

# GZ DELEGATES' QUARTERLY MEETING

## DELEGATES FORUM

### SYNOPSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 DELEGATES FORUM

The Delegates Forum is an informal meeting of Delegates that provides an opportunity for open discussion and expression of ideas. No official business is transacted, a quorum is not required and no attendance record is kept.

### Social Media and Facebook for Clubs

AKC Vice President of Marketing Michael Ganey and AKC Communications Director Lisa Peterson presented an overview of the current social media landscape and how AKC clubs can take advantage of this new technology. Topics discussed included: what is social media, how does it work, an overview of Facebook and how to start the conversation, create community, and drive engagement among those your club wants to reach most. Why Facebook matters for AKC clubs was covered as well as the results of a survey to clubs. Five guidelines and best practices for clubs using Facebook were presented which would help to increase membership, drive spectator gate, and educate the public, among others. The complete Powerpoint presentation as well as a Facebook Tutorial for Clubs getting started is available on the Delegate Portal at akc.org.

### Delegate Committees as of September 11, 2012

#### COORDINATING COMMITTEE:

**Gretchen Bernardi** – Mississippi Valley Kennel Club  
**Ruth W. Crumb**, Secretary (Pro Tem) – Mount Vernon Dog Training Club  
**Susan LaCroix Hamil** – Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County  
**David H. Hopkins**, Chair (Pro Tem) – English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois  
**Robert Neff LaBerge** – Lawrenceville Kennel Club  
**Patricia W. Laurans** – German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America  
**Cynthia A. Miller** – Harrisburg Kennel Club  
**Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.**, – Burlington County Kennel Club  
**Ann Wallin** – Atlanta Kennel Club

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##### ONE-YEAR TERM

**Robert D. Black**, Secretary – Hatboro Dog Club  
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**John L. Ronald** – Samoyed Club of America  
**Ann Wallin**, Chair – Atlanta Kennel Club

##### TWO-YEAR TERM

**Nancy B. Fisk** – Hockamock Kennel Club  
**Margarette (Peggy) L. Wampold** – South Windsor Kennel Club  
**Carol A. Williamson** – Houston Kennel Club

##### THREE-YEAR TERM

**Margaret DiCorleto** – Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club  
**Margaret Doster** – Kennel Club of Buffalo  
**Lawrence J. Libeu** – Santa Maria Kennel Club  
**Cathleen Rubens** – Fayetteville Kennel Club

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##### ONE-YEAR TERM

**Rita J. Biddle** – Ingham County Kennel Club  
**Judith V. Daniels** – Mt. Baker Kennel Club  
**Dr. John V. Ioia, M.D., Ph.D.**, Secretary – Southern Adirondack Dog Club  
**Nina Schaefer** – Back Mountain Kennel Club

##### TWO-YEAR TERM

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**Harry G. Ottmann**, Fort Worth Kennel Club  
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**Burton J. Yamada** – Orange Empire Kennel Club

##### THREE-YEAR TERM

**Sylvia Arrowwood** – Charleston Kennel Club  
**Dr. Gregory J. Paveza** – Elm City Kennel Club  
**Diane F. Taylor** – Newtown Kennel Club

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##### ONE-YEAR TERM

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**Eddie Dziuk** – National Beagle Club  
**James Efron** – Nashville Beagle Club  
**Dr. Joellen Gregory** – Otterhound Club of America  
**Margaret B. Pough** – Finger Lakes Kennel Club

##### THREE-YEAR TERM

**Susan LaCroix Hamil**, Chair – Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County  
**Joan Savage** – Portland Kennel Club  
Sherry E. Wallis, Secretary

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#### ADVANCEMENT:

##### ONE-YEAR TERM

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**Jane F. Ruthford**, Secretary, – Havanese Club of America  
**Daniel J. Smyth, Esq.**, Chair, Burlington County Kennel Club  
**Marcy L. Zingler** – Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno

##### TWO-YEAR TERM

**Catherine Bell** – Tennessee Valley Kennel Club  
**Dr. Gerry Meisels** – St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association  
**Marjorie A. Tuff** – American Shetland Sheepdog Association

##### THREE-YEAR TERM

**Dick Blair** – Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club  
**Whitney Coombs** – Catocin Kennel Club  
**Mary Lou Olszewski** – American Bloodhound Club  
**Carole Plesur** – Italian Greyhound Club of America

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**ONE-YEAR TERM**

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**TWO-YEAR TERM**

**Dr. Duane A. Butherus** - Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club

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**ONE-YEAR TERM**

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**Fred T. Kampo** - Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club

**A. Nelson Sills** - Labrador Retriever Club

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**TWO-YEAR TERM**

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**Kenneth A. Marden** - German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America

**Robert H. McKowen** - Mississippi Valley Retriever Club

**Judith H. Tighe** - American Brittany Club

**THREE-YEAR TERM**

**Colleen McDaniel** - Whidbey Island Kennel Club

**Christopher L. Sweetwood** - Trapp Falls Kennel Club

**Joan S. Tabor** - Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club

**HERDING, EARTHDOG, AND COURSING EVENTS:**

**ONE-YEAR TERM**

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

**Carol Clark** - Border Collie Society of America

**Bonnie Lapham, Secretary** - Glens Falls Kennel Club

**Nicklas G. Pisas** - Chintimini Kennel Club

**TWO-YEAR TERM**

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**Gerard Baudet** - Rhode Island Kennel Club

**Dr. John S. Fitzpatrick** - Mensona Kennel Club

**Robert Neff LaBerge, Chair** - Lawrenceville Kennel Club

**THREE-YEAR TERM**

**Dominic Carota** - Pharaoh Hound Club of America

**Carol Fisher** - Valley Forge Kennel Club

**Gwen McCullagh** - Huntington Kennel Club

**OBEDIENCE, TRACKING AND AGILITY:**

**ONE-YEAR TERM**

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**Barbara L. Mann** - Dayton Dog Training Club

**Patricia A. Sample** - Anderson Obedience Training Club

**Maureen R. Setter** - Cleveland All-Breed Training Club

**TWO-YEAR TERM**

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**Larry Wilson** - Philadelphia Dog Training Club

**THREE-YEAR TERM**

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**John J. Cadalso, Jr.** - Troy Kennel Club

**Gail LaBerge, Secretary** - Atlanta Obedience Club

**Kathrynann N. Sarvinas** - Dog Owners' Training Club of Maryland

**PARENT CLUBS:**

**ONE-YEAR TERM**

**Constance Butherus** - Afghan Hound Club of America

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**John P. Nielsen** - English Setter Association of America

**Larry Sorenson** - Dachshund Club of America

**TWO-YEAR TERM**

**William Blair** - Progressive Dog Club

**Karen Burgess** - Greater Clark County Kennel Club

**Karen R. Spey** - American Pointer Club

**THREE-YEAR TERM**

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**TWO-YEAR TERM**

**Dr. Gerry Meisels** - St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association

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**QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE  
DELEGATES  
OF  
THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

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PRESENT 367

Abilene Kennel Club—*Neil A. Bates*  
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Airedale Terrier Club of America—*Aletta L. Moore*  
Akita Club of America—*Sherry E. Wallis*  
Alaskan Malamute Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia A. Peel*  
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 Bouvier des Flandres Club, Inc.—*Patte Klecan*  
American Boxer Club, Inc.—*Bruce E. Voran*  
American Brittany Club, Inc.—*Judith Tighe*  
American Brussels Griffon Association—*Mark Grigalunas*  
American Bullmastiff Association, Inc.—*Alan Kalter*  
American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club, Inc.—*Carol Williams*  
American Chinese Crested Club, Inc.—*Marilyn E. Currey*  
American Fox Terrier Club—*Connie Clark*  
American Foxhound Club, Inc.—*Harold Miller*  
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 Water Spaniel Club—*Beth Lagimoniere*  
Anderson Kennel Club—*Phillip D. Sample*  
Anderson Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia A. Sample*  
Antelope Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Daniels*  
Arkansas Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pamela J. Anwood*  
Atlanta Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Wallin*

