

# G7 DELEGATES' QUARTERLY MEETING

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB MARCH 13, 2012

Dennis B. Sprung, *President*

PRESENT 408

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*

Affenpinscher Club of America—*Chad Howard*

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

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

Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*

Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia A. Peel*

Albany Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mary M. MacCollum*

American Belgian Malinois Club—*Ms. Nancy L. Bennett*

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

American Black & Tan Coonhound Club, Inc.—*Robert Urban*

American Bloodhound Club—*Mary L. Olszewski*

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

American Boxer Club, Inc.—*Bruce E. Voran*

American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*

American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*

American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Carol Williams*

American Chesapeake Club, Inc.—*Dyane Baldwin*

American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*

American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*

American Manchester Terrier Club—*Roberta Berman*

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

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

American Pomeranian Club, Inc.—*Dr. Geno Sisneros*

American Sealyham Terrier Club—*Kenneth W. Mader*

American Shetland Sheepdog Association—*Marjorie Tuff*

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

American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Julie*

*Virosteck*

American Tibetan Mastiff Association—*Martha Feltenstein*

American Whippet Club, Inc.—*Bobengtson*

Anatolian Shepherd Dog Club of America—*Karen Sen*

Anderson Kennel Club—*Phillip D. Sample*

Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*

Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Daniels*

Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Mulvey*

Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*

Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Gail A. LaBerge*

Austin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bette D. Williams*

Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—*Joyce Rowland*

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

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

Bayou Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wayne Boyd*

Bayshore Companion Dog Club, Inc.—*Gloria Marshall*

Bearded Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Kathy Coxwell*

Beaumont Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carl Holder*

Beaver County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Phyllis Belcastro*

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

Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carole A. Wilson*

Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally Birgl*

Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Sara Karl*

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

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

Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*

Black Russian Terrier Club of America—*Susan Sholar*

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*

Briard Club of America, Inc.—*Michael Gibson*

Bronx County Kennel Club—*Ms. Alexa Samarotto*

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

Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Ruth A. Williams*

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

Bulldog Club of America—*Robert L. Newcomb*

Bulldog Club of Philadelphia—*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*

Carroll County Kennel Club of New Hampshire, Inc.—*Cheryl Snedaker-Sims*

Catoctin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*

Catonsville Kennel Club—*Beverly A. Drake*

Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—*Julian Prager*

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

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

Central Ohio Kennel Club—*David W. Galloway*

Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club—*Paul Kouski*

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

Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pam Goldman*

Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*

Chattanooga Kennel Club—*David Gilstrap*

Cheshire Kennel Club, Inc.—*G. Robert Stevens*

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

# GZ delegates' quarterly meeting

- Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—*Rey Burgos*  
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*  
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nick Pisas*  
Chow Chow Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Ginny Atkinson*  
Cincinnati Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Patricia H. Haines*  
Clarksville Kennel Club—*Robert A. Schroll*  
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—*Dr. Stephen Lawrence*  
Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*  
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marjorie Underwood*  
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Maureen R. Setter*  
Clumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Judy Hiller*  
Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom*  
Colorado Kennel Club—*Mrs. Louise Leone*  
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—*Sidney L. Marx*  
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—*Robert Brown*  
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—*Norma J. Ryan*  
Concord Dog Training Club, Inc.—*John Adams*  
Connecticut River Working Group Association—*Fred G. Ferris*  
Contra Costa County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barry D. Cavanna*  
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*  
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*  
Dayton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Groeschel*  
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merlyn A. Green, D.C.*  
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*  
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—*Dr. A. D. Butherus*  
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—*John D. Hughes*  
Des Moines Obedience Training Club—*Lee Slorah*  
Detroit Kennel Club—*Mr. Erik Bergishagen*  
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—*Meg Weitz*  
Doberman Pinscher Club of America—*Mrs. Naomi R. Shorr*  
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*  
Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynann Sarvinas*  
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*  
Elm City Kennel Club—*Dr. Gregory J. Paveza*  
Elmira Kennel Club, Inc.—*Homer R. Hastings, III*  
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 Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*  
Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—*Peggy Helming*  
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Terrie Breen*  
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cathleen Rubens*  
Field Spaniel Society of America—*Katherine Sullivan*  
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret B. Pough*  
Finnish Spitz Club of America—*Kim Raleigh*  
First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Lydia Maduri*  
Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—*Kurt Anderson*  
Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Almira B. Dallas*  
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*  
Fort Worth Kennel Club—*Mr. Harry G. Ottmann*  
Fox River Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marcy G. Bankus*  
Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cathy De La Garza*  
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Connie S. Clapp*  
German Pinscher Club of America—*Deidre E. Gannon*  
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—*Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia*  
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—*Mr. Kenneth A. Marden*  
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia W. Laurans*  
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—*Kimberly Demchak*  
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*  
Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America—*Bruce H. Sussman*  
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Bonnie Lapham*  
Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carole L. Richards*  
Golden Retriever Club of America—*Ellen Hardin*  
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Nance O. Skoglund*  
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Lettis*  
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Robert M. Brown*  
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—*Ms. Karen J. Burgess*  
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*  
Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—*Patricia B. Staub*  
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia M. O'Connell*  
Greater Miami Dog Club—*Pedro Cofino*  
Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret DiCorleto*  
Greater Naples Dog Club—*Steven D. Gladstone*  
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—*Linda LaFrance*  
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—*Marlene Steinberg*  
Greater St. Louis Training Club, Inc.—*Jane V. (Candy) Slay*  
Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—*Caulder Ripley*  
Greenwich Kennel Club—*Margaret K. Curtis*  
Greyhound Club of America—*Melanie S. Steele*  
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cindy 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*  
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*  
Holyoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Leonard Abraham*  
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*  
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*  
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen*



