West Highland White Terrier Club of America—*Thomas Barrie*

West Volusia Kennel Club—*Ferdinand Reinlieb*

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

Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—*Clare L. Lincoln*

Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mildred L. Dold*
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*

Wolverine Beagle Club—*Art Boger*

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 10, 2009

Dennis B. Sprung, President in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Chairman introduced the people seated on the dais: Chairman Ronald Menaker; Vice Chairman David Merriam; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary; Rhea Villanti, the court reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the report of the nominating committee and the report on additional nominations as follows:

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the nominating committee, Erik Bergishagen, Chair, Detroit Kennel Club; Rey Burgos, Chihuahua Club of America; Blackie H. Nygood, Mispillion Kennel Club; Harry G. Ottmann, Fort Worth Kennel Club; and Jack G. Smith, Great Western Terrier Association, appointed by the Board of Directors on August 11, 2008, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the club on March 10, 2009. There are four vacancies for the Class of 2013: Lee Arnold, representing the Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Alan Kalter, representing the American Bullmastiff Association; John P. Nielsen, representing the English Setter Association of America; and Dr. Robert D. Smith, representing Memphis Kennel Club.

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 as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2013 to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 10, 2009. Class of 2013, Carl C. Ashby III, representing the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club; Dr. Fred C. Bock II, representing Key City Kennel Club; Judith V. Daniels, representing Mt. Baker Kennel Club; Carl E.

Gomes, representing the Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club.

The Chair declared the polls open, and the first ballot was cast.

The Chair reported on the passing of several Delegates as follows:

LaVerne Andersen, Delegate for the Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club since December 9, 1980, died on February 2nd. Roberta Brady, Delegate for the Central Ohio Kennel Club since October 11, 2004, died on February the 6th.

On December 20th we lost Diane Albers. She was president of the Central Florida Kennel Club and their Delegate since March 9, 1982. She was also president of the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs since 1979, and under her leadership, FAKC became a powerful vehicle for improving and protecting the interest of dogs and fanciers in many matters, including animal welfare, state and local legislation, and disaster relief.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting: William J. Berry, Parsippany, NJ, Garden State All Terrier Club

Judy Corbett, Columbus, WI, Kettle Moraine Kennel Club
Stephanie Crawford, Binghamton, NY, Staffordshire Terrier Club of America
Pam Davis, Plymouth Meeting, PA, Cairn Terrier Club of America
Marilynn Ellis, Victoria, TX, San Antonio Kennel Club
Sandra Groeschel, Dayton, OH, Dayton Kennel Club
Kathleen Kinney, Ashtabula, OH, Ashtabula, Kennel Club
Sidney L. Marx, Colorado Springs, CO, Colorado Springs Kennel Club
Linda J. Souza, San Martin, CA, Irish Wolfhound Club of America
Michael Teeling, Corfu, NY, Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States
Meg W. Weitz, Yanceyville, NC, Devon Dog Show Association
Larry Wilson, Lansdale, PA, Philadelphia Dog Training Club
Kelly Yarish, Brighton, CO, Terry-All Kennel Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were

introduced from the floor:

Judy Corbett, Columbus, WI, Kettle
Moraine Kennel Club
Pam Davis, Plymouth Meeting, PA, Cairn
Terrier Club of America
Kathleen Kinney, Ashtabula, OH, Ashtabu-
la, Kennel Club
Sidney L. Marx, Colorado Springs, CO, Col-
orado Springs Kennel Club
Linda J. Souza, San Martin, CA, Irish
Wolfhound Club of America
Meg W. Weitz, Yanceyville, NC, Devon
Dog Show Association
Larry Wilson, Lansdale, PA, Philadelphia
Dog Training Club
Kelly Yarish, Brighton, CO, Terry-All Ken-
nel Club

The Chair approved the minutes of the
December 16, 2008, Delegate meeting.

The next item was the approval of new
member clubs. The following clubs were
approved as members of The America Ken-
nel Club: The Harrier Club of America, the
Norfolk Terrier Club, and the North Florida
Amateur Retriever Club.

Next, Mr. Sprung gave the Presidents report
as follows:

As we all know from our personal lives, pro-
fessions, and our dog world associations, the
economy is playing havoc with each one of
us. Even in this first quarter of 2009, some
companies we have dealt with for years,
have contracts with and anticipated income
from, have or are going bankrupt.

However, I assure you that despite the rev-
enue based challenges facing AKC, we
remain financially sound and managed pru-
dently. We are committed to working with
our constituency to ensure another 125 years
of passion for our sport.

AKC is currently positioned to withstand the
economic turbulence. Unfortunately, the
stock market in 2008 has reclaimed most of
our prior years' paper gains; however, we
have generated actual operating profits in
each of the last five years totaling almost \$25
million.

No one can predict the economic future and
we know, looking forward, the road will be
difficult to navigate, and teamwork between
Board, staff, Delegates, Judges, clubs, breed-
ers, and exhibitors will remain essential.

Some experts state the worst is yet to come. I
can promise you that the same dedication,
loyalty, and creativity by the Board, manage-
ment, and staff that provided positive finan-
cial operating results will remain in place for
the well being of the sport and the organiza-
tion we all cherish.

I have appointed a staff member to the role
of Vice President and have waited until this
Delegate Meeting to publicly make the
announcement. It is with great pride that I
introduce a dedicated and knowledgeable
dog person who began with us in 1996, after
30 years of participation in the sport. He
started out as an exhibitor and later became
a successful breeder of Cocker Spaniels and
Bichon Frise. After spending a number of
years apprenticing under Ted Young, Jr. of
Tedwin Kennels and learning the trade from
experts such as Terry Stacy, he and his wife
Ellen launched a successful career as profes-
sional handlers in their own right. This expe-
rienced dog person's areas of responsibility
include registration and customer service.
Congratulations to David Roberts on your
well earned promotion.

I am sure you remember that last March, I
was privileged to honor three long-term
employees for their outstanding service to
your clubs and for their lifetime commitment
to the American Kennel Club. This morning
I will recognize three additional outstanding
employees.

Our first honoree has been with AKC since
1995. In the sport for over 30 years, he
began with Labrador Retrievers and later
became a professional handler.

