

# GZ DELEGATES' ANNUAL MEETING

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB MARCH 12, 2013

Dennis B. Sprung, President

PRESENT 384

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*  
Affenpinscher Club of America—*Letisha Wubbel*  
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 Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—*Marilyn E. Currey*  
American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*  
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*  
American Lhasa Apso Club, Inc.—*Don Hanson*  
American Maltese Association, Inc.—*John R. Barnes*  
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 Rottweiler Club—*Mr. Peter G. Piusz*  
American Sealyham Terrier Club—*Kenneth W. Mader*  
American Shetland Sheepdog Association—*Marjorie Tuff*  
American Shih Tzu Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Sally L. Vilas*

American Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Julie Virosteck*  
American Tibetan Mastiff Association—*Martha Feltenstein*  
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*  
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Daniels*  
Asheville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Mulvey*  
Ashtabula Kennel Club—*Kathleen Kinney*  
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*  
Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Gail A. LaBerge*  
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—*Joyce Rowland*  
Back Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Nina Schaefer*  
Baltimore County Kennel Club—*Lucy C. Campbell-Gracie*  
Basenji Club of America, Inc.—*Katie Campbell*  
Basset Hound Club of America, Inc.—*Sanda J. Launey*  
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*  
Bedlington Terrier Club of America—*Diane Pearson*  
Belgian Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara Swisher*  
Belle-City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carole A. Wilson*  
Berks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally Birgl*  
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*  
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Helma Weeks*  
Bull Terrier Club of America—*Rebecca Poole*

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*  
California Collie Clan, Inc.—*Robette G. Johns*  
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.—*Vivian A. Moran*  
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*  
Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—*J Richard Seelbach*  
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—*Julian Prager*  
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane D. Almy*  
Central Ohio Kennel Club—*David W. Galloway*  
Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club—*Paul Kouski*  
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pam Goldman*  
Charleston Kennel Club—*Sylvia Arrowwood*  
Charlottesville-Albemarle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Linda King*  
Chihuahua Club of America, Inc.—*Kenneth Saenz*  
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*  
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nick Pisis*  
Clackamas Kennel Club—*Steven E. Nielsen*  
Clarksville Kennel Club—*Robert A. Schroll*  
Classic Toy Dog Club of Western Massachusetts—*Dr. Stephen Lawrence*  
Clearwater Kennel Club—*Daniel T. Stolz*  
Clermont County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marjorie Underwood*  
Cleveland All-Breed Training Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Maureen R. Setter*  
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*

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- Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—*Robert Brown*  
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—*Norma J. Ryan*  
Connecticut River Working Group Association—*Fred G. Ferris*  
Contra Costa County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barry D. Cavanna*  
Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia—*Michael Houchard*  
Cudahy Kennel Club—*Don H. Adams*  
Dachshund Club of America, Inc.—*Larry Sorenson*  
Dalmatian Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Charles Garvin*  
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 County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Brenda A. Algar*  
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—*Dr. A. D. Butherus*  
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—*Meg Weitz*  
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*  
Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynann Sarvinas*  
Eastern Dog Club—*Mr. Theodore C. Hollander, Jr.*  
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*  
Elm City Kennel Club—*Dr. Gregory J. Paveza*  
Empire Beagle Club, Inc.—*Christopher Keenan*  
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—*Mr. John P. Nielsen*  
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Susanne Burgess*  
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*  
English Toy Spaniel Club of America—*Vanessa N. Weber*  
Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—*Peggy Helming*  
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Terrie Breen*  
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cathleen Rubens*  
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret B. Pough*  
Finnish Spitz Club of America—*Cindy Stansell*  
First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Lydia Maduri*  
Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—*Kurt Anderson*  
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*  
French Bulldog Club of America—*Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard*  
Galveston County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cathy De La Garza*  
Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.—*William J. Berry*  
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*  
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*  
Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Nance O. Skoglund*  
Grand River Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Lettis*  
Great Dane Club of America, Inc.—*Thomas Sandenaw*  
Great Pyrenees Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. Robert M. Brown*  
Greater Clark County Kennel Club Inc.—*Ms. Karen J. Burgess*  
Greater Collin Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara Shaw*  
Greater Fredericksburg Kennel Club—*Patricia B. Staub*  
Greater Lowell Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia M. O'Connell*  
Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret DiCorleto*  
Greater Naples Dog Club—*Steven D. Gladstone*  
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—*Linda L. LaFrance*  
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—*Marlene Steinberg*  
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*  
Hawaiian Kennel Club—*Zane Smith*  
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—*Patricia M. Cruz*  
Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*  
Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dick Blair*  
Huntington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gwen 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*  
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Karolyne McAteer*  
Irish Terrier Club of America—*Douglas L. Rapport*  
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*  
Jaxon Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally McNamara*  
K-9 Obedience Training Club of Essex County, NJ, Inc.—*Dave Morgan*  
Kanasasaga 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, Inc.—*Dr. Suzanne H. Hampton*  
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*  
Kuvasz Club of America—*Constance D. Townsend*  
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*  
Lancaster Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carolyn M. Vack*  
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*



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Leonberger Club of America—*Don James*  
 Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sue Goldberg*  
 Lima Kennel Club—*Dr. Anne Midgarden*  
 Long Island Kennel Club—*Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.*  
 Longshore-Southport Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan L. Fisher*  
 Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David M. Powers*  
 Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*  
 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.—*Lynn Garvin*  
 Maryland Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*  
 Mastiff Club of America, Inc.—*Dr. William R. Newman*  
 Memphis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Robert D. Smith*  
 Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jeannette Nieder*  
 Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club—*John Russell*  
 Middleburg Kennel Club—*Shelley C. Roos*  
 Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*  
 Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.—*Sandee White*  
 Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood*  
 Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Gretchen Bernardi*  
 Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*  
 Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harold E. Perry*  
 Montgomery County Kennel Club—*Ms. Ida E. Weinstock*  
 Monticello New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barry A. Hoovis*  
 Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb*  
 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*  
 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*

Norfolk Terrier Club—*Robert Lachman*  
 North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*  
 Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club—*Stephen Skolnik*  
 Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—*Billie Ponton*  
 Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—*Margaret K. Mott*  
 Norwich Terrier Club of America—*Betty McDonnell*  
 Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Marile A. Waterstraat*  
 Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Michael Sosne*  
 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 Jarrod*  
 Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Harvey A. Mueller*  
 Onondaga Kennel Association, Inc.—*Daniel R. Cunningham*  
 Otterhound Club of America—*Joellen Gregory, D.V.M.*  
 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*  
 Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne Bowes*  
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dennis J. Gallant*  
 Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert W. Gilmour*  
 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*  
 Pocatello Kennel Club, Inc.—*Fred*

*Hughes*  
 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.—*Brytt B. Hasslinger*  
 Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*  
 Providence County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Richard E. Grant*  
 Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Michelle R. Anderson*  
 Ramapo Kennel Club—*Jeffrey D. Ball*  
 Rapid City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Sally J. Nist*  
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Michael J. Teeling*  
 Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*  
 Riverhead Kennel Club, Inc.—*Bonnie Lane*  
 Roanoke Kennel Club, Inc.—*Charles Kerfoot*  
 Rockford-Freeport Illinois Kennel Club—*Ronald H. Menaker*  
 Rockingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Janice S. Gardner*  
 Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*  
 Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita L. Mather*  
 Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Mrs. Barbara Furbush*  
 Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club—*Bob Busby*  
 Sammamish Kennel Club—*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.*  
 Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*  
 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.—*Mr. Andrew I. Kalmanash*  
 Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Kay Allred*  
 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*  
 Silver Bay Kennel Club of San Diego—*Nancy Dandrea*  
 Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*





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Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*John Mandeville*  
Somerset Hills Kennel Club—*Billie McFadden*  
South County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Graafin Ginger M. Leeuwenburg*  
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*  
Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—*Ricky Blackman*  
Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*John V. Ioia*  
Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*  
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*  
St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*  
Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America—*Jenny Merritt*  
Staffordshire Terrier Club of America—*Holly E. Sheltry*  
Standard Schnauzer Club of America—*Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser*  
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.—*Roger Arbuthnot*  
Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laura Trainor*  
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*  
Talbot Kennel Club—*Pamela Helmer*  
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning-Stolz*  
Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*  
Texas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steve Schmidt*  
Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Herbert H. Rosen*  
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*  
Tidewater Kennel Club of Virginia, Inc.—*Jane Brumley*  
Tonawanda Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ranae Hanson*

Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*  
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 Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*  
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiario*  
Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Sharon Sakson*  
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*  
Wachusett Kennel Club, Inc.—*Virginia Rowland*  
Walla Walla Kennel Club—*Rod Strand*  
Wampanoag Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Naida L. Parker*  
Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*James W. Smith*  
Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Anita A. Lustenberger*  
Waukesha Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mary A. Eschweiler*  
Weimaraner Club of America—*Judy Colan*  
Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Richard Rohrbacher*  
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.—*Geraldine Jaitin*  
Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—*Torie Steele*  
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*  
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*  
Worcester County Kennel Club—*Debra A. Hokkanen*

Yakima Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Adele Keyfel*  
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia D. Reynolds*

## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DELEGATES MEETING MARCH 12, 2013

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

The Chair introduced the persons seated with him on the dais: Chairman, Alan Kalter; Vice Chairman, Dr. Robert Smith; Doris Abbate, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Jim Crowley, Executive Secretary; Mark Schaffer, the court reporter.

