

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
September 13, 2011

Dennis B. Sprung, President, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. There was a vote for the Delegates on the Standing Committees. (See the first page of the Delegates Meeting for results).

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Chairman, Ron Menaker; Vice Chairman, Dr. Thomas Davies; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; James Crowley, the Executive Secretary; and court reporter, Mark Schaffer.

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

The Chair reported on the passing of Jean Anderson on July the 5th, Delegate for the Penn Treaty Kennel Club since January of 2004.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since our last meeting:
Maria Arechaederra, to represent Kuvasz Club of America
Dominic Carota, to represent Pharaoh Hound Club of America
Esther Cassatt, to represent Kennel Club of Niagara Falls
Joseph Franklin, to represent Pekingese Club of America
Yale Goldman, represent Jacksonville Dog Fanciers Association
Linda LaFrance, to represent Greater Ocala Dog Club
Sally McNamara, to represent Jaxon Kennel Club
Carole Plesur, to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America
Sharon Sakson, to represent Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club
Karen Sen, to represent Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America
Kevin Shupenia, to represent Harrier Club of America
Robert Urban, to represent American Black & Tan Coonhound Club of America
Suzanne Warfield, to represent Japanese Chin Club of America

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

Maria Arechaederra, to represent Kuvasz Club of America
Esther Cassatt, to represent Kennel Club of Niagara Falls
Linda LaFrance, to represent Greater Ocala Dog Club
Martha L. Nazak, Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia
Sally McNamara, to represent Jaxon Kennel Club
Carole Plesur, to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America
Sharon Sakson, to represent Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club
Kevin Shupenia, to represent Harrier Club of America
Heather Smith, Scottish Deerhound Club of America
Jennifer Toebben, Nebraska Kennel Club

The Chair reported that the Board of Directors and the Executive Officers hosted the orientation for new Delegates on the preceding evening. It was very successful and, he believed well received.

The minutes of the June 13th, 2011 Delegates meeting which were published in the July 2011 *Gazette*, were approved as published.

The Elmira Kennel Club was elected a member of the American Kennel Club.

The Chair introduced Chairman, Ronald Menaker, who spoke as follows:

Good morning. This November 19th and 20th, AKC Meet the Breeds will return to New York City for its third spectacular year at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center.

Sponsored by Pet Partners, Inc., your partner in Pet Health Care, AKC Meet the Breeds is one of our largest public outreach opportunities of the year. Over 39,000 people attended last year, and we achieved more than 700 million media and ad impressions. This year we have a bigger space--160,000 square feet-- where we hope to welcome an even larger crowd of dog and cat lovers. We will also be joined by a new partner, the International Cat Association (TICA), the world's largest genetic registry of purebred cats.

The current lineup of activities includes demonstrations of agility, obedience and rally, Frisbee Disc Dogs, and flyball. We'll see Beagles, Belgium Malinois and other breeds used by United States Customs and Border Protection show off their skills at detecting narcotics in suitcases and boxes.

Border Terriers and Dachshunds will race through an above ground see-through tunnel in the Earthdog demo, and United States Police Canine Association officers and their canine partners will apprehend suspects in a demonstration of the dogs' masterful obedience and agility skills.

Thank you to the many parent clubs that have already signed up to participate. Your support over the past two years has been instrumental in making this event a tremendous success. If you are a parent club that has not signed up, we encourage you to do so soon. For more information about breed booths, please contact Gina DiNardo at gml@akc.org or 212-696-8350. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you very much.

The Chair spoke as follows:

Before I give the President's Report, we have some late-breaking news. This morning the Board discussed a proposal on Judging Approval, which was submitted by Dr. Robert Smith's committee. Feedback from the Fancy will be welcomed for a 21-day period, once the proposal is made public. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Staff, we thank all of the committee members for your hard work.

Next is the President's report. Please stand for a moment of silence in memory of the tragedy which occurred during our meeting ten years ago.

(A moment of silence was observed.)

Thank you. A great deal has changed in each of our lives as a result of that day. Let's share some of what occurred and AKC's accomplishments in this area.

That morning, Ron and I were in the lobby of this very hotel, when Blackie came up and said that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. We walked over to the deserted bar area in the lobby where an elderly gentleman was watching the news. When we approached, he said to us, "My son called last night. One of our planes is missing and they're coming to get us." Moments later, the second plane hit. When we turned around, the gentleman was gone.

That day, we were all together. There were 284 Delegates in attendance, approximately 152 of you are still serving. Naturally, the meeting bordered on chaotic. We hugged and reassured each other outwardly, but inside many of us felt fear and anger. There were many valid but opposing thoughts of what to do. After a discussion about the agenda

and a vote for the standing committees, we adjourned and helped one another begin going home or finding safe haven for the night.