After 13 years in customer service, in 2001,
he was promoted to the Manager of Event
Plans. In 2004 he became the Director of
Event Operations, overseeing show events,
show records, and companion events opera-
tions. I am sure that during the course of his
career he has assisted virtually every AKC
member club in one way or another.

Bobby Birdsong, will you please join me on
the podium.

Our next honoree is a familiar face to most
of you, Darrell Hayes, please come to the
podium. AKC has been fortunate to have
Darrell on our team for the last 15 years; so
have I. Darrell began as an Executive Field
Representative in 1993. Three years later he
was named director of judges operations. In

2001 he was again promoted to assistant vice
president of dog show judges and in 2006 he
was appointed to his current role as vice
president of dog show judges. Darrell has
dedicated his life to our sport. A professional
handler for 25 years, he attained his han-
dler's license in 1977 and owned, bred, and
exhibited numerous breeds. Among his
responsibilities today are judges, registered
handlers, an in-house staff, and of course a
team of great Executive Field Representa-
tives. We are most fortunate to have Darrell
as a leader in the AKC family.

And finally, last but certainly not least, our
longtime friend Paula Spector.
Though most people don't believe it, this
lady has been with us for 38 years. Paula
started at AKC working during her summers
off from school as a file clerk in 1969 and
1970. She began as a full-time employee in
1972. Paula served in a variety of important
roles, including circulations director, manag-
er of communication services, director of
printing services, and since 1995 director of
conference and travel. Every function that
AKC holds has that very special Paula touch.
Her dedication to our organization is second
to none.

Thank you, Paula.

During my career at AKC, I have had the
good fortune of implementing a number of
other recognition programs to honor mem-
bers of the fancy. These include the 25 year
medallion programs for Delegates, judges,
and show chairs, the bred-by medallion pro-
gram, lifetime achievement awards, and the
outstanding sportsmanship award.

When I presented awards to staff last year, I
immediately started thinking about another
way of thanking the many individuals from
among the Delegate body for the important
role each of you play.

I would like to call forward three Delegates
who have made outstanding contributions as
long term members of the fancy on behalf of
purebred dogs, the sport, and the organiza-
tion. AKC is proud to be able to publicly
thank them here today for their dedication
and contributions: Lou Auslander, Connie
Vanacore, Nelson Sills.

Lou Auslander has been involved in the
sport since 1964. He became an AKC-
approved judge in 1970 and has served as
the Delegate for the International Kennel

Club of Chicago since 1982.

Mr. Auslander was a member of the AKC Museum of the Dog Board of Directors, and served as Chairman of their steering committee. He was a member of the AKC Board of Directors from 1984 through 1992, and was our Chairman from 1987 to 1992. In May of 1990, Lou, while Chairman, was appointed as interim president. He is the only individual in AKC's 125 year history to simultaneously hold both titles. In November of 2007 he was elected to the Board of AKC's Political Action Committee. Lou, thank you for your service to the sport and the AKC.

Connie Vanacore has been an AKC Delegate for 26 years, first representing the Hollywood Dog Obedience Club from 1983 through 1998, and since 1999 the Irish Setter Club of America. She is past president of the Irish Setter Club and the current chairperson of the ISCA Health Foundation and the ISCA Foundation.

Connie is chairperson of the AKC's Delegate canine health committee, a role she has held since 2006. Connie has authored countless articles and multiple books, including *The New Complete Irish Setter*, *Dog Showing: An Owner's Guide*, *The New Guide to Junior Showmanship*, and *Who's Who In Dogs*, as well as co-author of *The Winning Edge: Show Ring Secrets* with George Alston. Connie, thank you for your many contributions.

Nelson Sills has served as the Delegate for the Labrador Retriever Club for the last 29 years. He served as president of both the National Retriever Club and the Del Bay Retriever Club. In 1964 Nelson won the National Amateur Retriever Championship and went on to judge both the 1967 and 1975 national opens. In 1974 he was voted "judge of the year" by the Professional Retriever Trainers' Association. Mr. Sills served as AKC treasurer from 1992 through 1995, and was on the AKC's Board of Directors for 15 years, from 1980 through 1995. He is the founder of the AKC Retriever Hunting Test Program, and was founder of the Master National Retriever Stake. He is a member of the Bird Dog Hall of Fame, a recipient of the Master National Retriever Club Vision Award, and the winner of the 2001 AKC Lifetime Achievement Award in the Category of Performance. Nelson, we

thank you for all of your service to the sport. And now our Board Chairman, Ronald Menaker, will present to each of you a medallion in recognition of your service and great accomplishments.

A round of applause for our friends.

The Chair called on Jim Stevens, CFO, for the annual financial report. A summary follows:

AKC's audited 2008 consolidated financial statements are available for your review on the delegates' portal. These included a variety of added disclosures generated by new accounting requirements. In order to provide some transparency, we'll review with you today AKC's separate results.

2008's total revenues were approximately \$1 million less than 2007. Total operating expenses were 2.6% higher than the prior year. This resulted in an operating surplus of \$2.9 million in 2008 vs. \$5.5 million in the previous year.

2008's revenues from registrations, pedigrees and royalties were all lower than 2007. Higher revenues earned from events helped to largely offset these declines.

The market value of AKC's investment portfolio depreciated by \$19.4 million or almost 31% last year. Although we were not pleased with this result, the major stock market indices performed worse in 2008 by comparison.

2008's statement of operations also reflected a non-operating (non-cash) accounting expense related to the pension plan. The market value of the pension plans assets declined due to the poor performance of the stock market last year. This changed the composition of the consolidated balance sheet from reflecting a \$15.6 million prepaid (pension expense) asset in 2007 to a \$13.9 million pension liability at the end of 2008. Please note that this non-cash expense had nothing to do with AKC's operations. There is also no need for us to currently fund this liability.

We remain extremely focused on managing our current and prospective finances in order to ensure the continued viability of the organization and the Sport.

There was a vote on a on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6, of Beagle

Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials, and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests. The proposed amendment was approved at the 70th annual Beagle Advisory Committee meeting, and is recommended by the Board of Directors. This recommendation differentiates the Beagle Field Championship Title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events.

The Chair recognized David Bagaley, Delegate for Central Beagle Club, who spoke in opposition to the amendment, based upon its disapproval by the breed Parent Club, the National Beagle Club.