Today is the annual election of Directors.

The Executive Secretary read the report of the Nominating Committee and the report on additional nominations as follows:

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee, Gretchen Bernardi, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club, Chair; Karolynne McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America; Patricia A. Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club; Patti L. Strand, Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon; Meg Weitz, Devon Dog Show Association, appointed by the Board of Directors at its July 2012 meeting, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013. There are four vacancies for the Class of 2017. Class of 2017: Carl C. Ashby, III, Unites States Kerry Blue Terrier Club; Alan Kalter, American Bullmastiff Association; Gail A. LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; Harvey M. Wooding, Westminster Kennel Club.

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2017, to be filled at the annual meeting of the Club on March 12, 2013.



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Class of 2017: Lee Arnold, Southern Colorado Kennel Club; Judith V. Daniels, Mt. Baker Kennel Club; Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club.

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

The Chair reported on the passing of Jarratt L. Brunson on February 4th. He was the Delegate for the Kennel Club of Pasadena since October 11th, 2004.

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

- Dian Albright, to represent Tucson Kennel Club
- Brenda A. Algar, to represent Delaware County Kennel Club
- Bob Busby, to represent Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club
- Judy Corbett, to represent Badger County Kennel Club
- Annette M. Didier, to represent Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club
- Don L. Hanson, to represent American Lhasa Apso Club
- Jane Harding, to represent Ox Ridge Kennel Club
- Theodore C. Hollander, Jr., to represent Eastern Dog Club
- Dr. Scott E. Holmes, to represent Lexington Kennel Club
- Barry A. Hoovis, to represent Monticello New York Kennel Club
- Geraldine Jaitin, to represent Westbury Kennel Club
- Karen G. J'Anthony, to represent Skye Terrier Club of America
- Fred T. Kampo, to represent Labrador Retriever Club of America
- Linda King, to represent Charlottesville-Albermarle Kennel Club
- Karl H. Kreck, to represent Hoosier Kennel Club
- Robert Lachman, to represent Norfolk Terrier Club
- Sylvia K. Meisels, to represent Lakeland Winter Haven Kennel Club
- Nicky Patterson, to represent Middlesex County Kennel Club
- Harold E. Perry, to represent Monmouth County Kennel Club
- Virginia Rowland, to represent Wachusett Kennel Club
- Stephen J. Skolnik, to represent Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club
- Laura Gilbert Trainor, to represent

Susque-Nango Kennel Club

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

- Brenda Algar, to represent Delaware County Kennel Club
- Bob Busby, to represent Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club
- Richard Grant, to represent Providence County Kennel Club
- Don Hanson, to represent, American Lhasa Apso Club
- Theodore Hollander, Jr., to represent Eastern Dog Club
- Barry Hoovis, to represent Monticello New York Kennel Club
- Geraldine Jaitin, to represent Westbury Kennel Club
- Adele Keyfel, to represent Yakima Valley Kennel Club
- Linda King, to represent Charlottesville-Albermarle Kennel Club
- Robert Lachman, to represent, Norfolk Terrier Club
- Harold Perry, to represent, Monmouth County Kennel Club
- Stephen Skolnik, to represent Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club
- Zane Smith, to represent Hawaiian Kennel Club
- Laura Gilbert Trainor, to represent Susque Nango Kennel Club
- (Applause)
- The Chair welcomed the new Delegates and reported that the minutes of the December 14, 2012 Delegates meeting were adopted.

Alan Kalter gave the Chairman's report as follows:

Thank you, Dennis. Good morning, fellow Delegates.

For years, animal rights extremists have focused on attacking the health of pure-bred dogs based on what they determined were improper breeding programs, and have indiscriminately discredited dog breeders with unsupported anecdotal stories as opposed to facts. We all know the unsubstantiated accusations all too well.

Unfortunately, the rather gullible media simply accepted these allegations without objective investigation. A case in point is the untruthful story about Bulldogs published in the New York Times Magazine. Interestingly, while we supplied significant factual information about the health

of Bulldogs, as did the Bulldog Club of America, the article was selective – which is just a nice word for “biased” – in the utilization of those facts. In the end, the story was simply propaganda, not journalism.

But starting last year, there was a subtle, yet very noticeable shift in the communication tactics of the two largest animal rights organizations. Previously, for the most part, they had practiced a strategy of either ignoring or dismissing the AKC. Simply put, they did not see us as an organization of any concern to them in their quest to eliminate dog ownership through the elimination of breeders. As they have made very clear, their stated goal is “no new puppies” – a goal they intend to accomplish through legislation and ballot initiatives to mandate spay/neuter and restrict breeders to the point of oblivion.

So, what changed? We did. In the past few years all of us – you, your clubs, and the AKC – have become more aggressive, more organized, more vocal, and more visible in legislative matters.

The tipping point last year appears to have been our proactive approach to the proposed APHIS rule changes, which included both a well-documented, reasonable, and thorough review of all the issues with suggestions to make the intent of the regulatory changes achievable without unnecessarily damaging hobby breeders, and a petition of support signed by over 75,000 concerned dog owners. Our response to APHIS caught the extremists completely by surprise and sent them into a whirlwind of activity that amounted to nothing. Most likely, their evaluation after the storm was that the AKC needed much greater attention from them.

But the proactive plan around the APHIS rule changes was just the tip of the spear the AR extremists have been feeling of late. The AKC Legislative Department, led by the pleasantly indomitable Sheila Goffe, has made our presence, knowledge, and commitment felt on a myriad of legislative issues around the country. Last year, Sheila's department monitored more than 1,500 pieces of legislation. Contrary to what the AR extremists would have people believe, we are a respected resource in dog legislation for legislators and governmental organizations charged with animal care oversight.

Our Care and Conditions of Dogs Policy is accepted as an intelligent and fair standard. Our careful analysis of proposed legislation helps reveal unreasonable requirements buried in a bill that would make it virtually impossible for a legislator's constituents to be in compliance. Our individual financial support of legislators' campaigns has made new and strong friends for the AKC and our mission. And your clubs, and the hard-working AKC legislative liaisons at both the state and local levels, have made significant inroads in protecting our rights to own and breed our dogs responsibly. Today, the AKC is neither being ignored nor dismissed by the AR extremists. Instead, those organizations are now attacking us using the same propaganda tactics of lies and innuendo. I believe our position as squarely in the sights of the AR extremists is a status and a challenge we should accept with resolve and great pride.

As a former ad guy, I am reminded of a 1915 magazine ad for Cadillac considered one of the greatest print ads of all time. It only ran once - in the Saturday Evening Post. I believe that ad, titled "The Penalty of Leadership," captures the essence of the American Kennel Club and the challenges we face from AR extremists. The ad explains why companies that honor "standards of excellence" become "targets of the envious."

Here are a few pertinent sentences: "In every field of human endeavor, he that is first must perpetually live in the white light of publicity. The reward is widespread recognition; the punishment, fierce denial and detraction. When a man's work becomes a standard for the whole world, it also becomes a target for the shafts of the envious few. If his work be merely mediocre, he will be left severely alone. If he achieves a masterpiece, it will set a million tongues a-wagging.

