

**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Delegates Meeting
September 13, 2022**

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

The first order of business was the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.
(Voting.)

The Meeting recessed for the Delegate Forum. The topic was AKC Education Department, What's New? presented by Ashley Jacot, Director of Education.

The Chair called the meeting back in session at 10:00 a.m. ET.

The Chair introduced the persons on the dais: Chairman, Dr. Thomas Davies; Vice Chairman, Dominic Palleschi Carota; Joan Corbisiero, Professional Registered Parliamentarian; Gina DiNardo, Executive Secretary; Shari Cathey, the Court Reporter.

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

Christopher R. Abraham, Pasco, WA to represent Richland Kennel Club
Pamela Bagley, Santa Maria, CA to represent Santa Maria Kennel Club
Barbara Breidenback, Franklinville, NJ to represent Gloucester County Kennel Club
Karen Byrd, Cumming, GA to represent Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
Mallory Cosby Driskill, Goode, VA to represent Tibetan Spaniel Club of America
Mary Lynne Elliott, Golden, CO to represent Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the U.S.
Sarah Ford, Frontier, ND to represent Fargo-Moorhead Kennel Club
Glenn Glass, Cicero, NY to represent Onondaga Kennel Association
Pamela E. Ireland, Germantown, TN to represent Memphis Kennel Club
Nancy A. Nelson, Norwalk, CT to represent Hungarian Pumi Club
Sue Ritter, Sugarloaf, PA to represent Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA
Dan Sayers, Merchantville, NJ to represent Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
Dr. Donald Sturz, Brooklyn, NY to represent Westminster Kennel Club
Ann S. Wallace, Dover, DE to represent Talbot Kennel Club
Nili Young, Summerville, SC to represent Columbia Kennel Club.

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

Barbara Breidenback to represent Gloucester County Kennel Club
Kim Brinker to represent Italian Greyhound Club of America
Marc Crews to represent Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa
Karen Byrd to represent Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia
Pamela Deleppo to represent Providence County Kennel Club
Glenn Glass to represent Onondaga Kennel Association

Pamela E. Ireland to represent Memphis Kennel Club
Kevin E. Lord to represent Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America
Sue Ritter to represent Miniature American Shepherd Club of the USA
Melissa Robison to represent Santa Cruz Kennel Club
Dan Sayers to represent Irish Water Spaniel Club of America
Ann S. Wallace to represent Talbot Kennel Club
Nili Young to represent Columbia Kennel Club

The minutes of the June 14, 2022 Delegate Meeting were published in the online July 2022 AKC Gazette, and the complete transcript was posted on the Delegate Portal on AKC's website. There were no corrections and the minutes were adopted as published.

Baytown Kennel Club was duly elected as members of The American Kennel Club.

Dr. Thomas Davies delivered the Chairman's Report as follows:

Welcome back to Newark as we bid farewell to summer and begin the trek to the end of the year.

It has been two and a half years since the pandemic ground us nearly to a halt. We are still ever mindful of keeping our sports safe for all exhibitors. Staff is continuously innovating and adapting to ensure that we can still enjoy our dog sports actively and responsibly.

I would like to spend some time today on the actions that we have taken to make certain so-called "COVID modifications" to rules *permanent procedures* in order to assist clubs, judges and exhibitors moving forward.

Most notably - the "one plus one" initiative.

In January of 2019, a rule change went into effect that awards a maximum of *one championship point to Best of Winners* when no points are awarded to Winners in either sex if the combined number of regular class exhibitors for both sexes meets the minimum required for one point for the sex or division. Prior to this change, exhibitors who found themselves in a situation in which no points could be earned in the classes faced the challenge of having to defeat Specials or win the Group to earn points. Therefore, some of those competitors felt discouraged and ended up not attending at all.

Wayne Gretzky is credited with the famous words "*you miss one hundred percent of the shots you don't take.*" While I am not one to refute the Great One, we all know, in today's busy world, we sacrifice quite a bit to show dogs, and sometimes that commitment can mean life's chores and responsibilities going by the wayside. It often seems time is too precious to bet against. So, the one-plus-one rule has added a little bit of hope and return on the investment we put into our shows.

Comparing the entries in regular classes at All-Breed shows in 2018 with 2021 revealed an increase in the number of one-plus-one scenarios, which amounted to an average of nearly five additional entries in the regular classes per All-Breed show after the rule change went into effect. Exhibitors who were confronted with a one-plus-one situation were indeed less likely to scratch; the absentee rate for this population was reduced from 48% to 31%. The increase in entries and reduced absentee rate together amounted to an average of more than 7 additional dogs being shown in the regular classes per All-Breed show.

For low entry breeds, meaning those breeds with fewer than 3500 entries in the previous year, the one-plus-one initiative generated an average of 2.7 additional low entry breed entries in the regular classes at All-Breed shows, and the absentee rate was reduced from 38% to 27% in this category. More than three entries of low entry breeds were shown in the classes on average as a result.

This initiative has had a cumulative, positive impact on our clubs, to the tune of an additional \$153 in additional entry fees at each All-Breed show. Across all All-Breed shows, this has amounted to nearly \$200,000 in gross contributions to club revenue. Improved absentee rates can also generate more spending on vendors, parking and other services. Most importantly, the one-plus-one initiative has infused a sense of potential and hope for exhibitors who may otherwise have been deterred from participating. When we add opportunities to “stay in the game” we all win. The biggest winners, of course, are our dogs.

We have also taken steps to advance breed competition. Now, Specialty Clubs can travel up to 300 miles out of their territory to join another Specialty Club in the same breed. Formerly, the limit was 200 miles. Specialty Clubs may now hold up to four designated Specialties in addition to independent or concurrent Specialties. Recall that a designated Specialty is one in which a Specialty Club considers the regular breed judging at an All-Breed or Group show as its Specialty show. These changes will particularly help breeds with fewer Specialty Clubs around the country to increase their opportunities for competition and encourage camaraderie across greater distances.

A new provision also allows clubs and clusters to add a third Conformation event on a single day, as long as one of the three events is a Specialty show. Modification of the earlier policy now means that there can be three opportunities for Championship points in a single day. Given the effort and expense that we put into getting to shows, it is only sensible to maximize opportunities to achieve success once we are there.