Doug Ljungren, AKC's Assistant Vice President for Performance Events and Delegates Christopher Kennan, Empire Beagle Club; Art Boger, Wolverine Beagle Club; Richard Scranton, Northern Ohio Beagle Club; Mario Palumbo, New England Beagle Club; Louis Schmitt, New Jersey Beagle Club; and Dr. J. A. Humphrey, Ohio Valley Beagle Club, all spoke in favor of the amendment, as did Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Marion Ohio Kennel Club, and Steven D. Gladstone, Reno Kennel Club.

After discussion, the amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6, the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack Option Field Trials, and Two-Couple Pack Hunting Tests was adopted. The amendment will be effective January 1, 2011.

The Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson of KPMG, gave the results of the balloting for the Class of 2013 as follows: The total number of ballots cast was 389; therefore, the majority to elect was 195 ballots. The results of the ballots were as follows: Lee Arnold, 195; Carl Ashby, 253; Dr. Fred Bock, 78; Judith Daniels, 172; Carl Gomes, 48; Alan Kalter, 290; John P. Nielsen, 135; and Dr. Robert D. Smith, 190.

The Chair declared that Lee Arnold, Carl Ashby III, and Alan Kalter were duly elected as members of the Class 2013. There was still one vacancy for the Class of 2013, so there was another ballot. The Chair asked if there are any withdrawals. There were none. The Chair declared the polls were open and

the second ballot was cast.

Next was the vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, Section 6 of Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Large Pack Field Trials.

The proposed amendment was approved at the 70th annual Beagle Advisory Committee meeting, and recommended by the Board of Directors, and approved by the Beagle Advisory Committee.

This recommendation differentiates the field championship title by the three distinct hunting styles demonstrated in different field events.

There was no discussion, and the amendment was adopted. The effective date will be January 1, 2011.

The Chair called on Gina DiNardo, Assistant Executive Secretary, for an announcement to the Delegates. Ms. DiNardo spoke as follows:

Good morning. We are pleased to announce that the first stand-alone AKC Meet the Breeds event will take place at the Javits Center in New York City on October 17th and 18th, 2009. We're also delighted that despite these challenging economic times, we have secured PetPartners, Inc. as our anchor sponsor for the event. And in addition, we are working closely with the Cat Fanciers Association to expand AKC Meet the Breeds to include 41 breeds of cats. Enhancing this event will help create an even stronger educational experience for the public, promoting responsible pet ownership for both dogs and cats. Thank you.

John Lyons, Chief Operating Officer, announced the first quarter Community Achievement Awards recipients. This award is given to clubs, 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 honoree's 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 Boca Raton Kennel Club; Ann Humphreys of the Heart of the Plains Kennel Club, Delegate

Patricia M. Cruz; and the Olympic Kennel Club, Delegate Harvey A. Mueller.

The Chair called on Sheila Goffe, Manager of Public Education, who gave an update on Canine Legislation.

Dr. Thomas Davies, former Chair of the Group Realignment Committee, addressed the Delegate body on the proposed Group Realignment. The entire discussion on this subject follows:

Dr. Davies: Good morning, and thank you to what I hope will be the final informational session on Group Realignment. I am going to bore you with a bit of stuff that many of you have already heard, and then we are going to open up for a question and answer session.

We have with us today the real question answerers who are standing at the back of the room. Well two of them anyway, in the guise of Darrell Hayes and Robin Stansell.

The third member of our advisory staff would be Jim Crowley, who is up here.

Basically I'm going to just read to you what I've probably read to you before but bear with me. A year ago in October the Board of Directors appointed an exploratory committee to look at the Group Realignment. The committee consisted of and I'd like those Delegates who are here, who I will point out, first to stand because they are unfortunately going to be answering your questions - unfortunately for them perhaps.

The committee included Karen Burgess, Marieann Gladstone. Dr. Bill Newman, John Nielsen, Dr. Bob Smith, and Robin Stansell. The committee also included Bob Fisher, Tim James, Dr. Al Krause, and Bill Taylor, from Canada.

We met many times. We came up with a final report and a final recommendation, which was accepted by the Board of Directors earlier this year. As the preacher said, you will find your hymnals on the backs of your seats, a blue printing of the proposed rule changes to Chapter 2 of the rules Applying to Registration and Discipline, and Chapter 3 from the Rules Applying to Dog Shows.

Basically what we'll be doing is reading these. This is a preview for you. We will be reading these in June for hopefully for a vote

in September. These rule changes do one simple thing, they allow for the creation of three additional Groups, i.e., going from seven to ten. And they also allow for the naming of those ten Groups.

Now, at the outset I'm sure everybody understands that the responsibility for placing the various breeds in the various Groups is with the Board of Directors. What we've included on your information sheet is the committee recommended breed breakdown. It is my belief that what you have, provided there are no additional errors in proofreading, which happens, is what the Board of Directors will put in place, provided two things. No. 1, the Delegate body approves the increased ten Groups, and No. 2, no breed club comes out of the woodwork and has apoplexy.

We think that we have vetted the program quite well. We have contacted breed clubs that were affected and we've gotten 100 percent buy in, I might add, with a couple of wishy-washy things that we've still got to iron out.

What you will hear today are answers to your questions that can be answered today. They are not cast in stone, you understand that. But we've put together a proposal for the judging community, which Darrell will address, and for the clubs, which Robin will address, and unfortunately for Jim, everything else which he will address.

You can certainly ask any one of us on the committee that are here questions about our process and so forth. We're glad and you can address them to anyone individually or anybody generally. With that, unless anybody has any immediate questions, I would like to open the floor.

Darryl and Robin, would you kind of find your way to a microphone. And the committee members who might like to congregate close to a microphone can do that.

With that, I would like to open the floor to any and all questions related to this process. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows: I am speaking to you now, as the Chair of the Parent Club Committee. Over the last several meetings we have had very good pre-

sentations about this process. Originally when our committee hosted a Parent Club conference in 2007, Tom Davies and Karen Burgess asked to be part of that conference. We had an evening session that was very well attended by a number of representatives of many of the clubs that were involved.

