Annual Meeting Of The Delegates of The American Kennel Club
March 9, 2010

Dennis B. Sprung, President
PRESENT 405

Abilene Kennel Club—Neil A. Bates
Affenpinscher Club of America—Chad Howard
Afghan Hound Club of America, Inc.—
Ms. Constance Batheus
Airedale Terrier Club of America—
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Akita Club of America—Sherry E. Wallis
American Belgian Malinois Club—
Ms. Nancy L. Bennett
American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, Inc.—Cheryl Speed
American Bloodhound Club—
Cheryl Speed
American Brussels Griffon Association—Mark Grigalunas
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—Alan Kalter
American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—Dyane Baldwin
American Fox Terrier Club—Connie Clark
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—Harold Miller
American Ibizan Hound Club—Ms. Josephine S. DelLuz
American Maltese Association, Inc.—
Mr. Richard W. Glenn
American Pomeranian Club, Inc.—
Dr. Gino Sisneros
American Rottweiler Club—Mr. Peter G. Piazz
American Sealyham Terrier Club—
Kenneth W. Mader
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—
Marjorie Tiff
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Sally L. Vilas
American Spaniel Club, Inc.—Julie Virostek
American Tibetan Mastiff Association—
Martha Fellenstein
American Water Spaniel Club—
Beth Lagimoniere
Anderson Kennel Club—Phillip D. Sample
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—
Ms. Patricia A. Sample
Ann Arbor Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mary A. Brecious
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
William Daniels
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—Jaimie Muirvey
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—Ann Wallis
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—Gail LaBerge
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—
Karyn A. Hamilton
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Kim Ochiuti
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Nina Schaefer
Baltimore County Kennel Club—
Mrs. Lucy Campbell-Gracie
Basenji Club of America, Inc.—Mr. Jon Cathy
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Barbara Wicklund
Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—Wayne Boyd
Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—
Gloria Marshall
Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. Carl E. Holder
Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Phyllis Belcastro
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—
Mrs. Marjorie M. Hanson
Belgian Shepherd Club of America, Inc.—
Barbara Swisher
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Denise Dean
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough
Blennerhassett Kennel Club, Inc.—
Joyce Fortney
Boca Raton Dog Club Inc.—Diane Wagner
Border Collie Society of America—
Ms. Carol Clark
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Ruth A. Naun
Borzoi Club of America, Inc.—Barbara O’Neill
Boston Terrier Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Kathleen M. Kelly
Bronx County Kennel Club—
Ms. Alexa Sanataro
Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—Marie A. Fiore
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—Ruth A. Williams
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Helena Weeks
Bull Terrier Club of America—
Dr. Dale R. Schuur
Bulldog Club of America—Bob Newcomb
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
Canada Del Oro Kennel Club—
Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
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—Beverly A. Drake
Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—
J Richard Seelbach
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Diane D. Ahny
Central Ohio Kennel Club—David Galloway
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—
Claire K. Steinle
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—Pan Goldman
Charleston Kennel Club—Sylvia Arwood
Chatanooga Kennel Club—David Gilstrap
Chicago Bulldog Club, Inc.—Janis L. Mullin
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—Ray Barger
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—
Marge B. Calltharp
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—Nick Pias
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
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Marjorie Underwood
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Maureen R. Setter
Cumberland Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—
Judy Miller
Collie Club of America, Inc.—
Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom
Colorado Kennel Club—Louise Leone
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—
Sidney L. Marx
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Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—
Robert Brown

Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—
Norma J. Ryan

Companion Dog Training Club of Flint, Inc.—Judith L. Priestley

Connecticut River Working Group Association—Fred G. Ferris

Contra Costa County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Barry D. Cavanna

Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—
Michael Houchard

Cudahy Kennel Club—Don H. Adams

Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—
Larry Sorenson

Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—
James W. Smith

Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, Inc.—Karen Dorn

Dayton Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Barbara L. Mann

Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—
Merlyn A. Green, D.C.

Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—Andrew G. Mills

Del Valle Dog Club of Livermore—
Sandra Olen

Delaware County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Lindy Miller

Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—
Dr. A. D. Bathenus

Des Moines Obedience Training Club—
Lee Slovah

Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—
Meg Weitz

Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—
Mrs. Patt L. Strand

Dog Owners’ Training Club of Maryland—
Kathrynann Savinna

East Tennessee Retriever Club—
Garry Clauing

Eastern Dog Club—Charles J. Foley

Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Tahor

Elm City Kennel Club—Dr. Gregory J. Paveza

Empire Beagle Club, Inc.—Christopher Keenan

English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—Barbara A. Penny

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—
Vanessa N. Weber

Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Peggy Helming

Farmingdale Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Terrie Breen

Field Spaniel Society of America—
Katherine Sullivan

Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Margaret B. Pough

Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—Kurt Anderson

Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Almita B. Dallas

Fort Worth Kennel Club—
Mr. Harry G. Ottman

French Bulldog Club of America—
Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard

Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Cathy De La Garza

Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.—
William J. Berry

Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Connie S. Clapp

Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ahn Barbash

German Pinscher Club of America—
Ms. Kimberly Schiff

German Shepherd Dog Club of America—
Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia

German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—Mr. Kenneth A. Maiden

German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—Ms. Patricia W. Lawners

Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Bonnie Lapham

Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Carole L. Richards

Golden Retriever Club of America—
Mr. Howard Falfberg

Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—
Nance O. Skoglund

Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—
Thomas Sandenau

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 Frederickburg Kennel Club—
Patricia B. Staub

Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—
Virginia M. O’Connell

Greater Miami Dog Club—Pedro Cofino

Greater Naples Dog Club—John D. French

Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—Chari Magnus

Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—Marlene Steinberg

Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—Mary Jo Rasmussen

Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—
Deborah Mulvey

Greenville Kennel Club—Linda A. Knowl

Greene County Kennel Club—Margaret K. Curtis

Greyhound Club of America—
Mrs. Melanie S. Steele

Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Cynthia A. Miller

Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—Mr. Robert D. Black

Havanese Club of America—Jane F. Ruthford

Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—
Patricia M. Cruz

Hockanum Kennel Club, Inc.—Nancy Fisk

Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—
Jan Welf

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 McCullagh

Illinois Valley Kennel Club of Peoria, Inc.—
Dr. John E. Davidson

Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Rita J. Biddle

International Kennel Club of Chicago, Inc.—
Susan Olen

Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—
Mrs. Constance B. Vancore

Irish Terrier Club of America—
Bernard F. Ferry

Irish Wolfhound Club of America—
Linda Souza

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. Vissam

Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—
Joanne E. Kennedy

Kanadasaga Kennel Club—
Ms. Beverly M. Nosiglia

Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—
Mr. John D. Sauvicki
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Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—Mrs. Gavin Wexler
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—Thomas Powers
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—Carole Plesur
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—Mrs. Florence L. Pravel
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
Kennesaw Kennel Club—James E. Gibson
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 Ván Doren
Ladies’ Dog Club, Inc.—Mrs. Kathi Boum
Ladies’ Kennel Association of America—Ruth Winston
Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—Diana Skibinski
Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—Ms. Cecilia C. Clossen
Land O’ Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—Jan Croft
Langley Kennel Club—Ms. Dianne E. Franck
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert LaBerge
Leawiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Sue Goldberg
Lexington Kennel Club Inc.—Anne Kemp
Lima Kennel Club—Rod Ott
Long Island Kennel Club—Mr. William B. Tabor, Jr.
Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan L. Fischer
Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—David M. Powers
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—Judy R. Melear
Macon Kennel Club—Nell Stumff
Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Sandra B. Baker
Manatee Kennel Club—Pat Edgington
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
Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—Dr. Robert D. Smith
Mensa Kennel Club, Inc.—John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.
Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—Jeanette Nieder
Michiana Kennel Club—Cheryl Compton
Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—John Russell
Middleburg Kennel Club—Shelley C. Roos
Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—Giselle Simonds
Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.—Sandie White
Mispsillion Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Blackie H. Nygaard
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 Kondrov
Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc.—Ms. Vicki K. Dudley
Montgomery County Kennel Club—Ms. Ida E. Weinstock
Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—Liban Osterniller
Mount Bachelor Kennel Club—Lynette Blue
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. Stanевич
Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Judith V. Daniels
Myrtle Beach Kennel Club—Linda D. Witowski
Nashville Kennel Club—James Efron
National Beagle Club—Eddie Dziuk
National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson
National Shiba Club of America—Maggi Strouse
Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—Mrs. Viola Bugos
New England Beagle Club, Inc.—Mr. Mario S. Pulumbo
New England Dog Training Club, Inc.—Virginia Rowland
Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—Mrs. Mary W. Price
Newnan Kennel Club—Willie Crawford
Newton Kennel Club—Catherine H. Match
Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Diane F. Taylor
Norfolk Terrier Club—Marjorie B. McTensan
North Shore Kennel Club—Richard F. Caletti
Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—Billie Ponton
Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—Margaret K. Mott
Norwich Terrier Club of America—Betsy McDonnell
Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—Marie A. Watersnaut
Oakland Dog Training Club, Inc.—Lynette J. Saltzmann
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—Ms. Patricia C. Solly
Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—James M. Ashton
Okaloosa Kennel Club—Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell
Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—Robert Nazak
Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—Christiana Gaburi
Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—Felice Jarrold
Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—Judy F. Murray
Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—Burton J. Yamada
Otterhound Club of America—Joelle Gregory, D.V.M.
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
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—Suzanne L. Tolleson
Pasadena Obedience Club Inc.—Sheila Miller
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—Patricia J. Lombardi
Pekingese Club of America—Anthony Rosato
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—Judy A. Hart
Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—Marcia Gladstone
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Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Jean Anderson
Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America—Anne Gallant, Ph.D.
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—
Mr. Gary A. Reed
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Larry Wilson
Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—
Joachim Blatteich
Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Margaret Vohr
Plainfield Kennel Club—John McCullagh
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—
William E. Ellis
Pocatello Kennel Club, Inc.—Fred Hughes
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—
Mary Ellen Fisher
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—Robert A. Amen
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—
James Primmer
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—Mrs. Joan Savage
Progressive Dog Club—William H. Blair
Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Kerstin T. Ottmar
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—
Michelle R. Anderson
Puhi Club of America, Inc.—Maggie Witwer
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—
Florence E. Latcher
Ramoa Kennel Club—Mrs. Rose J. Radel
Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Sally J. Nist
Reno Kennel Club—Mr. Steven D. Gladstone
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—
Gerard Baudet
Rhonean Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—Michael J. Teeling
Richland County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Ms. Shirley L. Boyer
Richland Kennel Club, Inc.—
Donald B. Harris
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—
Jan M. Ritchie
Rio Grande Kennel Club—
Mr. William H. Green
Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc.—Jill Wright
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—
Ronald H. Menaker
Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Janice S. Gardner
Rubber City Kennel Club—Cathy Gaidos
Sahuaro State Kennel Club—Rita Mather
Saluki Club of America—Monica H. Stoner
Samamish Kennel Club—Robert Gloster
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—
Mr. John L. Ronald
San Francisco Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Stanley S. Saltzman
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Tom Brown
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Audrey Sutton
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—
Laurence J. Libeu
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—
Sarah Stebbings
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Ralph Renter
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—
Kay Alfred
Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—
Betty J. Patrick
Scottish Deerhound Club of America, Inc.—
Sally Poole
Scottish Terrier Club of America—
Mrs. Helen A. Prince
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—
Nancy Perrell
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Lynne M. Myall
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Sharyn Y. Hutchens
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—Susana L. Hamil
Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—LaAnn Moore
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—
Ms. Donna Beckman
Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—
Nancy Dandrea
Silver State Kennel Club—Michael J. Connell
Sioux Empire Kennel Club, Inc.—
William Burggraf
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
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—Gay Dunlap
Somerset Hills Kennel Club—Billie McFadden
South County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Richard Giant
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Linda B. Wilson
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—
Linda C. Flynn
South Windsor Kennel Club—
Margarette (Peggy) Wampold
Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—
Ricky Blackman
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—
Dr. John V. Iova
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—
Lee Arnold
Spinone Club of America—Karen Lackey
Spokane Kennel Club—Tina Tisdale
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Thomas M. Davies
St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—
Kit A. Bostrom
St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
Deborah J. Wilkins
St. Joseph Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dale Hunsberger
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—
Stephanie A. Crawford
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—
Holly S. Stump
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—
Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser
Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—
Dr. Bernard E. McGovern, Jr.
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mr. Robert Eistele
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—
Macy L. Ziegler
Superstitition Kennel Club, Inc.—
G Philip (PHIL) Booker
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—
Mrs. Florence Duggan
Sussex Spaniel Club of America—
Mr. John R. Lewis, Jr.
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—
Marylyn Deregorio
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—
Mary Manning-Stolz
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—
Karen Clausing
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.—
Stacy LaForge
Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—
Jane Brumley
Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—Robert E. Bostrom
Delegates’ Quarterly Meeting