In reflecting upon the 9/11 anniversary, the thought that always resonates with me is the type of special people that make up our community. I recall how the DOGNY project came about, allowing the American Kennel Club to honor search and rescue dogs that helped in Pennsylvania, Washington and New York City, and will provide some behind-the-scenes facts.

It was very much a shared success. Delegate Tom Davies' Springfield Kennel Club was the very first sponsor, and many clubs followed. FedEx, IAMS, J.P. Morgan and Hartz became major corporate sponsors. Before too long, numerous other organizations heeded our call for support, and we received help from many more household names. It took until the following evening for me to arrive home. The Ladies Kennel Association was holding a meeting in my house, so one could find me in the basement.

CBS Radio began broadcasting a plea for the donation of a portable x-ray machine for rescue dogs that were hurt searching through the rubble. My thought was: Dog people could do that, so I went up the stairs and asked the ladies to post an on-line request to purchase an x-ray machine. About nine p.m., a call came in, and we were able to get everything we needed from a salesman in West Virginia.

Our next challenge was how to transport the x-ray machine, cartons of film, aprons and gloves. So another request went out to relay the equipment to Ground Zero. Dozens of our own caring dog people called throughout the evening, and by early morning the race was on. From West Virginia to Maryland to Pennsylvania, ending up in New Jersey with Afghan Hound breeders Bob and Angela DiNicola, who passed it off for the final delivery.

Luckily, AKC had presented one of our very first ACE awards to a member of the K-9 Unit at the Queensboro Kennel Club the year prior, through the courtesy of Linda Lacchia and Rey and Viola Burgos. A call was made to Lieutenant Donadio, and he instructed us to have the equipment brought through the Lincoln Tunnel and to proceed down 11th Avenue until we were stopped. And indeed we were stopped, and allowed to make one phone call to the lieutenant. Within minutes we were surrounded by police and unmarked cars with sirens blasting, and escorted to the very street corner of Ground Zero. Just as the car was coming to a stop, the veterinarians from the Suffolk County SPCA, headed by Gerald Lauber, came running towards us and started to assemble the x-ray machine. We weren't there long enough to see it in use, as we soon were escorted out of Ground Zero. But I knew then and there: The American Kennel Club did the right thing. It was really the most emotional moment of my life. The streets lining our departure had tens of thousands of people waving flags and cheering us. But I knew a lot better -- they were cheering you, the AKC family.

In the back of my mind was another thought: We could do more. So the idea for DOGNY actually evolved just two days after 9/11, eventually raising over \$3.5 million dollars for search and rescue organizations throughout our country as we worked with fanciers, corporations and the public. In fact, it was with these funds that the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund was begun. Since that time, AKC CAR has made numerous significant grants nationwide.

Interestingly, following 9/11, the government chose to keep secret which search and rescue organizations came to the three cities with their dogs but AKC staff did the research and identified over 90 amateur and professional organizations that went to all three cities. Each organization was sent several thousand dollars as a thank-you and as a way to defer their costs. After all, this could occur again -- where you live.

Looking back, the project almost didn't happen. Daphna Straus was hired as a consultant. Today she is our AVP of Business Development, and she, along with our

legal team, began working through the maze of red tape necessary for the City to give us contractual permission to have statues displayed on the streets to commemorate the very first anniversary of 9/11. For some unknown reason, the newly-elected Bloomberg administration, taking over from everybody's hero, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, seemed to concentrate on things other than the AKC -- can you imagine? Almost two months into the project, it was time to call Co-Chair Karen LeFrak, and tell her about my frustration. Actually, I bitched a whole lot. This project may not go anywhere. Surprisingly, early the next morning I received a call from the First Deputy Mayor stating the City was ready to sign. After patting myself on the back about a hundred times -- I mean, this was like going best -- I remembered to call Karen to tell her about this coincidentally good news, which I did -- dead silence. "Can you hear me?" There was more silence. "Okay, what's going on?" After my call the previous day, Karen walked over to Mayor Bloomberg's townhouse and left a note on his kitchen table.

We had to figure out how to transport 111 raw sculptures from the foundry to different artists' studios around the city, then have each one individually picked up and brought to another company to be mounted on bases. We reached out to fancier Honi Reisman who arranged a conference call with Ken May, the Senior Vice President of Fed Ex. Again, AKC was lucky, perhaps because we were doing the right thing.

He said, "We can do this." but I missed his meaning, as my response was, "I know you can do it, but can we pay for it?" Ken's answer was astounding. He said, "You're paying for nothing. Your company's a hero. We're just going to help make it happen." And they did, providing tens of thousands of dollars of free shipments and logistics.

