



AMERICAN  
KENNEL CLUB

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Executive Secretary

**To:** The Delegates  
**From:** Gina DiNardo  
**Subject:** Election of Delegate Committees  
**Date:** August 2020

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This memo is to explain how the election of Delegate Committees will be conducted at our meeting on **Tuesday, September 15, 2020.**

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held via video Zoom Webinar on **Tuesday**, September 15, 2020. For the sole purpose of conducting the vote for the Delegate Standing Committees, the meeting will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) and voting will begin. Voting will remain open until 12:30 p.m. ET. The Forum will begin at 11:00 a.m. ET. The Delegate Meeting will reconvene at 12:00 p.m. ET.

There is an election in (3) Committees;

All-Breed Clubs Committee: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

Companion Events Committee: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

Parent Clubs Committee: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

This year, no election is needed for: Bylaws Committee, Canine Health Committee, Delegate Advocacy & Advancement Committee, Dog Show Rules Committee, Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee, Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee or the *Perspectives* Editorial Staff.

Once the voting window closed, the ballots will be electronically tabulated and results of the election to these three Standing Committees announced during the Zoom Delegate Meeting by a representative from our accounting firm, KPMG.

Voting Process –

The election process will be overseen by our accounting firm, KPMG.

To be eligible to vote for the Delegate Standing Committees, you must:

- **Pre-Register**, using your individual Zoom Account, for the **September 15, 2020 Delegate Zoom Meeting, before 9:30 a.m ET that day.**
- For those **Pre-Registered** an email with the link to the electronic ballot will be sent at **10:00a.m ET**. The email will come from [MeetingHost@akc.org](mailto:MeetingHost@akc.org) sent by Survey Monkey.
  - The ballot link email **will be sent to the email address on your Delegate file** (*that is the email address you received this information*)
  - Be sure to check SPAM/JUNK/CLUTTER folders.
  - **One ballot per email address**
  - Once that ballot link has been used, it cannot be used again.

- **To vote** you should **be sure you are “opted in”** to receive emails from Survey Monkey – follow this link and answer the one question form to be sure your email address is “opted in”
  - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/user/email-opt-in/>
- **Voting for Delegate Standing Committees** will be **by electronic ballot processed through Survey Monkey.**
  - Click the “Begin Voting” box in the email you receive.
  - That will take you to a website with the voting instructions and ballots.
- **Voting window will close promptly at 12:30 p.m. ET**
- We suggest you **vote soon after receiving your ballot link email.**

**REMINDERS:** To register for the AKC Delegate Zoom Meeting:

*An active Zoom account will be required to register for the Delegate Zoom Meeting.*

*If you haven’t set up your Zoom account, please refer to the instruction document attached elsewhere in this email.*

*Each Delegate will need an individual Zoom account. Only one Zoom account per email address.*

*If there is more than one Delegate in a household, you must login from separate devices and have separate Zoom accounts.*

*For the best user experience, it is suggested to create your account on the device with the most stable internet connectivity and that you would use for this and future sessions.*

**If you have questions about the balloting procedure, please contact [Meetinghost@akc.org](mailto:Meetinghost@akc.org) or call Amy Hamernick at 212-696-8374 or Paula Spector at 212-696-8389 by September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Organization of the Committees**

The sole purpose of the organization meeting is to elect the committee chair and secretary.

- The organizational meeting of those committees requiring an election, **will take place 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Delegate Zoom Meeting on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>.**
  - A separate Zoom meeting link for their organizing meeting will be sent to those committees including the newly elected committee members. (AKC support staff will assist with this)
- For those committees not requiring an election;
  - They may opt to organize at the conclusion of their scheduled committee meeting (September 8<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup>).
    - The audience as well as any current committee members who are not remaining on the committee, will leave the committee meeting. (AKC support staff will assist with this)
    - Any new members of the committee will then be included on screen with the rest of the committee.

OR

- They may opt to organize as described above, **on Tuesday September 15<sup>th</sup>, 30 minutes following the conclusion of the Delegate Zoom Meeting.**
  - A separate Zoom meeting link for their organizing meeting will be sent to those committees including the newly elected committee members.

**Organization of the Coordinating Committee**

Typically, the Coordinating Committee does not organize at this time, but chooses to do so at the next regular Coordinating Committee meeting. The *Perspectives* Editorial Committee is not involved, as it falls under a different standing rule.

**Statements of Qualifications**

Following this memo are Delegate Statements of Qualifications for each committee.

A careful effort has been made to assure accuracy in compiling and editing the Statements of Qualifications to the 150-word limit. Any mistakes are unintentional, should they occur, you have our apologies.

Please note that the Statements of Qualifications include a Delegate's total years of service.

Attendance is indicated for the most recent five-year period. If provided, committee member attendance at Delegate Committee Meetings for the last three years is designated.