The Chair introduced the persons seated on the podium: Chairperson, Ronald Menaker; Vice Chairperson, Dr. Tom Davies; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, the Executive Secretary; and Mark Schaffer, 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, Constance B. Vanacore, Chair, Irish Setter Club of America; Karen H. Burgess, Greater Clark County Kennel Club; Ruth W. Crumb, Mount Vernon Dog Training Club; Martha Feltenstein, American Tibetan Mastiff Association; David H. Hopkins, English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, appointed by the Board of Directors on August 10, 2009, 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 9, 2010. There are three vacancies for the Class of 2014. The Class of 2014: Dr. Charles J. Garvin, representing Marion Ohio Kennel Club; Dr. William R. Newman, representing Mastiff Club of America; Patricia C. Scully, representing Obedience Training Club of Hawaii.

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 a candidate for the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2014, to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 9, 2010: Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, representing the German Shepherd Dog Club of America; Steven D. Gladstone, representing Reno Kennel Club.

The Chair reported on the passing of a Delegate Dr. Sam Burke and Gilbert S. Kahn as follows:

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Dr. Sam Burke on December 18th, 2009. He had just been appointed as Delegate of the Doberman Pinscher Club of America on November the 9th. He served previously as the Delegate of the Shreveport Kennel Club from October 17th, 1991 until June 1st of 2006.

Gilbert S. Kahn, the current Chair of the AKC Museum of the Dog, died on February the 22nd. Gilbert served as the Delegate of the American Shih Tzu Club from 1982 to 1985, and the Delegate of the Japanese Chin Club of America from 1985 to 2003.

The Executive Secretary read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting: Phyllis Belcastro, Leetsdale, PA, Beaver County Kennel Club; Margaret K. Curtis, Bronxville NY, Greenwich Kennel Club; Marylyn DeGregorio, Hartsdale, NY, Taconic Hills Kennel Club; Treva Faires, Andover, KS, Wichita Kennel Club; Fred G. Ferris, Middletown, CT, Connecticut River Working Group Association; Joyce Fortney, Shinnston, WV, Blennerhassett Kennel Club; Christina Gaburri, Bellevue, PA, Old English Sheepdog Club of America; Felice Jarrold, Tucson, AZ, Old Pueblo Dog Training Club; Gail A. LaBerge, Buford, GA, Atlanta Obedience Club; Dawna E. Mauldin, Pampa, TX, Panhandle Kennel Club of Texas; Jinny Nealson, Nottingham, NH, Cheshire...
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Kennel Club
Lilian Ostermiller, Westtown, NY, Monticello
New York Kennel Club
Helen A. Prince, Port Republic, MD, Scottish Terrier Club of America
Tony Rosato, Miami, FL, Pekingese Club of America

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:
Phyllis Belcastro, Leetsdale, PA, Beaver County Kennel Club
Margaret K. Curtis, Bronxville NY, Greenwich Kennel Club
Marylyn DeGregorio, Hartsdale, NY, Taconic Hills Kennel Club
Trevia Faires, Andover, KS, Wichita Kennel Club
Fred G. Ferris, Middletown, CT, Connecticut River Working Group Association
Bernard E.X. Ferry, Lititz, PA, Irish Terrier Club of America
Joyce Fortney, Shinnston, WV, Blennerhassett Kennel Club
Christiana Gaburri, Bellevue, PA, Old English Sheepdog Club of America
Joellen Gregory, Jefferson, MD, Otterhound Club of America
Felice Jarrold, Tucson, AZ, Old Pueblo Dog Training Club
Gail A. LaBerge, Buford, GA, Atlanta Obedience Club
Marjorie McTernan, Punta Gorda, FL, Norfolk Terrier Club of America
Lilian Ostermiller, Westtown, NY, Monticello New York Kennel Club
Helen A. Prince, Port Republic, MD, Scottish Terrier Club of America
Tony Rosato, Miami, FL, Pekingese Club of America
Diane Wagner, Boca Raton, FL, Boca Raton Dog Club

The minutes of the December 15, 2009 Delegate meeting were approved.