Judging dogs is both a privilege and a service, and it can be challenging to balance the call to serve with personal goals for one’s dogs. A permanent policy now allows individuals who are judging NOHS groups or NOHS Best in Show only, to exhibit in regular competition on the day they judge.

AKC is committed to enhancing our Judges Education as an ongoing effort. During the pandemic, we launched a Breed webinar series that was so successful, it has been made a

permanent service. The AKC Education Webinar Series has hosted 52 webinars for over 11,000 participants so far this year. Learners have included judges, Show Chairpersons, groomers, trainers, breeders and the general public. Many of our webinars have been recorded and remain available for all to experience at any time. Our AKC Canine College offers more than 800 courses and exams. We also have a new digital archive that holds breed, club and sport history for all to explore from their desktop or mobile phones. Some would say this is the golden age of education at AKC. I urge you all to take advantage of what we have to offer at the Public Education section of AKC.org. As Ben Franklin wisely said, *“an investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.”*

The pandemic made it exceedingly difficult to participate in our sports, as we all know. To keep skills fresh and reward continued participation in our events, we created several virtual activities that continue to engage dog owners even today. We have decided to keep them going. They include AKC Trick Dog; Novice, Intermediate, Advanced and Excellent classes in Rally; Agility ACT Standard and Jumpers classes; Beginner Novice and Novice Obedience classes; the Pointing Breed Water Test; Virtual Scent work and Virtual Home Manners. These programs also find an additional purpose in introducing newcomers to our sports. If we can encourage new constituents to get started with AKC events through these virtual platforms, they will soon seek more in real time.

In Companion and Performance Events, certain COVID-times modifications have been permanently adapted to ease the need for volunteers. These include using cones in Obedience, permitting exhibitors to carry leashes in Agility, a friendly greeting instead of a handshake for Canine Good Citizen, and a designated container for Retriever Hunting Tests. Each of these measures reduces a club's dependence on stewards. We can't forget that ours is a sport built on volunteers. But when we can be more efficient, we will always try to adapt. After all, the Darwinian theory prevails: *“It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.”*

A number of date and mileage restrictions in our Companion Events sports that were lifted during the pandemic will continue indefinitely. These changes will make it easier to show and title when judges are in short supply. Clubs offering Companion Events will now have the option to keep entries open up to seven days prior to their trials in order to gain more entries. For a full list of the permanent changes affecting all events, consult the minutes that are always published on AKC.org under “About the American Kennel Club, Minutes and Reports.”

Make sure to mark your calendars for AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day on September 17, 2022. This year, we return to in-person RDO Day events for the first time since 2019. Special thanks are due to the 40 clubs that have already signed up to host events in their communities. We urge you all to join them. To sign up, visit AKC.org and navigate to “Sports and Events, Responsible Dog Ownership Day” or call the Communications Department directly.

The AKC Museum of the Dog will host a tribute to K9 Officers and Handlers on the evening of Thursday, September 29. Marking 21 years since working dogs were called to duty in Lower

Manhattan, Shanksville Pennsylvania and the Pentagon, the Museum's reception will salute our canine heroes. Tickets are available on museumofthedog.org. Please consider supporting the event and spread the word to your clubs and members as well.

As we move into the fourth quarter of the calendar year, we keep a close eye on progress and note that litter registrations are in a positive position as compared to the same period last year. Individual registrations have outpaced our expectations, indicating that while the pandemic is waning, the public's desire for dogs has not. We are grateful to our breeders who work hard to fulfill the demand by sharing their puppies with new owners and who continue to keep AKC the Registry of choice.

It is with this trend in mind, and our commitment to enhancing the experiences of our event participants, that we have adopted permanently our supportive COVID-era rule modifications. Change is important. It was Margaret Mead who said, "*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world.*" We are those committed citizens. Our dogs are our world.

Before I sit, please join me in a moment of reflection to honor the memory of our fellow fancier, Queen Elizabeth II, and as well, the first responders, the dogs and those we lost on that terrible day 21 years ago. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung delivered the President's Report as follows:

Of course, the AKC remembers 9/11 which occurred 21 years ago just as our Delegates Meeting was beginning in this very room.

Please stand for a moment of silence.

[Moment of silence.]

Today, there are almost 70 people who were at that meeting and continue as Delegates. A tribute of their stories is being compiled by Ruth Crumb. I am inviting you to provide her with your remembrance of the day the world changed. My gratitude to Ruth for this important and emotional undertaking.

A number of years ago I asked Daphna Straus to research the economic impact of dog events in communities with the objective of providing compelling evidence of the financial positives an event brings to towns and cities.

Recently with Government Relations now handling this initiative, I requested that Sheila do the same and her work is enlightening and will soon be enhanced.

The Chair called on Sheila Goffe, VP Government Relations, who spoke as follows:

Good morning. The GR team is pleased to have an opportunity to speak to you this morning. Many of you know we work continuously to demonstrate AKC community leadership and provide positive information about AKC and purebred dog enthusiasts. Today I'm pleased to introduce our newly updated economic benefits of dog shows and new AKC impact by state resources. They consist of both a report with data of all 50 states, and easy to use, one pagers that even the busiest lawmaker will actually look at. Information on economic and community benefits at our events and activities is one of our most important tools in fighting negative laws and false narratives about dog enthusiasts. For lawmakers, dollars spent in their community mean real economic benefits to the people they represent, and that's something that lawmakers are judged on at election time. The positive impact of our events gives AKC and local enthusiasts more credibility when it comes to canine policy. This makes it possible for us to prevent or successfully fight harmful dog laws, and as many of you know this data is also extremely useful in helping folks to find and keep their event venues. The economic impact of our events goes back more than a decade, but the last time a survey of show expenditures took place was 2015. At that time expenditure for a dog show exhibitor per weekend was \$685. A lot has changed since 2015, not least of which is the expansion of AKC events, and significant inflation. Last year at Mr. Sprung's request we began the process of creating a new survey to better understand and report on our impact in communities. To ensure the integrity of our methodology, comparing apples to apples, we replicated the 2015 study as closely as possible, and we added additional questions to identify future areas of study. We targeted three Conformation dog shows, Woofstock, Morris and Essex, and Virginia Hunt Country Cluster, and sent spending surveys to all of the exhibitors. What did we learn? We learned that the average exhibitor expenditure has increased by almost \$200 to \$863 per weekend. This data is now available in a new one-page flyer and online as the Legislative Action Center, and it is also going to be available on the Delegate Portal, and there's information outside at the GR table as well. This is compelling information for publicly elected officials, and it provides real information about the benefits that a dog show can create in the community. Specifically, it highlights that \$863 a weekend spent per exhibitor, the number of events each year which is approximately 22,000. Now that's not just Conformation events, of course. That's other events as well. Some of those bring in more, others less, and it also shows that a three-day 2,500 entry dog show can bring as much as 2.15 million to a local community. These are raw numbers, no multipliers added. We also noted on the flyer that there's spending distribution breakdown in some of the things that it doesn't include, things like expenditures by clubs. So, this is likely a conservative figure. We know this information is valuable, but of course, AKC does so much more than Conformation dog shows. Talking only about dog shows is telling only part of our story, and we're cheating ourselves.