Atlanta Obedience Club, Inc.—*Gail A. LaBerge*  
Australian Cattle Dog Club of America—*Joyce Rowland*  
Australian Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*William I. Christensen*  
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*  
Bernese Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Sara Karl*  
Bexar County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Gerald H. Yarbrough*  
Bichon Frise Club of America, Inc.—*George Sikes*  
Birmingham Kennel Club, Inc.—*Martha Griffin*  
Black Russian Terrier Club of America—*Susan Sholar*  
Boca Raton Dog Club Inc—*Diane Wagner*  
Border Collie Society of America—*Ms. Carol Clark*  
Border Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Ruth A. Naun*  
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Brookhaven Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marie A. Fiore*  
Bryn Mawr Kennel Club—*Ruth A. Williams*  
Bucks County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Helma Weeks*  
Bull Terrier Club of America—*Rebecca Poole*  
Bulldog Club of America—*Robert L. Newcomb*  
Bulldog Club of New England, Inc.—*Francesca J. Castaneda*

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Canaan Dog Club of America—*Pamela S. Rosman*  
Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, D.C., Inc.—*Dr. Joyce A. Dandridge*  
Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Vivian A. Moran*  
Carolina Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jaimie Ashby*  
Catoctin Kennel Club—*Whitney Coombs*  
Catonsville Kennel Club—*Beverly A. Drake*  
Cedar Rapids Kennel Association, Inc.—*J Richard Seelbach*  
Central Florida Kennel Club, Inc.—*Julian Prager*  
Central Indiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sally Allen*  
Central New York Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane D. Almy*  
Channel City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Claire K. Steidel*  
Chaparral Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pam Goldman*  
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Chattanooga Kennel Club—*David Gilstrap*  
Chester Valley Kennel Club—*Dr. Samuel M. Peacock, Jr.*  
Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, Inc.—*Marge B. Calltharp*  
Chintimini Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nick Pisia*  
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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*  
Cumber Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Judy Hiller*  
Collie Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. Harold W. Sundstrom*  
Colorado Kennel Club—*Mrs. Louise Leone*  
Colorado Springs Kennel Club—*Sidney L. Marx*  
Columbia Kennel Club, Inc.—*Barbara B. Shives*  
Columbia Missouri Kennel Club—*Robert Brown*  
Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland—*Norma J. Ryan*



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- Connecticut River Working Group Association—*Fred G. Ferris*  
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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*  
Del Monte Kennel Club, Inc.—*Merlyn A. Green, D.C.*  
Del Sur Kennel Club, Inc.—*Andrew G. Mills*  
Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club—*Dr. A. D. Butherus*  
Des Moines Kennel Club, Inc.—*John D. Hughes*  
Detroit Kennel Club—*Mr. Erik Bergshagen*  
Devon Dog Show Association, Inc.—*Meg Weitz*  
Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon, Inc.—*Mrs. Patti L. Strand*  
Dog Owners Training Club of Maryland—*Kathrynnam Sarvinas*  
Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Tabor*  
Elm City Kennel Club—*Dr. Gregory J. Paveza*  
English Cocker Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Barbara A. Penny*  
English Setter Association of America, Inc.—*Mr. John P. Nielsen*  
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association, Inc.—*Susanne Burgess*  
English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois—*David H. Hopkins*  
Erie Kennel Club, Inc.—*Peggy Helming*  
Farmington Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Terrie Breen*  
Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cathleen Rubens*  
Field Spaniel Society of America—*Katherine Sullivan*  
Finger Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret B. Pough*  
First Company Governor's Foot Guard Athletic Association—*Lt. Col. John L. O'Connell*  
First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc.—*Lydia Maduri*  
Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America, Inc.—*Kurt Anderson*  
Forsyth Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Almira B. Dallas*  
Fort Lauderdale Dog Club—*Charles Arnold*  
Framingham District Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lynda Kenney*  
French Bulldog Club of America—*Mrs. Ann M. Hubbard*  
Garden State All Terrier Club, Inc.—*William J. Berry*  
Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Connie S. Clapp*  
German Pinscher Club of America—*Deidre E. Gannon*  
German Shepherd Dog Club of America—*Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia*  
German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America—*Mr. Kenneth A. Marden*  
German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia W. Laurans*  
Giant Schnauzer Club of America, Inc.—*Kimberly Demchak*  
Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*  
Glen of Imaal Terrier Club of America—*Bruce H. Sussman*  
Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Bonnie Lapham*  
Gloucester County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carole L. Richards*  
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 Murfreesboro Kennel Club, Inc.—*Margaret DiCorleto*  
Greater Naples Dog Club—*Steven D. Gladstone*  
Greater Ocala Dog Club, Inc.—*Linda LaFrance*  
Greater Philadelphia Dog Fanciers Association—*Marlene Steinberg*  
Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Jo Rasmussen*  
Green Mountain Dog Club, Inc.—*Caulder Ripley*  
Greenwich Kennel Club—*Margaret K. Curtis*  
Greyhound Club of America—*Melanie S. Steele*  
Harrier Club of America—*Kevin Shupenia*  
Harrisburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Cindy Miller*  
Hatboro Dog Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert D. Black*  
Havanese Club of America—*Jane F. Ruthford*  
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Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy Fisk*  
Hollywood Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*Jerry Werk*  
Houston Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms. Carol A. Williamson*  
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 Valley Kennel Club of Peoria, Inc.—*Dr. John F. Davidson*  
Indianapolis Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Marcia S. Adler*  
Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita J. Biddle*  
Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—*Karolynne McAteer*  
Irish Terrier Club of America—*Douglas L. Rapport*  
Irish Wolfhound Club of America—*Linda Souza*  
Italian Greyhound Club of America, Inc.—*Carole Plesur*  
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Kanasasaga Kennel Club—*Mrs. Beverly M. Nosiglia*  
Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John D. Sawicki*  
Kennel Club of Beverly Hills—*Thomas Powers*  
Kennel Club of Buffalo, Inc.—*Margaret Doster*  
Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Esther J. Cassatt*  
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*  
Kettle Moraine Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jacquelyn J. Fogel*  
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Ladies' Kennel Association of America—*Ruth Winston*  
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Land O'Lakes Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jan Croft*  
Lawrenceville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert N. LaBerge*  
Lehigh Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dominic P. DiBalsi*  
Leonberger Club of America—*Don James*  
Lima Kennel Club—*Dr. Anne Midgarden*  
Long Island Kennel Club—*Mr. William B. Tabler, Jr.*  
Louisville Kennel Club, Inc.—*Judy R. Melear*  
Manatee Kennel Club—*Pat Edgington*  
Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Romana Arnold*  
Marion Ohio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lynn Garvin*  
Maryland Kennel Club—*Gary Sarvinas*  
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 Miniature Bull Terrier Club of America—*Giselle Simonds*  
 Miniature Pinscher Club of America, Inc.—*Sandee White*  
 Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ralph Hogancamp*  
 Mispillion Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Blackie H. Nygood*  
 Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Gretchen Bernardi*  
 Mississippi Valley Retriever Club—*Robert H. McKowen*  
 Mohawk Valley Kennel Club—*Sandra Haber*  
 Monmouth County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Helmi Konderock*  
 Montgomery County Kennel Club—*Ms. Ida E. Weinstock*  
 Mount Vernon Dog Training Club—*Mrs. Ruth W. Crumb*  
 Mountaineer Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Rebecca S. Stanevich*  
 Mt. Baker Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Judith V. Daniels*  
 Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*  
 National Beagle Club—*Eddie Dziuk*  
 National Shiba Club of America—*Maggi Strouse*  
 Naugatuck Valley Kennel Club—*Viola Burgos*  
 New England Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Virginia Rowland*  
 Newnan Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*  
 Newton Kennel Club—*Catherine H. Murch*  
 Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Diane F Taylor*  
 Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*  
 North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F. Coletti*  
 Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club, Inc.—*Billie Ponton*  
 Norwegian Elkhound Association of America, Inc.—*Margaret Mott*  
 Norwich Terrier Club of America—*Betty McDonnell*  
 Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA)—*Marile A. Waterstraat*  
 Obedience Training Club of Hawaii, Inc.—*Ms. Patricia C. Scully*  
 Obedience Training Club of Rhode Island—*James M. Ashton*  
 Okaloosa Kennel Club—*Mrs. Gayle G. Stillwell*  
 Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Martha Nazak*  
 Old English Sheepdog Club of America, Inc.—*Christiana Gaburri*  
 Old Pueblo Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Felice Jarrold*  
 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*  
 Pasco Florida Kennel Club—*Patricia J. Lombardi*  
 Pekingese Club of America—*Joseph B. Franklin*  
 Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne Bowes*  
 Penn Ridge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dennis J. Gallant*  
 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*  
 Pioneer Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Margaret Vohr*  
 Plainfield Kennel Club—*John McCullagh*  
 Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado—*William E. Ellis*  
 Pocono Mountain Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Krieger*  
 Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Ellen Fishler*  
 Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*  
 Portland Dog Obedience Club, Inc.—*James Primmer*  
 Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Savage*  
 Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Brytt B. Hasslinger*  
 Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*  
 Putnam Kennel Club, Inc.—*Florence R. Laicher*  
 Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Frances Stephens*  
 Ramapo Kennel Club—*Mrs. Rose J. Radel*  
 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*  
 Rubber City Kennel Club—*Cathy Gaidos*  
 Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita L. Mather*  
 Salisbury Maryland Kennel Club—*Mrs. Barbara Furbush*  
 Saluki Club of America—*Monica H. Stoner*  
 Sammamish Kennel Club—*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.*  
 Samoyed Club of America, Inc.—*Mr. John L. Ronald*  
 Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Abbe R. Shaw*  
 Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, INC.—*Audrey Sutton*  
 Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*  
 Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Kay Allred*  
 Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty Jo Patrick*  
 Scottish Terrier Club of America—*Helen A. Prince*  
 Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—*Nancy Perrell*  
 Seattle Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sandra Frei*  
 Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sharyn Y. Hutchens*  
 Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*  
 Shreveport Kennel Club, Inc.—*LuAnn Moore*  
 Siberian Husky Club of America, Inc.—*Ann M. Cook*  
 Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*  
 Skokie Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Pat Grossmann*  
 Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gloria Shaver*  
 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 Hills Kennel Club—*Raymond P. Harrington*  
 South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*  
 South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*  
 South Texas Obedience Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Gerry Dalakian*  
 South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*  
 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. Louis Collie Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Schwartz*  
 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*  
Staten Island Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Bernard E. McGivern, Jr.*  
Steel City Kennel Club, Inc.—*Miss Susan M. Napady*  
Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*  
Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, Inc.—*Marcy L. Zingler*  
Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Duggan*  
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marylyn DeGregorio*  
Talbot Kennel Club—*Pamela Helmer*  
Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning-Stolz*  
Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Catherine Bell*  
Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*  
Tibetan Spaniel Club of America—*Mr. Herbert H. Rosen*  
Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*  
Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*  
Town and Country Kennel Club, Inc.—*Toni Doake*  
Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*  
Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Christopher L. Sweetwood*  
Trenton Kennel Club, Inc.—*Joseph Martyn*  
Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*  
Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*  
Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Patricia C. Sarles*  
Union County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Carlotta Dennie*  
United States Australian Shepherd Association—*Leon B. Goetz*  
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*  
United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiaro*  
Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—*J. M. Haderer*  
Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Sharon Sakson*  
Valley Forge Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Carol Fisher*  
Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—*Mr. William F. Dumas*  
Vizsla Club of America, Inc.—*Lynn Worth-Smith*  
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 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*  
Western Fox Terrier Breeders Association—*Torie Steele*  
Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. William A. Russett*  
Westminster Kennel Club—*Harvey M. Wooding*  
Whidbey Island Kennel Club Inc—*Colleen McDaniel*  
Wilmington Kennel Club, Inc.—*Candace Mogavero*  
Windham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Frederick R. Vogel*  
Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association—*Mrs. Karen Mays*  
Wisconsin Amateur Field Trial Club, Inc.—*Fred T. Kampo*  
Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*  
Worcester County Kennel Club—*Debra A. Hokkanen*  
Yorkshire Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Patricia D. Reynolds*