I'll also tell you about what was a guarded secret for quite a while with another member of our family. AKC received a call from the Police Department that some of the approximately 300 dog teams that came to New York were injured and were being treated at an animal hospital, but their owners were being charged, so I called a member of their Board of Directors to ask who I could speak with. The response was quote: "Dennis, I'll make you a deal. I will pay for the care of every single dog, if you keep it a secret between the two of us." Well, that deal is long over and that angel is Tony Sosnoff, another example of the quality people with whom you and I are blessed to share our passion.

The cooperation amongst our clubs, fanciers, corporate America and the media was extraordinary, growing into our largest public outreach up until that time. However, without passionate dog people, it would have been simply another good idea.

I'm just going to stop my speech because I want you to take a good look at this statue.

This is a handsome German Shepherd in good coat, just what it should look like. But there's a lot of passion and emotion behind this statue. The coat is made up of the name, age, city and state of every person in America who perished on that day. I am very proud to tell you AKC's Board of Directors instantly supported this public art exhibition and fund-raiser. Rubenstein Associates, American's premier PR firm, required a presentation before agreeing to work on the project. Midway through, they proclaimed, "We're in." With their efforts, AKC benefited by a wide variety of media appearances. Sculptures bearing AKC's name that were displayed for the first anniversary still remain in some places: St. Vincent's Hospital, PACE University, the Fire Department Museum, the Veterans Administration Hospital, Purina Farms, Station One of the Portland Fire Department, and at AKC headquarters. Statues were painted live on The Today Show during numerous segments, and the NASDAQ screen in Times Square featured our program.

In Georgia, Governor Sonny Perdue unveiled a bronze DOGNY statue at the State Capitol Building in Atlanta with Delegates Ann Wallin, Karen and Asa Mays, and Carmen Battaglia representing 32 clubs and associations. In Oklahoma, Onofrio and four of our

All-Breed Clubs dedicated a statue near the site of the bombing of the Federal building. A bronze version marks the entrance to the world headquarters of Hartz in New Jersey, and one welcomes visitors to our Operations Center.

AKC was made appealing to the public from a canine perspective and a human one. For shoppers and tourists, when Saks Fifth Avenue blackened all but two of their 34 windows to commemorate the anniversary, both windows displayed only DOGNY dogs. Broadway buffs saw a pair of sculptures over a three-month period in the heart of Shubert Alley, where two and a half million people visit every week. In the sports arena, we were fortunate that the three-year wait for a special event at Yankee Stadium was handled in one week, and their organization offered DOGNY Day, at which 25,000 special edition pinstripe "Help a Hero" toys were donated by Hartz. A statue purchased by breeder/exhibitor Amy Kiehl bears the signatures of the entire Yankee team. Major League Baseball as well as the New York Mets organization and their owners, obedience exhibitors Fred and Judy Wilpon, also sponsored statues. Plush dog mementos carrying AKC's messaging appeared in over 12,000 stores across the country. Some will recall that the President of Hartz, Robert Devine, attended our meeting in September, 2002 as a guest of this body when he presented a check to Ron Menaker for \$775,000. Soon after, Hartz donated an additional \$500,000. Ron did a great, great deal as co-Chair throughout the entire DOGNY project.

TFH published a commemorative book and after the public art display Sotheby's auction house donated their main gallery, along with the services of Vice Chair Benjamin Dollar as auctioneer. Famed columnist and dachshund fancier Liz Smith also donated her time as Guest auctioneer, and graced us with more publicity.

This gives you a bit of history about DOGNY and its accomplishments during a time of crisis in our nation and the numerous reasons to be proud of yourselves, your clubs, and the many special people in our community, as well as AKC CAR and the American Kennel Club. Thank you.

(Prolonged standing ovation)

Thank you very much. But I must repeat what I said during my speech. It was a shared success and you deserve the applause.

The Chair called on James Stevens, CFO, for the financial report. A summary follows: Total revenues of \$36.1 million for the first eight months of 2011 were 5% lower than last year. The major sources of our revenues continued to be adversely impacted by the sluggish economy. Successful cost containment efforts resulted in total year-to-date expenses being slightly less than the previous year.

This resulted in a year-to-date operating deficit of \$2.3 million. However, operations maintained a positive cash flow due to certain expenses being of a non-cash nature.

A difficult stock market environment in July and August of this year resulted in a year-to-date investment loss of \$652,000.

(applause.)

The first Bylaw vote is on the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 5 of *the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club* which would apply identical restrictions to someone who misappropriates funds from AKC or an AKC subsidiary or affiliate organization, as we now do for someone who misappropriates funds from a AKC sanctioned, licensed or member club.

The proposal was read in June; it has been published in two issues of the *Gazette*, and it was on the worksheet previously distributed. The proposed amendment was approved by the Board of Directors.

There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted. (The amendment is effective September 15, 2011).