For example, last January, HSUS was trying to push a bad dog law in Illinois. A narrative sent to lawmakers and published in local media alleged that AKC does nothing to improve the health of dogs and is essentially a money-making enterprise capitalizing on the puppy mills. We responded firmly with specific data about the economic impact of our events. We also provided specific example of AKC supplying HSUS grants in that local area as well as the general information about the good things that AKC does around the country. We closed down the conversation. Based on our success we decided to bring together in one place a compendium

of all of the good things that AKC does including an updated *Above and Beyond* flyer which you see here. The value here is real data and physical examples demonstrate how AKC truly is the expert on dogs. We're the expert in the room when it comes to policy. We use whatever information possible to educate and prevent future attacks like that one in Illinois, and in this new *Above and Beyond* is also targeted to lawmakers, so it offers them the resources about the professional policy staff. We can help them address canine policy. We can't expect them all to be experts on dog policy so that's our job. We provide resources, expertise, and the GR team can even write legislation for them. That may sound a little bit unusual, but the reality is a lot of most legislation is not written by lawmakers. It's written by advocates. All of this is part of a downloadable 50-page report, and another part of that report provides individual tear sheets for each state. You can see Texas here on the screen, and each state provides highlights on the number of clubs, AKC events in the state, potential impact of a weekend of AKC dog shows, impact statewide in the form of AKC disaster trailer and Adopt a K-9 Cop donations, information on AKC CHF research grants and recipient by state. We think this is a great start, but we know there is more we can do. So, we've already begun phase two.

We want to amplify our impact, include new surveys to capture events that we couldn't get in that initial baseline survey last year. Our new surveys will include expenditures for performance or companion events or mix of events, local impact of the multiple day specialties such as independent national specialties, expenditures by clubs to put on their events, facilities, hospitalities, workers, and so on, the categories not previously captured, people are now making reservations through Airbnb instead of hotels and the impact of every dollar that goes to the club and then from the club goes back into the community. Certainly, we're studying the impact of the top 10-20 dog event venues around the country, so this includes venues such as Springfield, Massachusetts, The Roberts Center, Purina Farms, Georgia National Fair Grounds, Orange County, etc. Because each of these are single locations, we can actually use local economic multipliers to consider the velocity of how money moves through that community and calculate aggregate impact there. We expect that those numbers will provide more impressive figures. Our completion date is within the next six months. The bottom line: we have great news. We're providing solid data that's easy to understand and share, and it shows the AKC stands apart and helps us to protect the future of our dogs and our sport. We're encouraging everyone to share this information widely. We have a lot to be proud of. I encourage everyone to share this with their clubs and everyone you know. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung continued the President's Report as follows:

On another topic, I've noted the need for Stewards in Obedience, Rally and Conformation. As a result, I enrolled Ashley Jacot, Director of Education, in a journey to produce three courses which will include video modules and interactive elements to teach stewarding. This is being coordinated with Tim Thomas and Diane Schultz to help clubs and will be on our website. Each course will be complimentary and with a program encouraging participation.

The next date on the tour of AKC Meet the Breeds will be October 15, 2022 in Columbus, Ohio. Please help us by signing up as your breed deserves to be represented.

One final remark – I'd like to remind you that The Kennel Club welcomes anyone visiting London to stop into their office building for a tour and enjoy lunch surrounded by artwork of Her Majesty the Queen and her dogs. We join our friends over the Pond in remembering their dog-loving Patron of the past 70 years.

Chief Financial Officer, Ted Phillips, gave the Financial Report as follows:

Thank you, Dennis. Thanks also to Sheila for mentioning the velocity of money. It's a been a while since I've heard that term, and I promise I wouldn't go into econometrics, but if you would like to, I'm available.

This morning I want to welcome all of you again and thank you for your time and your support. It has been invigorating over the past two and a half years for the group to come together and meet some of you.

Today I'm going to present the key performance indicators, non-financial results and other year-to-date results of operations for the six months ending June 30, 2022. This chart represents litter registration for the first six months of 2022. Litter registration total 167,281 and are two percent higher than second quarter of the same period in 2021. Dog registrations total 389,514, which is nine percent lower than the first quarter of 2021. Online litter registration continues to exceed 83 percent of all registrations. Q2, registrations drove positive results for the second quarter of this year. We thank our breeders, the entire delegate body, the board of directors, management and AKC Staff for the strength in this registration program.

Next up, we'll look at the second quarter results for Sports & Events. These activities as you can see in the column labeled June 2022, present that we've recovered to the pre-pandemic levels. The comparable period is for the six months ended June 30, 2021. Please remember that in the beginning of 2021, the first few months we were still impacted by the second wave of COVID. 2022 Year to date results totaled 12,442 or 27 percent higher than prior year. Entries exceeded 1.7 million, which is 24 percent higher than the same period in 2021.

Next, we'll look at the high-level overview of the financial operating results year-to-date for the end of June 30, 2022. These results reflect board-approved spending. Each month, I provide the Board with a detailed report and analysis of financial results year-to-date.

As of June 30, 2022, AKC had solid results of net operating income totaling \$13.7 million. These results allowed us to reinvest in the company and the future of AKC. This was driven by operating revenues of \$54.3 million; 70 percent of that total is derived from registration and events fees which total \$38.1 million. A continuing and growing area of revenue is our advertisement and sponsorship and royalty revenues, which total \$9.4 million or 17 percent of total revenue. Product and service sales total \$6.4 million or 12 percent, and this is led by our e-commerce operations, DNA services and Good Dog Help Line. Each of those support the great start for AKC in 2022.