The leader is assailed because he is the leader. The follower seeks to depreciate and to destroy. If the leader truly leads, he remains - the leader."

How are we leading in this fight for our rights?

First, we are proactively taking our messages of the Good Things We Do (the Parent Club rescue network, AKC kennel inspections, AKC CAR, and our collective commitment to improving the

health of dogs) to the public; we are telling the facts about purpose-bred dogs and the desirability of owning a well-bred purebred as the family dog; and we are telling the stories of the passionate commitment of our breeders to protect, preserve, and improve purebred dogs. We are doing that through a combination of an aggressive public relations strategy utilizing every media opportunity imaginable to get our story told correctly and in its entirety. In addition, we now have an expert in social media, which gives us the ability to tell the narrative of the AKC throughout the world of social media. For the first time, we will have a constant and consistent platform to reach the general public every day.

Second, we will always be aggressive in responding to AR propaganda posing as media stories. The difference in our response to the Bulldog story and the response to the New York Times attack on the AKC is a demonstration of our new commitment to act quickly, broadly and emphatically.

While the cost to have a day-in and day-out public outreach program and an immediate response program is significant, we can afford it. In fact, we can't afford not to have it.

With Churchill as inspiration, our mantra now is this: we will fight with growing confidence and growing strength; we will defend our rights, whatever the cost may be; and we will never stop fighting.

Thank you.  
(Applause)

Mr. Kalter: One other note on a personal level, I would like to recognize Bob Smith. Bob has served on the Board for the last four years; he has served as the Vice Chair in this last year, and Bob has made the personal decision that he is now, effective at midnight tonight, stepping down as a Delegate.

I want to wish him well. He's going to be a loss to the Delegate Body; certainly a loss to the Board; he is a true dog man and all around judge and the greatest fountain of knowledge I have personally had access to in the sport and the world of dogs. I appreciate him and I want you to join me in recognizing and thanking Bob for his service.

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung gave the President's report.

I have a few topics to share with you. First are the entries for calendar year 2012: Performance 252,587; Conformation 1,575,717; Companion 1,368,164.

Starting off with performance, field trials increased by almost 1,000 entries, while coonhounds declined by 3,300 and earth dogs by 170, respectively. Herding had an increase of over 1,500 entries, followed by more than 3,000 in hunting tests and almost 5,200, or 31%, in lure coursing. In the conformation arena, All Breed Shows declined 1 1/2%, or 22,300 entries. Group shows were up 4%, 1,650 dogs, and Specialties declined by 3600. The Open Show and Beginner Puppy contributed by 300 and 2,220 entries respectively.

In companion, obedience is at plus 7,300, up almost 5 1/2%, as well as tracking being up 5 1/2%, while rally dropped by 8 1/2%, or 6,400.

Our fastest growing sport, Agility, surged by over 11%, with an increase of more than 117,000, and ended the year with over 1,150,000, the second sport to exceed more than one million in a calendar year.

The year ended with an overall growth of 103,538, up more than 3.35%. Our aggregate entries for 2012 were 3,196,468, the most ever in the history of the American Kennel Club.

I find it gratifying to note that a ten year comparison shows an overall increase by 489,000 entries. I don't believe anyone would have predicted an increase of this magnitude in 2002.

While we certainly cannot rest on our laurels, this is proof that with 5,000 plus dedicated clubs, our breeders and exhibitors are continuing to enjoy and benefit from core services, which include at their heart AKC events.

To keep you informed on public relations and communications developments, Lisa Peterson will give you an update at this time.

Ms. Peterson: Thank you, Dennis.

Good morning. I'm going to give you a little overview of what the Communications Department has been up to over the last year.

Here's an overall comparison from 2011 to 2012. I'm just going to hit on the top four PR campaigns that we had. Last year

we had a publicity value of \$67 million. "Publicity value" means that in order to reach a certain number of eyeballs this is how much we would have to pay to get our message in front of people.

With PR efforts, it doesn't cost us as much as 67 million, obviously. But this year saw an increase of more than 48 percent in our publicity value over 2011. And in fact, we reached more than one billion media impressions last year.

I'm going to go over our top four campaigns, which are registration statistics, RDO Day, AKC Meet the Breeds and the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship.

But first we are going to show you the difference in positive versus negative press that the AKC receives. Now, this looks like a big pie chart that says, "100 percent." Now, obviously that's not true; but our negative press last year was only .23 percent of AKC's total press coverage. So out of those one billion media impressions, less than a quarter of a percent was negative.

As many of you know, in January each year we announce the most popular dog breeds in America. It is our biggest PR campaign to the public every year, and it is well received. Last year and every year, we hold a Today Show exclusive announcement. We also have a press conference at the AKC headquarters, and last year this generated about \$7 million in publicity value, which is a 196 percent increase over the year before. We were on the Today Show, we were on Good Day New York, and featured in the New York Post, the Wall Street Journal and the AP had a wonderful story that went to hundreds of syndicated newspapers.

AKC Meet the Breeds, our annual educational outreach event at the Javits Center, was another big PR campaign for us, generating nearly \$4.4 million in publicity value. Again, this was a 75 percent increase from last year, reaching an audience of 630 million. Also, it's important to note that New York City is the number one media market in the country and that we have our press preview for the event here. We appeared on Fox and Friends, Good Day New York, CBS 2 News, New York 1 as well as many other New York outlets.

Responsible Dog Ownership Day celebrated its tenth anniversary last year, and I would personally like to thank all the

AKC clubs that participated in this program. We had more than 650 events nationwide last year, which was a record. In fact, everything about RDO Day was a record last year. We had \$2 million in publicity value, which was a staggering 615 percent increase over the year before; we reached nine million people nationally, and we launched a social media campaign for legislators as well. The program appeared in many local outlets, such as The Tampa Bay Times, WRAL down in Raleigh, the flagship, as well as other newspapers across the country. And of course, the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship is one of our other big PR campaigns that we do; and, again, this is a broadcast show, so it's a great educational outreach to introduce America to all the different wonderful purebred breeds that AKC recognizes. Again, \$2 million in publicity value, an audience reach of 292 million, which is up 7 percent over the year before. We had four separate segments on Good Day Orlando in the local market prior to the event. Also, the Orlando Sentinel, Reuters and Orlando Magazine, among many other outlets covered this event. And besides our top four campaigns, we use other news coverage throughout the year. As Alan said, beyond spreading the word of the good works campaigns that we have, we also do something called McClatchy Tips. Weekly we put together tips for responsible dog owners and send them to the McClatchy syndicate, which reaches over 600 newspapers every week. This is a great venue for us to also drive traffic back to AKC.org, where people can find more information based on what the tips are.

We also do Agility, Canine Good Citizen, Canine Partners, our ACE Awards. Pet theft is a big campaign to promote microchipping your dog. So besides the top four campaigns throughout the year, we have a lot of different areas that we promote AKC.

And I think I was here in September talking about social media; but as you all know, social media, it's become our Number 1 way to communicate to dog lovers across the country. These are the social media channels that AKC has: We have Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube, a podcast, Facebook and blogs. So it is important to know that in relation to traditional PR, which is TV, newspapers,

radio, we also now have social media, and the two are blending together to help AKC communicate on an even broader level.

Next what I'm going to do is show you a couple of clips of what we've done since January, TV clips. Before we start, though, I'm just going to give it a little set up.

The four clips are the first one is the Today Show, where Gina DiNardo talked about the most popular dog breeds in America. The second is Good Day New York, the day after, and I want you to look at the difference between those two clips.

Gina's clip was a great clip; it was very positive, they were happy to have her. My clip, on the other hand, started off with an ambush question about bulldogs. So I want you to see the difference between how we sometimes have to handle it.

The third clip is Fox and Friends, where we introduced the new breeds. Again, here we have a host who seems to be most interested in just talking over the spokesperson. But you have to kind of go through that, so you're going to see that. The fourth clip was the O'Reilly Factor, during Westminster, where their reporter ambushed Dennis ringside at the show with two cameras coming at him and started asking him questions. So I'll let you see that; and I will also say kudos to Dennis for doing a good job with that. But the point of all this media is, since January, we have introduced eight breeds, three new breeds; and also this Friday we are doing a segment on Fox and Friends with three more Irish breeds. So we have shown the public eleven different AKC breeds that have been purposely bred purebreds by responsible breeders. This is the kind of positive outreach that we do at AKC.