The next Bylaw vote was on the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 7 of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club*, which would allow that when the Board has determined that a seated Delegate is ineligible to serve under Section 5, the Delegate's club may appeal to the Delegate Body. The Delegate's club has been permitted to appeal that decision under Section 7, even though this is not specifically provided for in this section. So this amendment would make such provision, thus bringing this section of the Bylaws into alignment with actual practice. The proposal was read to you in June and published in two issues of the *Gazette*, and was on the worksheet previously distributed. The amendment was approved by AKC's Board of Directors.

A two-thirds affirmative vote will be required for adoption.

Is there any discussion?

There was a discussion as follows:

The Chair recognized James Efron, Delegate for the Nashville Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

My club's has asked me to add some language to clarify. On Line 10, after the word "Delegates," they have asked that I include "by a Delegate or Staff member of the club's choosing." Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Is there a second on this?

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Mr. Sprung: We have a second. Is there discussion?

Mr. Crowley: Just one point. In adding the Staff there, you are actually asking a Staff person to advocate a position contrary to what the Board has decided. I don't know if that's really appropriate.

Mr. Sprung: Jim?

Mr. Efron: My understanding was originally that a rule change would be read by you, Mr. Crowley?

Mr. Crowley: Correct.

Mr. Efron: If it was presented to AKC for a rule change, or if someone was appealing the Board ruling --

Mr. Crowley: Right. In a case where the Board has determined that an individual is ineligible, they are appealing that, and you want the Staff person to advocate that appeal, contrary to the Board decision.

Mr. Efron: So if the club presented an appeal without any designation, it would be read by you?

Mr. Crowley: If submitted, I would read it.

Mr. Efron: Yes, to the Delegate Body.

Mr. Crowley: I thought you actually wanted the person to argue in favor of it or to advocate it.

Mr. Efron: No.

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

By "Delegate or Staff member," and it doesn't designate any Staff member, "of the club's choosing," so this means if this is adopted, they can choose any Staff member they want and they'd have to be flown here. Doesn't this sort of come under a conflict of interest? It could come under a conflict of interest; couldn't it? Just a question.

Mr. Sprung: It could, because the Staff reports to the Board, and if the Board has made its decision, so absolutely it could.

Mr. Crowley: Just one other point. Based on practice, which would continue here, until the appeal is actually heard and decided by the Delegates, that person would remain a Delegate during that appeal period. So the Delegate whose eligibility would be challenged would be able to present their own case at the Delegate meeting. That has been the practice and that would continue. So you could have somebody else speak on their behalf, but that Delegate themselves would be able to speak at the meeting on their own behalf.

Mr. Efron: Based on that, and in an effort to keep costs down, I would take the Staff member out and just leave it by a Delegate of the club's choosing.

Mr. Sprung: Let just change the wording on the screen.

Is there any objection to taking those highlighted words out? Is there any further discussion of this proposed amendment? Then we will vote on inserting the words "by a Delegate of the club's choosing."

There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted. (The amendment is effective September 13, 2011).

The first Dog Show Rule vote is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 3, Section 17, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*; Chapter 4, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Approval of Judges' Panels and Premium Lists*; Chapter 5, Section 1 and 7 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prize and Trophies*; and Chapter 6, Section 2A of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries*; and Chapter 7, Section 13 and 19, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*; all of which would establish a reserve Best in Show. These proposals were read at the June, 2011 meeting and were published in two issues of *The Gazette* and distributed on the worksheets. The amendments were submitted by the Delegates Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by AKC's Board of Directors. Without objection, since all of these amendments establish a Reserve Best in Show and they do not stand alone, they were considered as one vote. A two-thirds for affirmative vote will be required for adoption.

There was discussion as follows:

The Chair recognized Cynthia Miller, Delegate for the Harrisburg Kennel Club, who

spoke as follows:

We suggest that the word "dog" is removed from "Best Dog in Show." This is suggested by Barbara Shaw of the Greater Collins Kennel Club and was discussed and approved by our Dog Show Rules Committee yesterday.

Mr. Sprung: do we have a second?

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Mr. Sprung: We have a second. Is there any discussion?
We'll take a majority vote. Please raise your hand if you are in favor of this change.
Those in favor, please raise your hand. Thank you.
Those opposed? Thank you.
The majority has it, and the word "dog" is taken out of this amendment.

The question is on the proposed amendments to Chapter 3, Section 17 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*; Chapter 4, Section 1 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Approval of Judges Panels and Premium Lists*; Chapter 5, Section 1 and 7 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Ribbons, Prizes and Trophies*; Chapter 6, Section 2A of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries*; and Chapter 7, Section 13 and 19 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*. There were two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendment was adopted as amended. (The amendments are effective July 3, 2012).

The Chair recognized Stanley Saltzman, Delegate for the San Francisco Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows:

May we have a division to see if that count was correct, please?