Let's take a look at operating expenses. We report these expenses that management is authorized to spend from its annual operating budget, approved by the Board of Directors. Total expenses for the first half of 2022, are \$40.5 million. Staff expense total \$18.4 million and comprises 45 percent of total operating expenses. Other substantial lines in this area are listed on the slide and include the items within the budget which AKC management has authorized to spend. We have professional fees, fulfillment, which is the operation to get materials and programs to our customers, and insurance, rent and depreciation. One area that is very beneficial for AKC is the donation line which you see on the bottom. That total equals 4.9 percent of operating revenue and reflects the policies recently adopted by the Board. We endeavor to manage these costs very closely and stay within budget. Non-operating expenses include the annual cost of pension expenses and a change in the value of investments.

The final slide is the statement of financial position or the balance sheet as of June 30, 2022. Total assets of \$236 million. The largest piece of the asset section are investments which total \$141 million. Unfortunately, the investment and finance markets are taking a beating this year, and I would suggest to you not look at the news today because it's not much better given the inflation rate. The good news is that our allocation policies mitigate some of the otherwise negative market impact we have experienced through the end of June. Total performance is negative at 13.4 percent, but if we were in the straight equities, it would be greater, so asset allocation is important. The liability section is primarily for retirement and lease obligation of \$52 million and \$55 million respectively.

All financial information presented follows generally accepted accounting principles. Once again, I thank you for your time. I appreciate your dedication. We look forward to serving you. I'm available to answer any questions at your convenience. Thank you.

There were 14 amendment votes on the meeting agenda for the Delegate Body.

The first vote was an amendment to **Article IV, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*, which adds "Multi-Breed Clubs" back to the list of club types eligible for membership. A prior amendment from the floor to the original amendment removed multi-breed clubs and substituted All-Breed and Group Clubs. This change may have unintentionally excluded a category of clubs permitted to become members for many years, the multi-breed Retriever Field Trial Clubs.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was an amendment to **Article VI, New Section 2**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*, to which the addition of this Section to Article VI makes clear that proxy voting is prohibited. The remaining sections of Article VI will be renumbered to 3-12.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The third vote was an amendment to **Article VII, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*, removes term limits for AKC Board members.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

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

Carl Holder, Beaumont Kennel Club. The Beaumont Kennel Club is in favor of rescinding term limits. Term limits is nothing but a restriction on this organization, and it also takes the rights away from the Delegate Body for being able to vote for a person for that one year when they're absent off the Board. It really doesn't have any use here.

The Chair recognized Dr. John Ioia, Southern Adirondack Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

Good morning. I'm Dr. John Ioia, Southern Adirondack Dog Club and also a member of the Bylaws Committee. I rise not to give you my comments which may be necessary in the future, but I was presented a letter from Harvey Wooding, Delegate from San Mateo Kennel Club, and I thought based on his being a former Board Member that this should be read. He had unexpected surgery.

At the last meeting, I stood and spoke off-the-cuff in support of doing away with term limits. I wish to follow up on those remarks now. I spoke of the difficulty of AKC Director's job, of the learning curve involved, of the complicated nature of the organization, of the commitment of time and personal effort. I know of the imminent consequences that are about to take place –specifically, the terming out of approximately half of our Board over the next two years. All of these points bring valid reason for eliminating term limits. The AKC Bylaws charge the Board with the responsibility of running the business of the organization. The Delegates are responsible for the Sport. But most important, they elect the Board. This is evident every time an issue of unusual proportion comes up, that the Delegate Body has plenty to say. We do our due diligence. We discuss the issues both online and in person. We ask for and receive direction from our clubs. In essence, in this case, we evaluate the performance of the current Board members and project the value of those running for the first time. Unfortunately, as it stands now, we make those decisions with artificial restriction of term limits looming as the elephant in the room. We're not allowed to vote for whomever we want to be on the Board. The naysayers say that we need term

limits in order to inject new thoughts and diversity. I am all for change, and in fact I made it a point to suggest that change can be used as strategic weapon when I ran for and was elected to the Board as non-incumbent. However, change for the sake of change in my mind is rarely productive and should be avoided. Change for the sake of change is embodiment of term limits. The AKC is a unique and admittedly quirky organization. It depends on volunteers who are qualified and dedicated to our mission, to run a significant-sized business. Let's let the people, our Delegate Body, charged with the responsibility of choosing our Board of Directors to do so without the artificial incumbrance. Our Delegates are perfectly capable of selecting the right people and limiting the terms of those who have not performed up to our needs and expectation by voting them out. Please vote to do away with term limits.

- Harvey Wooding, Delegate, San Mateo, Kennel Club.

The Chair called for a standing vote. Paula Spector, AKC VP of Conference and Travel, conducted the count.

Voting in favor would remove term limits: 171 Delegates.

Voting opposed would retain term limits: 98 Delegates.

There were not two-thirds in favor, so the amendment was not adopted.

The next vote was an amendment to **Article XVIII, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*, removes the requirement that the December or January meeting be noticed two years in advance.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The fifth vote was an amendment to **Article XX, Section 6**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*, clarifies that the referenced article is Article XX and not Article XVIII.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The sixth vote is an amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 3**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Superintendents and Show Secretaries, deletes Chapter 9, Section 3 and inserts into the associated proposed amendment to Chapter 8. It has the effect of relocating content pertaining to the arranging of the Show Veterinarian from Chapter 9 which is specific to Superintendents