# delegates' quarterly meeting

*McCullagh*

Hutchinson Kennel Club, Inc.—*David Helming*

Ibizan Hound Club of the United States—*Luane V. Williams*

Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Wyoma M. Clouss*

Illinois Capitol Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann L. Cookson*

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

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

Intermountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Michael L. Van Tassel*

International Kennel Club of Chicago, Inc.—*Susan Olsen*

Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Karolynne McAteer*

Irish Water Spaniel Club of America—*Evelyn M. Van Uden*

Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Linda Souza*

Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*

James River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mallory C. Driskill*

Jaxon Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally McNamara*

Jefferson County Kennel Club of Missouri—*Cledith Wakefield*

K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—*Dave Morgan*

Kalamazoo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joanne E. Kinnelly*

Kanadasaga Kennel Club—*Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia*

Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*

Kenilworth Kennel Club of Connecticut, Inc.—*Mrs. Gwen Wexler*

Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Thomas Powers*

Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Margaret Doster*

Kennel Club of Northern New Jersey —*Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton*

Kennel Club of Pasadena—*Jarratt Brunson*

Kennel Club of Philadelphia, Inc.—*Charles H. Schaefer*

Kennel Club of Riverside—*Sylvia A. Thomas*

Kennesaw Kennel Club—*James F. Gibson*

Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jacquelyn J. Fogel*

Komondor Club of America, Inc.—*Michael Harman*

Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms.*

*Virginia Van Doren*

Ladies' Dog Club, Inc.—*Kathi Brown*

Ladies' Kennel Association of America—*Ruth Winston*

Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Diana Skibinski*

Lakes Region Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Crecia C. Closson*

Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jan Croft*

Langley Kennel Club—*Ms. Dianne E. Franck*

Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert N. LaBerge*

Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dominic P. DiBalsi*

Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sue Goldberg*

Lima Kennel Club—*Dr. Anne Midgarden*

Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*

Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Luis F. Sosa*

Magic Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Sandra B. Barker*

Manatee Kennel Club—*Pat Edgington*

Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Romana Arnold*

Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. J. C. Garvin*

Maryland Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*

Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. William R. Newman*

McKinley Kennel Club—*Herman H. Tietjen*

Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Robert D. Smith*

Mensona Kennel Club, Inc.—*John S. Fitzpatrick, D.V.M.*

Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jeannette Nieder*

Michiana Kennel Club—*Cheryl Crompton*

Mid-Hudson Kennel Association, Inc.—*Gayle Bontecou*

Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—*John Russell*

Middleburg Kennel Club—*Shelley C. Roos*

Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*

Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood*

Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Gretchen Bernardi*

Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*

Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—*Sandra Haber*

Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Helmi Konderock*

Montgomery County Kennel Club—*Ms. Ida E. Weinstock*

Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lilian Ostermiller*

Mount Bachelor Kennel Club—*Lynette Blue*

Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb*

Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Rebecca S. Stanevich*

Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Judith V. Daniels*

Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*

National Beagle Club—*Eddie Dziuk*

National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Catherine B. Nelson*

National Shiba Club of America—*Maggi Strouse*

Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Viola Burgos*

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. Murch*

Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F. Taylor*

Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*

North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*

Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—*Billie Ponton*

Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—*Margaret Mott*

Norwich Terrier Club of America—*Betty McDonnell*

Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Marile A. Waterstraat*

Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*

Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—*James M. Ashton*

Okaloosa Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell*

Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Martha Nazak*

Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Christiana Gaburri*

Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Felice Jarrold*

Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*

Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Daniel R. Cunningham*

Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton*

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- J. Yamada*  
Otterhound Club of America—*Joellen 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.—*Miss Arlene A. Czech*  
Parson Russell Terrier Association of America—*Gary Koepfel*  
Pasanita Obedience Club Inc.—*Sheila Miller*  
Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Patricia J. Lombardi*  
Pekingese Club of America—*Joseph B. Franklin*  
Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne Bowes*  
Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dennis J. Gallant*  
Petit Basset Griffon Vendeen Club of America—*Anne Gallant, Ph.D.*  
Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Dominic P. Carota*  
Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*  
Piedmont Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joachim N. Blutreich*  
Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Margaret Vohr*  
Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*  
Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*William E. Ellis*  
Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Krieger*  
Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Ellen Fishler*  
Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*  
Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*James Primmer*  
Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Savage*  
Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Janis C. Watts*  
Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*  
Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Michelle R. Anderson*  
Puli Club of America, Inc.—*Maggie Witwer*  
Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—*Florence R. Laicher*  
Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Frances Stephens*
- Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*  
Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Sally J. Nist*  
Rhode Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gerard Baudet*  
Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Michael J. Teeling*  
Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*  
Rio Grande Kennel Club—*Juxi Burr*  
Riverhead Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bonnie Lane*  
Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Charles Kerfoot*  
Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—*Ronald H. Menaker*  
Rockland County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Karen Justin*  
Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*  
Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita L. Mather*  
Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Mrs. Barbara Furbush*  
Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*  
Sammanish Kennel Club—*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.*  
Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*  
San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—*Anthony Vasquez*  
Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Tom Brown*  
Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Abbe R. Shaw*  
Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*Audrey Sutton*  
Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*  
Saratoga New York Kennel Club—*Wanda H. Allen*  
Saw Mill River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Ralph Reuter*  
Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Kay Allred*  
Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty Jo Patrick*  
Scottish Terrier Club of America—*Helen A. Prince*  
Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—*Nancy Perrell*  
Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Frei*  
Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sharyn Y. Hutchens*  
Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*  
Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—*LuAnn*
- Moore*  
Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—*Ann M. Cook*  
Silver State Kennel Club—*Daniele Ledoux-Starzyk*  
Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*  
Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pat Grossmann*  
Skye Terrier Club of America—*Mr. Walter F Goodman*  
Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gloria Shaver*  
Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*John Mandeville*  
Somerset Hills Kennel Club—*Billie McFadden*  
South Hills Kennel Club—*Raymond P. Harrington*  
South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*  
South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*  
South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Gerry Dalakian*  
South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*  
Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—*Medora Harper*  
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*John V. Ioia*  
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*  
Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay—*Glenda Stephenson*  
Spinone Club of America—*Karen Luckey*  
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 Hunsburger*  
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*Holly S. Stump*  
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—*Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser*  
Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr.*  
Steel City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Miss Susan M. Napady*  
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*  
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—*Marcy L. Zingler*  
Superstition Kennel Club, Inc.—*G Philip (PHIL) Booker*