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for ALL-BREED CLUBS (Select 4 Maximum)

**Terri Breen, *Farmington Valley Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** Actively involved in the sport for thirty-eight years, serving in various positions in multiple clubs. CLUBS Farmington Valley - 1994 Vice President Recording Secretary Corresponding Secretary Show Chair Assistant Show Chair Match Chair Delegate - March 2006 - Present Connecticut River Working Group Corresponding Secretary Board Member Akita Club - 1993 Site-Coordinator - Eighteen years Approved Mentor/Presenter Show Chair - 2019 Connecticut Federation of Dogs Board Member CAREER Executive Conference Planner (organizing, contracting, conference execution, reconciliation) Office Manager/Bookkeeper (multi-site corporation) Certified Pharmacy Technician BUSINESS Owner/Operator Four SUBWAY franchises AKC/DOGS BOM Multi Top 20, Multi BIS, Number One Breed/All Breed Owner/Breeder 40 Champion Akitas Judge – 2007. My varied skills and experience allow me to be a contributing member, serving on several sub-committees since 2017. Identifying effective and efficient ways of navigating our ever-changing sport is the goal of this committee and I would greatly appreciate your support to continue. **Dates of Service** 2006 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.**

**Bob Eisele, *Suffolk County Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I have an MBA with a major in accounting and years of experience running or managing a profitable business. I have a unique way of being able to analyze problems and determining solutions. While some people like to say they think Out of The Box, I do. For the last 12 years, I have been the Show Chair or assistant Show Chair for SCKC. Over that time, regrettably entries have steadily declined, forcing us to change with the times. I have been able to keep the shows profitable by creatively controlling costs. SCKC has purchased ring equipment, and for the last four years, we have been holding a show in the box. Currently, I am working on trying to put on one of the few shows in the Northeast. COVID will force clubs to change the way shows are put on, and I can help the All-Breed Committee do that. **Dates of Service:** 1999 to August 2001; 2007 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 17 out of 20.**

**William Ellis, *Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado*. **Qualifications:** I served on the Board of the Dandie Dinmont Terrier Club of America for ten years, first as a Director and then as Treasurer; Co-Chaired a National Specialty; and chaired the Club's Constitution and Bylaws revision committee. I am a Trustee / Treasurer of the American Charitable Trust for Dandies, a national Dandie rescue organization. Being very active in my All-Breed club, I rarely miss a meeting or fail to participate in club activities. About five years ago I chaired the club's finance committee that discovered and then fixed a complicated financial problem saving the club thousands of dollars. I currently chair the club's Performance Events Committee and serve as Trial Chair for obedience / rally trials and other performance events held at a different time and location from our conformation events. All these activities provide valuable experience for service on the All-Breeds Club committee. I thank you for your vote. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.**

**Nancy Fisk, Hockamock Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** My name is Nancy Fisk. I have represented the Hockamock Kennel Club since 2001. I have been a member of the All -Breed Club Committee for 16 years, serving as it's Chair since 2017. I chaired the Sub-Committee establishing the current "Show Cancellation Policy", and have served on each of the Sub-Committees that developed "All -Breed Club Best Practices" for Membership, Events, Club finances, Legislation, and Community Relations, giving our clubs the tools to be successful. I am proud of the results our committee has achieved by listening to club needs, then working as a cohesive team to respond to issues that come before us. I have also Chaired the Delegates Legislative Caucus since its beginning, and in 2016 was awarded the AKC Visionary Award. I fervently hope to continue serving our sport as an All-Breed Club Committee Member. I ask for your vote. **Dates of Service** 2001 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.**

**Laurie Maulucci, South Windsor Kennel Club. **Qualifications:****

- Contributing member of 4 All-Breed, 1 Limited Breed, 1 Specialty Club and Parent Club
- Current Show Chair for 2 All-Breed clubs and 1 Specialty club
- Cluster Coordinator for 2 New England Clusters
- Specialty Coordinator for a 4-day cluster with over 110 specialties/supported entries/sweeps
- AKC Trial Board Committee member
- Served as Treasurer, Secretary, Director, Top 20 Chair, Chief Steward, Legislative Liaison and Judges Selection Chair
- Breeder/exhibitor of Great Danes since 1983
- AKC Judge since 2007
- Co-founder of Jackets for Juniors, providing show attire to juniors at no charge
- CFO of family-owned business since 1990
- President of Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs, protecting our right to own the dog of our choice, impacting the future of All-Breed events

Establishing a secure future for All-Breed clubs will require innovation, collaboration, cooperation and communication initiatives between club members, exhibitors and AKC, which is what I can offer this Committee based on my experiences. **Dates of Service:** 2018 to Present. **Three-Year Attendance:** 7 out of 8.

**Catherine H. Murch, Newton Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I have been exhibiting for over 35 years and got involved with my All-Breed Club at the same time. During the last 14 years I have been the Point Show Coordinator, being responsible for all aspects of our two Point Shows. I am also have been the Secretary for 30 years. With my knowledge of the issues that face so many clubs and the fact that I am actively out Exhibiting on an average of 8 shows per month and speak to many exhibitors and club members, I feel that I would be an asset to the Committee. I have also been the Secretary of my club for 28 years. **Dates of Service:** 2004 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 13 out of 20.**

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Bylaws. This is pursuant to Item IV, Section F, of the Standing Rule on Delegate Committees, which states:

*If the nominations for any committee are equal to or less than the maximum number of committee members to be elected, there shall be no election for that committee and the nominated candidates shall be deemed elected.*

The Statements of Qualification follow for the Bylaws Committee.