and Show Secretaries into the more appropriate Chapter 8. Sections 4-12 of Chapter 9 will be renumbered.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was an amendment is to **Chapter 10, Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – (Duties and Responsibilities of) Show Veterinarians, deletes verbiage related to duty of the club which is proposed to be inserted into Chapter 8 in a corresponding recommendation. It replaces “On call” veterinarian with Show Veterinarian clarifying that whether in-attendance or on-call, the Show Veterinarian must be available to treat dogs during show hours.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Link Newcomb, Bulldog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Link Newcomb, Bulldog Club of America. I would like to make sure the Delegates kind of understand these next two votes, which I think should be considered together. Right now, the requirement for show veterinarians is in Chapter 10, Section 2, and it's being deleted here, and the requirement is for clubs to provide the name of a veterinarian that's going to be in attendance or one that's on-call. If you look closely at what's being proposed to replace it, at least in my experience – and I have quite a bit of experience as a Show Chair – this isn't really what happens. The proposal which is pertinent to this one because it's related to the same thing, if you look on the next page, the Chapter 8 vote, what's being proposed is that every club must contract with a vet or local vet clinic to serve as show veterinarian. I chair a show that is part of the Palm Springs Cluster, which probably has about 30 clubs involved, and I'm imagining a scenario where all 30 clubs have to contract with a vet. I don't think this is what we want to do. I don't think it's what's intended. I also believe it's odd that they say the show veterinarian thing was taken out of Chapter 9, which is about superintendents and put into Chapter 8. Chapter 8 is not about show veterinarians. Chapter 10 is about show veterinarians. This paragraph in Chapter 8, is the only thing in Chapter 8, the purpose of it is just to say that before you can get permission to hold a dog show, you have to name the superintendent or the show secretary and vet. That's all that Chapter 8 does. It's not the right place to put the requirements for a show vet. I think we're all going to have a lot of explaining to do to our clubs if these next two proposals are adopted, and I suggest instead that they go back to the Dog Show Rules Committee.

The Chair recognized Cindy Stansell, Finnish Spitz Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Cindy Stansell, Finnish Spitz Club of America. The Dog Show Rules Committee has an ongoing committee to look in totality at the veterinarian sections that are often inconsistent and piecemeal. We will hopefully presenting more comprehensive changes coming up. These are strictly housekeeping, and we've deleted *Duties and Responsibilities* as the title because it talks about show location for the veterinarian office, etc. So, things that did not have to do with duties and responsibilities. As for the contract that's currently in the language, we did not change that at all. We have been living with that for some time. That's one of the things that we will be looking closely at to see about changing in the future, but I just wanted to point out that that language did not change.

The Chair recognized Link Newcomb, Bulldog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Link Newcomb, Bulldog Club of America. Cindy is correct in that there is a reference in Chapter 8. This is the only reference to the contract is in Chapter 8, and frankly, I think it is really referring to the show superintendent or the show secretary. If you read on the next proposal if you look at what it says now, that's the only place it says contract, it says the club has to provide contact information of the superintendent or show secretary and the veterinarian contracted by the club to service the event. But that's not going to be the same thing for our clubs as what the proposal is, which is very specifically to require all of us, instead of just listing the name of an onsite clinic, but to go out and get a contract when we know the services is to be rendered would be paid for by the exhibitors. We're still going to be required to go get a contract. It doesn't make any sense. I'm not objecting to any of the changes in this area except for these next two, this one and the one following.

There were not two-thirds in favor, so the amendment was not adopted.

The next vote was an amendment to **Chapter 8**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Selection of Superintendent, Show Secretary and Veterinarians*, inserts content from the to be deleted Chapter 9, Section 3, addressing the event committee's responsibility to complete arrangements with a veterinarian to service its show either in attendance or on-call. It replaces "obedience trial or tracking test" with generic "companion event" per recommendation of the Companion Events Committee.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There were not two-thirds in favor, so the amendment was not adopted.

The next vote was on an amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 5**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Superintendents and Show Secretaries*, rennumbers the section based on corresponding proposal to delete Chapter 9, Section 3. It also amends the section requiring a form to be provided whether the Show Veterinarian is in-attendance or on-call. It modifies language from obligating the superintendent or show secretary to ensure the dog is taken to

the veterinarian to informing the owner or agent of the requirement for the dog to be examined. It replaces Veterinarian Headquarters with Show Veterinarian for consistency.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The tenth vote was on an amendment to **Chapter 10**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians*, renames Chapter to more accurately represent its scope.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was an amendment to **Chapter 10, Section 4**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – (Duties and Responsibilities of) Show Veterinarians*, inserts “or veterinary clinics” for clarity and consistency.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Cindy Miller, Waterloo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Cindy Miller, Waterloo Kennel Club, and Chair of the Dog Show Rules Committee. First, I want to thank the Delegates for your discussion at the June meeting and on the Google list with some wordsmithing. It gave us a chance yesterday to review what you suggested. One of the Delegates suggested that we remove the "on-call veterinarian" and insert "show veterinarian," however, this section deals only with the on-call veterinarian, so we will not recommend the change that the Delegate made.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The twelfth vote was an amendment to **Chapter 16, Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Championships*, removes “or height” from two places in the current rule, brings into line with the current execution of shows. It amends the rule to provide the opportunity for class dogs placing 2nd, 3rd or 4th in the group to be awarded Championship points. It adds language to define how any Championship points to be awarded would be calculated whereas a class dog placing 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in the group competition would receive the greatest number of Championship points earned in the breeds from the same group excluding any breed which received a higher placement in the group at the same event.

The Delegate Dog Show Rules and All-Breed Committees endorsed this amendment. It was proposed by Staff and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Cindy Miller, Waterloo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Once again, one of the Delegates suggested that the word "class" be changed to "competition," however, that is not what we use in other chapters like Chapter 3, Section 15. We continuously use the word "class." We don't want to have a competition between class and competition in our rulebook. We're trying to keep everything consistent. Some of the other discussion that was on the Google list is outside the scope of this question, and which had to do with, points, grand championships, breeds and so forth. If you want to discuss that, please send me an email we can add it to our Dog Show Rules Committee list.

The Chair recognized Karen Dorn, Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America, who spoke as follows:

I would like to speak in favor of this amendment for all of the low entry breeds. I am Karen Dorn from the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club, and we are the epitome of low entry breeds. We basically cannot find another one within 300 miles of where we live, so this would be a great boon to low entry breeds of which there are many. However, I can see that it also would be a benefit to the higher entry breeds. I think it would benefit the All-Breed Clubs, particularly the smaller All-Breed Clubs and draw more entries with dogs that have not had competition in their own breed, that they may at least have some hope alive of getting a point or two by going second, third or fourth. I would like to encourage all my fellow Delegates, that are here representing the Conformation and Performance to please help us by voting for this because every time they put up some rule about Conformation or Performance, that we have no idea what it means, we vote for it anyway. So, I would really appreciate anybody that can imagine what this would mean. When this came up, I thought "be still my heart". Maybe somebody will actually try to do something for the low entry breeds, and I appreciate the support of AKC's Staff and AKC Board. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Abbe Shaw, Santa Barbara Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Abbe Shaw, Santa Barbara Kennel Club, and I am going to voice my disapproval of this. I think that the problem does not lie with AKC to help lower entry breeds, or any entry breeds get more points. I think the problem lies with the breed clubs. Breed clubs should be able to figure out a way to get – besides at National Specialties – to get clusters of dogs to be shown at All-Breed shows. I know it's not always easy, but for years I traveled great distances to get points on my dogs, and I think it can still be done. Gas is a little more expensive now, but where there is a will, there is a way. I think this is just -- I'm sorry, another way to make "cheap champions".