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## **AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Delegates Meeting September 11, 2012**

Dennis B. Sprung called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

There was a vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

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

The Chair informed the Delegates of the passing of Susan Gray, Delegate of the Wachusett Kennel Club since 1989 and Barbara Wicklund, Delegate of the Basset Hound Club of America, serving since 1976.

The Executive Secretary read the names of Delegates seated since the last meeting:

- Roger M. Arbuthnot to represent Superstition Kennel Club
- John R. Barnes, to represent American Maltese Association
- Jeffrey David Bell, to represent Ramapo Kennel Club
- Tarianne Gallegos, to represent Silky Terrier Club of America
- Richard E. Grant, to represent Providence County Kennel Club
- Andrew I Kalmanash, to represent Saw Mill River Kennel Club
- Adele Keyfel, to represent Yakima Valley Kennel Club
- Richard Rohrbacher, to represent Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor: Susanne E. B. Burgess, to represent English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association  
Brit Boyle Hasslinger, to represent, Portuguese Water Dog Club of America  
Pamela Helmer, to represent Cordova Kennel Club  
Sanda J. Launey, to represent Basset Hound Club of America  
Diane Pearson, to represent Bedlington Terrier Club of America

Douglas Rapport, to represent, Irish Terrier Club of America  
Geraldine Werk, to represent Hollywood Dog Obedience Club

The minutes of the June 12, 2012 Delegates meeting were published in the online AKC Gazette, and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegates Portal. The minutes were approved as published.

Alan Kalter gave the Chairman's report as follows:

Thank you, Dennis.  
Good morning, fellow Delegates. When we met in June, we spoke of the proposed new regulations to the Animal Welfare Act and the onerous impact it would have on AKC fancy breeders like you and I.  
We were determined to act quickly and with great purpose to address this issue, and we did. The AKC government relations team developed comprehensive, compassionate and convincing comments requiring a rethink of the USDA proposal. Thousands of you took individual action and posted comments on the site. The comments were constructive, and I believe they will be reviewed with great thought from the USDA.

The petition we started that day advocating for the AKC position ignited the passionate support of over 70,000 followers, and we believe our voice will be strongly and undeniably heard.

The quest for equitable regulations will continue for some time. This was just the beginning of a long journey, one that we were prepared for and committed to for as far and as long as it takes.

Now, earlier this year, as I was traveling to New York for an AKC Board meeting and with these anti breeder actions on my mind, I was approached by a flight attendant as I was boarding the plane. She mentioned that she had noticed my AKC Breeder of Merit pin and asked if I was a dog breeder. I responded yes, and then steeled myself for what might come next.

Well, I was truly unprepared for her comment. She said, "Thank you, thank you." She went on to explain that a dog has always been an important part of her family's life, her children's lives and her grandchildren's lives; each a purebred

dog, albeit several different breeds, and each acquired from a breeder. She understood that the lifelong joy her dogs brought to her and her family was made possible by a breeder. She just wanted me to know that my role as a breeder was appreciated and worthwhile. It was good to be reminded of that. Unfortunately, every day we are confronted by those who see a breeder very differently. Those who work law by law by restrictive law to take our rights away. Every day we fight to protect those rights from the onslaught of extremists who would see breeding restricted to the point of elimination.

The American Kennel Club believes in your rights as responsible owners and responsible breeders. We stand up for your rights whenever and wherever necessary. We will not stand by and let breeders be bullied into hiding.

To ensure that will not happen we need more than a strong argument about what we are against. We need to be just as strong about what we are for. In September, we have the perfect opportunity to tell everyone about that. This month, hundreds of our clubs will participate in the tenth annual AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day, by hosting free community events reaching dog owners, potential pet owners, voters and legislators.