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Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Duggan*  
 Sussex Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. John R. Lewis, Jr.*  
 Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marylyn DeGregorio*  
 Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning-Stolz*  
 Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Catherine Bell*  
 Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*  
 Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*  
 Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Herbert H. Rosen*  
 Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*  
 Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—*Jane Brumley*  
 Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*  
 Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—*Toni Doake*  
 Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*  
 Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Christopher L. Sweetwood*  
 Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joseph Martyn*  
 Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*  
 Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*  
 Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Patricia C. Sarles*  
 United States Australian Shepherd Association—*Leon B. Goetz*  
 United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*  
 United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiaro*  
 Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—*J. M. Haderer*  
 Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Sharon Sakson*  
 Vacationland Dog Club, Inc.—*Iris K. Frankel*  
 Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Carol Fisher*  
 Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—*Mr. William F. Dumas*  
 Virginia Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bradford W. Noyes*  
 Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Lynn Worth-Smith*  
 Walla Walla Kennel Club—*Rod Strand*  
 Wallkill Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rose M. Robischon*  
 Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms.*

*Naida L. Parker*  
 Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Anita A. Lustenberger*  
 Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mary A. Eschweiler*  
 Weimaraner Club of America—*Judy Colan*  
 Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Peter J. See*  
 West Highland White Terrier Club of America—*Thomas H. Barrie*  
 West Volusia Kennel Club—*H. G. Geoffrey*  
 Westbury Kennel Association, Inc.—*Carmen Armstrong*  
 Westchester Kennel Club—*Michael A. Jackson*  
 Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. William A. Russett*  
 Westminster Kennel Club—*Harvey M. Wooding*  
 Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—*Colleen McDaniel*  
 Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Candace Mogavero*  
 Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frederick R. Vogel*  
 Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—*Mrs. Karen Mays*  
 Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—*Fred T. Kampo*  
 Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*  
 Worcester County Kennel Club—*Debra A. Hokkanen*  
 Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard Lewis*  
 Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia D. Reynolds*

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
 Delegates Meeting  
 March 13, 2012**

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

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

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee as

follows: Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee, Harold Miller, American Foxhound Club, Chair; Eric Bergishagen, Detroit Kennel Club; James S. Corbett, Tualatin Kennel Club; Dr. Patricia Haines, Cincinnati Kennel Club; Ruth Winston, Ladies Kennel Association of America, appointed by the Board of Directors at its August, 2011 meeting, 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 13, 2012. There are three vacancies for the Class of 2016. The Class of 2016: William J. Feeney, Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club; Thomas Powers, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills, Lynn Worth Smith, Vizsla Club of America.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as candidates for the vacancies on the Board of Directors, Class of 2016 to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 13, 2012.

Class of 2016: Patricia M. Cruz, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club; John Ronald, Samoyed Club of America; Robert A. Schroll, Clarksville Kennel Club; Larry Sorenson, Dachshund Club of America.

The Chair spoke as follows: The Bylaws provide that no nominations may be made from the floor. Therefore, nominations were closed on November 15, 2011. Delegates are reminded that our elections are held in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, which requires a majority to elect.

There was a brief recess, and the Delegates cast their ballots.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary who read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting: Bo N. Bengtson, Ojai, CA, American Whippet Club  
 Sally Birgl, Kempton, PA, Berks County Kennel Club  
 Anne H. Bowes, Duxbury, MA, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America  
 Ann Mariah Cook, Jefferson, NH, Siberian Husky Club of America  
 Daniel Cunningham, Minoa, NY,

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Onondaga Kennel Association  
Deidre Gannon, Oaklyn, NJ, German  
Pinscher Club of America  
H. Geoff Geoffry, Deland, FL, West  
Volusia Kennel Club  
Robert W. Gilmour, Limerick, PA, Penn  
Treaty Kennel Club  
Homer Russell Hastings III, Westfield,  
PA, Elmira Kennel Club  
Charles Kerfoot, Vinton, VA, Roanoke  
Kennel Club  
Bonnie Lane, Commack, NY, Riverhead  
Kennel Club  
Ann Lettis, Staten Island, NY, Grand  
River Kennel Club  
Patricia Peel, Lennon, MI, Alaskan  
Malamute Club of America  
JD Rowell, Highland Park, TX, Trinity  
Valley Kennel Club  
Gary Sarvinos, Catonsville, MD,  
Maryland Kennel Club  
Lynne Schmitt, Aptos, CA, Monterey Bay  
Dog Training Club  
Susan Sholar, Valley Center, CA, Black  
Russian Terrier Club of America