The Chair recognized Roberta Berman, American Manchester Terrier Club, who spoke as follows:

I'm Roberta Berman, American Manchester Terrier Club, and by that name you should know that we are definitely not a big breed. To put it as simply as I can, many years ago I sent a dog to Bermuda. He was the only Manchester there. He came home with two group ones and two group twos. A year later, I got a certificate from Bermuda saying "Congratulations, your dog is a champion". He never saw another Manchester, and yet they saw the beauty of my gorgeous boy. At this point, I absolutely feel that this is a gift to us, and I can tell you because I haven't seen another Manchester Terrier in my neighborhood since Westminster, and before that, I didn't see one until before the last Westminster. They ain't here. So for those of us who would love to finish our dogs, please be good, be thoughtful in the fact that we need this. It helps. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Ann Cook, Siberian Husky Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Ann Cook, Siberian Husky Club of America. I realize I come from a very large breed, and I do feel for those in low entry breeds. However, I think the point of the Sport, starts in the breed classes, and my club feels this way as well. I had suggested possibly making a compromise where a major could be obtained this way but not both majors. It seems to me that the fundamental thing is to be the best representative of your own breed. There is an awful lot of emphasis on groups and winning and so forth but fundamentally, we're trying to meet a standard in each breed, so our club is opposed.

The Chair recognized Pat Cruz, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Pat Cruz, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club. There are 190-plus breeds that are unknown to the general public. If they get to a show and get exposure this might help them get some recognition. It would help the AKC, the low entry breeds. The top ten always get the recognition; the 190-plus need a push. This might help them. I'm in favor of it.

The Chair recognized Carl Ashby, United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, who spoke as follows:

Carl Ashby, United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club. It would be appropriate perhaps, Doug Ljungren could give us a little bit of just data to go with this because we never really talked about the numbers, and I think it's important to consider that in this.

Mr. Sprung: What kind of data are you looking for?

Mr. Ashby: Well, as I understand it, there's less than a one percent chance that points will be earned in this manner. So, it's a very small percentage. Arguably it's a bit of a sleeves out of your vest sort of situation. It could be upheld to some breeds, but I don't think the championships are going to be cheapened very much when your odds are so much against you for an actual placement, and that really never was shared with any of us in terms of a more emotional thing, which by the way, I don't disagree, it's free judging. It's what matters, but I also believe we can give a leg up. I don't think we're really turning the whole thing on its head.

The Chair recognized Doug Ljungren, AKC EVP Sports & Events, who spoke as follows:

The Staff has looked at the issue of how often this occurs, based on 2019 data. That's the last year we had full All-Breed shows. There were 820 class dogs that would have won points for second, third and fourth in their group. That's less than one percent of the dogs competing in dog shows. We went further and took that pool of 820 dogs and marched them forward to today; 80 percent of those dogs have finished, and all 80 percent have defeated other dogs in their breed to get to their show championship.

The Chair recognized Azalea Alvarez, Greater Miami Dog Club, who spoke as follows:

Azalea Alvarez, Greater Miami Dog Club, and our club is in favor of this amendment. What was discussed at the club was, going back to the Delegate who talked about the Manchester Terrier, is that ultimately all judges judge to a standard of excellence for each breed. Whether the dog won from the classes, the variety or Best of Breed, goes onto the group. At the group level, the group judge also judges to the standard, and they must look at this Manchester, this Affenpinscher, this Lundehund and see if it is correct according to its breed. If they believe it is a good example of the breed and worthy of a placement, then we can talk about when it happens at FCI shows in Canada, or other places where it happens. By the way it also happens at Field Trials where the dog that wins gets all the points and the dog that comes in second, third and fourth gets a portion of the points, so it's not only in Conformation. This does help dogs, and like Pat said, yes, we have 190 breeds that are low entry, but ultimately the standard is what all judges look for and at our club we feel that that's enough to guarantee that it's not a "cheap championship". Thank you.

The Chair recognized Marcy Zingler, Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno, who spoke as follows:

I would ask if it's all right if I both present what my club's view and what my personal view is? They're obviously not the same.

Mr. Sprung: My advice as a former Delegate is that one must vote their club's wishes.

Ms. Zingler: I'm going to vote my club's wishes, but I would like to voice my wishes.

Mr. Sprung: Go ahead.

Ms. Zingler: Marcy Zingler, Sun Maid Kennel Club of Fresno. As I said, my club is opposed to this, and that is the way I will vote. However, I have two thoughts to the contrary. Number one, the process has been in place for decades because group one gets points that they may not have gotten otherwise. Second, Canada, as the Delegate just mentioned, has had this for decades, and it has worked for them and in other countries, although I can't off the top of my head name them. So please think that this is not something unique that somebody thought of here, just to get more entries or to get their own dogs more points. But as I said, my club is opposed to this, and that is how I'll vote.

The Chair recognized Carmen Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Carmen Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America. Our club is not going to benefit one way or the other from this. However, an awful lot of clubs will benefit from this. The low entry breeds. Those who wouldn't normally come to a show will come, so it will help entries across all of our breeds and that helps all of our clubs. We are a club of clubs, and this is our opportunity to help those who need help, so we should vote in favor of this proposal.

Delegate, Luis Sosa, Louisiana Kennel Club called for the question, and it was seconded.

There was a vote in the majority to call the question.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was an amendment to **Chapter 9, Section 2**, of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* – Superintendents and Show Secretaries, which inserts the allowance for the AKC to approve individuals to serve as an on-site show secretary for more than the show or shows of only one Group or All-Breed Club and any Group or All-Breed show held on the same day and site in a calendar year. Approval would be limited to events where the individual is serving only as the “on-site” show secretary. The AKC would establish the criteria under which one may be considered.