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for BYLAWS

**Gretchen Bernardi**, *Mississippi Valley Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** My long service on the bylaws committee has been one of the most rewarding activities in my tenure as a delegate, topped off by my eight years as chairman. Bylaws should be amended only rarely and then with care and ample input. Therefore, as a committee member and then as chair I encourage the participation of our guests, seeking the opinions and support of as many delegates as possible. I have worked on bylaws for my parent club, a regional group club, wildlife preservation organizations and several non-animal related groups. I have represented the same kennel club for 33 years. Because the bylaws are the guiding principles of our sport, please vote to return me to this important committee to continue our good work and to share my experience and skills. **Dates of Service:** 1987 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 10 out of 11.\*

**Julian Prager**, *Central Florida Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I am an attorney who drafted the bylaws documents of Parent, Member and Licensed Clubs and a State Federation. I drafted State and federal laws and regulations and have commented on legislation and regulations at the local, state and federal levels. I am currently chair of the Bulldog Club of America Bylaw revision committee to make it more understandable and to take advantage of the NY Not-for-profit corporation law. I drafted a reorganization of the AKC's bylaws (without a change in wording) to make them easier to understand. This will be on the agenda for the September Bylaws meeting to create a more consistent document. I am a Board member of the PA Federation of Dog Clubs and the Board chair of NAIA, a Board member of my parent club and the past President of a member all-breed and a local specialty Club. **Dates of Service:** 2011 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 11.\*

**Pamela Rosman**, *Canaan Dog Club of America*. **Qualifications:** Serving on the Bylaws Committee has been rewarding. The committee's only molecular-DNA geneticist/parent club delegate, I contribute insight/perspective in examining AKC governing principles/proposed bylaw amendments. Appointments include AKC Board Ad Hoc Committee on Genetic Testing, co-author "DNA Whitepaper" technology review; Chair, Bylaws-DNA Subcommittee, researching DNA applicability to Registration/Discipline; Bylaws Subcommittee on Future/Direction of Delegate Body (w/DACC). First CDCA delegate, instrumental in CDCA achieving AKC membership, requiring knowledge of AKC rules, regulations, policies. Thirty-five years in sport as breeder/exhibitor of BIS/BISS champions; performed most jobs associated with dog clubs/events. As DFC/NCHGA President, SVDFA Board—responsibilities included Chair, Constitution/Bylaws revision. Parliamentary membership credentials. Delegate mentor. Caucus moderator. As AKC adapts to "unprecedented times", the Bylaws Committee requires experienced fanciers possessing critical thinking skills, developed through my scientific/medical training, to ensure appropriate measures safeguard AKC fundamental principles. I would appreciate being reelected to continue contributing innovative ideas and providing continuity to the committee. **Dates of Service:** 2006 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 15 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 11.\*

**Dr. Dawn Schroeder**, *Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association*. **Qualifications:** As a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, I am well qualified to serve on the Bylaws Committee. During the past year I have been working on a bylaws revision for one all-breed club and on having bylaws approved for an all-breed club applying for member club status both of which AKC has recently approved. Gretchen Bernardi, Chairman of the Bylaws Committee, appointed a four-person subcommittee of which I am a member, to review the AKC Bylaws with an eye toward bringing them into the 21st century. The subcommittee is working diligently to examine each section, remove ambiguities, add new content particularly in the area of electronic meetings and make the document internally consistent. I continue to study parliamentary procedure and have completed seven sections on motions, meetings and elections for the next level of NAP certification. I look forward to continuing to serve on the Bylaws Committee. **Dates of Service:** *2018 to Present*. **Three-Year Attendance:** *6 out of 7*. **One-Year Committee Attendance:** *1 out of 1*.

*\*The Bylaws Committee did not hold a June 2020 Delegate Committee Zoom Meeting.*



There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Canine Health. This is pursuant to Item IV, Section F, of the Standing Rule on Delegate Committees, which states:

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The Statements of Qualification follow for the Canine Health Committee.

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for CANINE HEALTH

**William Christensen, MD, MPH, Australian Terrier Club of America.** **Qualifications:** I practice occupational and environmental medicine, a sub-specialty of preventive medicine which focuses on population health, including the role and value of preventative tests. I belong to the Rio Grande Kennel Club and the Kennel Club of Palm Springs. I am a board member of the Desert Empire Terrier Club of Southern California and President and Delegate of the Australian Terrier Club of America. I have bred 16 Australian Terrier Champions, including the first with a Gold Grand Championship. I currently serve as Secretary of the Canine Health Committee. I am beginning my second 3-year term on the board of the AKC Canine Health Foundation and have been a member of its Scientific Review Committee since August 2018. **Dates of Service:** 2012 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 10 out of 11.\*

**Eddie Dziuk, National Beagle Club.** **Qualifications:** I've been a breeder and exhibitor of beagles for 40+ years, and a member of the National Beagle Club for almost as long. Within the NBC, I have been a delegate, board member, secretary, Gazette columnist, and show chair. Professionally, I've spent the last 20 years as the OFA's Chief Operating Officer, and deal with canine health issues literally on a daily basis. I've been actively involved in the initial development and ongoing administration of the CHIC Program and the CHIC DNA Bank. I've led several veterinary outreach efforts, including vet school presentations and the program that brings vet students to the biennial National Parent Club Canine Health Conference. I have been a member of the Health Committee for 16 years, am committed to remain engaged, and would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve. **Dates of Service:** 2003 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 12 out of 20. **Three-Year Attendance:** 9 out of 11.\*