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor:  
Bo N. Bengtson, Ojai, CA, American Whippet Club  
Sally Birgl, Kempton, PA, Berks County Kennel Club  
Anne H. Bowes, Duxbury, MA, Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America  
Ann Mariah Cook, Jefferson, NH, Siberian Husky Club of America  
Deidre Gannon, Oaklyn, NJ, German Pinscher Club of America  
H. Geoff Geoffry, Deland, FL, West Volusia Kennel Club  
Homer Russell Hastings III, Westfield, PA, Elmira Kennel Club  
Charles Kerfoot, Vinton, VA, Roanoke Kennel Club  
Bonnie Lane, Commack, NY, Riverhead Kennel Club  
Ann Lettis, Staten Island, NY, Grand River Kennel Club  
Dr. Anne Midgarden, Wapakoneta, OH, Lima Kennel Club  
Patricia Peel, Lennon, MI, Alaskan Malamute Club of America  
Caulder Ripley, Waterbury, VT, Green Mountain Dog Club  
Susan Sholar, Valley Center, CA, Black Russian Terrier Club of America  
Robert Stevens, Hancock, NH, Cheshire Kennel Club

The minutes of the December 16, 2011 Delegate meeting were published in the online January 2012 Gazette, and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal on AKC's web site. There was an error in the reading of the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The criteria for a major for each breed is twice the number of the dogs required for a five point major, and not just a five point major, as read. This correction has already been noted in the online minutes and the transcript. There were no other corrections, and the minutes were approved as published.

The next item was the approval of two new Member Clubs. The Leonberger Club of America and the Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club were duly elected as members of the American Kennel Club.

Ron Menaker gave the Chairman's report as follows: Good morning. I'd like share an update with you on the AKC Canine Partners Program. Since the program's inception, cumulative trial entries have topped 30,000. Last year, 85 percent of the events that were eligible to allow AKC Canine Partners did invite them. This figure is up to 89 percent so far this year.

Clubs welcoming Canine Partner enrollees have allowed these dogs and their owners to experience AKC agility, obedience and rally. Those clubs offering the Coursing Ability Test, which also includes Canine Partners enrollees, have also seen an increase in entries.

We recently reached a milestone by awarding the first MACH, MACH2 and MACH3 titles to a Canine Partner. One accomplished dog, Princey, achieved all three titles.

Staff has also been working on the "My Dog Can Do That" experience. This program exposes new owners and dogs to AKC events. It allows people to try different companion events with one on one attention from a trainer. The "My Dog Can Do That" program is getting off to an impressive start: 230 dogs participated in the program at the Rose City Kennel Club Dog Show in Portland, Oregon, and 204 dogs took

part in the program at the Middle Peninsula Kennel Club in Doswell, Virginia. The majority of these dogs had never tried an AKC event. We hope to welcome many more dogs and owners to the wonderful world of AKC through this program.

Later this month, we are pleased to welcome Canine Partners to the National Agility Championship in Reno, Nevada from March 30th through April 1st. We are delighted that a number of Canine Partners have qualified and will compete in this prestigious event. Notably we have continued to see growth in agility, with the achievement of over one million entries in 2011. I encourage you to check the AKC website and the AKC Facebook page for complete coverage and results of the NAC. We wish the best of luck to all entrants.

As we continue to develop programs for all dogs, we hope you will encourage dog owners in your communities to participate. It's easier than ever to learn the ropes and get involved.

Turning now to another subject, I am pleased to report that our 2012 budget is projected to show an operating surplus of 1.7 million dollars. I extend my thanks to the management, staff and Board for achieving this important positive result. You will hear the specifics from Jim Stevens during his presentation shortly. During my tenure as Chairman, I have been truly fortunate to have had the support of many dedicated Board members, and especially two outstanding Vice Chairmen: The first was the Honorable David Merriam and the second, who has served as Vice Chairman for the past three years, Dr. Tom Davies. While Tom is also leaving the Board today, I know he will continue to be an important contributor to this body. AKC and our sport will benefit from Tom's involvement hopefully for many years to come. Tom has been invaluable as Vice Chairman. While he may be accused of many things, being a "yes man" or being too subtle are not among them. You always know where Tom stands on the issue, and if he disagrees with you, he will not be bashful about letting you know. Fortunately for me, we agreed far more than we disagreed.

The third Board member leaving today after 24 years of service is the



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incomparable Walter Goodman. We talk about legends and icons in this sport: Walter is a living legend. There are few who have contributed so much to the sport of dogs over so long a period. As a breeder, exhibitor, judge, club officer, not to mention President of the most prestigious terrier club in the world, Walter has done it all, done it well, and done it with grace and dignity. I know the Board will not be the same without him.

Tom and Walter, thank you both for your support and contributions to AKC, as well as your continuing friendship. On a personal note, I wish to thank the Staff, the Delegates and the Board for all the support given to me during my tenure. It has been a privilege and honor to work with each and every one of you, and I wish you all the best of luck. Thank you very much.  
(Prolonged applause)

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson of KPMG, to give the results of the balloting for the Class of 2016.

Ms. Johnson spoke as follows: The total number of ballots cast was 392. Therefore, the majority to elect was 197. The results of the ballots were as follows: Patricia M. Cruz, 219; William J. Feeny, 179; Thomas Powers, 197; John L. Ronald, 120; Robert A. Schroll, 141; Larry Sorensen, 116; Lynn Worth Smith, 102.

The Chair declared that Patricia M. Cruz and Thomas Powers were duly elected as members of the Class of 2016. There was a brief recess while the Delegates cast the second ballot.

Mr. Sprung gave the President's report as follows: It's always special for me when we honor our own. Today John and I say thank you to a number of people for their service and contributions. Walter F. Goodman is a dog person who is a true terrier man. Walter has owned Skye Terriers for 75 years. Just think about that. Walter got his first Skye Terrier the year that Peter Green was born. Along the way, he has volunteered his time as President of the Skye Terrier Club of America where he has been a member for 60 years. The enjoyment we

share annually at the Montgomery County Kennel Club, the finest terrier event in the world, is due to his presidency of 25 years, and his teamwork with the late Delegate, Josephine Deubler.