(The video is shown.)

(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, and your entire department, Lisa.

When I participated in the Breeder of Year ceremony at the AKC Eukanuba National Championship, and congratulations again to Jim Smith, I thought of an idea to expand this program to honor breeders in all of AKC's sports. As a result, staff will be developing breeder awards for each of the Performance and



Companion events. And we welcome your input.  
(Applause.)

Mr. Sprung: As the world rapidly changes and social media increases as a dominant ingredient and driver in our daily lives, we have recognized and taken the necessary step to fill this important need. Allow me to introduce to the Delegate Body Chris Walker, Assistant Vice President of Social Media and Communications, who will be managing our PR, Communications and Social Media Department. Needless to say, with that responsibility, you will be hearing from his staff very often. Chris, stand up, please.  
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Welcome. In addition, it is my privilege to announce three promotions. I've waited to make this information public for the first time at today's Delegates meeting. Our new vice presidents are Gina DiNardo, Mark Dunn and Daphna Straus.  
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: I congratulate them on their accomplishments, business acumen, and most of all, their dedication to our organization.

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson of KPMG, who gave the results of the balloting for the class of 2017 as follows: The total number of ballots cast was 373. The number of invalid ballots was zero. Therefore, the majority to elect was 188. The results of the ballots were as follows: Lee Arnold, 168; Carl C. Ashby, 181; Judith Daniels, 173; Dr. Thomas M. Davies, 156; Alan Kalter, 242. Gail LaBerge, 124, Harvey M. Wooding, 186.

The Chair declared that Alan Kalter was duly elected a member of the Class of 2017.  
[There was a recess and the Delegates proceeded with another ballot.]

The Chair called on Peter Farnsworth, CFO, who gave the financial report as follows:  
Mr. Farnsworth: Thank you and good morning.

Why is it Dennis always puts me after these happy, special clips from NBC TV, and last time it was the Humane Fund? We have nothing that interesting here in the financial world. But the 2012 results are fine. I'm not going to stop for Q and A at the end of this, due to other pressing matters for the Body today, but I will be at the foot of the podium at the end of the Delegates meeting to respond to any detailed questions you may have in as much detail as I can provide, and if not, I will follow up. I want to make sure we have as much financial information as you can possibly stomach.

Thank you and let me begin. Today we are going to cover how the year ended for the AKC, and the results of the first two months of 2013. In the first slide, we're focused on 2012 and we make comparisons to actual results for 2011. That middle column where the arrow points is 2012. I want to make sure that one is made clear. In the top two rows, you seeing regular operating revenues and operating expenses. The large revenue change in 2012 reflects the net change of several major effects. First, revenues were boosted when we gradually increased prices of dog registrations in 2012. It was announced at the beginning of 2012, but it went into effect somewhat slowly as we honored subscriptions and offers that were already out there during 2011. But offsetting this, there was a continued drop in litter and dog registrations, and a related drop in other revenues that were related to those registrations. How big was that drop? Well, there was a 7.7 percent decrease in litter registrations and a drop of 10.6 percent in dog registrations when comparing 2012 to 2011.

Third, the unexpected management turnover in the spring of 2012 in the Marketing area contributed to a fall in new expected revenues there; and unexpected management turnover, such as Jim Stevens' departure and in a number of other areas also created challenges to achieving target results in revenue. But the Board of the AKC and the management took prompt action as soon as it was apparent that revenues would not keep pace with expectations. They slashed plans for future controllable expenses as much as possible. But some were already spent, accounting for most

of the \$800,000, represented there by point eight, an \$800,000 increase in expenses. In all other areas, expenses were able to be held in check during the second half of the year just ended. The net effect is one we can be relatively pleased with.

While the increase in revenues was there, largely from that increase in dog registration prices, expenses were held back and the net operating income jumped from nearly a breakeven \$800,000 up a healthy \$2.5 million, or about four percent on revenues.

In the area of investments, investment gains, the results are dramatic. We can see there was a \$9,000,000 turnaround from minus a million to plus seven million on returns on investments held by AKC. Not shown here on this slide, but positively affecting the AKC as we'll see in a minute, there was a similarly strong return on investments held by the pension custodian, New York Life Insurance Company, as directed by the Pension Committee. The markets had improved during 2012, and none too soon, as I'll mention in second.

The other figures just above that, what we say here is dollars to CHF and the Museum of the Dog, are largely the amount AKC donates to the Canine Health Foundation, with the smaller amount to the Museum of the Dog. Today, all other nonprofit affiliates of the AKC have evolved to a point where they fully support themselves and do not take funds from the AKC.

And I think I'll pause for a second, because I sit on the AKC Canine Health Foundation Board, and particularly thank Lee Arnold who just concluded Directorship their at his 71st meeting at AKC CFH Canine Health Foundation, and he helped steer it to this year's four-star Charity Navigator financial rating. So we thank him for his perseverance and achievement.  
(Applause.)

Mr. Farnsworth: So congratulations to the AKC then because overall the net income shows a large change, an increase of 11 million dollars from last year's results. But celebrate quickly, however; because this positive change is expected to be short lived, because the dog registration



price increase is not repeated in 2013, and because investment markets are fickle, as we know.

We needed that jolt in investments, because continued low interest rates have increased our unfunded pension liabilities, even though the pension itself was frozen two years ago.

So our cash in investments rose to \$88,000,000 at the end of the year, but we are not out of the woods; because as mentioned in December, we need those funds to ensure first, that we can make good on the promises we made to employees; and secondly, to ensure AKC's safe and secure future with our operating reserve. So we have no spare change with which to fool around.

So let's move to the first two months of the year, February YTD:

First comparing 2013 in the center there. There are several factors accounting for these good comparative results. You will recall that last year, an increase of registration fees was phased in, and had not gone fully into effect in January and February of last year; whereas this year, the increased fee is in full effect on each registration.

Then, again, in January we received some licensing fees this January which had not been anticipated, boosting revenue above last year's January.

Finally, in the area of expenses, we had wage increases from last year that are not the same—not at the same pace as this year, due to continuous cutbacks and unfilled positions. So the combined effect has pushed our operating income from about zero last year to about two million dollars in the first two months of this year, through February.

Comparing the budget, in the right column, many of the same factors apply, but not to the same degree. Because, for example, we knew that registration fees would be what they are now. So we had increased the budget accordingly.

I expect these month to month aberrations to even out as the year progresses. You may note at the bottom right corner, we're blank for the purposes of budgeting for investment gains. I prevailed on the Board to change the past practice of budgeting for such uncontrollable things as investment gains, for two reasons. One, no one has ever had the foresight or the courage to budget an

investment loss; have they? But sometimes these things happen, don't they? And secondly, people see a large positive number in the area of budgeted investment gains and they begin to figure out how to spend that money that hasn't happened yet and may not happen, and you don't know until the last day of the year, do you? And that's a very dangerous practice, so we will not be budgeting capital gains and losses.

But as you can see, we have a healthy 2.4 million dollar increase in capital gains in the first two months of the year. We will just have to trust God and the financial markets to do their best.

So I'll try to end on a high note by recapping some of 2012:

- Cash flow rebounded and we delivered \$15,000,000 that's available for continued investments in our people, our projects and to shore up our ability to make good on the promises we've made to our terrific employees over many years.
- Secondly, achievements were made despite unexpected turnover.
- The AKC charities remain strong and able to produce and do their good works.
- And the February results year to date are promising.

So you will hear more from other management and the Board over time, about investments in people, time and money to address trends that are affecting all of us in the industry, but we're off to a good start in 2013.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your time this morning. (Applause.)

The first vote was on the proposed amendment to Article III, Objects of the Club, of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Bylaws Committee. This amendment would simply add an object which AKC has in effect espoused for decades with support of canine health research.

It has been published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette and is on the worksheet previously distributed. The Board recommends the approval. A two thirds affirmative vote is required for adoption.

The Chair recognized Ruth Ann Naun, Delegate for the Border Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I stand to propose an amendment, supported by my Board, that we move the underlined phrase to the first line and put it immediately after the word "be" and can speak to why we recommend this.