The AKC will host its flagship event in Raleigh on Saturday, September 22nd. We welcome AKC clubs, Canine Good Citizen evaluators, rescue groups, dog trainers, vet clinics and all other dog loving groups to join us in making this year the biggest month long event celebration yet. If you haven't already, I urge you and your club to sign up for an event.

Last year more than 630 dog clubs and other organizations hosted events reaching millions of dog lovers and potential pet owners through extensive media coverage. Dog lovers also posted thousands of acts of responsible dog ownership on their Facebook and Twitter pages to help us celebrate virtual AKC RDO Days.

If you follow us on Facebook and Twitter to get the latest AKC RDO days and updates, you can participate in our virtual celebrations; and for those of you who have a Facebook page, or those who will now have one after you attended the



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forum, I encourage you to add your own virtual RDO Day celebration.

President Kennedy had an inspiring thought that I believe applies to all of us: "One person can make a difference, and every person should try." We not only each have that responsibility for individual activism; but together we have a requirement for collective action. By doing both, we will shape our future and ensure our rights as responsible dog owners and dog breeders. Together we will continue to stand up for what we believe in. Together we will continue to fight for our rights, and together we will be the dog's champion. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Kalter introduced Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Companion and Performance Events. Mr. Ljungren spoke as follows:

Thank You Alan.

Eleven years ago today, the AKC was meeting in this very room. It was a day none of us will ever forget. We watched in horror as the disasters in NYC, Wash DC and PA unfolded. In the aftermath, heroes swiftly heeded the call for help. Among the heroes were the teams of Urban Search & Rescue dogs. These teams were organized and prepared, however most of the general public didn't know they existed. Twenty-four of the twenty-eight FEMA Urban SAR teams were deployed. 9-11, more than any other day, raised the public's awareness of the valuable job these dogs perform.

The AKC stepped forward to assist the SAR teams. In a few minutes, Dennis will discuss AKC's actions.

The American Kennel Club is now taking another step to acknowledge the skills and service provided by these dogs. I am very pleased to announce that effective today, the AKC will honor these dogs by awarding an Urban SAR dog title. Specifically the AKC will award titles to dogs that are certified as deployable on Federal and State Disaster Task Forces.

Urban SAR is a modern day working function for our dogs. The attributes required have been maintained and enhanced in our traditional performance and companion events. High drive, sound temperament, scent discrimination, obedience and agility are some of the

characteristics of an outstanding SAR dog. Because of the large investment in training, it is desirable that these dogs enjoy a long, productive career. In this regard, purebred dogs are preferred as they have better known genetics and are more predictable for success. Purebreds comprise over 95% of the FEMA certified dogs.

In June we heard from Cindy Otto, Director of the PennVET Working Dog Center in Philadelphia. Today is their grand opening. In attendance are three 9-11 dogs. Each will be receiving their AKC Urban SAR dog title. With these titles, the AKC is memorializing the skills and service of SAR dogs. In our own way, we are saying "We will never forget."

While we tend to think of our titles as honoring dogs, many activities are a team effort, with the other half of the team being the handler. This certainly is the case with SAR work.

We are very fortunate to have such a team member in our Delegate body. At this time I would like to ask Becky Stanevich, Delegate for the Mountaineer KC, and her dog Juno to please step forward to receive the first AKC Urban SAR dog title. Becky and Juno are members of FEMA's Ohio Task Force One.

Congratulations Becky and Juno. (Applause)

Ms. Stanevich spoke as follows:

Good morning, I really don't like speaking, but this is such an important and special topic for me that I decided I'd speak. At any rate, what I'm going to try and cover this morning are three things very briefly: What is a FEMA task force and how does it work; what does it take to get a dog certified to work as a disaster dog; and to explain a little bit about what happens during a deployment.

Urban search and rescue involves the location, the rescue and extrication and initial medical stabilization of victims trapped in confined spaces. Structural collapse is the most frequent cause of entrapment, and collapses can be caused by earthquakes, hurricanes, dam failures, terrorist attacks, et cetera.

A little bit of history: In the early '80s, the Fairfax and Miami fire departments created elite search and rescue teams

specifically trained for rescue operations in collapsed buildings. It hadn't been done before that in this country.

In 1991, FEMA incorporated this concept and began funding USAR task forces. Today there are 28 task forces that provide round the clock operations, are self sufficient for approximately seven days, and are deployed at the request of state and local governments.

And I forgot to make one really important point, so I'm going to go backwards: Our dogs work what we call "naked." They do not work with a collar or any booties or anything like that on them. I think this picture on the left hand side is pretty demonstrative about why we don't use collars. This dog could have been, you know, trapped by that collar with the rebar and everything there. So it takes a lot more control for our dogs, but we feel they are a lot safer. Moving on to certification, FEMA and SUSAR, the State Urban Search and Rescue group, have very strong certification programs for the dogs, and that certification process starts with selecting a dog. And, of course, dogs can be almost any breed, but the purebred hunting, working and herding breeds are the most obvious choices. The most common breeds we see in the system are Labrador Retrievers, German Shepherd Dogs, Belgian Malinois, Border Collies and Golden Retrievers.

Regardless of the breed or the size, only a very small percentage of dogs have all the skills necessary to complete those tasks. And currently there are only about 250 dogs in the FEMA system in the entire country. They must have exceptionally high drive, have very stable temperament, be totally fearless, ultimately confident and have solid conformation that aids them in being excellent athletes. And they must have a driving desire to work.

I prefer to start with early training with my puppies. Some people will prefer to have a started dog, an 18 month old, 20 month old dog. But I like the early ones; I like to know what I'm exposing them to. So in this picture, Juno is walking over top of things; she's stepping onto a tarp, which is going to move under her, be slippery, just have strange sensations. There are slippery things; even the leaves make noises and give her something to play in.



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The picture on the right is really an important picture. She is just walking up a piece of plywood there, but look at her toes. Her toes are spread and she's made her feet very big, and this gives her a lot of traction on that board. When they're scared, their toenails come out and they have nothing to grip with.

They use those feet so much, that's another reason we don't like to put boots on our dogs unless they're injured, because they really need to use their feet when they're out there working.

The first stage in the certification process is what we call the foundation skills assessment, and it's really looking at the foundation skills that we think are essential for a dog to work in the rubble. And in this test, the dog is close to the handler most of the time, so there's some support from the handler.

The scent problems are very straightforward. And you can see here the five elements that the dogs are tested on. Let me just say that for me, this is like taking a dog to an obedience trial for novice heeling to utility scent discrimination; an agility trial, where the dog climbs a ladder and traverses a six foot dog walk; and a field trial, where the dog must find two victims in 15 minutes, and it's all done in one day. So our dogs have to have a lot of skills, and the skills have to be maintained at a high level.

The second step, and this is the deployable step, is called the certification evaluation. It consists of one element, which is the canine disaster search. And the dogs have two 20 minute search problems. They might be working on a wood pallet pile, as Juno is on the left hand side; or they might be working on concrete rubble, as Ben is on the right side. Ben has found his victim; he's got his nose right in the hole where the victim is.

In the certification evaluation, they will have one to six victims to find. The problems involve very complex scent problems and the distractions such as animal remains, food and human clothing are there to confuse the issue a little bit.

Doug wanted to know what this tail was. Well, I call this a "Springer flag;" and I think if you've hunted behind a Springer in the field, you know it tells you that the dog is on a bird. In the rubble, it tells me that the dog is in victim scent, so it's

really an important thing. And right now she is telling me we're kind of at the end of the certification part, and I better hurry up and tell you a little bit about the handler part.

Because we are a team. I've taken literally hundreds of hours of classroom and field training in topics such as structural collapse, confined spaces, hazardous materials, etc., so that I can assess the situations that we need to move into and search to make sure they're not too dangerous for me or for the dog. Our training is ongoing; we have topics that we have to recertify in; and the certification evaluation has to be done every three years.

A little bit about the role of the canine in a deployment. Canine teams are part of our search team. This is a picture from 9/11, actually; Pennsylvania Task Force One Canines.

