



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

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Executive Secretary

To: The Delegates
From: Gina DiNardo
Subject: Election of Delegate Committees
Date: August 2024

The election of Delegate Committees will be conducted at our meeting on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024.**

We must call the Delegate Meeting to order for the election to be official. Ballots will be handed out as you sign in at the registration desk. **The Delegate Meeting will be called to order at 9:30 a.m. to begin voting for the Delegate Standing Committees.** After those present at that time have voted, we will recess the Delegate Meeting to begin the Forum.

The Forum will run for approximately one hour. Following its conclusion, the reconvened Delegate Meeting will begin. Anyone who has not yet voted for the Delegate Standing Committees will be given the opportunity to do so, and then the polls will be closed.

Once the polls are closed, the ballots will be electronically tabulated, and the results of the election to the Standing Committees will be announced during the regular meeting or during lunch.

Voting

No election is needed for All-Breed Clubs, Herding, Earthdog, Coursing, Scent Work Events, or Perspectives Editorial Committee this year. There will be an election in seven (7) Committees. The election for these Committees will be as follows:

Bylaws: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.

Canine Health: you may vote for a maximum of three (3) Delegates.

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

Delegate Advocacy and Advancement: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.

Dog Show Rules: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.

Field Trial and Hunting Test Events: you may vote for a maximum of three (3) Delegates.

Parent Clubs: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.

Organization of the Committees

Once the ballot results have been tabulated, all committee organizational meetings will occur immediately upon the conclusion of the regular Delegate Meeting or after the luncheon. The sole purpose of this meeting is to elect the committee Chair, Assistant Chair, and Secretary. Meeting places for each committee have been reserved. AKC Staff will be available to guide committee members to their meeting places.

Organization of the Coordinating Committee

As soon as the Chairs of the Standing Committees have been elected and those committees organized, the Chairs of those nine (9) committees may meet to organize the Coordinating Committee. If the Coordinating Committee does not organize at this time, then it must be at the next regular Coordinating Committee Meeting.

The *Perspectives* Editorial Committee is not involved, as it falls under a different standing rule.

Statements of Qualification

Following this memo are Delegate Statements of Qualification for each committee which include the Delegate's total years of service.

A careful effort has been made in the compiling/formatting of the Delegate Committee Election Packet to keep the Statements of Qualification exactly as written/submitted, adhering to the 150-word limit. Any mistakes are unintentional; should they occur, you have our apologies.

For committees that require a ballot, Statements of Qualification indicate attendance for the recent five-year period. Also, if provided, committee member attendance at Delegate Committee Meetings for the last three years.

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on All-Breed Clubs. 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 All-Breed Clubs Committee.

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Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for ALL-BREED CLUBS

Marc Crews, Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa. **Qualifications:** Member of Mid-Continent Kennel Club since 1995. Board member for past 15 years holding offices as Director at Large, Vice President, Assistant Show Chair, Show Chair and President 2017-2021. Currently serving as AKC Delegate. Since 1986 have finished CHs on Wheaten Terrier, Smooth Fox, Scottish Terrier and Beagles that were all owner-handled. Experienced in all levels of All-Breed Club management and hosting AKC events as pertains to the club role. Able to increase participation in membership while guiding the club to new dates and venues to increase entries/treasury which has given MCKC more visibility and awareness of purposely bred dogs in the community. **Dates of Service:** 2022 to Present.

Margaret DiCorleto, Chow Chow Club. **Qualifications:** I am an active member of the All-Breed Clubs Committee. I was a member of the original subcommittee that developed Best Practices for topics that affect All-Breed Clubs. I am currently chairing the subcommittee that is reviewing and updating these topics. I provide these updates at each quarterly meeting. In addition, I chaired a subcommittee which developed the "Welcome to the Dog Show" document which clubs can use to help create a welcoming and safe environment for dog show spectators, especially those with children. Most recently, we addressed the issue of "At Risk" individuals and how clubs can help owners and dogs to prevent personal and possible media disasters. The All-Breed Clubs Committee strives to address problems and issues that clubs face and to offer effective solutions whenever possible. I would appreciate your support so that I can continue my work on this committee. Thank you. **Dates of Service:** Greater Murfreesboro Kennel Club 2010 to 2015; Chow Chow Club 2015 to Present. **Current Committee Member.**