Mr. Sprung: Is there a second?

An unidentified Delegate: Second.

Ms. Naun: It is the feeling of the Border Terrier Club of America that the well being and health of the canine was always an objective of the American Kennel Club. I've been coming to meetings here for many, many years, and I enjoy them very much.

I see us as an extremely diverse group of people with extremely diverse commitments and interests. However, I think we are unanimously agreed that the well being and the health of the canine is a very important reason why we do this. It is first as to why we do this, for the canines that we love.

However, it's always been implicit that that was so. It's our feeling as a club that in the 21st century, the American Kennel Club needs to put the well being of the canine out front as to what the American Kennel Club is all about.

And while I know that for many people in this group, this has something to do with politics, to put it very subtly. It isn't about politics that the American Kennel Club in the 21st century has to be identified, straight away, when anybody wants to know what we are about, we are about the well being and the health of dogs.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: The motion is to change the placement of the wording, "to advance canine health and well being" after the word "be" in the first line.

Is there further discussion on this motion?

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

Now I'm speaking as Chair of the

Bylaws Committee, which first brought this amendment to the Body through the good works of Bill Feeney, who was then on our committee.

We discussed this possible amendment, and we thank the Border Terrier Club of America for the courtesy of bringing it to the Bylaws Committee to discuss. And we discussed it at length and we decided unanimously to leave it where we had originally placed it in this Article, because we thought that retained the historical context of this Objects of the Club.

There was a vote on the adoption of the motion to amend by placing the words "to advance canine health and well being" to the first sentence following the word "be." This required a simple majority vote.

There was a majority in favor, and the position of the words was changed in the amendment.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Article III as amended, Objects of the Club, of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. There was two thirds in the affirmative and the amendment as amended was adopted.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Article IV, Sections 1 and 3, of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. This change would expand the eligibility forms for AKC membership, to permit licensed Agility Clubs that meet the criteria to apply to become AKC Member Clubs. The proposal was brought forward by the AKC Board of Directors.

During discussion the following people spoke in favor of the amendment:

Ruth Crumb, Delegate for the Mount Vernon Dog Training Club

Doug Ljungren, Vice President, Companion and Performance Events

Robert LaBerge, Delegate for the Lawrenceville Kennel Club

Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America

Don Adams, Delegate for the Cudahy Kennel Club

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club:

Marcy Zingler, Delegate for the Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

Dick Blair, Delegate for the Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club

Robert Amen, Delegate for the Port Chester Obedience Training Club

Joyce Rowland, Delegate for the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America

The following Delegate spoke against the amendment:

David Michael Powers, Delegate for Los Encinos Kennel Club

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Article IV, Sections 1 and 3 of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club.

There were two thirds in the affirmative. The motion was adopted. (Applause)

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee for the report on the second ballot. Ms. Johnson spoke as follows:

The total number of ballots cast was 392. The number of invalid ballots was five. Therefore, the majority to elect was 195. The results of the ballots were as follows: Lee Arnold, 172; Carl C. Ashby, 187; Judith Daniels, 171; Dr. Thomas Davies, 139; Gail LaBerge, 110; Harvey Wooding, 203.

The Chair declared that Harvey M. Wooding, and previously Alan Kalter, were duly elected as members of the class of 2017.

Dr. Davies withdrew his name.

[There was a recess, while the Delegate cast the third ballot]

The following Proviso was considered before the vote on Article XVIII, Section 1 of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club:

"Should the amendment brought forward by the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee be approved and accepted by the Delegate Body at the regularly scheduled meeting, March 12th, 2013, the amendment's stipulated changes will remain in effect for two years.

Whereupon, the continuance of the reduction of meetings shall stand for

reaffirmation by the Delegate Body. A simple majority vote will be required for continuation."

A majority vote was required for adoption of the Proviso.

The following discussion followed:

The Chair recognized Whitney Coombs, Delegate for the Catoctin Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I rise to encourage you to vote in favor of this Proviso. The Proviso is an interesting parliamentary tactic, if you will. It allows us to take a vote coming up on an article to change the Bylaws on an interim or short term basis only; and then to come back and to decide whether or not we really liked a change or not.

When we vote on this Proviso, it has no impact whatsoever on the Bylaws change, which would be completely separate and handled subsequently. But what this says is that should that amendment be approved, which will not go into effect for two years because there's a two year lead time of when the next meetings of the Delegate Body are scheduled. This amendment will go in in 2015; would be in effect for two years, and then we as a body would come back with a simple majority vote and in 2017 and decide whether it was a good idea or a bad idea.

This is an opportunity to try something. That is all the Proviso says. So I encourage you to vote for it. It's a good idea. It doesn't matter what you vote on the actual article. It's a good Proviso.

Thank you.

Ms. Laurans: I like the idea of doing something for two years. I like trials. But I'm not sure that I'm comfortable that it's at the end of two years, it's only a majority vote and is no longer requiring a two thirds vote. Is that something that it has to be?

Mr. Crowley: You could amend it to make it two thirds, which would be within the scope.

Ms. Laurans: I would like to amend that if the motion goes through, and I'll talk about my committee's feelings about that later, that we amend it so that continuation would still require the two thirds



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vote.

Steven Gladstone, Delegate for the Greater Naples Dog Club, seconded the motion.

Mr. Sprung: Now we're going to discuss making the Proviso two thirds for continuation. There is a motion and second on the floor to amend.

Is there any further discussion on the two thirds?

If not, Jim can you read the new wording?

Mr. Crowley: Should the amendment brought forward by the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee be approved and accepted by the Delegate Body in its regularly scheduled meeting, March 12, 2013, the amendment's stipulated changes will remain in effect for two years. Whereupon, the continuance of the reduction of meetings shall stand for reaffirmation by the Delegate Body. A two thirds vote will be required for continuation.

Mr. Sprung: So the question is on the adoption of the motion to amend. All those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Those opposed, please stand. Thank you. The motion carries. It's now amended to a two third vote.

Now we are back to the main motion, the Proviso.

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

If this is voted in, it's not going to take effect for two years because of the dates that have already been negotiated or contracted. So my question is: This goes into effect for two years, but at that point, things will have already been negotiated and contracted for meeting dates of contracted for another two years. So it's actually going to be in effect for four years?

Mr. Sprung: Maureen, could you clarify the question, please, so everybody is on the same page?

Ms. Setter. If we vote this in today, it's

actually not going to take effect for two years, because you already have negotiated contracts for meetings for the next two years.

My question is: Then in two years when this goes into effect you are going to have possibly negotiated contracts for the following two years afterwards. So is it actually going to be four years before we go back to whatever? I know I'm confused, but I want it just clarified.

Mr. Crowley: The only firm commitments we have are through December, I understand, of this year; so we could change it as early as 2014 in April, if it was the will of the Delegate Body. So it's actually a one year rather than a two year time frame as far as our commitments.

Mr. Sprung: It would go into effect on January 1 of 2014.

The Chair recognized Judith Daniels, Delegate for the Mt. Baker Kennel Club. Maureen's question is valid because the Bylaws stipulate that Delegate meetings must be set two years in advance and given to the Delegate Body for planning.

Mr. Crowley: That's only the December Delegate meeting that has to be set two years in advance.

Unidentified Delegate: I think that Maureen's real question is in March of 2017, if two thirds of the Delegates do not then vote to continue the schedule, when will the reversion to the old schedule be effective? After that vote in March of 2017? I think that's the question.

Mr. Crowley: It could be one year after; so this would in effect be for three years. Even if the Delegates voted to cease it after two years, the meeting commitments would have been made for the next year.

Unidentified Delegate: At a minimum.

Mr. Crowley: Yes, at a minimum. So it would actually be in effect for three years, rather than two, after they voted after two not to continue it.

Unidentified Delegate: Right. I think that was Maureen's point. Thank you.

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

I'm sorry, but I am a little confused. We have not yet voted on the issue of the Proviso, but the discussion seems to be on the main motion?

Mr. Crowley: No, the question on the Proviso is: Would it actually be a two year wait, or would it be somewhat longer than that because of scheduling commitments. And the response is: If you vote on it after two years, it's actually going to be in effect for three years.