**Joellen Gregory, DVM, Otterhound Club of America.** **Qualifications:** I have served on the Delegate Canine Health Committee since March 2011. I am a small animal veterinarian in Maryland with a special interest in Theriogenology. I have been instrumental in starting the Otterhound Reproduction Bank, Inc. I've worked with the AKC to provide a template for other parent clubs who would also like to start a breed-specific bank. I have served as the Chair of OHCA Health Committee for the past 21 years and was responsible for setting up CHIC for the Otterhounds. I stay current on new research, procedures, and educational programs, which will help me continue to be an asset to the Canine Health committee as well as the entire Delegate body. I have a unique perspective as a veterinarian, breeder and owner-handler. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 10 out of 11.\*

**Margaret Pough, Finger Lakes Kennel Club.** **Qualifications:** It would be my pleasure and an honor to continue to serve on the Canine Health Committee. This committee has brought forward many ideas from survey design to the concept of CHIC. We recognize that canine health encompasses genetic health, temperament, cancer, and infectious diseases. As chair of the Border Terrier Club of America Health Committee I keep aware of concerns of breeders and dog owners. We hold health clinics with every specialty including CHIC Blood draws. Now retired from the Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell, I maintain close relations with section chiefs, as

well as clinicians at the Cornell Small Animal Clinic. I have written or co-authored articles for Perspectives and give infectious disease updates at delegates meetings. My background, both professionally and as a breeder/owner/handler of Border Terriers, has equipped me to serve on this important AKC Delegates Committee. I welcome your support. **Dates of Service:** 1993 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 15 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 8 out of 11.\*

*\*The Canine Health Committee did not hold a June 2020 Delegate Committee Zoom Meeting.*

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for COMPANION EVENTS (Select 4 Maximum)

**Ruth Crumb, Magic Valley Kennel Club. Qualifications:** A member of the Companion Events Committee since 2005, I would like to continue. The challenges of declining entries facing Companion Events Sports are no different than those in other AKC activities; the current pandemic has only exacerbated them. With AKC's introduction of virtual titles, I would like to see the CEC determine how we can capitalize on the virtual entrants to bring them into live events when they again commence. I have been a Delegate for a Parent Club (six years), an Obedience Club (eleven years), and now an All-Breed Club (five years), and have served on the Boards of all of them. This experience gives me insight into the issues facing each in bringing Companion Events to their Shows and Trials. I have bred and shown my own Standard Schnauzers in both Conformation and Obedience. **Dates of Service:** *Standard Schnauzer Club of America 1997 to 2003; Mount Vernon Dog Training Club 2004 to 2015; Magic Valley Kennel Club 2015 to Present.* **Five-Year Attendance:** *20 out of 20. Three-Year Committee Attendance:* *11 out of 11.\**

**Stephen Hersey, Skye Terrier Club of America. Qualifications:** I have been a Rally judge since its inception in 2005, and I'm approved to judge all rally classes, as well as non-regular obedience classes. Along with my wife, I have bred and shown Skye Terriers in conformation, obedience and rally for over 35 years under the Seamist prefix. My Skyes have many obedience titles, along with several Rally obedience titles, including RAE.

- I have been a member of the Skye Terrier Club of America since 1987 and held the position of Treasurer for several years. I am presently the STCA AKC Delegate.
- Past President and Board member of Piscataqua Obedience Club
- Past board member of Rockingham County KC
- Past President and Board member of York County KC
- Current member and serving on the Executive Committee of the Eastern Dog Club.
- I have been an instructor for the Piscataqua Obedience Club, and the Saccarrappa Obedience Club.

**Dates of Service:** *2014 to Present. Five-Year Attendance:* *14 out of 20. Committee Attendance:* *Appointed March 2020.*

**Anne Hier, Companion Dog Training Club of Flint. Qualifications:**

- Bulldog, French Bulldog Breeder
- Exhibitor in conformation, obedience, rally since 1975
- Judge since 1988, 12 NS breeds
- AKC employee 1993-1999, Judging Research and Development
- 40+ AKC obedience, rally, event titles on 12 different dogs, including 2 UD Bulldogs
- 4 Bulldog, 1 Frenchie HIT winners
- Multiple Hi Combined Rally
- Held all offices in CDTC, including Training Director
- CDTC January Rally trial chair 2018-present
- Director of Legislation, Michigan Association for Pure Bred Dogs

My club only expects me to attend the March meeting. However, this year, a Bulldog litter that week became my top priority. If elected, I would attend all committee meetings. With increased anti-dog legislation impacting everyone, Companion Events need more aggressive promotion to highlight responsible dog ownership. Training classes are often the first encounter the public has with AKC events, and to meet club members who participate in all phases of the sport, including conformation and field trials. **Dates of Service:** 1988 to 1992; 2018 to Present. **Three-Year Attendance:** 2 out of 7.

**Larry Wilson** *Philadelphia Dog Training Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been a Delegate for 11 years and a member of the Companion Events Committee for 9 years having served on numerous sub-committees. I have been an active Obedience judge since 2007 and am approved for all classes. I am an active member of two training clubs in the Philadelphia area and have held numerous club posts. I have been continuously active in Obedience and other AKC sports for 35 years. Standard Poodles are my primary breed with several Miniature Poodles and two rescued Bichons, all trained in Obedience and other AKC sports. My primary objective as a delegate and committee member is developing methods to interest new people to all our sports and turn them into active participants. A continuous flow of new, active people is vital to our success. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 10 out of 11.\*

**Betty Winters,** *Olympic Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been in the Companion Event Sport for a long time and would like to continue in the Companion sport. I have previously served on this committee as well as it's sub-committees. There are projects started that need to be accomplished, therefore I would like to help to finish the project. **Dates of Service:** 2014 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 16 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 11.\*

*\*The Companion Events Committee did not hold a June 2020 Delegate Committee Zoom Meeting.*

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Delegate Advocacy and Advancement. This is pursuant to Item IV, Section F, of the Standing Rule on Delegate Committees, which states:

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The Statements of Qualification follow for the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee.