Mr. Sprung: We sure can.

Mr. Saltzman: Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: What we'll do is a count. So are you on board with that, Stan?
Those in favor, please stand and remain standing. Thank you.
(A count is conducted by Paula Spector.)

Mrs. Spector: 248.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.
Those opposed, please stand and remain standing. Thank you.
(A count is conducted by Mrs. Spector.)

Mrs. Spector: 85.

Mr. Sprung: There are 248 in favor, 85 opposed. There are two-thirds in the majority and the amendments are adopted as amended. Thank you, Paula.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Section 5 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*; Chapter 1 and a new Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*; and Chapter 2, Sections 11 through 15 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Making Application to Hold a Dog Show*;

Chapter 3, Sections 12 through 23 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*; and Chapter 6, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries*, which are all housekeeping changes.

The proposals were read at the June 2011 meeting. They were published in two issues of the *Gazette*, and are on the worksheets previously distributed. The amendment was submitted by the Delegates Dog Show Rules Committee and approved by AKC's Board of Directors.

Without objection, these were all considered together as one vote. A two-thirds vote is required for adoption.

There was discussion as follows:

Ms. Miller: Can we go to Chapter 6, Section 8.

Mr. Sprung: Yes.

Ms. Miller: We would like to change "for outright award" to "in accordance with Chapter 5 Section 7 through 12." This is suggested by Julian Prager of the Central Florida Kennel Club. It was discussed and approved by the Dog Show Rules Committee.

Ms. Miller: "Outright award." Right. There you go. And add "in accordance with Chapter 5, Section 7 through 12."

Mr. Sprung: Is there a second on this?

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Mr. Sprung: We have a second. Is there any discussion?

We are going to a vote on this amendment. All those in favor, please raise your hand.

Thank you.

Those opposed, please raise your hand.

The amendment passes by a majority vote.

The question is on the proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Section 5 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*; Chapter 1 and a new Section 8 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Shows Defined*; and Chapter 2, Sections 11 through 15 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Making Application to Hold a Dog Show*; Chapter 3, Sections 12 through 23 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Dog Show Classifications*; and Chapter 6, Section 8, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Premium Lists and Closing of Entries*

There were two-thirds in the affirmative, and the amendments were passed as amended. (The amendments are effective September 13, 2011).

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*.

Mr. Crowley: This amendment is to Chapter 7, Section 1 of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows - Judges*. It eliminates the prohibition of a person connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or salesman from becoming an AKC judge. The full text is on the worksheet previously distributed. This amendment was brought forward by the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, and was

disapproved by the AKC Board of Directors. The Colorado Springs Kennel Club has demanded that it be noticed per Article XX, Section 36 of the *Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club*.

It will be published in two issues of the on-line *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the December, 2011 meeting.

There was discussion as follows:

The Chair recognized Sidney Marx, Delegate for the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Fellow Delegates, on behalf of the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, I am asking Delegates to consider this change to the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*. Before I go any further, I'd like to address something. It was stated in the list of items to be voted at this meeting that the proposal made by the Colorado Springs Kennel Club was disapproved, and that the Colorado Springs Kennel Club demanded to have this proposal presented to the Delegate Body. I will assume that this is Robert's Rule of Order terminology, because at no time did we demand anything.

Mr. Crowley: It's the wording in the AKC Bylaws.

Mr. Marx: That's fine. I just wanted that clarified, so thank you. We simply believe that this proposal should be heard by the entire Delegate body, and not just by a few Delegates who sometimes change viewpoints when they become Board members. The Delegates Advocacy and Advancement Committee states that among the unique powers of the Delegate are to approve rules governing dog shows and field trials and amendments to the AKC Bylaws. Since AKC is a club of clubs, it is right that the entire body decides this issue, not a few individuals.

Among the many problems we are facing is the aging of our judges. This is obviously one reason that a committee has been working on ways to change or improve our judges approval system. The proposal by my club fits in with the possible changes to the judges approval process. Simply put: In Chapter 7, Section 1 of *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, we propose elimination of the phrase "persons connected with dog food, dog remedy or kennel supply companies in the capacity of solicitor or salesman" for Paragraph 2.