Mrs. McCullagh: Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: The question is on the proposed Proviso to Article XVIII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, as amended. Those in favor, please stand. Thank you. Those opposed, please stand. Thank you. There is a majority in the affirmative, and the Proviso as amended is adopted.

The final vote is on the proposed amendment to Article XVIII, Section 1 of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. This proposal will reduce the number of yearly Delegate meetings from four to three, and that two meetings will be expanded from two days to three days, in order to enable increased attendance at the various Delegate committee meetings. This amendment was brought forth by the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, and is being brought forward without recommendation from the AKC Board. It has been published in two issues of the online Gazette and was on the worksheet distributed. A two thirds affirmative vote is required for adoption. Is there discussion?

Ms. Laurans: Besides being Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, I'm speaking as Chair of the Parent Clubs Committee. We have discussed this at four Parent Clubs Committee meetings, both the reason and rationale, but what it comes down to is that we would have longer periods of time between our committee meetings, and that is something we prefer not to have; because it means less involvement,

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less personal time the Delegates get to spend together, and with the Staff and with the Board.

But once again, for the fourth time, the Parent Club Committee has voted unanimously not to support this amendment.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you. Any further discussion?

Mr. Gladstone: As a Director, I want the opportunity to meet with you four times a year, to hear what your concerns are, and to get input from you. And for that reason, I think that we should stay with the four meetings a year. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Ms. Bernardi: I'm speaking as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, and strike up the band, Pat Laurans, Steve Gladstone and I are all in agreement on this. We have once again voted unanimously to not support this amendment, because we feel it diminishes the opportunity for interaction with Delegates.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Ann Wallin, Delegate for the Atlanta Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: I'm speaking as the Chair of the All-Breeds Club Committee. I'm just here to also concur with the other Chairmen that have spoken, that we also discussed this many times in our meeting, and our committee was unanimously against having three meetings but wanted to continue the four, for all the benefits that have already been spoken about. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Mr. Coombs: I'm the lone voice in the wilderness. Unlike Pat, I don't happen to represent any particular committee. I'm not chairman of any committee. I'm a mere Delegate, and that's all I am. But I happen to be supporting this for a couple of reasons. And I'll ask you all just to sit back and think about these things. Not emotionally, but rationally.

What we are talking about is going from four times a year that you fly here, take a hotel room and flop for two days and fly home again. That gives us eight days face

to face with other Delegates, with Staff when they're here and with Board members. Eight days of meetings.

During those eight days of meetings, each in two day segments, you are able to attend two full committee meetings, but only two full committee meetings, because there are so many overlapping each other.

There is today a three month downtime between Delegate meetings held four times a year. We do have technology that allows any committee, via telephone, computer, all sorts of other methodology, to hold interim meetings between those days. I agree that the face to face meetings are far more effective. I personally am old enough that I prefer those kind of meetings. But there are options and alternatives.

Going to three meetings per year will save my club about \$500 in expenses to get me up here and back that it doesn't have. It will allow people who fly in on Saturdays anyway to get a lower price; to get three day meetings while they're here at basically the same airline cost. It will allow, as I said before, eight face to face days, no change there; the committee meetings will be spanned a month further apart; and that's the whole change. That's the whole difference.

There are economic benefits to the AKC to holding only three face to face meetings a year; not as great as we had hoped when we started out, but there are savings, and there are savings to the individuals.

Before you vote to defeat the idea, I just ask that you simply think about it and decide whether you are voting emotionally or whether this is really such a dramatic and different change, particularly with the Proviso that it will be re addressed after two years.

Thank you very much.

The Chair recognized Susan Sholar, Delegate for the Black Russian Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows: Mine is twofold as well, the club of course would like to save money. We are a small entry breed. My perspective is, Pat, you have me no more matter what. I represent a Parent Club.

However, every time I'm here, there are committee meetings that I would like to attend and all you chairman say you want to keep it the way it is; I'm not able to

attend those. And I would really like to go attend some of these other committee meetings and learn a little more. Thank you.

The Chair recognized John Ronald, Delegate for the Samoyed Club of America, who spoke as follows: When the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee first decided to come up with this idea, they did a select survey of certain people and I was given it and I didn't like the idea at the time, and then we met and talked; so I've had several years now to consider my original response. And after thorough consideration, I still prefer the four meetings a year for a number of reasons, and I won't bore you and take up too much time.

One of the main reasons is we've just had a lot of turnover in Staff. We have some great people who've just come on Board with very little dog background. We come here four times a year, but who are we? I look around the room, and I've been a Delegate about 25 years, and I see people I've known for decades who bring a wealth of dog experience and success, both in their private business as well as in the dog game.

At a time when, and I'm pleased that the finances seem to have stabilized as of the end of this year, we are still in some pretty touchy times as far as the future of our sport. This body represents the depth of experience of the Fancy. You are the support.

And at a time when AKC is trying to find their way back into a stable and positive future, this wealth of experience is necessary to provide guidance and support and timely feedback for proposals like this. And if we go to three meetings a year, I don't think we are doing what we originally intended to do for the benefit of our clubs, and certainly for the future of this sport.

So I am against this motion and I strongly would encourage you to be against this motion as well. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

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

The Beaumont Kennel Club has instructed me to vote against this, and it's



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for a reason that's not been brought up yet. Because we have some people that are active against the animal rights people. And we don't think that the American Kennel Club Delegate Body should diminish its meetings when the animal rights are not diminishing their effort to do away with us.

And we just feel that there are a lot of untapped, extremely valuable people, Delegates here, that can be used; and if you just diminish the meetings, you'll start losing that.  
Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Felice Jarrold, Delegate for the Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, who spoke as follows: Tucson is a dusty cow town in southern Arizona. It's on the wrong side of the Mississippi. My club has instructed me to vote for three meetings a year. They can afford to send me to two meetings, two meetings a year. Right now I attend 50 percent of the meetings. If this motion was passed, I would then be able to attend 66 and two thirds percent of the meetings. For my club and for all of us that have to come long distances, that's a significant increase. Therefore, I would like to urge everybody, most of us that have to fly across the country to come to these meetings, to support it. Three meetings a year, we can't come oftener.  
Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Marge Calltharp, Delegate for the Chinese Shar Pei Club of America, who spoke as follows: I'm just asking for a clarification. Is this a simple majority or two thirds vote?

Mr. Sprung: A two thirds vote.

Ms: Callthorp: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Marylyn DeGregorio, Delegate for the Taconic Hills Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: I have a full time job. I can take off Monday and Tuesday. When it goes into Wednesday, it's more than half the week and it becomes a problem. And I think that there might be other people in the

same situation.

I enjoy coming to these meetings, I enjoy spending two days, I'd like to spend more time in the committees, but I check the agendas and I hop from one committee to the other because I will also hit the Coordinating Committee, and then I read the minutes.

I would prefer to leave it at four meetings a year, because I don't see these people very often. I like seeing them here. There are things I sometimes want to get caught up on. I have questions. And sometimes I don't come across on emails.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized John Nielsen, Delegate for the English Setter Association of America, who spoke as follows.

I speak as a strong advocate for four meetings a year. One of the downsides of this has been mentioned or one of the positives of this has been mentioned, that you will be able to attend more committee meetings.

I have a proposal that I will present to the DAAC Committee without the need for discussion today, unless people choose to. I believe that you could very nicely go to three committee meetings on a Tuesday, rather than the two current meetings, which would help to alleviate some of the concerns.

If we start an hour early, end an hour later, cut lunch by half an hour; and I will, as I said, submit this to the DAAC committee and it passed, we could have three committee meetings on our Tuesdays.

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

I'm a little baffled. There were a number of people who wrote on the Delegate List that their clubs send them to two meetings a year and that they can only afford to come to two meetings a year. So I really don't understand the math by which you would now be able to come to three meetings a year; because you can only come to two. And if you think that you are going to save money on the airfare, if you have to fly in on Saturday to get a better rate, and now you have added an extra day, you have added \$168 or so to your hotel bill, or maybe \$300.

I'm not good at math, so maybe it would be like \$426 in hotel bills. So that's actually quite a bit of money. Then you are not saving anything at all. So I think you need to look at the math of how much money you'd be saving your club by doing this.