Before I joined AKC some 22 years ago as an Executive Field Representative, Walter was already giving of himself as a Board member. As one of history's most successful breeder owner handlers, his 1969 Best in Show triumph with Suzie at Westminster was a night many of us remember. The stories surrounding that accomplishment are part of dog show lore. In total, Glamour Skyes won 99 Best in Show.

On behalf of the Delegate body, the Board and the staff, we applaud you, Walter, for being a friend, mentor, and a true gentleman in the sport. Most of all, we thank you for always caring about our dogs, Walter.  
(Prolonged applause.)

Vice Chairman Tom Davies is a quiet contributor, a man gifted with common sense and a love for everything to do with our sport. A true legacy of the "Sultan of Springfield" is his outstanding contributions to events. Rather than exercising his club's right of exclusivity within their territory, he welcomed and nurtured other clubs so that they would have the ability to use a quality site. He built "The Big E," or as we say in the Events Department, "The Big T," into a home for many clubs holding all breed shows, as well as numerous obedience and agility trials.

Never one to procrastinate and certainly not one to ever, ever, over analyze, Tom has always been an achiever, willing to shake up the status quo and take the inevitable heat that follows. Working with other members of the Board, he was a major contributor to countless innovations; most recently the Grand Championship, the revision of the judging approval process, four to six month puppy competition, Open show, and the list goes on and on.

His consistent dedication to new ideas, more efficient systems, fairness, and support of staff's initiatives is appreciated by this and past administrations. We respect your devotion to the principles we all believe in concerning breeding, exhibiting, and judging. Tom, your

integrity, knowledge and passion for the AKC is something that we will always admire.

Thank you, Tom.  
(Prolonged applause.)

Lastly, we have a man named Ron. Quiet, non committal, calm, calm, calm. To start the discussion of our Chairman is to restate the virtue that we love in our dogs: That is loyalty. His appreciation and respect for AKC, dogs, clubs, fanciers and employees has no barriers. I really came to know him well while serving as Vice President and being told by both he and David Merriam that as a result of the 2003 registration meltdown, I was immediately being transferred to the North Carolina operations facility as the new COO. What they didn't tell me was that Ron would be working in the Registration Department for a few months.

He went through every single file cabinet, emptying them of registration forms and checks. In so doing, he earned the nickname "Pops," from the ladies in the Registration Department. I recall during a conversation one day while they were all seated on the floor in jeans and T shirts, placing all the registration applications into batches, one of the ladies said to Ron, "What do you do?" He said he was the Chairman of the American Kennel Club. The room erupted with laughter. The women were hysterical. What a sense of humor Pops had. After all, how could this regular guy, who treated them the same way he treated himself, with common courtesy and without privilege, be Chairman? We would begin work every day at 7 a.m. and go to 7 p.m. Each 12 hour day ended with dinner when we met nightly with the consultants who were handling the systems analysis to rebuild the registration process and right the sinking ship. Thanks to Ron, we did. He leads by example. His outspoken support of ideas advanced by the Business Development Department resulted in earnings of more than 100 million dollars in alternative revenue, allowing staff to monetize opportunities that were rejected just a few short years earlier. He also supported staff's enhancements to events, resulting in an increase of 530,000 entries, or 20 percent, over a ten-year period.

However, there is another important side to your Chairman: Humanitarian. And that entails much more than his generous donations to dog related organizations, or the gift of his monthly Board honorarium to dog charities. Without mentioning a single name, the people whose lives he has helped from a health point of view are too many to count. Standing here, I see a number of you who were touched because when you reached out to him, he reached out to others. Whether it was the fancier who came to New York for a second opinion and had to be tracked down as he was boarding a plane to come back to the City because the impossible to arrange procedure became possible; or the show chair whose grandson was dying, so Ron sent a Medivac helicopter; or the Delegate who wanted to come to Manhattan because her daughter had to see a world renowned specialist, only to be told that it was a three month wait while her own doctor gave her just weeks to live. You are right; she saw the specialist that very week.

I once accompanied someone from the sport whose family member was ill; we arrived at the emergency room's ambulance entrance and were met by the caregivers, from the President of the hospital on down. Later I asked the President, "What were you doing out in the cold with a host of doctors and nurses in tow?"

He said, "Dennis, what do you think I was doing there? Ron called." I often watched as your Chairman moved mountains to help people in our sport. What amazed me is that many of the people he helped, he had never met. They were family to some dog person, sometimes one of you; and that was good enough for Ron.

The American Kennel Club has been blessed with some great women and men over the past 127 years, but in the modern era, the word "great" has become too commonplace. Every breed does not have a great one. Some people will say we're not all great judges. Each pick of the litter does not produce the next great show dog.

However, this Chairman will be remembered as a great human being who touched all dog people. In my opinion, his contributions are yet to be fully realized or appreciated.

Ron, on behalf of the Board and staff, we are grateful for your respect of our combined efforts to advance AKC, our dogs, and all of our clubs. We thank you and will always be indebted for your friendship and for your leadership, Ron. (Prolonged applause)

The Chair called on Jim Stevens, CFO, for the annual financial report. Mr. Stevens reviewed 2011's results as reflected in the consolidated audited financial statements.

The first vote was to have been on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, new sixth paragraph of Rules Applying to Dog Shows. The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Progressive Dog Club. This amendment would have created a new three point major for the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one National Specialty each year, specified by the AKC Breed Parent Club.

The Progressive Dog Club requested that the amendment be withdrawn, based on an error in the reading at the December meeting and on input it has received.

The club plans to resubmit an amended version at a later date. There being no the amendment was withdrawn.