The next item was the approval of Member Clubs. The following clubs were approved as members of The American Kennel Club: Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America; Belle City Kennel Club.

Mr. Menaker gave the Chairman's report as follows:
Good morning. I’m sure many of you stayed up late on Sunday evening to watch the Academy Awards. Like the Oscars, AKC has its own awards programs to recognize the contributions and notable deeds among our dogs and our people.

The AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, founded in 2006, recognizes the hard work and dedication of our volunteer Club members. Each year, the AKC provides an Outstanding Sportsmanship Medallion to be awarded based on criteria that each member Club selects. Once a recipient has been selected, let us know and we will be pleased to add their name to the list of winners that we have on the AKC website.

Another distinguished award, established in 1998, is the Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes those who have spent the majority of their lives dedicated to the sport and to our dogs. Past honorees have included dog world greats such as Dorothy Nickles, Rachel Page Elliott, Dr. Josephine Deubler, Michele Billings and Jane Forsyth, just to name a few. Only AKC member Clubs are able to cast a vote for this award.

For the first time this year, we have distributed the initial round of ballots to member clubs via e mail. We ask that you please submit your choices for nominees by May 7th. Clubs may submit one nominee in each of three categories: Conformation, Companion events, and Performance. The three nominees receiving the most votes in each category will be selected as finalists. Later in the year, member clubs get to choose the winner in each category. We look forward to your continued participation in this selection process. And finally, the award program in which we receive the most amazing, heartfelt stories continues to be our ACE Awards. For the 11th year, we will be selecting dogs that have performed exemplary acts in one of five categories: Companion, Law Enforcement, Search and Rescue, Service and Therapy. Heroes, like dogs, come in all shapes and sizes. ACE nominees range from skilled assistance dogs to brave law enforcement canines, as well as comforting therapy dogs.

Each year when we review all of the ACE nominations, it becomes increasingly clear how important dogs are in our day to day lives, as well as their role in protecting and serving our nation. We encourage you to nominate a dog that has touched a life in some way or made the world a better place.

The new deadline for submission is June 1st. For more information about these award programs, visit www.AKC.org. We look forward to recognizing the people and dogs that have touched our lives. Thank you all very much.

Mr. Sprung gave the President’s report as follows:

Picking up on Ron’s theme, I am delighted to announce the establishment of two new awards that highlight the American Kennel Club’s ongoing commitment to preserving the rights of responsible dog breeders and owners. The James S. Holt Memorial Award for Promotion of Responsible Dog Ownership in Legislation will annually honor one legislator in each state who demonstrates a commitment to promoting responsible dog ownership, the well being of dogs, and whose actions advance the mission of the American Kennel Club.

The Holt Award is a memorial to the late Jim Holt who was our federal legislative consultant, participated in this sport for well over 40 years, and served us both as a Director and a Delegate.

The inaugural Holt Award is being presented to Texas State Representative Edward Kuempel at the San Antonio Kennel Club Show in conjunction with the club’s 100th anniversary event.

Our second new award, named for the late Director of the AKC Government Relations Department, Walter Bebout, will recognize federations and groups who have been actively involved in educating legislators about responsible dog ownership issues and have worked to preserve the rights of responsible owners and breeders.

These awards will recognize those who make an impact on the legislative issues we face, and also celebrate the diligent work of our supporters.

And now I am sure you remember that last year at our March meeting, I was privileged to honor three long time employees for their outstanding service to your clubs, and for their long-term commitment to the American Kennel Club. This morning I will recognize three additional outstanding
employees.
Our first honoree is someone who has had his hand in literally every page of the GAZETTE, Family Dog and New Puppy Handbook. His meticulous editor’s eye has reviewed all of our published materials since 1998, but he has done so much more. He regularly writes full length breed profiles, as well as the columns Dog Sport 101, The ACE Files, Times Past and AKC Updates. All of us also appreciate his extraordinary artistic talent on display in the popular “Dog People” page, his affectionate drawings of well known fanciers.