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

I'm a person who pays my own way to the meetings. My club cannot afford to send me to the meetings. I voluntarily do this. I knew what I was getting into when I volunteered to be a Delegate. So you'd think I would be in favor of three meetings a year; well, I'm not. I'm in favor of four, and there are a couple of reasons for that.

One is that I am on a committee; our committee has a very hard time finishing all of our business given the four meeting a year arrangement. I think with three meetings a year, we would always be running behind.

We need this contact with Staff; we need the contact with the Board; we need the contact with other Delegates.

The meeting schedule has already now been put on a rotating basis so that we are not always conflicting with the same other committee; which is good, because I would like to be able to attend some more committee meetings.

But the biggest reason that I am for four meetings a year: Our lives at home tend to get very complex. I work part time for a senior center. I have my dogs to take care of. I have friends, I have family, I have all sorts of other things that I do; and I'm not always aware of the things that are going on at the AKC that my club needs to be aware of.

When I go back from these meetings, I am charged up. I am full of all the things that I have learned; I am full of all of the issues that my club needs to know about. I get back. I get on the computer, send emails to our email list, I call people, I organize; I do all sorts of stuff. That takes about a week, and then I run out of steam again.

If I were only here three meetings a year, my club would be missing one quarter of what they get from me right now. And I think that's a valuable one quarter and I would not like for them to miss it.

Mr. Adams: One doesn't have to be a great whip counter to decide to come to the conclusion that the two-thirds vote requirement is going to be difficult. So I rise basically to propose that we consider some dissenting opinion, because this has probably come up in the past. We all have communications problems. A lot of us take back to our individual clubs the information we get at these committee meetings.

It would be a reasonable trade off, first of all, there has been no assessment by the Board as to what the cost benefit or what the savings would be.

So my question would be is this the best way, if it costs \$75 or \$100,000, is this the best way to spend that? My conclusion is yes, it is, unless we can come up with some way to offset that a little bit.

One of the things that would offset that a little bit in my mind would be if the individual committee meetings were recorded, so that we could appropriately channel those; Agility to our Agility Committees, Obedience to our Obedience Committees, and the individual clubs would then know what's coming down the pike. It would be very economical to do that with our modern technology, and it might take a little bit of the sting off of the lack of communication.

Thank you.

The Chair recognized Gloria Marshall, Delegate for the Bayshore Companion Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

Before I can objectively make a decision on how I would vote on this, there's information that I'm not aware of that perhaps has been made known. One would be where would these meetings take place; and secondly the months that you have locked in of April and August concern me, because April is a month with many holidays which will impact on the Delegates leaving family; and August is a summer month when many people are on vacation.

So from that point of view, before I could really feel what's the best for the AKC, I would need some answers to those questions.

Thank you.

The Chair recognized Suzanne Hampton, Delegate for the Kennel Club

of Northern New Jersey, who spoke as follows:

I would like to remind everyone of the Proviso. When we vote on this, it's not in cement. And all of the bad comments we have heard about what would happen if we had only three meetings a year are just presumptions. Why don't we try it for a couple of years, and if you're correct, we can go back to four meetings a year then. I think it's a wonderful opportunity to try something that's a new idea.

The Chair recognized Robert Schroll, Delegate for the Clarksville Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I would like to call the question.

Unrecognized Delegate: I would second.

Mr. Sprung: The question has been called and required a two-thirds majority. All those in favor of calling the question and stopping the debate please stand. Thank you

All those opposed that wish to continue the debate, please stand. Thank you  
Two thirds are in favor of stopping the debate.

There was a vote on the main motion of the proposed amendment to Article XVIII, Section 1 of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. There were not two thirds in the affirmative. The amendment was not adopted.

The Executive Secretary read the proposed amendment to The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club: "If the amendment to Article VII, Section 1 is adopted effective immediately, it will not apply to any current seated AKC Board members, who may complete their current term and serve an additional consecutive term if eligible under the third paragraph of this section."

This amendment is to Article VII, Section 1 of The Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. This amendment would preclude any former AKC employee from serving on the Board of Directors.

The proposal was submitted by the Lewiston Auburn Kennel Club. The AKC Board of Directors did not approve or disapprove this proposal, so it is pro-

ceeding for a read and vote as required in Article XX, Section 3, of the AKC Bylaws.

It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette, and you will be asked to vote on it at the June, 2013 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed to you.

The following discussion took place:

The Chair recognized Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston Auburn Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: It's from my club that this has emerged. We heard some wonderful changes made today, some very important changes to the AKC. We are welcoming a new AVP of Social Media, we've changed our objectives and added something very important, I'm sorry. I can't say "object;" it's an objective of the club, and we've added Agility. All of these are positive changes, and they recognize the fact that AKC has to move forward from its original intent and its original purpose. I want to dispel a rumor, right from the beginning that I have heard about this particular proposal. This proposal was first discussed individually with every single Board member at the June meeting last year. It was brought to the Board in July. It is only because the six month time period has elapsed that it happens to come at this particular meeting. It is not directed at any one person or any individual, and I want to dispel that rumor and take it right off the table.

In addition, it will no effect on this election, it will have no effect on any sitting Board member. It protects them from their current term and from running for re election. It has no effect on that at all. This has been in place because it's never really has been looked at. It's just a bad business policy, a no brainer for people who work in corporate America.

Let me give you a little history. When this AKC was formed in the late 1880s, it was a club of clubs. It was a group of sportsmen who enjoyed their dogs and sat around and had these meetings. Nobody at that time envisioned that it would become a 60 million dollar corporation with two corporate offices and, at its peak, over 400 employees. It was never envisioned at that time. So none of this was ever thought about.

When someone is elected to a Board of Directors of any corporation, they have

to come with objectivity, with impartiality, and with only the best intentions of the corporation at heart, unencumbered by any bias or preconceived notions.

In any corporation, as we all know, there are people who serve well; and at some point in their career, opt to retire, they want to go play golf, they want to be with their family. There are other people who are encouraged to retire. And if you understand what that means, it's because they are given an opportunity to save face. There are also people who are fired for nonperformance, for cause, for harassment; I mean, we all know about the flagrant things that happen in corporate America.

Judges are cautioned against the appearance of impropriety. As this stands now, because this has never been addressed before, there is opportunity for impropriety and opportunities for subjective decisions to be made based on grudges or past bias. And those are obvious.

We don't need to add any possibility of bad publicity or bad press for the AKC. Alan talked earlier about setting tongues a wagging. The AKC needs to avoid that at every turn. Imagine some day in the future the potential for a future employee that's been fired for cause, now a member of the Board, sitting and voting on the pension, on the bonus, on the compensation of the very boss that fired him or her in the first place.

It is true that some corporations, and those of you in the business world know this, have retirees on their boards. They have been invited. They have been invited by the Board, who has intimate inside knowledge on the quality of their service and the circumstances under which they left the employ. We Delegates don't have that information. And if truth be told, very often these elections are popularity contests.

The AKC is now a business. It's been for a long time. We need to set in place people who are on the Board based on sound business judgment, the highest integrity, objectivity and impartiality. We need to bring people who come with no preconceived notions nor bad intent. So this is a bad business practice that we just need to correct, and it's never come to the Body before. It's just slipped through the cracks. So here we have another opportunity to make a change for good, and move the AKC forward. I

hope that our clubs will acknowledge that this amendment is important to adopt and vote in its favor when it comes up in June. Thank you very much.

The Chair recognized Blackie Nygood, Delegate for the Mispillion Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

I could not disagree more. I am very sorry to disagree with her, but I can say there have been some very wonderful members of the AKC Staff, recently retired, who would be wonderful on our Board, because they have bred dogs, raised dogs, shown dogs, hunted dogs, had a wonderful time with their dogs, understood dogs.

This has always been one of the complaints about the Board members as well. What did he really do with dogs? What did she really do with dogs? Well, she had a mutt when she was a child; oh, that's a wonderful qualification for a Board member.