The request that went to your committee from the Parent Club Committee was that at every instance, each Parent Club that was going to be affected by this be contacted, and that they had the opportunity to say where they wanted their breed placed. And it was our request that the committee would go by the request of the Parent Club. We also suggested very strongly that the request come as the result of a membership vote.

At our committee meeting yesterday, our committee acknowledged the fact that this committee has done exactly what they were asked to do. We did not take an official vote because we wanted to hear a lot of the things that went on at today's meeting.

But in terms of Parent Club concerns and Parent Club requests, we believe that the committee had done exactly what was requested of them, and in an informal vote not vote but informal straw poll, the committee unanimously, from the Parent Club perspective, endorsed this and the process. Thank you.

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

Just a clarification on a couple things. I compared the two unfortunately both colored the same, the two blue papers, and under the dog show classifications I find that the Dachshunds are listed as varieties, whereas on the registration they are listed as breeds. A little clarification is needed there.

Secondly, I have a question. On those breeds which are now listed as having several varieties, do we intend to send each one of those varieties to the respective Group, other than where there is a split between toys and other ones.

For example, in the Cocker Spaniel, they have gone from I think three breeds to three varieties. Will all three varieties go to the Group, or just one of them go to the Group?

Mr. Crowley: Jack, as far as the separate listings, it is exactly the way it is now, the regis-

tration rules do not include varieties. So you see all the Poodles being Non Sporting, all the Manchesters will be in the Terriers. The list you have is exactly as it is now in the registration rules and in the Dog Show Rules.

There's no change there. We don't list varieties into the dog show rules.

As far as going into the Group, it's just as it is now. Right now the Cockers have three varieties, Beagles have two varieties, and that will continue to be the case. And each of those varieties under the current rules, since there's no rule change on this up at the present time, each one of those varieties would be eligible to move on to Group competition just as they do now.

Mr. McCullagh: Except in the relation to the dog showing classifications, we have conflict between that listing of the Dachshunds as varieties, whereas on the register of breeds they are listed as breeds.

Mr. Crowley: A breed, yes.

Mr. McCullagh: No, breeds, three separate breeds.

Mr. Crowley: That's a typo or proofreading error. There should be one Dachshund listed in the registration rules.

The discussion was interrupted for the report from the Tellers Committee. Ms. Johnson reported as follows:

The total number of ballots cast was 408; therefore, the majority to elect would be 205. The results of the ballots are as follows, Dr. Fred Bock, 13; Judith Daniels, 148; Carl Gomes, 6; John P. Nielsen, 68; Dr. Robert Smith, 167.

Dr. Fred Bock announced that he was withdrawing.

The Chair declared that the polls were open and the third ballot was cast.

The discussion on Group Realignment was resumed as follows:

Dr. Davies: I have a comment I'd like to make before we continue with the questions about Group Realignment. I have been asked by folks to reiterate and emphasize the fact that what we will be called upon to vote

on is simply the increase in the number of Groups from seven to ten, concomitant with the names that are listed here. We will not be asked in September to vote on what breed goes where, so just make sure you understand that. I think most people do, but thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Dr. Davies. We'll continue with questions from the floor.

The Chair recognized John Shoemaker, Delegate for the Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California, who spoke as follows:

How much is it going to cost the AKC to do the Group Realignment, and also, how much is it going to cost us to redo the registration numbers on those Groups that will be affected? Also, how is it going to affect the Group shows in the Group realignment, i.e., the Non Sporting Group clubs? Will they be grandfathered?

Dr. Davies: It isn't going to cost too much. That's the first part of the question, and the second part of the question I would like to defer to Jim.

Mr. Crowley: As far as renumbering, we are not going to renumber any existing dogs, it's just going forward to have the prefix to match the new Groups. Existing dogs keep their existing numbers, which is the same thing we did when we split the Working Group and added the Herding Group, they had the Working Group numbers.

Dr. Davies: This will clarify itself within ten years, I assure you.

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

I want to know what the impact will be financially, because I realize in many shows, they're very grateful to get a judge that's a Delegate so they don't have to pay, number one.

And some of these small All Breed shows are just hanging by a thread. You up the price for fees and everything else, and they're washed out. I mean, it will impact the small All Breed clubs, I feel, and that's about it.

Mr. Sprung: Robin, would you please address that in terms of shows and judges?

Mr. Stansell: First, I would like to say that other than the FSS breeds that would normally be coming in, there are no new breeds being added. Although there are ten Groups, that does not mean that you need more judges. A Sporting Group judge that has the Sporting Group will in the future judge two Groups. The same with the Hound Groups. So you are not increasing the number of dogs, other than the normal additions, and the number of judges that are available today will still be available to judge those Groups in the future.

Darrell will go into the specifics, or at least more detail, of how judges will be approved for the new Group, and I believe that will be to the benefit of all judges and should not increase the expenses.

Dr. Davies: I think it might be appropriate if Darrell spoke about the proposed changes to the judging procedures as a result of the realignment, and that may answer a bunch of questions before they're asked.

Mr. Hayes: The realignment is, as was indicated, not definitive yet but the procedure that we're going to use is to a degree at this point. What we're going to do is, provide a real opportunity for our judges to benefit from this realignment in that they're going to be given a two year window to start with, until time of implementation, to apply for any breeds that they might be required to end up with before they start to judge the new Groups.

The second window is, once implementation is presented and underway, they'll have an additional two year window to apply for those breeds if they haven't already.

At the end of that two year window if they have not applied for those, then of course they would lose that Group until they acquire those other breeds. And we're talking as they're aligned, one breed to five breeds. The window is very narrow there as far as the breeds but not as far as the procedure.

The second benefit is that this application will not affect any of your provisionals. In other words, if you're on provisional assignments or foreign application, when you

apply for these additional breeds to meet your requirements to judge the Groups, you will be able to do that just as you do in the adjunct breeds now. It will not affect your current application.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Darrell.

The Chair recognized John Ioia, Delegate for the Southern Adirondack Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

My question is on timeline. Is there a proposed timeline for approval and implementation?

Mr. Stansell: Yes, the proposed implementation date would be January 1st, 2012, and by current plan this would be voted on this September. So, therefore, we would have from this September until January 1st, 2012 to use existing stock, to prepare new publications, and that sort of thing.