Considered a true Renaissance man by his peers, Bud Boccone, our Publications copy editor, please join me on the podium.

Our next honoree is a familiar face to most of you. Following in her parents’ footsteps, she has had a lifelong involvement with pure-bred dogs, primarily Doberman Pinschers, attending shows since she was two years of age and exhibiting her first dog at five. She started as an administrative assistant from 1995 to 1999, and returned to AKC as the Advertising Sales Manager with the GAZETTE in 2001. A year later, she was named Director of Club Communications. In 2004 she was promoted to Jim Crowley’s right hand woman as Assistant Executive Secretary, ensuring the maintenance of AKC policies and historical records, with the added responsibilities of the Publications, Event Management, Travel and Project Management Departments all reporting to her.

In 2006, her promotion was to AVP/Assistant Executive Secretary; these responsibilities are in addition to being a media spokesperson. We are most fortunate to have Gina DiNardo in the AKC family. If you have ever called AKC with almost any type of customer service question, our next recipient is one of the best people to answer it. A lifelong fancier starting in Manchester Terriers and later English Cockers, she has been a member of the American Manchester Terrier Club since 1968. Hired in 1990 as the Associate Director of Judging Research and Development, then serving as Director of Judges Applications and Director of Judges Education, she was promoted to the AVP of Corporate Training and Development in 2002, AVP of Special Services in 2005, and AVP of Customer Service in 2006.

She currently directs all aspects of AKC’s Customer Service, including the Call Center and the Special Services Unit which is dedicated to our core fanciers. She is also responsible for managing initiatives such as our PAL Program and our Foundation Stock Services. Another second generation dog person, Mari-Beth O’Neill has dedicated her career to the sport and to the improvement of dogs. We’re proud to have her with us.

I would like to call forward three Delegates who have made outstanding contributions as long term members of our fancy. We are proud to thank them today for their dedication and contributions.

Patricia Laurans, representing the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, is a 30 year Delegate, past Board member and currently Chair of the Parent Club Committee. She started out in dogs as a Doberman Pinscher exhibitor in 1963. Her Laurwyn line of German Wirehaired Pointers produced four National Specialty winners, three Best in Show dogs and many top producers.

During her time on the AKC Board, Pat helped launch the Breeder Education program and was, and continues to be, a major supporter of Junior Showmanship. She has chaired the Coordinating Committee and was instrumental in the establishment of the Parent Club Conference.

Pat voluntarily stepped forward to assist management and staff in our Meet the Breeds initiatives, helping to make it the success we all appreciate.

Pat is a founding member and Vice President of Take the Lead, the distinguished charitable organization that assists individuals in the sport who have terminal or life-threatening illnesses. Thank you, Pat.

Mary Price has been a member of the Newfoundland Club of America since 1970, serving on the board as Recording Secretary, Membership Chair and Delegate for the past 25 years. Since her start in conformation and obedience in the late ’60s, Mary has bred many fine Newfoundlanders, including National Specialty and High in Trial winners and has won the Top Show Dog of the Year from her Parent Club.

As the very first recipient of the Club’s Isabel Kurth Award, which has only been bestowed a handful of times over the past quarter century, she has been honored for her continual and long term contributions to her Club. Mary is also on the Parent Club’s Charitable Trust Board and has served her Land O’Lakes Kennel Club since starting in the sport as a Board member, Recording Secretary, Chief Steward and Assistant Show Chair. Mary, thank you.

Helma Weeks is the Delegate for the Bucks County Kennel Club after performing that same service for the American Bullmastiff Association. A member of her Parent Club since 1968, Helma has served as Treasurer, Vice President and Judge’s Education Chair. Litters she bred have produced over a dozen champions.

Belonging to the Bucks County Kennel Club since 1976, she has served as Treasurer and Hospitality Chair. For many years she was the unofficial Assistant Show Chair under the renowned Dr. Josephine Deubler, but now officially serves as Show Chairwoman as well. Professionally, Helma has been a writer and editor. Before retiring, she was Director of Communications for the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Helma, thank you.