Margaret "Peggy" Doster, Kennel Club of Buffalo. **Qualifications:** I have represented The Kennel Club of Buffalo Inc., Buffalo, NY since 2011. I have served in many capacities. Currently, I am on the Board of Directors serving as 2nd Vice President. I am an owner, Breeder of Merit, trainer and judge of American Staffordshire Terriers and a longstanding member of the Staffordshire Terrier Club of America. Professionally, I am an educator, retiring after 38 years of teaching. I am a freelance writer, having written articles for many publications. Elected to the All-Breed Clubs Committee in 2015, I served three years. Appointed to the committee in 2024, I am currently working on the Best Practices Subcommittee. Now familiar with the workings of the Delegate Body and committees, I seek to continue as a contributing member of the All-Breed Clubs Committee. I believe I have the ability to work cooperatively with other members of the All-Breed Clubs Committee. **Dates of Service:** 2011 to Present. **Current Committee Member.**

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

- Current member of the All-Breed Clubs Committee and Charitable Giving Subcommittee.
- Core Member of the Tufts-AKC Canine Whelping Program.
- Contributing member of 5 All-Breed, 1 Limited Breed, 1 Parent and 1 Specialty Club(s).
- Show Chair for 2 All-Breed Clubs and 1 Specialty Club.
- Cluster Coordinator for 2 New England Clusters.

- Parent Club East Division Chair.
- AKC Trial Board Committee member.
- Served as Treasurer, Secretary, Director, Top 20 Chair, Judges Selection and Legislative Liaison.
- 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.
- President of Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs, protecting our right to own the dog of our choice.

My experience in our sport has permitted me to contribute significantly to the committees on which I have served. I would like to continue my service and help identify ways to circumnavigate the obstacles we all face. **Dates of Service:** *2018 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

Timothy Ufkes, *Olympic Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I am a lifelong dog lover and began with a Samoyed, named Czar. In 1997 I bought a \$400 pet named Marley. That dog won WD at the 1997 National Specialty and I have been active in the fancy ever since. Marley went on to become one of the top winning Water Spaniels in the history of the breed. I have been a member of IWSCA since 1997 and been a member of OKC since 2008. I am an AKC Breeder of Merit and have had four litters and provided semen resulting in approximately 150 pups in four countries. I have held nearly every position at OKC, from Grounds, Show Chair, President, Board Member and Delegate. I am currently a member of the All-Breed Clubs Committee and am the Chair of the Strategic Planning Subcommittee. I am a dedicated Delegate and would like to continue being on this important committee. **Dates of Service:** *2021 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

Grace Wilkerson, *Rhode Island Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I've been a member of 3 All-Breed Clubs, Board of Directors of two over 25 years, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Show Chair. My main value is concrete ideas about the improvement and value of stewards and stewarding, which I think is a hugely important and (until recently) neglected issue in AKC. I have been stewarding for 20-25 years, all over New England and occasionally in NY and NJ, at specialties and ABC shows. I'm a member of the Stewards Club of America, Chief Steward for several clubs, and regularly steward for about a dozen clubs in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I was Show Secretary for the Irish Water Spaniel National in 2015. Professionally, I managed large-scale initiatives that revamped volunteer management in a national non-profit, totally changing service to 15,000 adult volunteers. **Dates of Service:** *2020 to Present.*

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Candidate Statements of Qualification
Standing Committee for
BYLAWS
(Select 4 Maximum)

Sylvia Arrowwood, *Myrtle Beach Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I have served on Bylaws for several terms. I am a fully certified Parliamentarian which is an asset. I have also served on many subcommittees and enjoyed doing so. I get along well with other Delegate members and respect their opinions. I would very much appreciate being able to serve another term. Thank you very much for considering my re-election. **Dates of Service:** *Charleston Kennel Club 2002-2019; Myrtle Beach Kennel Club 2019 to Present*. **Attendance:** *18 out of 20*. **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12*.

Jim Dok, *Gig Harbor Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** Bringing 31 years of balanced understanding of the AKC Delegate Body concern for governance, may I present my history:

- Member AKC Board of Directors (03/2014 thru 03/2018).
- Served as member of Chairman Ron Menaker's Select Committee for Judges Approval with Dr. Carmen Battaglia and Dr. Charles Garvin (four years).
- DAAC and predecessor Committee (Strategic Planning Committee) 09/2000 thru 03/2014.
- All-Breed Clubs Committee 09/1997 thru 1999.
- AKC Trial Board Officer 08/2003 thru 03/2014.
- Original Strategic Planning (Ad/Hoc) Committee established in 09/1993 for a three-year term. This committee was Chaired by John Ronalds. I was an invited observer to this committee throughout its three-year term.