And as Darrell mentioned, judges would then have until January 1st, 2014, to be approved for the breeds that they need to complete for those Groups being divided. The Working judges and the Non Sporting judges would of course remain approved and would be approved for, but they would be approved to judge the Northern Group on the implementation date. They would be able to judge that Group but not the individual breeds up until 2014 or the time that they were approved for those individual breeds. And as Darrell pointed out, that would be not limited numerically to the number of breeds for which they could apply.

The Chair recognized Kathleen Kelly, Delegate for the Boston Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I understand that at this point we're talking about voting on having ten Groups, but I have been asked by our Board and by our members, when will the composition of those Groups be written in stone? Because our members feel very strongly, going into the Companion Group, that the proposed breeds right now on paper are a good example and I'm sure there are other Companion Groups that feel the same way the Poodle is a Working dog, and he's in the Companion Group. You only have to look at any of the dog shows, and they will explain to you

exactly what the purpose of the Poodle is and the reason why he is groomed as he is. We do not feel that we are very happy at all about calling him a Companion when he's a Working dog.

Dr. Davies: I'd like to address that from the point of view of the committee. The committee solicited input from everybody and anybody who wanted to input. The most important input to us was from the Parent Clubs. We preferred to hear from a membership ballot but if we didn't get that, we heard from the Board, but that was our most important input.

The second most important input, was from individual fanciers of the breed commenting about their breed.

The least important input, with all due respect, was, for example, a fancier of Great Danes who was worried about where the Chihuahua was going. So like I said, with due respect, we hear you but we really are not terribly concerned about those kinds of questions.

Ms. Kelly: In response, since our annual meeting is coming up in April, what is it that you would prefer from the Boston Terrier Club of America to send you as a vote in our annual meeting that would have some significance?

Dr. Davies: I think the door is still open. The Board has agreed to accept input between certainly between now and September. As far as the final layout of breeds within the Groups, I'm sure that will be done fairly quickly after the concept and if it is approved. Anybody who is still willing to comment on any aspect of the process can do so, but again, I emphasize that a Great Dane fancier really shouldn't care where the Chihuahuas are.

Mr. Sosa: I am in a bit of a conflict on this one, as you know, being the only photographer who is a Delegate. I would love the possibility of ten Group one photos. However, being the Delegate of Louisiana Kennel Club, which is a small and struggling club, we are concerned about what additional costs of the ten Group Realignment might pose on small struggling clubs. Thank you.

Mr. Stansell: As I've mentioned before, I believe the expense of judges should be minimal because if you have a judge who will still be permitted to judge 175 dogs a day, provisional judges will be at the sorts of fees they are at, and I expect the numbers of dogs to be judged will be very similar to the dogs being judged, whether it's a seven or ten Group alignment. There will be an additional expense for ribbons and rosettes for 12 more Group positions for a club but I believe the opportunities for exhibitors to participate in a Group and be competitive in a Group will probably offset those expenses by increased entries.

The Chair recognized, Judy Hart, Delegate for the Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Over the last couple of years I think we have all been tasked with being fiscally responsible, and I know even in committee, when we talk about a new program or a new title for an existing program, we are asked to look very closely at the costs associated with it. We're given those costs, you know, by AKC, and, you know, we're asked to consider this. Yesterday we were told that the addition of a possible earth dog title, we were given an actual figure that it could be \$33,000 in a year, and of course could probably be scheduled for IT to do the software on that in 2007. So we all try to factor that in. Therefore, I would with all due respect to Dr. Davies, assuring us that it won't cost very much, I'm wondering if by the June meeting, when this is still under discussion, we could have an actual business case type cost factor instead of "not very much."

Dr. Davies: Excuse me, Judy, but I said it won't cost too much.

The Chair recognized John Lewis, Jr., Delegate for the Sussex Spaniel Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I went through the realignment list, and it all makes sense for me except for one thing and that's how the Sporting Group was split. Currently the proposal is to have the Pointers and Setters combined, which is a total 12 breeds. The Retrievers were lumped with the Spaniels, which gives us 18 breeds. However, structurally, the Retrievers are more like the Pointers and Setters than the

Spaniels. And if you remove the Retrievers to the Pointers and Setters, you would have the Spaniels with 12 breeds, and you already have proposed now the Pointers and Setters as 12 breeds.

So it seems to me logically only thing that doesn't make common sense to me, that you would want to lump the dogs that are structurally similar, and that's why I would say why was it that the Retrievers were put in with the Spaniels when they're more like Pointers and Setters?

And it would give the same number to either Group, wherever the Retrievers go, it would be the six goes either way, it leaves 12 in either category. So that's my question, why the Retrievers were lumped with the Spaniels.

Mr. Stansell: This has been vetted by the affected parent clubs but we would be happy to hear support from those parent clubs for any suggestions on the realignment.

The Chair recognized Cindy Vogels, Delegate for the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America who spoke as follows:

I would like to reiterate what Judy just said. It seems to be falling on deaf ears. I don't think we can make a proper assessment of this until we know what the cost is going to be. And I think it should be presented in June, along with the proposal.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Cindy.

The Chair recognized Gwen McCullagh, Delegate for the Huntington Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I'd like to compliment the committee, first of all, on a very comprehensive and thorough job. I think they did a wonderful piece of work here. However, one aspect of it does concern me, and it is that they, in reference to varieties within Groups, said they did discuss them but they didn't really address it because they felt it wasn't really within their scope. I think I'm correct in saying there have been no new varieties established in breeds for 52 years. The list of registrable breeds by Group would, in my logical sometimes I'm considered overly logical mind might be the same as those dogs that would appear for Group judging, and that variety judging should take place before the Groups.

Now, I realize this is not going to make a lot of people happy but I'm just saying I'm uncomfortable with the idea that the committee set that aside and felt it was outside their mandate. And that's fine with me. But I believe it should be somebody's mandate, and that it's something that should be looked at objectively before the final decision is made.

For instance, and I've said this before, if the only difference between variety or breeds or whatever is coat color, then there's a lot of us who have breeds who would like to see three representatives of our own breeds in the Groups instead of just one. I could have ten Basset Hounds come in a variety.