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## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for DELEGATE ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT

**Marge Calltharp**, *Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I have been active with the Shar-Pei over 40 years as a breeder/owner/exhibitor and judge. Other involvement in the fancy includes being a BIS/Group Judge of Non-Sporting and Toys; Editor for over 15 years of my parent club magazine; holding multiple offices in a number of clubs; Show Chair of All-Breed, National and Regional Specialties; Mentor; Secretary of both DAAC and Perspectives; Delegate Nominating Committee Alternate; public speaker and I am a Probate Court Clerk as my profession. It has been an honor to represent my Parent Club since 2005. I am the liaison between the Delegate Body and AKC IT dealing with website matters. I continue to be an advocate for our sport, AKC, Delegates and dogs. With your vote, I will continue to work to make improvements for the Delegate Body. Thank you. **Dates of Service:** 2004 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 10 out of 12.

**Marjorie Tuff**, *American Shetland Sheepdog Association*. **Qualifications:** I have been serving on the Delegate Advocacy Committee for the past thirteen years. As part of the committee I have been part of the membership orientation committee. I firmly believe the we as delegates have an obligation to represent our clubs to the best of our ability. Our voices should be respected and heard. It is important to work on solutions and not be part of any problem. At the moment I am part of a sub-committee representing the Delegate Advocacy Committee for AKC Junior Program. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you. **Dates of Service:** 2006 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

**Mimi Winkler**, *Saw Mill River Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** On my first day as a delegate I attended as many meetings as possible. I felt right from the beginning if given a chance I would like to be a member of the Delegate Advocacy Committee. As a Mother of four, a breeder for over thirty years of almost one hundred champions, show chairman of the Saw Mill River KC, President of the Longshore Southport KC and the President of the Non Sporting Club of the Garden State, I have done my share of listening and advising. I love the concept of give and take. I love new fresh ideas. I respect enthusiasm for the love of dogs and what each new delegate can bring to the table. With this in mind and my background and depth, I feel I would be an asset to this committee and therefore would love to continue in the same position. **Dates of Service:** 2017 to Present. **Four-Year Attendance:** 10 out of 14. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 8 out of 12.

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Dog Show Rules. This is pursuant to Item IV, Section F, of the Standing Rule on Delegate Committees, which states:

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The Statements of Qualification follow for the Dog Show Rules Committee.



# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for DOG SHOW RULES

**A. Duane Butherus, PhD** *Delaware Water Gap Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I have served on the Rules Committee for 8 1/2 years and have had one absence during that period. I have served on the Territoriality Sub-Committee and have investigated with MBF management and reported on the possible need for rules modifications to permit increased use of digital tools for judging and show data management. I am pleased to have served on this committee, and would like to continue to contribute, particularly as the effects of the Covid-19 epidemic will probably require revisions and updates to the present rules, and my 50+ years of experience serving in almost all club/show capacities gives me a strong background to help the Rules Committee going forward. **Dates of Service:** 2008 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 14 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

**Harold Miller**, *American Foxhound Club*. **Qualifications:** I feel I have a good knowledge of Dog Shows and how they are run and problems clubs may encounter I am also President of an ALL-Breed Club a Group Club and a Parent club I have served as show chair for each also. **Dates of Service:** 2003 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 10 out of 12.

**Barbara Shaw**, *Great Collin Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** As Delegate for an all-breed, club I feel the Dog Show Rules Committee is a main area of concern. I serve currently for the Lone Star State Classic Cluster as the Specialty Club Coordinator and Cluster Show Chair for 30+ specialty club events in July and 12+ specialty club events in December. My area of concern extends to those rules outside the specific breed club events. As a judge and past Greater Collin KC Show Chair, dog show rules are important! This committee takes suggestions for new areas of concern, improvement of, and finding ways to incorporate those suggestions into rules. **Dates of Service:** *American Spaniel Club 2006 to 2007; Greater Collin Kennel Club 2007 to Present*. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

**Diana L. Skibinski**, *Lake Shore Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** My lengthy and vast background in dogs has led me to be interested in serving on the Dog Show Rules Committee. I have successfully bred and shown my own Dalmatians for over 40 years, served as an officer or a committee chair/member at Lake Shore Kennel Club, plus Chicagoland Dalmatian Club, Dalmatian Club of Greater Indianapolis, Dalmatian Club of America and Illiana Japanese Chin Club. I am currently approved to judge the Non-Sporting Group, Several Toy Breeds, All Breed Junior Showmanship and Best in Show. To be successful whether it be in breeding or showing, being an active club member or judging dogs, you need to understand rules. Many of my friends know that rules fascinate me and quite often ask me to explain them. I would love to serve on the Dog Show Rules Committee and be a part of our sport's future. Thank you for your consideration. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 15 out of 20.

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Field Trial and Hunting Test Events. This is pursuant to Item IV, Section F, of the Standing Rule on Delegate Committees, which states:

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The Statements of Qualification follow for the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee.