Dates of Service: *Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club 1993 to 2008; Gig Harbor Kennel Club 2008 to Present*. **Attendance:** *7 out of 20*. **Committee Attendance:** *1 out of 1*.

Jan Ritchie Gladstone, *Waterloo Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** By virtue of my background as an attorney involved with constitutions and bylaws, as well as my 30 years as a breeder, exhibitor and active club member, officer and board member, I am qualified to serve. **Dates of Service:** *Richmond Dog Fanciers Club 2002 to 2020; Saint Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association 2020 to 2024; Waterloo Kennel Club 2024 to Present*. **Attendance:** *19 out of 20*.

Chris Marston, *Mount Vernon Dog Training Club*. **Qualifications:** I support AKC's mission and am dedicated to its core values, especially recognizing the critical importance of our clubs and volunteers. I'm a Registered Parliamentarian and President of my local unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians, as well as a member of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. I'm an attorney licensed in Virginia, and I practice non-profit law, assisting tax-exempt organizations with governance and compliance. In addition to serving as the Delegate for the Mount Vernon Dog Training Club, I'm a member of the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, for which I serve on a special bylaws revision committee. I hope to put my skills and experience to work for the Delegate Body and the AKC on the Bylaws Committee. **Dates of Service:** *2023 to Present*. **Attendance:** *5 out of 5*.

Dr. Gregory Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I have served as a Delegate since September 2009 and a member of Bylaws since 2011. Bylaws is a particular interest of mine. I have had the opportunity to work on bylaws revision committees of both professional organizations and the faculty senate of a major university. My focus since joining the committee has been on broadening participation in the Delegate Body, clarifying unclear bylaws, and improving transparency between the operations of the AKC and the Delegate Body. From mid-2020 until mid-2023, I had the opportunity to work with other members of the committee on a subcommittee charged with reviewing the bylaws and making recommendations for changes working closely with Staff to ensure that suggested changes met New York law. As the elected Chair of the subcommittee, I presented these changes to the Bylaws Committee and the Delegates. Many were successfully passed by the Delegate Body. Your continued support is appreciated. **Dates of Service:** *2009 to Present.* **Attendance:** *19 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

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Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for CANINE HEALTH (Select 3 Maximum)

Susan LaCroix Hamil, *Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association*. **Qualifications:** Currently I serve as Chairman of the Health Committee. I also serve on the AKC CHF Board and the OFA Board. I am CHIC Liaison for both the database and DNA bank. In working closely with Parent Clubs, AKCCHF, CHIC and AKC Veterinary Outreach the Canine Health committee has made great progress in improving canine health. I am committed to spreading the good news about canine health to advance our relationships with elected officials, the public, the media and veterinary medicine, at both the academic and practitioner levels, to promote purebred dogs and the work of the American Kennel Club. It is imperative that the AKC and the fancy continue this commitment to canine health to meet current and future challenges both domestic and global. I am a strong advocate for our dogs and our sport, and I am asking you to re-elect me to the Canine Health Committee. **Dates of Service:** *American Bloodhound Club 1991 to 2000; Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association 2000 to Present.* **Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12.*

Isabel Ososki, *St. Louis Collie Club*. **Qualifications:** I have long advocated the importance of understanding canine health and utilizing available genetic testing and research findings to improve breeding outcomes and minimize the impact of Collie health issues. I became very aware of the AKC's efforts to this end years ago when I attended my first AKC Canine Health Conference in St. Louis. Qualifications that would make me an asset to the CHC:

47-year member Collie Club of America

- Board member since 2012.
- CCA Breed Mentor.
- Revised and updated the CCA Health Statement in 2022.

Collie Health Foundation (CHF)

- CHF Testing Coordinator since February 2021. I facilitate Collie health testing requests and research participation and work closely with our testing partners.
- Serve on the Educational Seminar Grant Committee.
- Serve on the research focused Educational & Grant Sample Submission Committee.
- CHF Board member since 2022 - received the 2022 President's award.
- Chair of CHF Health Statement Committee in 2024.