And now our Chairman, Ron Menaker, will present to each of you, our valued friends and employees, a special token of our appreciation, an AKC Medallion in recognition of your dedication and great accomplishments to dogs, the sport and the American Kennel Club.

Lastly, as always, we welcome your helpful suggestions. In matters of registration, please speak with Dave Roberts; Canine Partners ideas are invited by Doug Ljungren, and for any of our events, please meet with Curt, Robin or Doug. We thank you in advance for your input.

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

AKC’s audited 2009 consolidated financial statements are available for your review on the Delegates Portal.

2009’s total revenues were 9% below the previous year. Total operating expenses were 9% less than in 2008. This resulted in an operating surplus of $2.5 million for the year vs. $2.9 million in the previous year.

Due to the excellent performance of the stock market in 2009, our investments gener-
ated a gain of 21% for the year. This recouped a portion of the prior year’s significant losses from investments.

The Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson of KPMG, read the results of the balloting for the Class of 2014 as follows: The total number of ballots cast was 396. The number of invalid ballots was one. Therefore, the majority to elect was 198 ballots. The results of the ballots were as follows: Dr. Carmen Battaglia, 175; Dr. J. Charles Garvin, 238; Steven Gladstone, 172; Dr. William Newman, 217; and Patricia Scully, 218. The Chair declared that Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Dr. William Newman and Patricia Scully were duly elected as Members of the Class of 2014.

Next on the agenda was the vote on the proposed amendments to Chapter 3, Sections 1, 16, 18, 20, and 21 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows and Chapter 2 of Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline Registration Registirable Breeds By Group. This amendment would split the Sporting and Hound Groups, and the Non-Sporting Group would be renamed the Companion Group and a new Northern Group would be created. If this amendment were adopted, all references to the number of Groups must be changed to accommodate the new number of Groups. Since the original proposal was made, some Parent Clubs have expressed dissatisfaction with their breeds’ proposed placement. Other clubs have raised logistical and cost issues.

Before the proposed Group realignment amendments were considered, the Chair called on Dr. Tom Davies, Vice President of the AKC Board and Chair of the Group Realignment Committee, who spoke as follows: Thank you, Mr. President. After the Delegates voted to defer the proposed amendment on realignment to this meeting, the Realignment Committee reconsidered its recommendations. As the Chairman of that committee, I reported to the AKC Board in November that a majority of the committee members felt that the matter needed further study. The Committee continues to believe that the eventual realignment of the Group structure will be necessary; but based on input from Parent Clubs and the fancy, the current proposal may not be ideal. In the best interests of the sport, the Committee suggests that the realignment proposal needs further discussion and refinement. The influx of new breeds, six this year alone, along with the current list of FSS breeds that will likely be advanced in the near future as a result of recent Board action, suggests that a reassessment of the Committee’s recommendations may be necessary and desirable. Therefore, I move that the proposed amendment be referred back to the Board.

There was a motion and a second to commit.

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows: I am speaking now as the Chairman of the Parent Club Committee. At our committee meeting on Monday, Dr. Davies and the two members of our committee, John Nielsen and Karen Burgess, discussed this with our committee. Our committee voted unanimously to support the wish of the Realignment Committee regarding the postponement. Thank you.

The Chair Recognized William Green, Delegate for the Rio Grande Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: Although the need to go back and reevaluate this proposal is obvious, my club wonders and I wonder, whether we might be better off to simply start with a new slate, a clean sheet of paper, rather than prolong the current proposal further than it has been carried on already. In other words, give it an up or down vote today. If, as might be expected, the current proposal would fail, the Realignment Committee could still work on a new proposal, but starting from scratch, rather than trying to patch up what we already have. Thank you.

There was a vote with a majority in favor of committing the matter to the Board.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows; Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility. The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This amendment would eliminate the use of telegrams to change or cancel entries, as telegrams are now obsolete. There was no discussion and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 10, Sections 1 through 6 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians, and Chapter 15, Section 1, of Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Protests Against Dogs. The proposed amendments were brought forward by the Delegates Dog Show Rules Committee. These changes would update the requirements for show veterinarians to better accommodate on call veterinarians and to require clubs to inform them of their duties. It has been published in two issues of the AKC GAZETTE, and is on the blue worksheet.