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for FIELD TRIAL AND HUNTING TEST EVENTS

**Gloria Askins**, *Greenville Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I've been a breeder/exhibitor of Irish Setters and member of ISCA for 40+ years with 23+ years of Field Trial/Hunt Test experience, serving in every capacity. I'm also currently VP of Sandhills Pointing Breeds Club. Motivated by my love of field work and the belief that all dogs in my breed should be exposed to it, I spearheaded an idea to create activities to recruit members from my local specialty club to try it. This effort resulted in 15 owners earning at least JH titles on their dogs. Some of these joined the field club and are continuing to earn additional titles. Sandhills is now expanding this idea to recruit pointing breeds from other area specialty and all breed clubs. I'm excited to explore new opportunities to support the sport I love. I listen well and will bring energy, enthusiasm and creative problem-solving skills to this committee. **Dates of Service:** 2018 to Present. **Three-Year Attendance:** 9 out of 9.

**James S. Corbett**, *Tualatin Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** My wife and I have breed and exhibited Black & Tan Coonhounds for almost 50 years. In addition, I have served as Master of Hounds for Coonhound performance events. I am President of Portland Kennel Club, and I have served as show chair for over 120 all-breed shows. I have served on the Field Trial Clubs Committee for nearly 20 years, and as Committee Chair for the past three years. I feel that our major committee focus is to grow interest in participating in performance events, and to help states maintain the capability to use public lands. Professionally, I am a retired university administrator. **Dates of Service:** 1994 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 16 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 12.

**Neal Goodwin**, *Flat-Coated Retriever Society of America*. **Qualifications:** I have participated with my Flat-Coated Retrievers for the past 36 years in Conformation, Obedience, Agility, and most pertinent to this statement of qualifications, Hunt Tests. I have been participating in Hunt Tests since 1987. I was the Chair of the 1988 FCRSA National Specialty Hunt Test in Southern California, and I was the principal driving force behind the Great Western Flat-Coated Retriever Club becoming a licensed Hunt Test club. I have served my parent club, the FCRSA, for a total of 10 years as an Officer or Board member, including 2 years as President. I now judge Flat-Coats and Curly Coats. I love seeing dogs do what they were bred to do, and my interest in becoming a member of this committee is to contribute my skills and energy towards increasing participation in our sport. Thank you for your consideration. **Dates of Service:** 2017 to Present. **Four-Year Attendance:** 11 out of 11.

**Nance Skoglund**, *Gordon Setter Club of America*. **Qualifications:** Born into a pure-bred sporting dog family, I got my first Gordon Setter in 1966. Our newest Gordons are two half-sisters from a dual line, born about two years apart. Our dogs have always been personal gun dogs, participating also in conformation, obedience/rally and field events. I have been a member of the Gordon Setter Club of America (GSCA) since 1988; on its board since 2002; Delegate since 2006. I serve on the GSCA National Field Trial Committee, which for many years has hosted our National Championships. While not a field trialer, I always attend our weeklong National, riding many braces and serving in various capacities. I wish to continue to serve on this committee to ensure that we champion all field events, enacting rules to make events safe while creating an enjoyable setting to showcase sporting dogs. I currently serve as the secretary of the committee. **Dates of Service:** 2006 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events. This is pursuant to Item IV, Section F, of the Standing Rule on Delegate Committees, which states:

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# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for HERDING, EARTHDOG AND COURSING EVENTS

**Don Adams, Cudahy Kennel Club. Qualifications:** This year is my 50<sup>th</sup> year in coursing -- which means simply that I've persevered and hopefully gained some useful insights. I am seeking your vote to again persevere on this committee. We have seen an increase in entries for the Coursing Ability Test and an even greater expansion of the short distance version – the Fast CAT. It is good for the AKC, good for the clubs, and more importantly, great fun for the dogs. Staff, the fancy and the Committee all have responded to challenges with changes that enhance efficiency and safety and fun. The coursing traditions have come forward with some consequences. There are still some issues that need addressing to make the regulations clearer and safer and better for the clubs that conduct the events. It is to this end that I solicit your vote to keep me on the Committee. **Dates of Service:** *Saluki Club of America 1989 to 2005; Cudahy Kennel Club 2005 to Present.* **Five-Year Attendance:** *15 out of 20. Three-Year Committee Attendance: 8 out of 11.\**

**Martha Lee Beckington, Mount Vernon Dog Training Club. Qualifications:** I am currently serving on the HEC Committee and would very much like to be re-elected to serve again. So that I may continue my work. The committee needs a balance of Herding, Earthdog and Coursing members. As an active Herding person, I would like to contribute to items that need to be addressed by this committee regarding Herding rules, changes, problem areas and potential solutions. I have been an active dog owner, trainer and competitor with my smooth collies in breed, obedience, rally, herding and therapy work. I have been a member of Mt. Vernon Dog Training Club for the last 40 years, having served as an instructor, trial secretary, club historian and most recently AKC Delegate. I was recently awarded the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship medallion by my club. I hope that I can count on your vote in order to continue my service on the HEC Committee. **Dates of Service:** *2016 to Present.* **Five-Year Attendance:** *13 out of 17. Three-Year Committee Attendance: 8 out of 11.\**