Four canines are deployed in each deployment. There are two dogs that operate for 12 hours during the day, and two dogs that operate during the night. So this is the night shift, and you can see there is a dog handler, a search manager and a search technician and a dog. The two dogs and the two search teams will usually work in different sectors. If one dog finds a live scent, then the other dog will come over and confirm that is live human scent and that it's in the same area where the first dog is indicating. During Hurricane Irene, Juno and I went to New Jersey and New York. They had devastating rains in New York, and that's where we ended up. We started off being pre positioned in New Jersey, where the hurricane's eye passed over us, but the devastation wasn't very great there. New Jersey was able to take care of it themselves without federal assistance, so we moved to New York where it was unexpected, where they didn't have the same resources New Jersey had.

Moving a task force of 80 people and all of our equipment is a really impressive task. We have 15 to 18 vehicles, including an 18 wheeler. Remember we have to be ready to be self-sufficient for seven days. We've slept in hotels, Air Force hangars, dining halls and in our own tent city.

This tent city, I don't know how many buildings there were, it goes up in a matter of an hour. It's pretty impressive. Our mission in New York was to make sure that people isolated by impassable

roads and bridges had food, water, medications and were safe. We also surveyed damage in the area. To do this, we were airlifted into these isolated areas. The dogs were included on the search teams in case there were structures that needed to be searched.

Now we'll move on to 9/11. A good friend from the Pennsylvania task force and her dog, Willow, deployed, and she's lent me a few of her slides.

Sometimes the dogs work. You can see maybe actually you can't see very well, but behind the big piece of yellow plywood or cardboard, there's a dog working back there.

And this is actually a fairly close to working distance. Our dogs oftentimes have to work long distances away from us.

And then the other picture, we have the two dog team getting ready to deploy. Sometimes the dogs help. They serve as therapy dogs, and they got a little bit of relaxation while the people around them were able to pet them and just relax a little bit.

And then sometimes they got help. You can see the dog on the left is being what we call "deconned", cleaned up after his shift. This is Logan. And on the right hand side, I'm not sure who the dog is, you can see Cindy Otto kind of in the middle right of your picture. She is rehydrating a dog. If you'll remember, she said dehydration is the most commonly seen health problem. This dog is getting fluids right now.

There is a lot of competition between task forces, because we all want to go out the door and we all can't go out the door at the same time, obviously. But there's also a lot of camaraderie. So one week after the towers fell, on the 18th, Pennsylvania welcomed Texas Task Force 1 in to take their place.

And we train together. This coming weekend, I'll be training with people in Indianapolis from all over the country. So we learn from each other; we work with each other; we have a great deal of respect for one another. It's a really good group of people.

Almost since I started this work, my husband asked me why we don't breed dogs specifically to search for people. The one reason that I'm standing up here talking, that I've said yes to Doug when he's asked me to do things, is that it's so



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vitaly important to find dogs who can do this work. Having this title provides us with an invaluable tool to breed a better search dog.

When I first started this, I thought somebody asked me if I'd take to the AKC the concept of a title for urban search dogs. I thought oh, sure; another title. It took me a little while to really understand what this title could do for dogs and for the search world in general. So I think in the long run, the AKC is contributing to the development of a better working dog, and dogs that can be used in scent discriminating jobs impacting national security.

Finally, I want to thank the AKC and especially Doug Ljungren for making these titles possible. Really it was just three months ago that Doug and I started working on this. And working with Doug and the other people in the AKC that have been invaluable in this project has shown me the real heart of the AKC. This project has never been about money, making money. You know, we hear that all the time: "Oh, that's just the AKC trying to make money." It's never been about making money; it's been about honoring these wonderful, wonderful dogs. I'm tearing up, I'm sorry. With the addition of this title and other up and coming titles. the AKC is moving forward. I can honestly say that the AKC is for everyone who loves their dogs. Thank you.

(Standing ovation)

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

I'd like to ask you to please stand for a moment of silence in memory of the tragedy that occurred during this Delegates meeting 11 years ago today. (A moment of silence is observed) A great deal has changed in all of our lives as a result of 9/11. I will repeat what was shared with you in the past since AKC's family accomplished so much in this area, as we pulled together and not apart.

That morning, Ron Menaker and I were in the lobby of this very hotel when Blackie came up to us and said that a plane had hit the World Trade Center. We walked over to the deserted bar area, where an elderly gentleman was watching the news. When we approached he said to us, "My son called last night;

one of our planes is missing and they are coming to get us." Within minutes, the next plane hit. We turned around but the gentleman was gone.

That day we were together as one. There were 284 Delegates in attendance, less than half, 137 of you, are still serving. Naturally the meeting bordered on chaotic. We hugged and reassured each other outwardly, but inside there was fear and anger. The screens will show you that there were very valid but opposing points of view. (Quotes from) Nina Schaefer, Blackie Nygood, and Ruth Ann Naun.

After a discussion about the agenda and a vote for the Standing Committees, we adjourned and helped one another begin going home or finding safe haven for the night.

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

It was very much a shared success. Delegate Tom Davies, Springfield Kennel Club, was the very first sponsor, and many clubs followed. Fed Ex, IAMS, J.P. Morgan and Hartz became major corporate sponsors. Before too long, numerous other organizations heeded our call and we received help from many household names.

It took until the following evening for me to arrive at home, where the Ladies Kennel Association was holding a meeting, so one could find me in the basement. CBS Radio began broadcasting a plea for the donation of a portable x ray machine for rescue dogs that were hurt searching through the rubble. My thought was: "Dog people could do that."

So I went up the stairs and asked the ladies to post an online request to purchase an x ray machine. About nine p.m. that night, a call came in and we were able to purchase everything that we needed from a salesman in West Virginia. Our next challenge was how to transport the x ray machine, numerous cartons of gloves, aprons and film, so another request went out to relay the equipment

to Ground Zero. Dozens of our own caring people called throughout the evening, and by early morning the race was on: From West Virginia to Maryland to Pennsylvania, ending up in New Jersey with Afghan Hound breeders Bob and Angela Dinicola, who passed it on for the final delivery. Luckily, AKC had presented one of our very first ACE Awards to a member of the Canine Unit the year before at the Queensboro Kennel Club, thanks to the courtesy of Linda Lacchia and Rey and Viola Burgos. A call was made to Lieutenant Donadio, and he instructed us to have the equipment brought through the Lincoln Tunnel and to proceed down 11th Avenue until we were stopped.

Well, indeed we were stopped. But we were allowed to make one phone call. Within moments, we were surrounded by police and unmarked cars with sirens blasting and were escorted to the very street corner of Ground Zero amidst smoke that was still rising from the ashes. Just as the car was coming to a stop, the veterinarians from the Suffolk County SPCA, headed by Gerald Lauber, came running towards us and began assembling the x ray machine. We weren't there long enough to see it in operation, as we were escorted out of Ground Zero. But I knew then and there that the American Kennel Club did the right thing. It was the most emotional moment in my life. The streets were lined with tens of thousands of people waving flags and cheering us, but I knew better. They were cheering you, the American Kennel Club.

In the back of my mind, there was another thought. We could do a lot more. So the idea for DOGNY actually began just two days following 9/11, eventually raising over three and a half million dollars for search and rescue organizations throughout our nation, as we worked with fanciers, corporations and the public. In fact, it was with these funds that the AKC CAR Canine Support and Relief Fund was begun.

Since that time, AKC CAR has made numerous significant grants nationwide. Interestingly, following 9/11, the government chose to keep secret the names of the organizations that came to help. But AKC staff did their research and identified over 90 amateur and professional groups that went to the



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three cities with their dogs. Each organization was sent several thousand dollars as a thank you and as a way to defer their costs. After all, this could occur again where you live.

Looking back, the project almost didn't happen. Daphna Strauss was hired as a consultant. Today she is our Assistant Vice President of Business Development. And she, along with our legal team, began working through the maze of red tape necessary for the City to give us contractual permission to have statues displayed on the streets to commemorate the very first anniversary of 9/11.