But in any case, I don't think it is right to discriminate against anyone who has qualities that we might want on our Board. And I am thinking of two recent retirees who all of you know very well. Thanks.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair called on Marlene Steinberg, Delegate for the Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers, who spoke as follows:

I agree with Blackie completely, and I also find this offensive. I'd like to think that this Body is intelligent enough to make decisions based on other things, and if we feel someone's not qualified, we will not vote for them. And if we feel someone is qualified, even if they are a retired Staff person, we will vote for them. And I think that we should not eliminate people just because they used to work for AKC.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Julian Prager, Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club., who spoke as follows:

I certainly have no problem restricting Board membership from people who are current employees of the AKC, but I have serious problems with people who are past employees of the AKC. First of

all, as a bulldogger, I can think of several well-known bulldoggers who would be welcome additions to the Board of the AKC if they were Delegates. And second of all, I think that the Board is chosen by the Delegates, and we ought to be able to choose, just as clubs can choose who their Delegates are, we ought to be able to choose who our representatives on the Board are.

The Bylaws Committee had long discussions, and they're still working on proposed changes to who may be a Delegate, and their goal is to expand that so that more people who can be useful to the AKC in achieving its goals can be Delegates. And I think we need to have the widest range of potential candidates for the Board.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Ms. Goldberg: I am just asking that all of you consider the big picture. Again, this is not directed at anybody presently running for the Board, a past employee who recently retired. It's not about that.

It's about the fact that we as Delegates don't really know about the service of that person or the circumstances under which they left. And the value that someone brings to the Board because they have so called inside knowledge is far outweighed by the possibility for bias and for personal gain that might happen, and I'm not speaking about anybody presently or recently retired that is now eligible. I am talking about a business practice, and I'm asking all of you to consider this as a business decision and nothing more, and look at the big picture. Thank you.

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee. Ms. Johnston spoke as follows:

The total number of ballots cast was 389. The number of invalid ballots was four. Therefore, the majority to elect was 194. The results of the ballots were as follows: Lee Arnold, 195; Carl C. Ashby, 196; Judith Daniels, 184; and Gail LaBerge, 87.

The Chair declared that Alan Kalter, Harvey Wooding, Lee Arnold and Carl Ashby have been duly elected as members of the class of 2017.

(Applause)

The Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Rules for Pointing Breed Trials, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds as follows:

This amendment is to Chapter 14, Rules for Pointing Breed Trials, of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Pointing Breeds. This is a new section allowing the Irish Setter Club of America to hold a Gun Dog Championship open to walking handlers only. The proposal was submitted by the AKC Performance Staff and is approved by the AKC Board of Directors. It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette, and you will be asked to vote on it at the June, 2013 meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed to you.

The Chair announced the on Tuesday, June 11th, the Delegates meeting will be held at the Hilton in North Raleigh, North Carolina. The Conference and Travel Department will place that information on the Delegates Portal as soon as the block of rooms becomes available.

The following discussion took place during New Business:

Ms. Goldberg: I would like to present something else for us to consider as far as the reduction of the meetings from four times a year to three, and I should have brought this up earlier.

Many of us feel that it's important to attend as many of the committee meetings as possible, and as it's structured now, it's very difficult. However, most of these meetings on Tuesday end very early in the day, sometimes lunchtime, sometimes two o'clock.

Why is there no consideration given to having some of the meetings Tuesday morning, or Tuesday afternoon? We're already here; you just take a little bit of a later flight if you want to go to these meetings, and either have some of them Tuesday morning and all day Monday, have some of them Tuesday morning, move our Delegate meeting slightly up, and give people a chance to perhaps attend a third set of committee meetings; or do the Delegate meeting in the morning and then do the committee

meetings in the afternoon, and those that wish to stay are already here; hotels are already paid for and they could stay. Please consider that. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Patte Klecan, Delegate for the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, who spoke as follows: I was asked to retell this little story for the benefit of those that weren't at the caucus yesterday. The story is an illustration for the good for AKC people. As many of you remember, at Westminster there was a dog that created quite a stir, winning the First Reserve Best in Show. And this was Swagger, the Old English Sheepdog. And there was a lot of support for this dog that was heard in the stands, but I want to tell you a little story about what happened and how this was generated behind the scenes.

As you know, Westminster's a bench show and all the winners, the breed winners from Monday night, were asked to be benched on Tuesday. Well, the handler of Swagger, Colton Johnson, had other duties, so he asked his father, Doug Johnson, to stay at the benching site. And all day long, people approached Swagger and Doug, and said, we watched the groups on TV Monday night and they made a specific trip to Westminster to see Swagger on Tuesday.

And unbeknownst to Colton, all day long his dad took that dog in and out of the crate so he could have his picture taken with the people that came to see him. And that's what generated this fan club for Tuesday night.

Well, Swagger created a stir in his local community and the following weekend were the Denver shows, and according to a friend of mine that was there, there were at least 200 people standing ring-side, watching Swagger. And Ken went up to Colton and said, "What can I do to help you?"

He said, "Can you help me get to the ring." So afterwards he came out and there had been field trips of school kids and another field trip of special needs kids. And this young boy, special needs in a wheelchair was outside the ring, and Swagger went marching right up to him and put his big old head in the young boy's lap, much to his delight, and he

squealed with delight at this.

But there was, pardon me, news coverage there, there was news print and TV cameras all there to see Swagger.

What makes this story really special is that the Johnson family, Doug and Michael Ann, the year before opened up their boarding kennels to area residents as a result of the fire. And at no charge to these people, housed over 300 dogs and almost 100 cats. Some of them are still there, because the people's homes have been completely destroyed. Doug and Michael Ann Johnson were AKC Breeders of the Year a few years ago. These are the stories that need to be made public that once the tuxes and the sequins are hung up, this is who we are, this is what we do in our communities. And I would strongly suggest that AKC start promoting these types of human interest stories. I'm sure there are many others in the fancy that do similar good deeds, and we need to promote this.

Thank you.  
(Applause.)

The Chair recognized Barbara Shaw, Delegate for the Greater Collin Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: This morning our Chairman of the Board, was discussing a tag line from one of the auto makers. We cannot take from the auto maker, but Mr. Sprung is one of our own, and he had a tag line which I believe we really need to use.

You said, "If you are looking for integrity, look here," remarking about the show. I would recommend that we use "If you are looking for integrity, look to the AKC." Please use it.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

Mr. Nielsen: I have an inquiry from one of my constituents, who is breeding a litter and intends to DNA the entire litter, which I think is something that the AKC would encourage, perhaps more in the future than now. His question has to do with that it seemed to him in the past there was a discount for multiple DNAs which no longer exists, And the question I have is, is something like this considered for the future?

Mr. Sprung: I'd be happy to have that looked into.



Ms. Bernardi: I can't believe I keep running up here. I just want to recognize, as long as we are recognizing our own, our own Patty Haines, who is the Delegate and a former member of the Board of Directors, was just been elected Chairman of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association, which is quite an honor. If you are interested in reading that press release, it's on the OVMA website. Thank you.  
(Applause.)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Vanessa Weber, Delegate for the English Toy Spaniel Club of America, who spoke as follows: If any of you have been feeling frustrated because you really want to know how to tell the story that Patte Klecan told better, you want to find your audience to convey that information to, if you've considered, even remotely, writing a book because you don't know how else to share your expertise with dogs, if you want to share what it really means to be a responsible dog owner in your community, any of those things, but you don't know where to start, there is an opportunity next week in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. I have a ticket at low cost, possibly even nothing to you, to attend an intensive two day seminar on how to do any of those things.

I have been participating in a program for the last year learning how to do this, learning how to become a recognized expert in an unrelated field. I would be happy to share that ticket with you; I have one available, I'm giving one to the AKC today. And if you'd like to pick my brain about this and what I've been going through over the last year with anybody today at lunch; and if you see me I'm happy to share what I've been doing, because it's really been amazing, fascinating and it really has propelled me into a completely new world.

But I think anyone who is trying to figure out how to convey the messages that we have been hearing here will benefit by it, and I'm happy to share it. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Carol Fisher,

Delegate for the Valley Forge Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

When we receive the statistics for the title holders for the parent clubs, none of the levels of the Grand Champions are included. And so when people come up and question, "Why haven't I been recognized for bronze or silver or whatever level," we say, "we don't get that information." And I'd like that looked into, because the people would like that recognition.

Mr. Sprung: We will look into that. Thank you.

As no further business came before the Delegate Body, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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