The second vote was on the proposed amendment to delete Chapter 1, Section 3 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Shows Defined. The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Shows Rule Committee. This rule change would remove references to a show limited to puppies and to dogs that have placed at previous shows as there are no such events and none have been held for many years.

There were two thirds of the affirmative, and this amendment was adopted effective immediately.

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee to read the results of the second ballot.

Ms. Johnson: The total number of ballots cast was 407. The number of invalid ballots were eight. Therefore, the majority to elect was 200. The results of the ballots were as follows: William J. Feeny, 172; John L. Ronald, 49; Robert

A. Schroll, 98; Larry Sorensen, 52; Lynn Worth Smith, 28.

There was a brief recess and the Delegates cast a third ballot.

The next vote was on four amendments which were interrelated and also co dependent, so they were voted upon as one item.

Chapter 6, Section 3 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows Premium Lists and Closing Entries, removes all reference to seven groups, eliminating a specific number; Chapter 3, Section 1 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Classifications, splits the Sporting, Hound and Working Groups, creating 11 groups; Chapter 3, Section 15 - 20 of Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Classifications, removes all references to seven groups, eliminating a specific number; and Chapter 2 of Rules Applying to Registration and Discipline Registrable Breeds By Groups, which splits the Sporting, Hound and Working Groups creating 11 groups. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, who spoke as follows: I'd like to propose an amendment to Chapter 3, Sections 15 through 20 and Chapter 6, Section 3 and to insert into the new proposal 11, where 7 has been deleted. The motion was seconded and this amendment to the amendment was adopted.

A two-thirds affirmative vote was required to adopt the amendment. The motion as amended failed. There was a counted vote of 231 in favor and 165 opposed.

The final vote was to be on the proposed amendment to Chapter 9, New Section 8 of the Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Brace, Small Pack and Small Pack Option Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunting Tests Entry Requirements and Eligibility. This new section would describe the requirements to earn a Grand Field Champion title, and would explain that no title certificate will be issued unless ordered by the owner. The proposal was recommended by the Beagle Advisory Committee and approved by the AKC



Board.

There was discussion as follows:

The Chair recognized Eddie Dziuk, Delegate for the National Beagle Club, who spoke as follows: The National Beagle Club is of course the Parent Club for the breed which would be impacted by this particular amendment. We've got some concerns the way it is currently written and if possible we would like to request this be sent back to the Beagle Advisory Committee. So my motion would be to refer it back to committee for further discussion.

Mr. Sprung: Is there a second on that?

Unidentified Delegate: Second.

Mr. Sprung: Is there further discussion?

The Chair recognized Christopher Keenan, Delegate for the Empire Beagle Club, who spoke as follows: For the past three years I have served on the Beagle Advisory Committee. Now, for those Delegates not familiar with the Beagle Advisory Committee, this committee consists of 13 members who represent 548 licensed Beagle Field Trial Clubs and their respective Beagle Field Trial Associations and Beagle Field Trial Federations. This committee works along with the AKC Performance Department to manage AKC Beagle Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures.

This proposal has been well vetted within the Beagle Field Trial community. At the 2010 Beagle Advisory Committee meeting, it was voted 13 to zero to bring the question back to beagle clubs for consideration. At the 2011 BAC meeting, the proposal was passed again with a 12 to zero vote, and then moved to the AKC Board for approval.

It's now in your hands, and I would ask the Delegate body to vote in favor of this proposal.

Mr. Sprung: Is there further discussion?

The Chair recognized David Hopkins, Delegate for the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, who spoke as follows: I'm Chairman of the Field Trial Hunting Test Events Committee. Yesterday we voted to support the motion that was just made by the National Beagle Club Delegate, which will lead to deferral on the substantive

vote here.

Again, the Delegate body is faced with a variance in views on a particular issue important to the beagle field trialing world. The variance in views is between the Beagle Parent Club and the Beagle Advisory Committee. Deferral will not preclude an ultimate substantive vote. The Delegates Committee did not take a position yesterday on the substantive issue. We merely voted to affirmatively support the motion made by the Delegate of the National Beagle Club.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Mr. Keenan: Just one comment. The National Beagle Club has a seat on the Beagle Advisory Committee. And also if this goes back to committee, we won't see it on the floor again for three years. It would then have to go back to the beagling community and then proposed again to go through the cycle, and it's a three year cycle.

The Chair recognized Steven Gladstone, Delegate for the Greater Naples Dog Club who spoke as follows: Mr. President, I'd like to know whether or not the Beagle Advisory Committee, when it voted, was aware of the issues that are being raised of concern by the Parent Club? In other words, did they already know and taken those concerns into? That's all I would like to know.

Mr. Keenan: I have no knowledge of the concerns of the National Beagle Club.

Mr. Dziuk: The National Beagle Club's representative to the Beagle Advisory Committee was not present at that meeting where that vote was taking place.

Mr. Sprung: What we have now is a motion and a second to refer this amendment back to the Beagle Advisory Committee.

A vote in favor means you wish to refer it back; a vote opposed means you do not wish to refer it back and it will be voted upon today. This is a majority vote. All those in favor of referring the amendment back to the Beagle Advisory Committee, please raise your hand.

Thank you.

All those opposed, please raise your hand.

Thank you.

The yeas have it, and it is referred back to the Beagle Advisory Committee by majority.

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

Mr. Crowley spoke as follows: This amendment is to Chapter 11, Section 6 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility. The amendment would allow superintendents and show secretaries, using AKC entry verification, to correct entries as appropriate. The amendment was brought forward by the AKC Staff and is approved by the AKC Board. It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette, and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2012 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously distributed.

The Chair called on John Lyons to address the Delegate body.