For some unknown reason, the newly elected Bloomberg administration, busily taking over for everybody's hero, Mayor Rudy Giuliani, seemed to concentrate on things other than the American Kennel Club. Can you imagine?

Almost two months into the project, it was time to call upon Co Chair Karen LeFrak, and tell her about my frustration. Actually, I spent a long time bitching. This project just may not go anywhere. Well, surprisingly, the very next morning I received a telephone call from the First Deputy Mayor: "The City is ready to sign." After patting myself on the back about 100 times, I mean, this was like going best, I finally remembered to call Karen to tell her about this coincidentally good news.

Silence. "Can you hear me?" More silence. "Okay. What happened?" After my call the previous day, Karen had walked over to Mayor Bloomberg's townhouse and left him a note on the kitchen table.

We had to figure out how to transport 111 raw sculptures from the foundry to different artists' studios throughout the city, and then have each one individually picked up and taken to another company to be mounted on bases. We reached out to fancier Honi Reisman, who arranged a call with Ken May, the Senior Vice President of Federal Express.

AKC was lucky again, perhaps because we were doing the right thing. He said, "We could do this," but I missed his meaning, as my response was, "I know you could do it, but can we pay for it?" Ken's answer was astounding. He said, "You will pay for nothing. Your company's a hero. We're just going to make it happen." And they did, providing tens of thousands of dollars of free

shipments and logistics.

I'll also tell you about what was a guarded secret for quite a while with another member of our community. AKC received a call for help from the police department that of the approximately 300 dog teams that had come to the city, some of the dogs were injured and were being treated at a hospital, but the owners or their handlers were being charged. So I called a member of their Board of Directors to ask with whom I could speak. The response was, quote, "Dennis, I'll make you a deal. I will pay for the care of every single dog if you will keep this a secret between the two of us."

Well, that deal is long over, and the angel is Tony Sosnoff, another example of the quality people with whom each of us is blessed to share our passion.

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

I'm going to stop my speech to walk you through something special. This sculpture is of a handsome German Shepherd in good coat, just like it should be. But there's a lot of passion and emotion in this statue. The coat is made up of the name, age, city and state of every person in America who perished on that day. I am very, very proud to tell you that AKC's Board of Directors instantly supported this public art exhibition and fund raiser. Rubenstein Associates, American's premiere PR firm, required a formal presentation before agreeing to work on the project. Midway through the presentation, they proclaimed, "We're in." With their efforts, AKC benefited by a wide variety of media appearances. Sculptures bearing The American Kennel Club's name that were displayed for the very first anniversary still remain in some places: St. Vincent's Hospital, PACE University, the Fire Department Museum, Veteran's Administration Hospital, Purina Farms, Station One of the Portland Fire Department and at AKC headquarters.

Statues were painted live on The Today Show during numerous segments, and the NASDAQ screens in Times Square featured our program. In Georgia,

Governor Sonny Perdue unveiled a bronze DOGNY statue at the State Capitol building in Atlanta, with Delegates Ann Wallin, Karen and Asa Mays and Carmen Battaglia representing 32 clubs and organizations.

In Oklahoma, Onofrio and four of our All Breed clubs dedicated a statue near the site of the bombing of the federal building. A bronze version marks the entrance to the world headquarters of Hartz in New Jersey, and one welcomes visitors to our operations center in North Carolina.

AKC was made appealing to the public from a canine perspective and a human one. For shoppers and tourists, when Saks Fifth Avenue blackened all but two of their 34 windows for a two week period to commemorate the first anniversary, both of those windows facing St. Patrick's Cathedral displayed only DOGNY dogs. Broadway buffs saw a pair of sculptures over three-month's in the heart of Shubert Alley, where two and a half million people visit every week.

In the sports arena, we were fortunate that the three year wait for a special event at Yankee Stadium was handled in one week, and that organization offered DOGNY Day, at which 25,000 special edition pin striped "Help a Hero" toys were donated by Hartz. A statue purchased by breeder/exhibiter Amy Khiel Green bears the signatures of the entire Yankee team.

Major League Baseball, as well as the New York Mets organization and their owners, obedience enthusiasts Fred and Judy Wilpon, also sponsored statues. Plush dog mementoes carrying AKC's messaging appeared in over 12,000 stores nationwide.

Some will recall that the president of Hartz, Robert Devine, attended our meeting in this very room in September of 2002 as a guest of this Body, and presented a check for \$775,000 to Ron Menaker. Hartz then donated an additional \$500,000. Ron did a great deal as co Chair throughout the entire DOGNY project.

TFH published a commemorative book, and after the public art display, Sotheby's Auction House donated their main gallery, along with the services of Vice Chairman Benjamin Doller as auctioneer. Famed columnist and



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Dachshund fancier Liz Smith also donated her services as guest auctioneer and graced us with more publicity.

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

Thank you.  
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung introduced Peter Farnsworth, AKC's new Chief Financial Officer, who joined AKC in July. He comes to us after an extensive financial career on Wall Street. He was CFO for the AmericaCares Foundation, which includes five diverse businesses, and served as the CFO of Amnesty International USA.

Mr. Farnsworth gave his Financial Report. A summary follows:  
Total revenues of \$4.6 million in the month of August 2012 were \$250,000 below budget but \$350,000 above 2011. Total monthly operating expenses of \$4.7 million were \$200,000 below budget but \$200,000 above 2011. This resulted in an operating loss of \$67,000 for the month. This was an improvement from last August's monthly operating loss of \$217,000. Our investments, Year-To-Date, are up \$4.9 million but we recognize this could change at any time.

The first vote was on the proposed Amendment to Chapter 2, Section 3, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would require clubs to hold shows in their territory in order to maintain exclusive privilege in their territory. The amendment was proposed by the Suffolk County Kennel Club. The AKC Board approved the first insertion, which would enable clubs to utilize a site in their territory after the club assigned that territory has not held a show in that territory for two consecutive years. The Board did not recommend approval of the proposed new last sentence, which would enable the original club to reestablish exclusivity and would only recommend approval on the proposal if it is deleted.

Robert Eisele, Delegate for the Suffolk County Kennel Club, spoke as follows: On the presentation of this, it was pointed out to me the reason that the Board did not like the second sentence was the fact that a club could be out of a territory for a number of years, a second club could come in and have shows there for a number of years, and the first club could come back and actually kick them out.

So we've come up with an amendment we'd like to add to this. I had sent it to Jim, so I think he can print it as I read it: "Each member club or association, not a specialty club, which shall hold a show within their territory at least once in every two consecutive calendar years shall have the sole show privilege in the city, town or district which has been assigned to it as its show territory." The paragraph that's not being printed that I had sent was: "Failure to hold a show at least once in two consecutive years will result in that territory being open to other clubs wishing to hold a show in that territory without needing permission from another club assigned to that territory."

What I'm basically doing there is defining that the area that has not had a show within a period of time is then considered open; and this paragraph refers back to that paragraph. Clubs that have not held a show in their territory within two consecutive calendar years will be granted the exclusive privilege to their territory one year after the next date they hold a show in their territory. Any clubs that have held a show in an open territory will be granted concurrent privileges to that territory if ever the original club reestablishes exclusivity.

That was what was pointed out to me by the Board, that they were concerned that the second club would be adversely affected by a club coming back to their territory.

This motion really doesn't change anything. It just encourages people to keep a local show. It doesn't stop anybody from having a cluster and moving outside their territory, but it doesn't stop somebody from going into that territory that's been basically abandoned.

Following discussion, it was voted to

refer the proposed amendment to the Dog Show Rules Committee.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 5, Section 6 through 8 of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Ribbon, Prizes and Trophies, which would make all sections in this chapter consistent.

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

The final vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 16, Section 1, a new sixth paragraph of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, which would create a new three point major for the dog designated Reserve Winners Dog and the bitch designated Reserve Winners Bitch at one national specialty each year, specified by the Parent Club, provided there are twice the number required for a five point major in the winner's sex. The Parent Club would have the option of not providing this additional major.