Dates of Service: *2019 to Present.* **Attendance:** *10 out of 19.*

Margaret Pough, *Finger Lakes Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** It would be an honor to return to the Canine Health Committee. This committee has an impact in many areas, from the concept of AKCCHF and CHIC, and AKCCHF peer reviewed grants. We recognize that canine health encompasses genetic health, cancer, infectious disease, and temperament. As Founder and Chair of the Border Terrier Club of America Genetics and Health Committee I am aware of concerns of breeders and owners. I have often missed June meetings as I am chairing health clinics at our

Specialty. Retired from the Animal Health Diagnostic Laboratory at Cornell, I maintain relations with section chiefs as well as clinicians at the Cornell University Hospital for Animal. I have written or co-authored articles for *Perspectives* and given infectious disease updates to Delegates. My background, both professionally and as a breeder/owner/handler of Border Terriers, has equipped me to serve on this committee. I welcome your support. **Dates of Service:** 1993 to Present. **Attendance:** 12 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 8 out of 12.

Dr. Robert E. Tainsh, MD, MPH, Cedar Rapids Kennel Association. Qualifications:

Education:

- 1976 B.S., Animal Husbandry (with honors), University of Missouri-Columbia
- 1983 M.D., Brown University, 4.0 GPA
- 1983 M.P.H (Master of Public Health), Harvard University

Work:

- 1973-76 University of Missouri, Dept. of Veterinary Radiology/O.F.A. (work-study)
- 1976-80 U.S. Peace Corps Philippines, Artificial Insemination Coordinator, Bureau of Animal Industry
- 1983-88 Harvard Medical School, Department of Anesthesiology
- 1988- 2021: Pediatric Anesthesiologist, Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL

Canine Health:

- AKC Canine Health Committee, 2016 – present
- Canine Health Foundation, Founder
- Border Collie Health Foundation, Founder
- Border Collie Society of America (BCSA): Health Committee, past Chairman

I also serve on the Board of Directors for the AKC Museum of the Dog and believe my experience participating in numerous work/hospital related committees and scientific grant proposal reviews will be an asset to the Canine Health Committee. I plan to continue my commitment as a member of this committee with equal commitment and enthusiasm. **Dates of Service:** *Border Collie Society of America 2000-2001; Cedar Rapids Kennel Association 2016 to Present.* **Attendance:** 13 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 6 out of 12.

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Standing Committee for COMPANION EVENTS (Select 4 Maximum)

Jack Cadalso, Washington State Obedience Training Club. **Qualifications:** I am currently a member of this committee and wish to continue to serve. I have been involved in dog sports since the early 1970's:

- Albany Kennel Club: 1971 to present. Served as past Show Chair, Handling Instructor, and in several Board positions.
- Troy Kennel Club: 1972 to present. Past Show Chair, 30 years as Treasurer.
- Albany Obedience Club: 1971 to present. Life member. Past Trial Chair. Held several Board positions.
- Obedience Instructor (34 years), CGC and Agility Instructor.

I have exhibited Cairn Terriers to CD and CDX titles as well as to the Agility MACH title. I am a member of the Cairn Terrier Club of America, and the LEAP Agility Club. I have been a licensed Agility Judge for 19 years. I would like to continue to be of service to the fancy. **Dates of Service:** *Troy Kennel Club 1984 to 2018; Washington State Obedience Training Club 2018 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Mike Kriegel, Bell Vernon Kennel Association. **Qualifications:** My participation in dog events began before high school, many years ago. Over the years I have put titles on 14 dogs, in 7 different breeds. Those include Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Confirmation, Herding and Fast CAT. My dogs have finished titles in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. They have competed in Agility and Obedience Nationals. Multiple dogs have earned invitations to the Agility Invitational and the Obedience Classic. At some point, I have served in every Board position for clubs to which I have belonged. For 15 years, I was a 4-H Dog Program leader. Agility Chief Ring Steward is a job I do for over 20 weekends annually. As Event Chair I have overseen Obedience and Agility trials, as well as Tracking tests. As an approved ACT Evaluator, I have run 18 ACT tests. My volunteer work has also been at Agility and Obedience Nationals. **Dates of Service:** *2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *2 out of 2.*

Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club. **Qualifications:** I am an incumbent and Chair of the CEC committee. I have been active in Obedience, Agility, Tracking and Rally sports over the past 32 years. I have instructed, exhibited, and chaired all of these events in association with the Atlanta Obedience Club and other clubs. I have achieved multiple Obedience, Rally, and Agility titles and am currently training dogs in these events. I am an approved AKC Judge for Earthdog, Field Trails, Farm Dog, Fetch, ATT and I am a CGC Evaluator. I chair the Event Facility Committee for the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America, and serve as AKC Legislative Liaison for multiple All-Breed, Parent, and Specialty Clubs. I believe my knowledge and experience in instructing, exhibiting, and chairing Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Agility and other events help me to make a positive contribution toward achieving the goals of this committee. Please allow me to continue to do so. **Dates of Service:** *2010 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Joao Machado, Oakland Dog Training Club. Qualifications: I am Joao Machado from Houston, Texas, and Delegate for the Oakland Dog Training Club. I have been involved with purebred dogs for almost three decades as a breeder, club officer, and a Conformation Judge. I am confident my educational and professional experience will be an asset to this committee. I have a master's degree in business administration, and 25 years in the areas pertaining to negotiation, P&L, management with a key role in empowering people to reach their full potential and developing working teams. I consider myself an outside the box thinker. Currently, I am the President of the Houston Chihuahua Club, and an active member in other clubs. With a high level of drive, experience, and enthusiasm, I look forward to be voted to join this committee. **Dates of Service:** *Chihuahua Club of America 2020 to 2023; Oakland Dog Training Club 2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *9 out of 13.*

Patricia Sample, Anderson Obedience Training Club. Qualifications:

- Involved in AKC Events since 1968.
- Finished Golden and Labrador Retrievers to CD thru OTCH/UDX2 titles.
- Club members compete in AKC Obedience, Rally, Agility, Scent Work, Fast Cat, Conformation, Field events.
- I am active and enjoy working with my clubs. Understand the challenges that clubs face today.
- AKC judge for: Novice, Rally, ATT, Fetch & CGC Evaluator.

Club Positions Held:

- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Instructor, Trial Chairman, Trial Secretary, Show Chairman.

Current Member of:

- Anderson Obedience Training Club – Treasurer, Instructor, Membership Chair, Publicity – which gives me background in bringing new individuals into AKC Events.
- Anderson Kennel Club – Treasurer, Show Committee
- Doberman Pinscher Club of Indiana – Director
- Doberman Pinscher Club of America
- Companion Events Committee – Secretary

I would like to continue on the CEC and will appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Dates of Service: *1997 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Laura Trainor, Susque-Nango Kennel Club. Qualifications: I was appointed to the Companion Events Committee in June 2023. I served on the CEC Subcommittee Preparing New Exhibitors for Obedience and presently serve on the Subcommittee reviewing the Beginner Novice and Novice exercises. I have been active in Obedience, Rally, Agility, Earthdog and Conformation for 40 years. My Irish Wolfhounds and Glen of Imaal Terriers and I have earned titles in these events including the first Glen of Imaal PACH and RAE. I have been the Delegate for the Susque-Nango Kennel Club since 2013 and have served as past President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Board member. Presently I also serve as the Obedience/Rally Trial Show Secretary.

Dates of Service: *2013 to Present.* **Attendance:** *14 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *9 out of 12*

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Standing Committee for DELEGATE ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT (Select 5 Maximum)

Jane Bates, Conroe Kennel Club. Qualifications: I have served as the Show Chairman for Conroe Kennel Club for 10 years and am past Show Chair and Treasurer for the GSD Club of Houston for 10 years. I am a Member of Houston Kennel Club (and newly elected Director) and have served as the Vendor Co-Chair for over 15 years with 125 - 175 vendors each year. My employment career includes over 25 years as Chief Compliance Officer in the broker/dealer industry and as an arbitrator for disputes. These experiences have enhanced my abilities to work with others including regulators to find workable solutions. My primary breeds are GSDs and Belgian Malinois, but I have co-owned several #1 Sporting dogs. I have participated in herding with my GSDs and Schutzhund and Obedience with the Malinois. **Dates of Service:** 2020 to Present. **Attendance:** 13 out of 16. **Committee Attendance:** 2 out of 2.