Your Board recommends its approval. A two thirds affirmative vote is required to adopt. Is there any discussion? As a result of questions that were raised concerning the clarity of the proposed wording, the Delegates voted to refer the matter back to the Dog Show Rules Committee.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds, Rules for Pointing Breed Field Trials, which would establish minimum standards for National Championship events. This amendment was brought forward by the Performance Events Department of the AKC 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 2010 meeting.

The Chair called on John Lyons, Chief Operating Officer, to announce some additional honors and awards. Mr. Lyons spoke as follows: I am pleased to announce the first quarter AKC 2010 Community Achievement Awards. This award is given to clubs and AKC federations and their members who have made outstanding contributions to public education.
or canine legislation activities. Each honoree receives an AKC certificate of recognition, and the AKC donates $1,000 to each honoree’s Club or federation. Details about the honoree’s accomplishments are published in the AKC GAZETTE and featured on the AKC website.

The first quarter honorees are Tom and Barbara Bishop of the New Brunswick Kennel Club; the Bayou Kennel Club Delegate, Wayne Boyd, Delegate; and the Bismarck Kennel Club.

Please join me in congratulating this quarter’s honorees.

Next we are pleased to announce that Golden Gate Basset Rescue is the latest recipient of a grant from the AKC Humane Fund. Golden Gate Basset Rescue is the tenth organization to receive a grant from the AKC Humane Fund in less than one year. The fund is proud to support AKC clubs in this very important cause.

On February 23rd, the United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 393, honoring the American Kennel Club for its service to dog owners and the United States public. This measure and its companion House Resolution 160 have now passed both the House and the Senate, giving formal national and Congressional recognition to the American Kennel Club for dedication to our mission of promoting responsible dog ownership through public education programs, and by protecting the rights of all dog owners for the continued enjoyment of their companions.

Congratulations to our Government Relations Department for a job well done. It’s also my pleasure to announce that the AKC Publications Department was the recipient of six awards at the Dog Writers Association of America awards banquet on Sunday, February 14th, including Best All-Breed Magazine for the AKC GAZETTE. Also, our book entitled Dogs: The First 125 Years of the American Kennel Club received the Non Fiction Book Award from the Alliance of Purebred Dog Writers at their luncheon on February 14th.

Please join me in congratulating our staff for their splendid accomplishments and their well deserved recognition.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the June 7th, 2010 Delegates meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia at the Hilton Atlanta Downtown Hotel. In the next few weeks, our Conference and Travel Department will send more information and will place the hotel information on the Delegates Portal.

During New Business the following Delegates spoke:

Barbara Wicklund, Delegate for the Basset Hound Club of America, made an appeal for donations to a legal fund to defend the owner of the Murder Hollow Basset Hound Pack, a recognized award winning pack of hunting bassets in Philadelphia, raided last July by the Pennsylvania SPCA with 11 dogs seized under duress.

Blackie Nygood, Delegate for the Misplion Kennel Club, asked anyone who has suggestions about revising the veterinarian amendments to please send them to her or to Linda Flynn.

Ms. Laurans thanked all the Parent Club Delegates who’s presidents sent in the name of the person who will be attending the Parent Club Conference the last weekend in August in the Raleigh Durham area.

She also asked all Parent Club Delegates to check the AKC website to see if their current list of officers is correct.

David Hopkins, Delegate for the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, and Chair of the Field Trials and Hunting Test Events Committee, spoke about John Russell’s induction into the Field Trial Hall of Fame a few weeks ago with one of his greatest dogs.

Patie Klecan, Delegate for the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, suggested that everyone urge their All Breed Clubs to buy subscriptions to Family Dog and try to get it into as many veterinarian offices as possible, in order to spread the word about all the wonderful things that AKC does, as well as the advantages of purebred dogs.

Judith Priestly, Delegate for the Companion Dog Training Club of Flint, Michigan, urged everybody who does a press release to follow that up with phone calls. She also suggested the AKC Marketing Department develop a new PSA that clubs can use in their area to support our cause.

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, reminded everybody that the deadline for articles for the next issue of Perspectives is April the fifth. Both she and Monica Stoner, the issue coordinator can be contacted.

Hearing no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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