There were two thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted, effective January 1, 2013.

The Chair called on John Lyons, who will retire in January of 2013, to provide an update about the process of selecting his successor.

Mr. Lyons: Good morning, everyone. In July, AKC launched a public search for a new Chief Operating Officer, using the same firm responsible for finding me nine years ago. Advertisements began appearing two months ago. This outreach included a posting on our web site and ads in all major dog publications, as well as in the online and print versions of the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times.

The initial round of cuts has been made and will be presented to the officers, and interviews will begin. The lists of finalists will be vetted with the Board. Chairman Alan Kalter and Board members Dr. William Newman, Patricia Cruz and Robert Amen will then interview candidates. The President will make a recommendation to the Directors for election to the COO position, effective January 7th, 2013.

The target for the completion of this



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process is within a few weeks from today, so that the successful candidate will be mentored by me for a couple of months before my retirement. This very measured approach will allow for a smooth transition.

Now let's switch gears and talk about our Delegates. We will now honor Delegates who have served for 25 years. This is the 14th time that AKC has had the privilege to present Delegate medallions. The medallion is in recognition of meritorious and long term contributions to the Sport. Each individual has served in this Body for 25 years, and they join 84 previously honored Delegates.

This medallion program recognizes our core constituency, and it allows the grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own. Will the following Delegates please come forward:

Gretchen Bernardi, the Mississippi Valley Kennel Club; Charles H. Schaefer, the Kennel Club of Philadelphia; Robert S. Jagers, Jr., Kern County Kennel Club; and Howard W. Sundstrom, the Collie Club of America.

(Applause)

The Chair called on Jim Crowley to honor five member clubs.

Mr. Crowley: I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the American Foxhound Club; the Bulldog Club of Philadelphia; the Japanese Chin Club of America; Middlesex County Kennel Club; and the Pacific Coast Boston Terrier Club, which are celebrating 100 years of membership in the American Kennel Club.

The Chairman will present each club with a plaque to commemorate this occasion. If the Delegates of these clubs are present, please come to the front of the room.

Thank you and congratulations.  
(Applause)

The Chair called on Jim Crowley to give a report on the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Crowley: The next item is the report of the Nominating Committee. At the July 2012 meeting, the Board of Directors selected the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee

to select candidates for the class of 2017. Gretchen Bernardi, Chair, Mississippi Valley Kennel Club; Karolynn McAteer, Irish Setter Club of America; Patricia Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club; Patti Strand, Dog Fanciers Association of Oregon; Meg Weitz, Devon Dog Show Association. Alternate: Dominic Carota, Pharaoh Hound Club of America.

Judith V. Daniels, Mount Baker Kennel Club, was also appointed by the Nominating Committee as an alternate. As per an email on July 24 to the Chair of the Committee, she resigned from this position.

The Chair called on Gretchen Bernardi to address the Delegates.

Ms. Bernardi: Before I say anything about that, could I just say that although being a Delegate for 25 years has been a great privilege, Becky Stanevich puts us all to shame. She is the real deal, and I'm humbled to have her among us.  
(Applause)

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work since we were selected, and we're privileged to have had an extra month to be doing our work and so we've taken advantage of that. We've reached out to everyone, and yesterday we conducted nine interviews, all afternoon, almost an hour each. It was very, very exciting to be able to do that, and we're proud of our work.

We know that people can still put their names into us. We're meeting at the end of this month. The names, the final slate is due the 15th of October, and will be on time, and we're going to have one more face to face meeting.

But we also know that it is possible for Delegates to run from the floor and bypass the interview process. And we hope that all the Delegates are mindful of that when they cast their ballots. Thank you very much.  
(Applause)

The Chair recognized Judith V. Daniels, Delegate for the Mt. Baker Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

May I address the previous comments, please?

Mr. Sprung: Yes.

Ms. Daniels: Thank you. It was an honor to be named as an Alternate to the Nominating Committee. However, the note that I sent both to Gretchen and to Alan, our Chairman, stated that because a few Delegates had started talking to me about becoming a candidate, I wrote a very simple note requesting to be off the committee, because whether or not I should decide to become a candidate, I felt it would be a conflict and I did not want to be a conflict.

Thank you very much.

The Chair called on Carl Ashby to give an update on the status of the Club President's Challenge.

Mr. Ashby: In June we shared with you the Presidents Challenge. This annual fund drive will support the American Kennel Club Political Action Committee as well as the Canine Legislative Support Fund. Today, I plan to update you on the status of the Challenge, recognize some Clubs who have both and exceeded it and continue to ask for your support and we close out the 2012 Presidents Challenge.

As I have talked with you the last two days it's has been gratifying to hear your response to the Challenge. If I could change the presentation shown today it would add thousands to the total of \$54,000 in the last 3 months. Your support of the Challenge has been truly gratifying and I ask you continue to work with your as we move into fall, as our clubs are getting back into the swing of things, and we know that you will have the opportunity to talk and bring this before your clubs.

Now, I would like to share with you a couple of honor rolls. We are going to honor everyone that does this; we are going to be sure that everyone appears on the web site, and appears in our e letters and so forth, because we have had a tremendous broad based support that I am going to talk about in just a second. And then if you take a look at the folks who have donated a thousand dollars and up as of last week, and I apologize as always if a name has been left off, but as of early last week, this is what it was, and it's just great results.

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Association; the Basenji Club of America; the Basset Hound Club of America; Greater Hickory Kennel Club; Marion Kennel Club; Penn Ridge Kennel Club; and the Siberian Husky Club of America. These have just gone way beyond what we asked in the challenge, and we couldn't be more proud and pleased for their support.

And then if you take a look at that 500 to a thousand dollars, and that's the roll here, and I've just listed the clubs in this case; I won't read those, but you can see we have broad based support.

But what I think is more important is in the details of this. When this started, the first year of the PAC, we had 65 donors. It's true we raised about \$16,000, but only 65 eligible individuals, made that up. This time, though, just in the PAC side alone, which once the money is totally vetted you will have raised about \$21,000. First, that's a record and secondly it was done in just three months.

On top of that, 892 different individuals participated in the PAC. We were able to spread the base of the giving pyramid, and that is so important. In any kind of fundraising, particularly nonprofit, the more participation you have, the more impact it's going to have, and that's certainly been the case during the Challenge.

If you take a look at licensed and member clubs, it shows you the potential. There are 5,047 clubs that are either licensed or members of the American Kennel Club. We have had 100 of our member clubs participate, 16 percent, and I think that is an outstanding start; but I think it also shows you the potential we have. And just the folks in this room clearly represent just by numbers about two and a half times that number.

So if you will carry that message back just in the member clubs alone of the Delegates that are present today, we can get another 150 clubs, member clubs, into the fold. And licensed clubs at 120 represents only two percent of the licensed clubs. I think that's pretty remarkable, given the fact it's the first significant outreach we have had to them and they don't have the benefit of you. If we can continue to build that relationship, we are going to be able to do a whole lot a whole lot more.

Let's now consider the Canine Legislative Support Fund. This is the easier fund in the sense that clubs can actually write checks; and the clubs have done that, you have done that. And, thanks to you, we have raised 31,000 so far, \$234 per club.

This is an outstanding start to the Challenge.

So, what's next? Well, the 2012 Challenge is going to continue into Fall. If you haven't already asked your club we are asking you remind your Club of how they can help.

Finally, this is an ongoing process. The 2013 Presidents Challenge is right around the corner. What you can do to get ready for that is this: Discuss with your club about designating a portion of your dues in 2013 to the PAC. We know that a lot of your philanthropic activities had already been planned for 2012 but we ask you to plan for the Challenge in 2013. Most clubs collect their dues in the first quarter, and this is a great opportunity to get a head start on the 2013 Challenge.

Thank you very much.  
(Applause)

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

I just wanted to share with you an idea that I had about the PAC, and I'll find out when I get home whether it worked or not.