**Pam Davis, Cairn Terrier Club of America. Qualifications:** I breed, own and handle Cairn Terriers. I currently serve on the HEC committee and am the HEC sub committee chair of Earthdog events. I am an AKC Conformation Judge (95305), CGC Evaluator (94593), Trick Dog Evaluator, ATT Evaluator and Coursing Ability Judge. My dogs have been successful in all areas of AKC Sports including Earthdog, Barn Hunt, Coursing Ability, FCATs, Rally, Agility, Scent Work, Trick Dog and Farm Dog Certification. My Cairn, GCHB Dogwood Flower Power ME RI FDC CAX12 FCAT4 SWN RATS CGCA TKP ATT is currently the highest ranked Coursing Ability Cairn Terrier and one of the top Versatile Cairns, succeeding in what she was bred to do. I love being involved in all Canine Sports and I believe I would continue to be an asset to the HEC committee. **Dates of Service:** *2009 to Present.* **Five-Year Attendance:** *18 out of 20. Three-Year Committee Attendance: 11 out of 11.\**

**Joyce Engle, Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club. Qualifications:** During my Engineering career, I wrote requirements and performed analyses. Projects required that I learn quickly and have a fresh eye. The goals, like this committee, were to engineer effectively and efficiently. As a member of the Collie Club of America and the Oriole Dog Training Club, I can learn and grow into the sports this committee supports. I've served as a Delegate for Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club since March 2015, serve on the Perspectives Committee and have worked with AKC Staff. This year, I was approved as a Provisional Judge for Scent Work and an AKC Temperament Test Evaluator. I teach Scent Work and compete in three different Scent Organizations. My youngest dog will show and compete in obedience and herding soon. While my experience is concentrated in other sports, I am eager to learn and look forward to contributing to this committee. Thank you for considering me!  
**Dates of Service:** 2015 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 17 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 11\*.

**Bob LaBerge, Lawrenceville Kennel Club. Qualifications:** As an incumbent, I have been a member of this committee since its inception, and Chair since 2008. I am committed to the development of the Herding, Earthdog, and Coursing events, and believe my experience will help me continue to make a positive contribution to this committee. My wife and I breed, own, and exhibit Cardigan Welsh Corgis and Wirehaired Dachshunds. We participate in Earthdog, Herding, Field Trials, Tracking, Conformation, Obedience, Agility, Scent Work, and Therapy Dog work. I am an approved AKC Earthdog and Field Trial judge. I am a two-time past president and a present board member of the Lawrenceville Kennel Club. I am an active event committee member and past president of the Dachshund Club of Metropolitan Atlanta and have chaired numerous local specialty shows and a Dachshund Club of America national specialty show. Please allow me to continue as an active part of this committee. **Dates of Service:** 1999 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 11.\*

*\*The Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee did not hold a June 2020 Delegate Committee Zoom Meeting.*

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### Standing Committee for PARENT CLUBS (Select 4 Maximum)

**Karen Burgess**, *Greater Clark County Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** Parent Clubs are the core of AKC. Our commitment to the breeds we cherish is imperative to the preservation and advancement of our Sport. I have served in many capacities in Parent Clubs, most recently as President. I am most enthusiastic about the experiences of coordinating National Specialty events throughout the Country. Working with Parent Clubs of different sizes within different Groups with varying priorities brings with it the importance of working together toward continued success. These experiences have given me useful information to contribute as a member of the Parent Club Best Practices sub-committee and the newly formed “At Risk” sub-committee in conjunction with members of the All-Breed Committee. Serving on the Parent Club Committee has been the most rewarding facet in my tenure as a Delegate. I would be honored to continue to contribute to the important work of this committee. **Dates of Service:** 1999 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.

**Katie Campbell**, *Basenji Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I represent the Basenji Club of America: A progressive AKC Club that preserves our legacy and standard. Through a variety of channels, we encourage and support the next generation of responsible breeders while honoring our icons. As an active breeder-owner-handler of many BISS and BIS conformation winners, I also enjoy titling my dogs in lure coursing, agility, obedience, rally and barn hunt. I am the Vice-President of Seattle KC where I passionately connect my local community with the AKC Fancy. Judging and mentoring all over the world has inspired me with different practices and traditions. Professionally I am a partner in a commercial real estate firm whereby my open listening skills bring people together via innovative solutions that I manage through to fruition. It would be my privilege to respectfully and enthusiastically usher our collective knowledge into the future by serving on the AKC Parent Club Committee. **Dates of Service:** 2012 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 16 out of 20. \*Serving by appointment on the AKC Parent Club Breeders' sub-committee: 2019 to Present

**Alan Kalter**, *American Bullmastiff Association*. **Qualifications:** I became involved with the American Bullmastiff Association 35 years ago, including serving on the ABA Board; two terms as president; and AKC Delegate since 2007. Additionally, my wife and I were honored as AKC Breeder of the Year in 2016. My AKC service includes: AKC Board 2009 – 2017; Board liaison, Parent Clubs Committee; AKC Board Chair, three years; AKC PAC Board, inception through 2018; and AKC Reunite (Board Chair). I served on the Boards of the International Partnership for Dogs (representing AKC); and the Theriogenology Foundation (which, working with AKC and AKC CHF, awards residencies in canine reproduction). Currently, I serve on the Board of the AKC Museum of the Dog. I believe the Parent Clubs Committee has made an enormous difference for clubs, their members, our sports and, most importantly, the dogs. I believe I have the experience, expertise, and passion to help continue that good work. **Dates of Service:** 2007 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 18 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