The Delegate Dog Show Rules and All-Breed Committees endorsed this amendment. It was proposed by Staff and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

The Chair recognized Cindy Miller, Waterloo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:
Cindy Miller, Waterloo Kennel Club, and Chair of the Dog Show Rules Committee.
This is one time when the Dog Show Rules agreed with the Delegate at the last meeting. We have the word individuals approved, and then we also have it again at the end under criteria established by the AKC. The Delegate suggested that we end the sentence after year, with a period and delete "under criteria established by the AKC."

There was a motion and a second to revise the wording of the amendment.

There was a vote in the majority to amend the amendment.

The Chair recognized Cindy Miller, Waterloo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

To continue, understand that the AKC has set up criteria for this position. They worked with my subcommittee that was doing this trial secretary and we're thankful that they took all our suggestions on setting up the requirements. I also want you to know that as we were going through this, we had to update numerous sections in the rules to include the word "show secretary," and this is just to bring up the rules to what is actually practiced today. I won't give you all of the chapters and sections, but it does involve – ten sections. We worked on those ten sections

yesterday. They will be sent to the Board, and we will read them in December. Once again, just like you did in June, if you have any change to those, we appreciated receiving it when we read it so we can discuss at our next committee and not have things happened like we did with the multi-breed issue that we had earlier. I also appreciate the All-Breed Clubs Committee for their support on this show secretary amendment.

Mr. Sprung: In terms of housekeeping, we should look at bundling the vote to one vote instead of ten.

The Chair recognized Link Newcomb, Bulldog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Link Newcomb, Bulldog Club of America. Can you show on the screen the amended language? As amended it ends now at the word "year", correct? It's a little strange because I thought that I heard that the AKC had established such criteria after we amended it to delete that – but this particular sentence had me thoroughly confused. If you look at the section superintendents and show secretaries, those are defined terms that are used throughout the entire section, superintendent and show secretary, capitalized every single time. This is confusing to me because it introduces the concept of an on-site show secretary. What is that? Is that a show secretary? Is that something less than a show secretary? It's not defined. If you look in the commentary, it says that the duties – serving as an on-site show secretary are different. They don't do certain things, but that's not in the rules anywhere. I mean the concept of an on-site show secretary, which I suppose is sort of a type of show secretary, it's not defined anywhere. The only place in this section where show secretary is not capitalized.

The Chair recognized Nancy Fisk, Hockamock Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Nancy, Fisk, Hockamock Kennel Club. I just wanted to say as Chair of the All-Breed Committee, we did look at this again at our meeting yesterday, understand what is going on, and we did reaffirm our vote to approve this, so yes, we do stand behind it.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted as amended.

The last vote was an amendment to **Chapter 14, Section 2 and New Section 2A**, of the *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds – Regular Stakes That May Be Offered*, refines how Derby Stake placements qualify a dog to enter a Limited stake by allowing additional placements depending on the size of the Open Derby Stake. It provides for qualifying placements depending on the size of the Open Derby Stake.

This amendment was proposed by the Performance Events Department and brought forward with approval by the AKC Board of Directors.

There was a two-third vote in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to **Article VIII, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to **Article VIII, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*, which brings the bylaws into alignment with the current practice for designating the Nominating Committee by the Board of Directors.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors.

It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2022 Meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

There were no questions or discussion.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to **Article X, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*.

Ms. DiNardo: This amendment is to **Article X, Section 1**, of the *Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club*, which reflects the current state of business where the Chief Financial Officer manages the day-to-day financial operations of the AKC.

This amendment was proposed by the Delegate Bylaws Committee and brought forward with approval from the AKC Board of Directors.

It will be published in two issues of the *AKC Gazette*, and you will be asked to vote on it at the December 2022 Meeting. The full text is on the worksheet previously emailed.

The Chair recognized Gregory Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Gregory Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club. I believe it's standard practice to put forward amendments on the date of the vote, correct?

Mr. Sprung: Yes, that is correct. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Marge Calltharp, Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Marge Calltharp, Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America. I have a question on one of the amendments that were to be voted on. The Bylaws Article VII, Section 1 – was that voted on or was that withdrawn?

Mr. Sprung: Yes, it was voted on. We did not withdraw any votes.

Ms. Calltharp: And did it pass?

Mr. Sprung: It did not pass.

The Chair called on Vice Chairman, Dominic Palleschi Carota to recognize AKC Delegates who have served for 25 years.

Mr. Carota: We will now honor Delegates who have served for 25 years. This medallion is in recognition of meritorious and long-term contributions to the Sport. This program enables us to recognize our core constituency and allows a grateful American Kennel Club the opportunity to honor our own. This is the 24th time that AKC has had the privilege to present Delegate medallions. These individuals join 133 previously recognized Delegates.

The following Delegates were called forward:

Christopher Keenan, Empire Beagle Club (*absent, mailed medallion*)

Karen Mays, Windward Hawaiian Dog Fanciers Association (*in attendance*)

Peter Piusz, American Rottweiler Club (*in attendance*)

Patricia Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club (*in attendance*)

Rod Strand, Walla Walla Kennel Club (*wife, Delegate Patti Strand, accepted in his absence.*)

The Chair called on Chairman, Dr. Thomas Davies, to recognize the clubs celebrating 100 years of AKC Membership.

Dr. Davies: On this auspicious occasion of adding two more centennial clubs, I would like to recognize the **Cincinnati Kennel Club**, Delegate, Dr. Patricia Haines (*absent*), and the **Huntington Valley Kennel Club**, Delegate, Dick Blair (*in attendance*). Please come forward and we've got a nice plaque for you.

The Huntington Valley Kennel Club plaque was given to Delegate, Dick Blair.

The Cincinnati Kennel Club plaque was given to club President Marjorie Underwood, Delegate for the Clermont County Kennel Club.

The Chair called on Gail LaBerge, Delegate from the Atlanta Obedience Club and Karolynne McAteer, Delegate from the Irish Setter Club of America, to provide an update on the AKC PAC.

Ms. LaBerge: Good morning. This is our moment for the AKC PAC. You know, I was thinking on the plane coming up here, we're not glamorous but we are necessary, and we're a tool in the toolbox to help us proceed to be able to have clubs that have 100-year anniversaries with AKC and to have Delegates who have been here for 25 years and some of them more. We are a necessary tool in that box to help GR open some doors. I am going to turn this over to Karolynne (McAteer), who is going to give you the latest information on our fundraiser. This information is not just for you, please share with your clubs, and we will post on the Delegate e-list some information on how your individual members can contact us to get their tickets this year.