So what I would like to suggest is if there is sufficient differences between varieties and we've seen breeds split before. We have the Wire Fox Terrier and the Smooth Fox Terrier. If the breeds that have varieties now feel they have a strong case for different functions, then they should move to make them separate breeds and be represented in their own right in the Group, otherwise variety judging should take place with breed judging. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Rita Biddle, Delegate for the Ingram County Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: I was just wondering if it could be possible to get in writing how the judging, approvals, election, et cetera, process is going to work. It sounds a little confusing, and maybe let a lawyer brain figure it out or something.

Mr. Sprung: That's not a problem, we can do it.

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

I have a query. It won't cost too much, it's relatively inexpensive, but in the proposed Group Realignment sheet under Toys, it shows Poodles with all three varieties. And then under the Companion Group it shows Poodles in all three varieties. I was wondering if someone could perhaps enlighten me on that. Thank you.

Mr. Crowley: On the final version Toy Poodles will be in the Toy Group, and the Poodles as of right now will be in the Compan-

ion Group, Miniature and Standard. It's just the way it is now. There's no change as far as the Poodles.

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

I would first like to thank the committee for its open and clear process of inviting comments from all sectors. I think it's an excellent way of addressing an issue like that. A brief comment on cost. There are two kinds of costs. The first one is a central cost for reproduction of materials, republishing. The second one is a club cost which is may be more onerous than you might think. Because at a recent show I had several judges tell me that they would no longer judge several Groups, and at the smaller shows that's going to be a factor. Now, what they're talking about is that it's too stressful for them to judge 175 dogs and then do another 40 dogs or 50 dogs in judging two Groups. That's coming down the pike. I'm just warning you of that. And finally, my real question is, I think everything is going to boil down to, you've done a good job but I have not heard a really compelling reason why we must do this.

The Chair recognized Marieann Gladstone, Delegate for the Penn Ridge Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I will respond to that first. Why we need to do that is so many breeds are coming into AKC, FSS breeds and so on, and somebody will address that as well, but the Groups are getting larger and larger. Look at your Sporting Groups, they're getting larger and larger. And that's why we're doing that, to separate them so we have a manageable size Group. I also want to remark that the Arizona clubs are holding a special event and holding a match or special event show with the realignment in consideration, and I encourage all of you to go back to your clubs, put on a match in this format, see how it looks, look at it, get comfortable with it, play with it, really encourage a special event for your club, please, and you'll see how it will work.

The Chair recognized Mary Alice Eschweiler, Delegate for the Waukesha Kennel Club who spoke as follows:

I still haven't heard an answer and this is

directed to staff because I think the committee did a wonderful job. I haven't heard an answer about Group clubs. Will they be fast tracked, will they be grandfathered in, those that are being divided, or do they have to start all over again from the beginning?

Mr. Crowley: The Board has not made a final decision on it, but based on the staff recommendation, we would go by our time honored tradition of grandfathering basically.

So for example, an existing Hound Group club could continue to be representative of the two new hound Groups, and their shows in effect would be two Group shows. There wouldn't be any Best in Show but there would be a Sight Hound Group and Scent Hound Group at that show. So basically we would grandfather in existing sanctioned, licensed member clubs in existence prior to the effective date, which is two years off.

The Chair recognized Kathi Brown, Delegate for the Ladies' Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

Thank you for providing financial information at the next meeting because it is a critically important factor. I would like to encourage other All Breed clubs to take the information that they now have and to mine the data on how much it will cost us so that we can have a reliable figure upon which to state whether it's going to have a major impact upon us as All Breed clubs. Thank you.

A Delegate: In the sense of why do we need to do this, I would point out the largest single existing Group is unaffected. It's not made any smaller, and we are going to add three additional Groups. Forget the money, Sunday afternoon, everybody wants to go home, you've got three more Groups, I see problems coming.

Dr. Davies: I have spent a considerable amount of time with a stopwatch at dog shows, and I'd like to make a couple of comments. No. 1, properly done, this should add no more than 15 minutes to your Group judging time. No. 2, there are processes that even my small mind can come up with to alleviate this, and I don't mean two Groups at one time. No. 3, with all due respect to all

of us judges in the ring, if we would get into the ring and judge the Groups and stop making it an event, we would get our Groups done a whole heck of a lot faster. And 4, keep in mind that many of you today have shows that have bred by Groups, puppy Groups, veteran Groups, and that takes a heck of a lot longer to administer than this change theoretically will. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I have two comments. One of them applies to the question about the Group shows or the Group clubs, because it's easy to deal with Sporting but it's not so easy to deal with the Working clubs. As a member of a Working club that is hopefully about to be licensed, I know we can stay in the club, those of us who are moving into the Northern Group can stay in the club, but we would like to have a club where our dogs would be represented. So if we leave the existing club, we take half of the membership with us.

So I would urge you to look at some kind of way that maybe Group clubs for the Northern Group could be fast tracked or somehow accommodated, because you've actually torn us apart with no way to put us back together. I'm not saying I'm not in favor of the split because the Akita Club is thoroughly in favor of it. My second point is that one of the things you need to review is your policy about after events, the ability of Specialty clubs to hold events after Best in Show. Because even if it's just 15 minutes longer, it may put larger shows or shows at the maximum entry running way, way too late for the facility. So that's probably something you need to consider, also. Thank you.

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

I just wanted to respond to the reasons for the Group changes. I have been going to European dog shows for many years, purchasing dogs abroad, showing dogs abroad, selling dogs abroad, not in large numbers but nonetheless, I've been active over there. And I've always been struck by the fact that the AKC actually has a fairly small number of breeds in this registry relative to the FCI,

the Federation Cynologique Internationale, which is the European primary European registry. They have a lot more breeds than we do.

We are beginning to catch up now finally to the numbers of breeds that are out there, and I'm sure there are going to be more that are showing up over here. I can think of several off the top of my head. They do survive. They do have a larger Group system. They have managed to survive with it and do very well by it for many, many years.

There are predecessors to the situation that we are now beginning to develop. It is manageable. It is sane. I'm glad to see this is happening. I'm glad to see there is a proactive way of us dealing with this because I do think that we need to consider all these other breeds that are going to be coming in hopefully to this registry. Thank you.