Marylyn DeGregorio, Taconic Hills Kennel Club. Qualifications: Having served on the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee since 2017, I am pleased to have been involved in the following DAAC initiatives to encourage continued and increased Delegate participation, empowerment and accessibility:

- Chair of the Annual Orientation in September event ("Speed Dating for Delegates") which facilitates face to face interaction with AKC Board and Staff in a more personal setting.
- Delegates Handbook
- Delegate Google Groups Moderator
- Delegate Mentor

DAAC serves Delegates first so we may each be effective in serving our Club, the AKC and the Fancy. Mentoring and Member Club outreach is essential to the charge. As the Taconic Hills KC Delegate since 2010, I have served as Show Chair, Conformation and Performance exhibitor, breeder, and club officer; I can relate to Delegates from all disciplines and types of AKC Member Clubs. I truly enjoy working on DAAC and would appreciate your vote to return to this committee.

Dates of Service: 2010 to Present. **Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Mary Lou Olszewski, American Bloodhound Club. Qualifications: As current Chair of DAAC, I appreciate your support enabling me to continue my committee work advocating and advancing for AKC Delegates. An active member of DAAC since September 2012, I was elected Chair and have held this position continuously since June 2019. Joined the American Bloodhound Club in 1980 and served in various leadership positions including President, AKC Delegate, Chairs for National Specialties, Top 20, Regional Specialties and supported events. Most recently I chaired four Scent Work trials. I have bred and owned Bloodhounds for over 44 years. My Bloodhounds have made me incredibly proud as we successfully competed at the highest levels in AKC Conformation and mantrailing. In 2008, I retired from the high-tech industry as a Vice President Sales and Marketing professional. I was born, raised and educated in Maryland. Want to learn how to best clean, eat and

enjoy Maryland steamed crab?! Call me! **Dates of Service:** 2001 to Present. **Attendance:** 16 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 9 out of 12.

Dan Stolz, *Clearwater Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** Having worked with many members and exhibitors and judges who have gone on to join our Delegate Body I have worked with DAAC to assist as a mentor as well as assisting other Delegates to move forward in any venture they or their club wishes to entail. I have assisted DAAC to form the current Delegate Handbook and to keep it current. I have worked with Jane Ruthford in creating the video to promote a Delegate to our clubs and new clubs. I look for your vote so I can continue to work with DAAC in the many future endeavors. **Dates of Service:** 2006 to Present. **Attendance:** 13 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 6 out of 12.

Marile Waterstraat, *Huntington Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I enjoy being on DAAC and would like to continue on this committee. Among other committee duties, I work with welcoming new Delegates and selecting mentors for them. I have 41 years of experience breeding, showing and trialing my dogs, and have held multiple offices including President, Secretary, Historian, and Standards, and have chaired a Specialty and supported entries. I am a retired Librarian and serve as Treasurer of our Public Library Foundation. I think my research and writing strengths, club experience, and previous Delegate experience is an asset to this committee. **Dates of Service:** *Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club (USA) 2006 to 2018; Huntington Kennel Club 2019 to Present.* **Attendance:** 19 out of 19. **Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Mimi Winkler, *Saw Mill River Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** The definition of DAAC, to me, Mimi Winkler is the ability to make changes without limitations. I have been privileged to previously sit on this committee for:

- Delegates Handbook
- Speed dating
- Judges Fee for Delegate Judges

My involvement in the “dog world”:

- JEC of BFCA for the past nine years
- Past President of Longshore Southport KC
- Past President of Non-Sporting Club of The Garden State
- Breeder of 97 Bichon Frise Champions
- AKC Judge
- Judged the Bichon National in: China, Japan, the USA
- Breeder of Merit
- Former International Gymnastic Judge

I am a member of: Somerset Hills KC, BFCA, Morris and Essex KC and Saw Mill River KC of which I am a Delegate. Please consider me for this committee again. It means so much – the ability to be part of molding the future and welcoming new Delegates is everything. **Dates of Service:** 2017 to Present. **Attendance:** 12 out of 20.