There is no reason to limit the pool of possible new judges with this prohibition. Times have changed, and there are many reputable and knowledgeable breeders and exhibitors who supplement the cost of breeding by selling dog food or other supplies. The paragraph as presently constituted denies some people the opportunity to even apply to judge, and denies the dog show populace the opportunity to have new blood enter the judging ranks. In our part of the world, we see the same 15 to 20 judges over and over again. There is nothing wrong with some of these judges, but once they have seen the same dogs five times a year, it kind of eliminates any suspense. I know that this situation also hurts entries in our region. I believe the original reason for the present ruling was a concern for integrity. If we are truly concerned about conflicts of interest, do we stop judges who hold seminars on breeding, showing or canine movement? Do we eliminate judges who still breed dogs and sell puppies from time to time? Some judges have a grooming shop, sell canine accessories at shows or teach handling classes. Do we eliminate these from the potential judging pool? I hope not, since many of these activities are beneficial to the Fancy, both novice and experienced. Do we really believe that if Steven Gladstone buys five bags of food from a judge, and I only buy one, that Mister Gladstone will win? Of course not. I have a better dog and I am nicer.
(Laughter.)

Mr. Marx: I thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Sprung: We thank you.

The Chair called on John Lyons, AKC's Chief Operating Officer, to talk to you about how you can share our "Good Things We Do" campaign with your clubs, and present some awards and to honor Delegates.

Mr. Lyons spoke as follows:

Good morning, everyone. At the June meeting, as you recall, our new Vice President for Marketing, Lisa Gonzalez, gave a presentation outlining the beginning phase of our new AKC marketing campaign. Then on September 8th, we e-mailed you a follow-up note on the "Good Things We Do" campaign. Since then, many of you have requested information and graphics on the campaign that you can share with your clubs. I'm pleased to tell you that you can access these materials on the Delegates page of the AKC website.

The materials include a newsletter article, screen saver, several visuals that can be used as handouts or posters, and news on the marketing changes to the litter kit. As you know, the marketing campaign focuses on reasons to register. We continue to count on you to help carry the message by asking all your club members to assure that 100 percent of their puppies are AKC registered. This is critically important to the future of this organization.

Now on to our awards. The AKC Community Achievement Awards are 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 a thousand dollars to each honoree's club or federation. Details about the honoree's accomplishments are featured on the AKC website.

The third quarter honorees are Barbara Wicklund of the Berkshire Valley Basset Hound Club, and Donna Herzig of the Louisville Kennel Club, Delegate Judy Melear. Please join me in congratulating them.

(applause)

It is once again time for us to recognize Delegates for their meritorious and long-term contributions to the sport. Each individual has served in this body for 25 years, and they join 79 previously honored Delegates. This medallion program recognizes our core constituency, and allows a grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own.

Will the following Delegates please come forward: Richard F. Coletti of the North Shore Kennel Club; John P. Nielson, the English Setter Association of America; Rose J. Radel, Ramapo Kennel Club; James W. Smith, Dalmatian Club of America; and John S. Whitaker, the English Springer Spaniel Club of the Central States.

(applause.)

The Chair called on James Crowley to honor two of our member clubs. Mr. Crowley spoke as follows:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Eastern Dog Club and the Montgomery County Kennel Club, which are celebrating 100 years of membership in the American Kennel Club. The Chairman will present each club with a plaque to commemorate this occasion.

If the Delegates of those clubs are present, please come to the front of the room.
(applause.)

The Chair explained that the Teller's Report was not yet completed and stated that it would be announced during lunch. Some of it was available, however, as there was no election required for the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee. The Delegates nominated for these committees were seated.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary who read the names of the Delegates who will serve on this committee as follows:
Delegates who self-nominated, and will serve three-year terms on Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee are: Gerard Baudet, John Fitzpatrick, DVM, and Robert LaBerge.

Mr. Crowley gave the report on the Nominating Committee as follows:
The next item is a report on the appointments to the Nominating Committee. At the August meeting, the Board of Directors selected the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee to select candidates for the Class of 2016.
Harold Miller, Chair, American Foxhound Club; Erik Bergishagen, Detroit Kennel Club; James S. Corbett, Tualatin Kennel Club; Dr. Patricia Haines, Cincinnati Kennel Club; Ruth Winston, Ladies Kennel Association of America.
Alternates: Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club and James Efron, Nashville Kennel Club. We would now like to ask Harold Miller, the Chair of the committee, to address the Delegates.

Mr. Miller spoke as follows:
Yes, at this time I'd like to say we had our first successful meeting last night, and at this point every member of the committee, including the alternates, are now actively seeking qualified applicants for these committees.
If you feel that you have been overlooked by any means, or that we've forgotten you or haven't had time to address you, please send your resume directly to me. Thank you.

The Chair reported that the December Delegates meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida. The meeting will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel on Friday, December 16th, 2011.

The following Delegates spoke during New Business:

Sidney Marx spoke about the Moratorium on Group Clubs. He explained that they have Group Clubs in Colorado, and requested that the moratorium be looked at on a regional basis and be lifted in Colorado as it will do nothing but increase the entries for the All-Breed Clubs. The All-Breed Clubs are in favor of that, so he wanted the Board to consider moving this item along instead of waiting to discuss it in October or November.