Mr. Shoemaker: At the moment I'm speaking on behalf of the Non Sporting Group people because we do have a club that it will affect tremendously, in terms of what breeds we can offer. We'd like to have some sort of guidelines on what these clubs can do as far as what we are going to be able to offer. Are we going to have some of the Northern breeds in there, or is it going to stay the same? Or some sort of guidelines, because at the moment it's very confusing.

Mr. Sledzik: I think you need someone to speak to the good side of this here. The Lhasa Apsos are extremely happy. We lose eight breeds. Do you know how many times we can get into the Group with eight less breeds? Now, we know we've got the bad, tough time coming because all the Xoloitzcuintli are coming, and I'm sure they have a lot of dogs, right? We have to worry about that. But to a certain extent our club looks at it, that we're going to show up more times in a Group Best in Show, and we don't have as many to beat.

The second thing is that many of us are happy because we've got seven breeds coming in to the Northern Group. No other Group has seven breeds coming in. I'm assuming the Elkhounds, if you're putting in qualifications, then they are not going to make it right away. And not only do I do that, I've got a foot in the working now because the Dalmatians have moved forward. So if the judging Group is good to us,

what do you think the Non Sporting judges are smiling for? It's a wonderful situation. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Gladstone: The one Group, Terrier Group, being so large, and we did look at that, the case being, at your average show, most of the entries are very low in the Terrier Group. I have been at shows many times on a weekend, and you look at the Terrier Group and maybe there's six or seven out there, and that's why we left that alone.

Mr. Gladstone: I just want to add a concept that I haven't heard anyone say. In serving on the Board of Directors, one of the things that I learned is how important it is that our customers remain and be happy, that we please them, that we give them what they want. If you really look at what we're talking about here, by going through seven Groups to ten, you're making 12 more people happy with Group ribbons, you're making 12 more handlers happy, or ten more or some number of handlers happy with bonuses. You're making lots of judges happy with more Groups to judge, and I'm really wondering what we see as the downside to all that good will. I really mean that.

It's important that our constituency remain involved. There's a factor to be considered of simply revitalizing, of giving people some new energy. When the Herding Group became the Herding Group out of the Working Group, it significantly changed the Cardigan role. The Cardigan didn't have a chance in the working Group. We couldn't get the judges to walk past the Shetland Sheepdogs, let alone the Pembrokes. Cardigans have played in a different Group now, and it's made a difference to the Cardigan fancy. I think you ought to consider that as well. Thank you.

At this point, the Ms. Johnson gave the tellers report on the third ballot as follows: The total number of ballots cast was 403; therefore, the majority to elect would be 202. There were three illegal ballots. The results of the ballots are as follows: Judith Daniels, 160; Carl Gomes, 3; John P. Nielsen, 42; Dr. Robert Smith, 195.

John Nielsen, and Carl Gomes both withdrew.

The Chair declared the polls open and the fourth ballot was cast.
(after voting there was a lunch recess)

After lunch, Ms. Johnson gave the tellers report on the fourth ballot as follows: The total number of ballots cast was 395; therefore, the majority to elect would be 198. The number of illegal ballots were four. The results of the ballots are as follows: Judith Daniels, 162; Dr. Robert Smith, 229.

The Chair declared that the Class of 2013 had been elected: Lee Arnold, Carl Ashby III, Alan Kalter, and Dr. Robert Smith.

The Chair thanked Dr. Davies, and the Group Realignment Committee.

It was reported that the June 9th, 2009 Delegates meeting would be held in Raleigh, at the Hilton North Raleigh and that the Conference and Travel Department would send Delegates information.

Chairman Ron Menaker then made the following remarks:

Good afternoon. Today we've elected four new Board members to the Class of 2013. I would like to congratulate the new members, and I would also like to express appreciation on behalf of the entire organization to the four individuals who will be leaving the Board.

Each of them has contributed significantly to AKC and the Sport.

Dr. Charles Garvin's analytical skills have greatly assisted the Board in addressing complex issues. His meticulous attention to detail has kept the Board on its toes.

Steven Gladstone's legal background and his propensity to look at all sides of an issue always provided a spirited discussion. That's an understatement.

Patricia Scully's longtime active involvement in Companion Events provided the Board with crucial input on these events and represented the important and loyal constituents who participated in these areas.

Last, but certainly not least, is the current or not so current former Chairman, Hon. David Merriam. David's service to AKC spans over thirty years, first joining the Board in 1979. In addition to his twenty-one years on the Board, David also served as

interim AKC Executive Vice President and CEO.

His legal background, calm demeanor and knowledge and devotion to the history and traditions of the Sport never let the Board stray too far from AKC's roots and heritage. While all are leaving the Board, at least for the time being, I know that all four sportspersons will continue to support AKC as it faces new challenges in the years ahead. I ask you to join me in thanking Charlie, Steve, Pat, and David for their years of dedication. Thank you.

There was then a request to get a sense of the Delegate body on whether the Board should proceed with a mixed-breed program. The full discussion follows:

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

I think it's safe to say that one of the most important and ubiquitous topics of conversation over the last two days has been the issue of mixed breeds. It came up in almost every committee I attended. It came up at the caucus.

And yesterday we heard from all of our candidates on the subject, and they all spoke in favor of including mixed breeds in our companion events. But all candidates also made clear they want the fancy and especially the Delegates to support such a program. The staff has been working on a mixed-breed initiative for three and a half years. Is it possible today for us to let the Board know by a general vote how this Delegate body feels on this subject? Are we in favor of including mixed breeds in our standalone companion events? A yes vote says put this program in place. A no vote says stop wasting time and money on a program that we don't want. I don't care how the vote is named or how it is conducted, but is such a vote possible today?

Mr. Sprung: Yes, we could certainly do that. I would like to make it as simple as possible. It can have a simple yes and no.

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

Is it a motion, or is it appropriate to speak?

Mr. Sprung: It would be a non binding recommendation to the Board. Is that not what the Delegate is asking for, a recommendation to the Board?

Ms. Bernardi I would just like to know how the Delegate body feels once and for all.

Mr. Sprung: Yes, we can certainly do that.

A Delegate: I think the devil is always in the details, and a very general vote is not going to tell us much of anything. I think we should have the benefit of the three and a half years of study so we know what we're talking about.

Mr. Sprung: The Delegate is just asking is whether, well I don't want to talk for her. Let the Delegate explain.