**Helen Prince**, *Scottish Terrier Club of America*. **Qualifications:** Current member of the Parent Club Committee. Active breeder/exhibitor of Scottish Terriers and member of the Scottish Terrier Club of America for 45 years, currently serving as their Delegate, and Secretary of the Health Trust Fund. Previously served as Vice President /Show Chair, Recording Secretary, Director, and on numerous committees. 50-year member of the Scottish Terrier Club of Greater Washington, DC, serving in all offices at least twice. Current President of National Capital KC, charter member and Secretary of Columbia Terrier Association of Maryland and its Secretary for 20 years. Conducted Educational Seminars for Parent Club and judged numerous Scottish Terrier Sweepstakes. I steward at National Specialty Shows. Parent Club Committee: Chair of the Archives and Specialty Show Site committees, member of the Breeders Committee, Committee to Help Parent Clubs become AKC members, and was on the AKC Reunite Task Force. **Dates of Service:** 2000-2003; 2010 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Three-Year Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

**Richard Rohrbacher**, *Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America*. **Qualifications:** For over 40 years, I have been an avid breeder/exhibitor of Welsh Springer Spaniels. I have been an active member of the Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America since 1981, having served on National Specialty Committees, Board of Directors and AKC Delegate since 2012. Currently head of the WSSCA Bylaws Committee. As a Delegate I have mentored 5 new Delegates in the past two years. The Parent Club Committee touches several other Delegate Committee areas; Bylaws, Canine Health, Companion Events, and Field Trial/Hunt Test Committees. Currently a member of the Parent Club Best Practices sub-committee representing 400 member clubs. My two careers have taught me how to work with disparate individuals/groups and perform thorough analysis of an issue before recommending any course of action. Such skills are needed to ensure our sport, Parent and Local clubs, and the AKC. **Dates of Service:** 2012 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20.

**Maggi Strouse**, *National Shiba Club of America*. **Qualifications:** represent a smaller Parent Club, which, like many clubs, faces declines in membership and changes in the interests our members. The Parent Clubs Committee is working on strategies to help clubs face these, and other, challenges. I believe I can contribute to those efforts. I have served as president, secretary, treasurer and show chair of AKC clubs, including several years as NSCA National Specialty Committee Chair. Additionally, I work with other clubs in event planning/coordination. Currently I serve on the Delegates Parent/All Breed Clubs joint 'At Risk' subcommittee developing guidelines for clubs to identify and assist members and other dog owners in our communities who are having trouble taking care of their dogs. I look forward to working with all of you to develop strategies to strengthen and benefit our Parent Clubs, our sport, our AKC and the dogs we cherish. I would appreciate your vote. **Dates of Service:** 2008 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20.



There will be no ballot required for the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee since the number of self-nominations did not exceed the available positions.

The Statements of Qualification follow for the *Perspectives* Editorial Committee.

# AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

## Candidate Statements of Qualifications

### *Perspectives* Editorial Committee

**Virginia 'Gini' Denninger**, *Genesee Valley Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I was a staff writer for Kennel Review under editor Michael Shoop in the 1980's. I have written for various dog publications through the years including Dog World and Show Sight. I have written for Perspectives and served as Editor twice in the last two years. **Dates of Service:** 2013 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 7 out of 8.

**Joyce Engle**, *Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I have been a delegate for Northeastern Maryland Kennel Club since March 2015. I've attended all but two committee meetings during this tenure. During my term on the Perspectives Committee, I've been a Coordinator for several issues. Reviewing and helping delegates polish their articles has been a pleasure. The editorial staff is extremely talented, and I've learned from them. The knowledge I've gained has made me a better committee member. While I've primarily written and obtained delegate articles regarding familiar topics, I have new goals for the future. These goals include pursuing articles outside of my areas of expertise and new assignments to support the Perspectives Committee. I'm looking forward to contributing more to Perspectives. Thank you for considering me for the Perspectives Committee. **Dates of Service:** 2015 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 17 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 6 out of 8.

**Dr. Geno Sisneros**, *American Pomeranian Club*. **Qualifications:** With many years of journalism and writing experience in my youth, experience as President of an all-breed club and two national breed clubs, and experience judging nationally and internationally, I feel that I add value to this important committee. I have served several terms on Perspectives and appreciate the opportunity to help in providing an outlet for Delegates to share their knowledge and experience and learn from each other. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 12 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 4 out of 8.

**Monica Stoner**, *Saluki Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I have had the honor of serving on Perspectives for many years, most recently as Assistant Editor. I am a published author and have worked on several club newsletters. **Dates of Service:** 2007 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 12 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 5 out of 8.

**Sylvia Thomas**, *Kennel Club of Riverside*. **Qualifications:** Perspectives is a platform for Delegates to communicate ideas, to share information, and to voice opinions. Through the pandemic, Perspectives has been a source of enjoyment and a way to maintain personal connections with fellow Delegates. During the past four years, I've served as Editor, Assistant Editor, and Issue Coordinator. It's an honor to be associated with the production of Perspectives, a professional publication, filled with terrific articles penned by fellow Delegates and subject-matter experts. I have edited other breed and specialty club newsletters and served as Akita breed columnist for the Gazette. It's my pleasure to work with Delegates, the Editorial Staff, and AKC staff to produce each issue. I hope to continue my service on Perspectives and appreciate your consideration. **Dates of Service:** 2002 to Present. **Five-Year Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Two-Year Committee Attendance:** 8 out of 8.