Nancy Perrell, Delegate for the Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, thanked the Delegates, including the four Board members who were present on the 9/11 Memorial at Liberty Park. She thanked CAR for providing a bus, and Paula Spector for getting the bus ready for the Delegates, and the Doberman Pincher Club of America for the donuts and coffee.

Rebecca Stanevich, Delegate for the Mountaineer Kennel Club, stated that as a member

of the search and rescue community, she wanted to thank the President and the AKC as a whole and AKC CAR for all the grants that are being given to search and rescue groups.

Marjorie Tuff, Delegate for the American Shetland Sheepdog Association, called on the AKC Board to cut down on trips to shows paid for by AKC, and requested that the AKC CFO provide a breakdown of such expenses.

Mr. Menaker, AKC Board Chairman, explained that he has never accepted the \$1,000 stipend nor has he been reimbursed for attending events. He also indicated that most of the Board members use none of the \$6,000 annual allowance money to attend events, and the policy was set forth when the Delegates complained that Board members should be going to certain shows.

Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, commended the Doberman Pinscher Club of America for providing every Veterans Administration hospital in the United States with a copy of the DVD "Dog of War" and the DVDs of the centennial for their libraries. Those DVDs have been sent to 169 Veterans Administration hospital libraries.

Kathrynanne Sarvinas, Delegate for the Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland, explained that her State is required to have a balanced budget. In order to balance the budget for the past three years, State employees have lost 30 days of pay. She asked whether AKC was going to take some kind of action among the Staff to maybe furlough Staff for a couple of days to make up some money.

Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, complimented the President on his moving tribute to 9/11. She also pointed out that Paula Spector was unbelievable during the 9/11 Delegate Meeting, helping out the Delegates, and staying to the bitter end.

Harold Miller told a story that relates to AKC, and spoke as follows:

Early in May in 2011, in the Kunduz Province in Afghanistan, there was a severe and bitter firefight. Many innocent children were left orphans. A soldier put a thought out to his wife on the Internet that he wished that she could get the surviving children some toys to help them forget the severe poverty that they are now faced with.

Someone at AKC saw this, and immediately wanted to help. The donation of some balls and frisbees for the children were sent out, along with some other donations by other members of our dog family who were aware of the situation. On August 29th, I received this letter and was asked to forward it to AKC.

"From the soldiers and children of the Islamabad, Afghanistan, thank you for donations and support. We truly appreciate all you sent to us. We are sorry that we lost the camera on the way back to our compound, as we took heavy enemy fire once again. We will try to get more photographs to you as soon as possible. As my gunner had turned to return fire, and in turning Islamabad, and the northern town and province of Kunduz. The men of Bravo Company and Sergeant Adam Miller." Thank you.

(applause.)

Carl Gomes, Delegate for the Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club, spoke in support of previous speaker Sidney Marx and for the Mile High Sporting Dog Fanciers.

Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club, spoke as follows:

This past Sunday, the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board met, one of our quarterly meetings, to consider the recommendation for a budget for grant research for the following year. I am pleased to announce that every grant that was recommended to the Grants Committee we were able to support financially this year, because of the excellent financial health of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, due to the generosity of our corporate sponsors: The American Kennel Club, Nestle, Purina, Pfizer, and most importantly you, individuals and club members who have been so supportive of the work and research at the Canine Health Foundation.

Last year, we supported 1.3 million dollars in research. This year, we were able to increase that by \$200,000 and support over one and a half million dollars to support over 22 research grants at our veterinary schools around the country. We also approved, I think, almost \$260,000 in grants for our Acorns. So we thank you individually, collectively from the AKC Canine Health Foundation. Thank you.

Sydney Marx stated that the President indicated that Dr. Davies told the Delegates that Group Realignment is being reconsidered. He requested that if we are going to accept new breeds, that they have some form of education to go along with it. He volunteered to help them put together the PowerPoints.

Barbara Wicklund, Delegate for the Basset Hound Club of America, spoke about a request from her club to lower jump heights for Basset Hounds in Agility.

Glenda Stephenson, Delegate for the Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, spoke about a Reserve Junior Handler Award. She is working on it with Mari-Beth O'Neill. At her last show in June, she worked with Ms. O'Neill and Robin Stansell to have an Honorable Mention Award, which is given to the Second Place Best Junior in the ring.

Blackie Nygood, Delegate for the Mispillion Kennel Club, stated how valuable the Staff liaisons are and greatly assist all the Delegate committees and asked that they be permitted to attend committee meetings.

Ann Wallin, Delegate for the Atlanta Kennel Club, thanked AKC CAR for an initiative that they began which reached out to local kennel clubs around the United States to assist with the presentation of grants for the search and rescue teams. She indicated that with the assistance of Gail LaBerge, who's with the Georgia Canine Coalition, Dr. Carmen Battaglia and herself, they were able to put together a presentation, representing a lot of the local clubs in Atlanta. They were able to do this at the capitol, and had the Governor of Georgia there, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the State Veterinarian and some very important local legislators to be present while a check was given to one of the local search and rescue teams.