Mr. Lyons: Good morning, everyone. I'm pleased to announce the first quarter Community Achievement Award Honorees. This award is given to AKC Clubs and 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 honorees' accomplishments are published in the online AKC Gazette, and featured also on the AKC website.

The first quarter AKC honorees are Pasco Florida Kennel Club, Patricia Lombardi, Delegate; and the Delaware County Kennel Club, Lindy Miller, Delegate. Please join me in congratulating this quarter's honorees. (Applause)

It is also my pleasure to announce that the AKC Publications Department was the recipient of seven awards from the Dog Writers Association of America. Please join me in congratulating our Staff for this extraordinary

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accomplishment.  
(Applause)

Now, something very positive happened this last weekend that I wanted to make you aware of. Petra Ford, our previous AKC National Obedience Champion, represented the AKC and the U.S. this past weekend at the Crufts show in England and took first place in the Individual Competition with her Lab. Now, that's the first time ever for an AKC representative over at Crufts to accomplish that.  
(Applause)

Just a footnote. Talk about dedication and sacrifice. She of course enjoys competing with her Lab here in the States, but she decided not to do that for six months leading up to the Crufts competition because they do things a little bit differently over there and she didn't want to confuse the dog. So pretty amazing. Also, Tori Self, competing in Agility at Crufts. Now, Terry is a 19 year old college student who made us quite proud over there. She represented us very well with two clean runs with her border collie and, in fact, she was beaten by the current world champion by .15 seconds. A round of applause, please, for Tori.  
(Applause)

Today I would also like to inform you of the upcoming retirement of two senior members of our Staff who have provided outstanding leadership over AKC's Conformation and Companion Events Departments. Robin Stansell has served AKC for over 12 years. He began his service as an Executive Field Representative in 2001, transitioning into the North Carolina office as Director of Conformation Rules and Policies in 2003, and then in 2004 was promoted to Assistant Vice President of Event Operations, where he oversaw all aspects of AKC rules, regulations and policies governing conformation events. In 2006, he became Vice President of Event Operations. Robin has been involved with the creation and implementation of many successful AKC programs, such as AKC Global Services, the Canine Experience, the Grand Champion title, the new four to six month puppy class, the open show and the owner handler series. A hallmark

of Robin's career has been his accessibility to the fancy, and his fairness while serving all of our clubs.

Curt Curtis has been with AKC for seven years. In 2005, he started as Director of Companion Events, and in 2006 was promoted to Assistant Vice President. Curt has been responsible for the stewardship of Obedience, Agility, Tracking and Rally events. During this time, Curt oversaw the development of the AKC Agility Invitational and the implementation of Rally as a titling event.

Curt established new agility classes such as "Time to Beat," and optional obedience classes such as the Beginner Novice Class. These and other initiatives have allowed entries in the Companion Events area to increase each year. In fact, in 2011 history was made when AKC Agility celebrated the milestone of one million entries in a calendar year. Curt leaves the department with momentum and clear direction, having created a comprehensive business plan, recently approved by the Board, that envisions the strategic development of Companion Events through 2016. As this will be their last Delegates meeting, please join me in thanking these two individuals for their passion and diligence on behalf of The American Kennel Club and the sport of dogs.  
(Applause)

The Chair called on the Chair of the Delegates Committee to give the Tellers Committee report.

Ms. Johnson: The total number of ballots cast was 408. Therefore, the majority to elect was 205. The results of the ballots were as follows: William J. Feeney, 207; John L. Ronald, 30; Robert A. Schroll, 104; Larry Sorensen, 48; Lynn Worth Smith, 17.  
(Applause)

The Chair declared that Mr. Feeney has been elected to the Class of 2016.

Lisa Gonzalez, VP of Marketing and Communications, provided an update to the Delegates on the positive progress of last year's Operation Jumpstart marketing initiatives in improving dog registration trends, including the Breeder of Merit Program and the Good Things We Do

campaign. Ms. Gonzalez also updated the Delegates on new market research and initiatives underway to address key challenges including litter registration trends, the breeder environment, and the growth of events. Additionally, the new AKC website, with improved navigation and look and feel, was previewed to the Delegate audience.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the Tuesday, June 12, 2012 Delegates meeting will be held at the Hilton in Raleigh, North Carolina

The following exchange took place during New Business:

The Chair recognized Ken Marden, Delegate for the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows: I would like to briefly report on a recent home run for the American Kennel Club. I have just returned from two weeks in Grand Junction, Tennessee, where we ran the AKC Pointing Breed Gun Dog Championships. We ran it at the Ames Plantation, which is the Mecca for everybody who has anything to do with bird dogs, only no AKC dogs have ever run on this. The dogs have run in the pointer/setter championship since 1896, and since then, no AKC dog has set foot on those grounds. Because of the efforts of our Performance Vice President, Doug Lundgren, he got together with the people down there and they gave us permission to run on those grounds. We ran 119 dogs of nine different breeds for one hour. After we finished that, we then ran the top 12 dogs for one hour. And from that we selected the winners, which were a pointer, a short hair, and a Brittany.

The thing that impressed me, and I've been down there for two weeks, was the incredible performance of our Field Staff. I have never seen people work harder in my life. We knew this was going to be a bit of a problem from a logistical standpoint. For example, we run three braces in the morning and three in the afternoon. The afternoon course is five miles from the headquarters. Therefore, how do we get the horses down there? They had two huge, long trailers. We put 14 or 15 horses in each trailer, and drove them down. Our reps did this. They loaded the horses, they drove the

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vehicles. They hauled hay for people. They helped people saddle horses. They took care of everything. And all the local people that have only been associated with the American Field since 1896, said, boy, you AKC people are fantastic. We have heard not one single gripe; your people are so friendly; everybody is helping everybody else.