Ms. Bernardi: Some of us expressed the notion we have already given the Board our feelings about this when we actually did not. We simply said we wanted input. And I think that after three and a half years, we've had every opportunity for input, and it seems to me that we waste an enormous amount of energy discussing something that seems to be going nowhere. One minute we hear the vote, the Board voted against it, and then it's dead. The next thing we hear, it's back on the table. So my reason for doing this is to let the Board know how the Delegates stand on this issue.

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

I believe there was a straw vote already taken in the June meeting. Am I not correct in that?

Mr. Sprung: No, it was September.

Ms. Mann: Or September. It was last year some time. We already did this. Why are we doing it again?

Mr. Meisels: The vote last September was whether or not AKC should explore interaction with non purebred dogs in some form. It was not specific to involvement in any form of the sport, and I think that vote was very much in favor of exploring opportuni-

ties for non purebred dogs to be involved in AKC activities and be registered in some form. This is a little different. This was much more specific, and I personally believe we can vote for it, provided we understand that we need to know a lot more detail in order for it to be implemented before such a vote could be meaningful.

Mr. Merriam: It's a bit like buying a pig in a poke, and it's much like a board or body saying, we approve in principal something. And those kind of votes don't get you very far at all on an issue that's as critical and as important as this is to the American Kennel Club. Now, how many of you really know what the details of the proposed program are? And I'd suggest that if a test was made, you'd know relatively little about it, whether AKC titles are to be awarded, whether the AKC the dogs are going to compete in the same classes. Good meaty questions have not even been resolved by the Board on this issue. If you really wish to have a definitive decision on mixed-breed dogs within AKC competition and registration, then I suggest that if you have a specific proposal, it may be proposed by the Board but it should come to this body for approval with all the specific details. And any general statement like this of yay or nay on mixed breeds will fall into the same category that we have two other resolutions that this body has passed. One says, the Board should not act on any mixed-breed action without the consent of the Delegate body. There was a resolution overwhelmingly passed by this Delegate body in Boston.

You have the more recent one which says, The Board should continue to explore the mixed-breed issue, and that was also passed by this body.

And one more resolution of a general nature is not going to get you very far; therefore, I would suggest it not be wise or it would be wise to vote it down, not deciding on the merits of the mixed-breed issue but on the basis that this is not a definitive and correct procedure to follow to resolve this very critical issue.

The Chair recognized John Landis, Delegate for the Mountain States Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:

I'd like to agree with David wholeheartedly,

the devil is in the details in this. There are a number of things that have not been considered. The thing is still ongoing. The Board is still considering, that's fine. This kind of vote is sort of approving something you don't know what it is. For instance, as many of you know, I am quite concerned about the cross breeding of dogs, for obedience and agility, to create new breeds.

But in addition to that, have you thought about the fact, what are you going to do about things other than dogs, like hybrid wolves? How are you going to keep them out?

There's a lot of detail that needs to be worked on before it comes to this body. And I'm not suggesting that it not go on, don't get me wrong, but to have these straw votes all the time, when it's supposed to be going on anyway, it's like we're approving carte blanche whatever comes, and I think we need to look at what is going to come.

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

I move to postpone the motion on the floor indefinitely.

Mr. Sprung: It's simply a nonbinding vote.

Mr. Merriam: But it's a motion.

Mr. Holder: I know, but there's going to be a lot of discussion, and like you said, it's non binding. If we postpone it indefinitely, it will stop the discussion, and we can go on to the next order of business.

Mr. Sosa: Mr. President, if we're completed for today, would you consider a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Sprung: No.

Mr. Merriam: A motion to adjourn, always a vote, takes precedence.

Dr. Meisels: I guess the general feeling is that we need to fish or cut bait. And I would like to strongly suggest the Board get on doing something rather than postponing it from meeting to meeting.

Mr. Sprung: We're going to vote now.

Mr. Merriam: Point of order, Mr. President. If you have a motion, which I'm not sure was seconded.

A Delegate: No motion.

Mr. Merriam: Well, it is a motion, and you can't just stand up in front of a deliberative body like this and say, let's see what everybody thinks. It seems to me the more appropriate way, if there's a motion to offer resolution, then it should be made and seconded, then it could be voted on. But that's a motion which is subject to postponement, and indeed all motions are subject to a motion to adjourn.

A Delegate: Can we hear from our parliamentarian?

Mr. Sprung: The parliamentarian is going to comment.

Mrs. Abbate: As you know, this is a non binding sense of the body. The Delegate asked for a sense of the body, and if you want to do that, you're entitled to do that. That's all it is. There's nothing there's no action involved here at all. It's just to give the Board a clue how you are feeling today, not six months ago, not last year, not three years ago. So if you wish to give the Board a sense of your feelings, do so.

A Delegate: Are you cutting off any questions and comments?

Mr. Sprung: Yes, we're voting at this time.

A Delegate: I object to this sort of informal procedure. I am afraid that I agree with David Merriam for a change.

A Delegate: I, for one, am not interested in the sense of the body. I think the sense of the body has been fairly clear in the past.

Mr. Sprung: Respectfully, we'll find out right now.

All those in favor of requesting the Board to move ahead on a mixed-breed program, please stand. Thank you.

All those opposed, please stand. Thank you. The clear majority is to move ahead.

Mr. Gladstone then thanked the Delegates for allowing him to serve for eight years on their Board of Directors and President Dennis Sprung and his staff for all the courtesies that have been shown him.

The Chair reported that in line with the vote the Delegates just made on mixed breeds, he would ask the staff to bring forward a model plan to the Board at the next Board meeting in April.

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

On behalf of the *Perspectives* Editorial committee, I'd like to invite the Delegates to send articles to us and we thank those of you who have been writing for us. We appreciate the effort.

Our next deadline is April the 5th, and Lynn Worth is the issue coordinator, so please get your articles to her. This issue of *Perspectives* has her e-mail address in it, and we'll be sending out a notice on the Delegate L list.

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

Yesterday at the obedience, tracking, and agility committee, Curt Curtis announced that at Crufts Marcus Topps and his Border Collie Juice took second place. And I think he very proudly represented the American Kennel Club at Crufts.

The meeting was adjourned 1:38 p.m.

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