Judith Daniels, Delegate for the Mt. Baker Kennel Club, explained that the Chairs of the Delegate committees met the previous Sunday night because they were concerned and wanted to find any way to possibly offer a solution to the problem of no staff liaisons. Because they felt that the Staff liaisons for Delegate committees are an absolutely vital part of their work and feel that it's a leg of communication from Staff to Delegates, and Delegates to Staff, that is very important for both.

In an effort to mitigate the cost that was going to be saved by them not being in Committee meetings, the Chairs asked committee members if they would be willing to relinquish a portion of the stipend that they give for the extra work. Without exception, the committees agreed.

They have written a letter as an offer to the Directors to accept this in good faith as a win-win situation, as a no-cost effort. They are very hopeful and looking forward to having Staff back.
(applause.)

Carl Ashby III, Delegate for the United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, spoke for the CAR Board and Tom Davies, the Chairman, indicating that there will be additional grant cycles through AKC CAR. It is extremely important that all be aware of those cycles, so that Delegates can look in their area and see if there is a deserving search and rescue or other organization that can take advantage of these grants.

Somewhere in the neighborhood of 325 - 350 thousand dollars this past year was granted. A lot of these grants are small, but that means that many groups can get them. But just as importantly as the money, is that they put a really public face on the American Kennel Club and local clubs. So when you need help, you now have people you can go to. He thought the response by the number of clubs who wanted to be part of these check presentations was impressive.

Mr. Ashby urged Delegates to look around and see where they can apply for them and encouraged local groups to apply for those grants as well, and if awarded, to be part of the presentation process.

Crecia Closson, Delegate for the Lakes Region Kennel Club, concurred with Mrs. Nygood and Mrs. Daniels on the need to have more Staff at Delegate meetings to answer question as they arise.

Dr. Gerry Meisels, Delegate for the St Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association, stressed that nationally, we are struggling with all kinds of things economically and some of the sacred cows that have existed for a long time are being addressed. However, he cautioned that one of the great risks is when people start to distrust each other and not work with each other for the common good.

He suggested that the Board and Staff look at whatever sacred cows that may be around that are usually considered as untouchable, that they leave no stones unturned in seeking to balance our budget, and all that can be done to assure that our communications are adequate and we are not acting in an offensive way to any other part of the organization, whether that be Delegates, whether that be Staff or whether that be Board.

He asked them to please be extremely sensitive to the way things are done and the way they respond to the Delegates and communicate with the Delegates.

Mary Lou Olszewski; Delegate for the American Bloodhound Club, stressed that transparency was important for all and that we work together as a club of clubs. She also was very grateful to know she had a new CAR award in her geography. It was presented at a ceremony with the County Executive, the Sheriff and the club is making a huge deal of it, with a lot of radio coverage. It's become a forum for her club to be able to do some good community service. She encouraged others who are doing Responsible Dog Ownership Days to take the opportunity to bring some of these search and rescue clubs in as part of what clubs are trying to achieve, and let everybody else see how great they are, as it brings the AKC front and foremost.

Margaret Curtis, Delegate for the Greenwich Kennel Club, urged the Board to accept the suggestion that has been given, and to reinstate Staff attendance at Delegate meetings.

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, gave a quarterly reminder for *Perspectives*. The issue coordinator for the next issue of *Perspectives* will be Bonnie Lapham. The deadline is October the fifth and you can find both of their email addresses in the issue of *Perspectives* which was sent to you.

If anybody has any questions about writing for *Perspectives* or has an idea and would like to discuss ways they can flesh it out, committee members, who are also listed in *Perspectives*, are available to talk with you.

Nancy Bennett, Delegate for the American Belgian Malinois Club, stated that there are very few organizations that fly their Staff around the country these days to answer questions. The technology is there with things like Skype and conference calls and there are various ways to have virtual meetings on the computer.

Dale Hunsburger, Delegate for the St. Joseph Kennel Club, who advocated reinstating Staff liaisons as he saw Delegates as the heart of this group, the Board as the head of this group, and Staff as somewhat the soul. He felt if we don't have all three of those parts then we may not have anything.

Carlotta Dennie, Delegate for the Union County Kennel Club, relayed a story of how she was able to coordinate collecting desperately needed veterinary supplies for the search and rescue teams at Ground Zero, and also delivering them. She was contacted by a police captain, who had one of her Papillons. She urged everybody in every club to contact the police department in their area and let them know that if this happens in their town, they would be able to get supplies and know where to reach immediately for help and to get these to our precious search and rescue dogs.

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

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