Ms. McAteer: I'm the public service announcement. So outside as you're leaving, there is a wonderful raffle going on. We found it very successful last year, and it comes with a gift which is always great. This raffle is for a beautiful set of luggage and a very nice gift certificate for your travel. It all amounts to about \$1,000, and we're calling it "Everybody Needs to Go

Somewhere,” which we believe is true, but there's never a more important year than right now. This is an election year and the PAC needs funds to give to the legislators who we know support dog legislation.

You know our friends in PETA and elsewhere, they have lots of opportunities to raise money, we do not. The PAC has multiple restrictions, so please buy tickets, support it and take the information home and get your clubs to buy too. Thank you.

The Chair called on Jay Spiegel of KPMG to read the Teller's report results of the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees.

Mr. Spiegel: Thank you, Dennis. Good morning, everyone.

The results of the voting of the Delegate Standing Committees are as follows:

For the All-Breed Clubs Committee, the following four candidates were selected for three-year terms:

- Sally Fineburg
- Eduardo Fugiwara
- Debbie Owen
- Susan Sholar

For the Bylaws Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms:

- Kathy Coxwell
- Dr. John V. Ioia, MD, PhD
- Glenda Stephenson
- Frederick Vogel

For the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee, the following four candidates were elected for three-year terms:

- Dr. Timothy Carrion
- Blaine Grove
- Terry Hilliard
- Robert Rynkiewicz.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the names of the Delegates who will serve on the Committees that did not require a vote.

Ms. DiNardo: Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Canine Health Committee are:

- Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki
- Dr. Mary McDaniel
- Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser
- Donald E. Schwartz, VMD
- Sharon Steckler

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Companion Events Committee are:

- Eleanor Campbell
- Dr. Joyce Dandridge
- Dr. Norine Noonan
- Jack Sappenfield, III
- Betty Winthers

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee are:

- Carl Ashby
- Ellen Hardin
- Jane Ruthford
- Judy Seltrecht

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Dog Show Rules Committee are:

- Linda Flynn
- Kenneth Levison
- Cindy Stansell

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work Events Committee are:

- Bonnie Lapham
- Karen Bowers Lee
- Joyce Rowland

Delegates who self-nominated and will serve on the Parent Clubs Committee are:

- Connie Butherus
- Richard Rohrbacher
- Larry Sorenson
- Maggi Strouse

Delegates who self-nominated, and will serve on the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee are:

- Virginia Denninger
- Geno Sisneros
- Monica Henderson Stoner
- Sylvia Thomas
- Margaret "Peggy" Wolfe

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee as follows:

Ms. DiNardo: At the July 2022 meeting, the Board of Directors appointed the following Delegates to the Nominating Committee to select three candidates for the Class of 2027:

- Sylvia A. Thomas, Chair – Kennel Club of Riverside

- Karen J. Burgess – Greater Clark County Kennel Club
- Marge B. Calltharp – Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America
- Linda C. Flynn – South Shore Kennel Club
- Laurie Maulucci – South Windsor Kennel Club

Alternates:

- Connie Clark – American Fox Terrier Club
- Don Hanson – American Lhasa Apso Club

The recommendations of the Nominating Committee must be submitted by October 15, 2022.

The Chair called on Sylvia Thomas, Chair of the Nominating Committee who spoke as follows:

Good morning, everyone. I'm Sylvia Thomas, Delegate for the Kennel Club of Riverside, and with you this morning as Chair of the Nominating Committee. You can rest at ease. I am not going to ask you to stand and vote for anything right now. However, I would like to begin by thanking the Board for appointing a wonderful group of dedicated, hardworking and experienced individuals - and somehow, I was included in that group – to serve as part the Nominating Committee and to find those three individuals – who can fill the vacancies for the Class of 2027. I also want to express our thanks to Gina and Paula for their support throughout this process. They never failed to respond to my many questions and my requests.

I would also be remiss if I didn't mention Dennis, who, when Dennis gives you his cell phone number and I'm sure he's given it out to many of us, when he says, "Use it anytime," he means it. I recently sent him a text on a holiday expecting that I would hear from him the following workday, but instead I immediately received a response. Dennis said, "I'm in the office now." It was Labor Day, and he was working, and said I'm available if you want to talk. So, thank you, Dennis, for your unwavering support and guidance through this process.

Most importantly I would like to thank the Delegate Body for their support and in particular, the seven individuals who responded to the committee's questionnaire and submitted their interest for being considered for the three vacancies. We were impressed by the depth of quality and the range and quality of experience both professionally and within our Sport. The committee held in-person interviews all day Sunday. Unfortunately, one of the seven individuals who had submitted interest had to withdraw prior to his interview due to a change in his personal circumstances that would have precluded him from accepting should he be selected. The interview process provided sufficient time for each candidate to express their points of view, to respond to our questions and give us a sense of their vision for our Sport and The Great American Kennel Club. The committee will now take time to review everything that we've read and heard from these individuals, and our goal is to forward the name of the three individuals we think are the best qualified to be nominated to fill those vacancies. Our intent is to provide that information to Gina on or before October 15, 2022.

Now I want to ask the members of the committee to please stand. Come on, you all know who you are. Karen Burgess, Marge Calltharp, Linda Flynn, Connie Clark, Don Hanson and Laurie

Maulucci. Please join me in thanking these Delegates for their hard work. It's been an honor to serve with you and my pleasure. Thank you again.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the December 16, 2022 Delegate Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Rosen Centre Hotel. More detailed information will be emailed to the Delegates as soon as it becomes available.

Lunch will be served following this meeting on the Terrace, which is on this floor and downstairs in the Essex Ballroom on the lobby level. Delegates are reminded to leave their badges at the registration desk following lunch.

The organizational meetings of the newly elected Standing Committees will take place at 1:30 p.m. today. Committees will be meeting in the Salem/Warren room. Staff will be outside the Meeting room to assist.

The following Delegates spoke during New Business:

Gretchen Bernardi, Delegate for Mississippi Valley Kennel Club bid a fond farewell to John Ronald who was attending his last meeting as an AKC Delegate. She praised his long-term dedication and service to the Delegate Body.

Hearing no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

[One sharp rap of the gavel.]

(Time noted: 12:05 p.m. ET.)

The opinions expressed by the speakers may not necessarily reflect those of The American Kennel Club.