And I have to tell you, it's the finest field event that I have ever seen. It was absolutely fantastic.

So I just want to compliment our Field Staff.

(Applause)

Mr. Marden: We even got a couple of beagle guys to come for one week to drive those trucks. But the other were our Field Reps, and they were absolutely fantastic. As I say, it was an absolute home run for The American Kennel Club.

Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Ken. We appreciate that report about the event and our Staff.

The Chair recognized Peggy Wampold, Delegate for the South Windsor Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: First I'd like to thank the committee that worked on the Realignment for all their diligence and the time they put into it. Secondly, I'd like to thank AKC for the Delegate Directory; it's very much appreciated. And thirdly, I'd like to ask if those Delegates such as myself, that are not computer literate could pay for a subscription to Perspectives. I'd be very happy to pay for it and get it in a hard copy. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Peggy

The Chair recognized Dr. J. Charles Garvin, Delegate for the Marion Ohio Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: I just want to talk about a couple of our favorite topics: Revenue generation and empowerment of the Delegates and the members of our clubs; and it's not going to cost you a penny.

The Board of Directors of the AKC Canine Health Foundation asked me to remind us all about the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program, professionally known as PPCPP, that is a major sponsor.

For the last several years, Purina is the leading contributor to the Canine Health Foundation, to the tune of more than a million dollars a year, and the Parent Club Partnership Program provides nearly a quarter of a million dollars a year, and this is where you can help.

There are easy steps to take to make that number grow considerably. The Parent Clubs need to sign up for the program. Well, 174 clubs have done that; then the breeders need to sign up with Purina and designate which breed they want their money to go to.

Then the next key step is to turn in the weight circles. Each of those little weight circles brings in four and a half dollars to the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

So if you can encourage all of the people in your club not to throw that away, don't leave that five dollar bill sitting on the sidewalk, but instead cut out the little weight circle, send it in; it will mean a lot more money for the Canine Health Foundation, which in turn provides research funding for the health and well being of all of our dogs. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Christopher Sweetwood, Delegate for the Trap Falls Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: Recently we were treated to a wonderful DVD featuring Dennis and the AKC's fine work in the aftermath of 9/11. As we all know, the AKC does a great deal of fine work covering all aspects of the dog world, but one of the difficulties we face is getting the word out, not only to the public, but sometimes to the fancy. I'd like to encourage AKC Staff to prepare a short DVD touting AKC's many and varied programs that could be reproduced and given to Delegates for a minimal expense to utilize to help educate the fancy and the public on the importance and value of AKC registration and participation in AKC programs.

Again, such a DVD could be produced at minimal cost and utilized to promote AKC's many, many successes to club members and the public as part of a grass roots public education program. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: We appreciate that idea, and

Lisa [Gonzalez] was taking notes while you were addressing us. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Margaret Pough, Delegate for the Finger Lakes Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: We all know the graying of this sport. Our club had a match last weekend, and we got permission for a special attraction of 4H grooming and showmanship. This was judged by 4H rules. Kids could come in with their dog.

And we had a big entry in the 4H grooming and handling class, in fact I think bigger than our Junior Showmanship entry at that match. And since there was an obedience show going on in the same building, the kids could participate, and some of the kids participated at both 4H and AKC Junior Showmanship. And a lot of the kids were going around and looking at good examples of purebred dogs.

And I would encourage your clubs, if you have active 4H clubs in your area, to do this. We had the A, B and C Classes, and every kid gets a rating and a ribbon, plus the placements.

So it's a great idea and it brings kids into the world of purebred dogs. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you for sharing that.

Mr. Gladstone: Mr. President, as President of the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, I want to call your attention to and thank Genie Bishop, who has served for 20 years as our Delegate here. She's attending her last meeting today as our Delegate. She has voluntarily stepped aside, and we will proudly produce a new Delegate to you in three months. But please join me in thanking Genie for her service.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Steve. Genie, we thank you for all of your contributions.

The Chair recognized Carol Williamson, Houston Kennel Club. I just want to remind you all that if you have any articles that you want to have published, we have Perspectives that will do that. The coordinator this time will be Sylvia Arrowwood, and you will see her name in the posting.

Mr. Sprung: Thanks for the reminder on Perspectives.

The Chair recognized Kenneth Mader, Delegate for the American Sealyham Terrier Club, who spoke as follows: I brought this up to you, Dennis, in the past. The public who goes on the AKC website, who reads our website and hits it probably many thousands of times, I believe there should be a "Donate" button in order to take contributions that we need for specific causes; you know, whatever the Board comes up with. I firmly believe that should be accomplished in order to help our revenue situation. Thank you.  
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: I appreciate that idea. You don't have to twist my arm for that one.  
Mr. Hopkins: I wanted to call attention to Alice Byrd, the long time Delegate of the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial

Association, the Springer Parent Club. Unfortunately, Alice can't be here at this quarterly meeting because of the sad passing of her husband just a matter of ten days ago, but this is Alice's last Delegate meeting. She's been the Delegate for over 20 years with the Springer Parent Club, and she too chose to pass the baton, and the Springer Parent Club will be going forward with a new Delegate. But recognition to Alice is also appropriate.  
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Absolutely. Thank you and our appreciation to Alice.

Hearing no further business to come before the body, we will adjourn the meeting for lunch. Board members, please go to the Gloucester Room.  
Thank you.  
(The meeting is adjourned at 11:55 a.m.)

The American Kennel Club Board of Directors convened after the conclusion of the Delegate Meeting. At this meeting the following Board Officers were elected:  
Alan Kalter, Chairman  
Dr. Robert D. Smith, Vice Chairman

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