I challenged my club members that I would match their donations to the PAC up to a certain amount. Our quarterly meeting was last night. So I'm here and they're there. But I had various plants put in to help see if this is going to work. So I'll find out when I get back how we did. I'm hoping that we get over the goal. We're going to try hard. I'm not going to tell you how much I've set that match up to.

The Chair recognized: Margaret Doster, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Buffalo, who spoke as follows:

I've presented this information to my Kennel Club, and they continue to have concerns regarding their 501C3 status and how making donations to either of these funds would affect the club and our account.

Mr. Sprung: We will be able to get you answers on that so you go about it properly and legally.

Ms. Doster: Thank you.

The Chair announced that the December Delegate meeting will be held in Orlando in connection with the AKC Eukanuba National Championship, will be at the Rosen Centre Hotel on Friday, December the 14th.

The following subjects were discussed during New Business:

Sydney Marx, Delegate for the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, thanked the AKC and many individual Delegates for the concern and support they showed those of us in Colorado during those horrendous fires.

"Almost from Day One, I received calls and e mails from Delegates such as Duane and Connie Butherus; clubs like the Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club and the Afghan Hound Club of America sent financial and emotional assistance. The AKC through AKC CAR donated \$6,000 to three nonprofits caring for displaced pets. In addition, the Humane Society of Boulder received a grant of \$5,000 to purchase supplies for their emergency trailers. The Colorado Veterinary Medical Foundation received a grant of \$3,000 presented by the Colorado Kennel Club. Two search and rescue groups received \$2,000 each.

As we have seen in the past, when things get tough, we all come together. We applaud and thank you all."

(Applause)

John Nielsen, Delegate for the English Setter Association of America, asked whether AKC advertised in the Raleigh newspapers regarding the COO position. Mr. Sprung responded that he would find out.

Ms. Bernardi asked if AKC could find a way to bring back our field reps to our shows?

Mr. Sprung: Thank you for that, Gretchen, and we did have a discussion just this past weekend with Patty Proctor



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about that very item.

The Chair recognized Lee Arnold, Delegate for Southern Colorado Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Fellow Delegates, I would like to give you an update on the AKC CHF. This past Sunday, we had two meetings. The first meeting took place with our grants committee, which is an annual meeting, at which time they approve and recommend grants to the Board of Directors for their afternoon meeting. Last year they approved an aggregate sum for research for 1.3 million dollars. This year they approved 17 grants to the tune of 1.7 million dollars, an increase of \$400,000 from last year.

I would like to extend my thanks, gratitude and appreciation to the entire Delegate Body, those of you from clubs, individuals, who have all made this possible, and hopefully there will be even more next year.

Two more points I would like to make concerning the CHF. We have always had a wonderful program in place called the Heritage Society, in which people, while we are still here on this good Earth, have obligated a sum of money to be given to the Foundation upon their demise. We have revised that program a little bit to make it an annuity program that's now called the Heritage Society Annuity Program, in which when you make that commitment. You will receive money during your lifetime. If you are interested, you can call Terry Warren, who is our CEO, at 888 682 9696 and she'll give you further details.

Lastly, I would just like to mention every year there's a very important award called the President's Award, which is given for meritorious service to either an individual or an organization. This year, being Chair of the organization, I selected Jim Stevens to receive the President's Award for his service. And if you will indulge me (Applause)

I had this letter prepared by our CEO, Terry Warren, to be sent with the award to Jim:

"Dear Jim, Lee Arnold, Chair of the AKC Canine Health Foundation, has chosen to recognize you as the recipient of this year's President's Award. Lee was very excited to present this award to you

as you certainly represent a person who has made an exceptional contribution to advancing canine health by the extraordinary time and commitment you dedicated to seeing the Foundation go forward with fiscal responsibility.

We are grateful for your service to CHF. With your help and leadership, we were able to navigate through financial and personnel turmoil. As the Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee, you helped secure the Foundation's financial integrity, allowing us to continue to grow through donations from individuals, foundations and corporations.

As a member of the Board of Directors, you have gone above and beyond your commitment to helping dogs live longer, healthier lives. Your leadership has helped pave the way for the future of CHF, ensuring the work we do will continue to benefit dogs now and in the future. We are grateful for your commitment and we thank you for the time you have given and wish you much good health and great times in your retirement."

Thank you all.  
(Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you for that positive information.

Carol Williamson, Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club, spoke as follows: Speaking on behalf of Perspectives, the deadline for articles for our next issue will be the 15th of the month. Send them to Monica Stoner or to any of our committee members who are listed in the front page of Perspectives.

The other thing is in answer to Peggy Wampold's talking about Perspectives last meeting, I polled the members. 65 responded to me. If you were one of the 65 who responded, I have your printed copies with me. Please see me at the end of the meeting. And we're still working on things to see how they'll come out. We'll keep you posted. Thank you.

Joan Tabor, Delegate for the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, asked about reinstating a printed Gazette.

Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, confirmed, as per Carol Williams, that the deadline for Perspectives Articles is the 15th of October.

She asked about AKC's policy of responding to negative articles in the National Press. She felt that AKC should be ready to respond to any article about dogs that appears in any national newspaper.

Mr. Sprung: The fact is that many newspapers have a policy of not publishing responses to certain types of articles like Op Ed and opinion pieces. We do write to them regardless of their policy, and we call them, but we are not in a position to change their policy. Fortunately, in other circumstances they do publish our responses. It is something that we are prepared for and that we do. Your suggestions are good, and fortunately we are doing that.

Mr. Marx: I know he'll be upset with me for acknowledging this, but I think I'll do it anyway. I just wanted to let you know that the President of the Colorado Springs Kennel Club, who is also a former Breeder of the Year, Doug Johnson, opened both of his kennels to these displaced dogs and for no charge.

Ann Lettis, Delegate for the Grand River Kennel Club, also asked about reinstating the printed Gazette.

Kim Johnson of KPMG read the Teller's report for the Delegate Standing Committees.

Ms. Johnston: For the All Breed Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Margaret DiCorleto; Margaret Doster; Lawrence Libeu; Cathleen Rubens.

For the Bylaws Committee, the following three candidates were elected for three year terms: Sylvia Arrowwood; Dr. Gregory J. Paveza; Diane F. Taylor. Also for the Bylaws Committee, the following candidate was elected for a two year term: Harry Ottmann.

For the Canine Health Committee, the following three candidates were elected for three year terms: Susan LaCroix Hamil; Joan Savage; Sherry E. Wallis.

For the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Dick Blair; Whitney Coombs; Mary Lou Olszewski; Carole Plesur.



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For the Dog Show Rules Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Cindy Miller; Charles Schaefer; Robert A. Schroll; Johnny Shoemaker.

For the Obedience, Tracking and Agility Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: James Ashton; Jack Cadalso; Gail LaBerge; Kathrynann Sarvinas.

For the Parents Club Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three year terms: Patricia W. Laurans; Karen Mays; Betty Jo Patrick and Peter Piusz.

Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: There is no election required for the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee and for the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee, as well as the Perspectives Editorial Committee.

The Delegates nominated for these committees are seated.

The Executive Secretary will read the names of the Delegates who will serve on these Committees.

Mr. Crowley: Delegates who self nominated there to serve three three year terms and one one year term on the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee are: Colleen McDaniel; Christopher Sweetwood; Joan Tabor; Judith Tighe.

Delegates who self nominated and will serve three three year terms, two two year terms and one one year term on the Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee are: Don Adams; Dominic Carota; Carol Fisher; Gwen McCullagh; Dr. Nicklas Piasis.

Delegates who self nominated and will serve six two year terms on the Perspectives Editorial Committee are Dr. Gerry Meisels; Dr. Geno Sisneros; Monica Henderson Stoner; Sylvia Thomas; Carol Williamson and Lynn Worth Smith.

An additional member may be appointed for a one year term, as a seat remains open.

(The meeting is adjourned at 12:10 p.m.)

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