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Standing Committee for DOG SHOW RULES (Select 5 Maximum)

Joe Fitzgerald, Catoctin Kennel Club. Qualifications: My career as a senior executive writing and managing policy and regulatory issues for and with federal agencies including the EPA, CDC, Departments of Agriculture and Energy has trained me in the art of rulemaking. My practical knowledge of AKC Rules and Regulations, and club policies and bylaws is founded on my ongoing interpretation and implementation of such rules on governing boards of my All-Breed, Parent and local Specialty Club. I am serving not only on these boards, but also as an officer, and chair of various policy committees. Over the years my wife and I have been active in Conformation, Obedience and Performance events. It has been a pleasure and rewarding to work alongside DSRC members, AKC Board Liaisons and AKC Staff during my appointment to the DSRC. I ask the Delegates to grant me the honor to continue to serve on the DSRC. **Dates of Service:** 2023 to Present. **Attendance:** 6 out of 6. **Committee Attendance:** 2 out of 2.

Jason Hoke, Chain O'Lakes Kennel Club. Qualifications: Being a second-generation exhibitor, I have seen through the years the need to address new and persistent issues regarding Rules within the AKC. I feel that my experience as an exhibitor, AKC Judge of almost four groups, present Board member of two Parent Clubs, past President of the Great Dane Club of America, Show Chair, and member of three Parent Clubs and two All-Breed Clubs gives me vast experience regarding all rules and regulations. I also have been an applicant for the AKC Field Representative position which entails in-depth knowledge of all applicable rules. I have great interest in ensuring new and prior rules aim to aid the fancy in its betterment and future success. Being afforded the opportunity to collaborate with the Dog Show Rules committee members would be a privilege and I ask for your consideration. **Dates of Service:** 2024 to Present. **Attendance:** 2 out of 2.

Barry Hoovis, Monticello New York Kennel Club. Qualifications: I joined Monticello NYKC March 1982. When I joined, we were an AKC Licensed club. In 1984 my first year on the MNYKC Board of Directors as Vice President, I motioned to start the process becoming a AKC Member Club to give us representation. That process included redundant forms to the membership and the AKC, re-identifying our primary region of operation, took six years to complete. I served as President, Vice President, Board Member, Buildings and Grounds Chairman and Catalog Ad Sales, and chaired Match Shows. I've been a member of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America since 1982. I'm a charter member of Sleepy Hollow German Shorthaired Pointer Club having served as Independent Specialty Show Chairman, Board member, Vice President, and President. I feel my experience of over 42 years of putting together and running shows together with personally exhibiting will be an asset to the committee. **Dates of Service:** 2012 to Present. **Attendance:** 18 out of 20.

Tom Pincus, Houston Kennel Club. Qualifications: This would be my 2nd term on the DSRC and what I learned in the first term will help me serve the committee better in a subsequent term. Crafting new rules is more difficult than I imagined, but listening to other's comments and

suggestions makes for drafting better rules. I was instrumental in getting rules changes for dealing with disqualification for sick dogs at a show. **Dates of Service:** 2015 to Present. **Attendance:** 11 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 5 out of 12.

Johnny Shoemaker, *Redwood Empire Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I have been on the Dog Show Rules Committee for several years. Prior to becoming a Delegate, I was a Superintendent for Jack Bradshaw Dog Shows on the West Coast for 23 years. I enjoyed being able to learn the rules as a Superintendent, putting the rule book into working practice. **Dates of Service:** 2015 to Present. **Attendance:** 14 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 7 out of 12.

Lee Ann Stusnick, *Schipperke Club of America*. **Qualifications:**

- Exhibited Schipperkes in AKC Conformation/Performance events since 1977, achieving AKC Breeder of Merit Gold, with 64 titled Schipperkes, a small litter size breed.
- Current member Kachina KC, Seminole KC, Lone Star Schipperke Club and Schipperke Club of America.
- Served on/Chaired show committees over 40 years for shows of varying size and venue.
- Served as Chair of multiple event committee hearings, including one at my National Specialty.
- Worked with AKC VP Event Operations regarding fatal attack on a Schipperke.
- Served on Schipperke Club of America BOD in every office including seven terms as President, I have experience with Club Operations, Parliamentary Procedure and Bylaws practical application.
- Chair SCA Bylaws revision/review committee since 2006, knowledge of Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure aids proper formulation of written rules.
- BS Biophysics aids analytical, logical approach and thinking.
- U.S. Air Force service aids effective written communication and confidence to conduct large briefings.

Dates of Service: *Kachina Kennel Club 2018 to 2023; Schipperke Club of America 2023 to Present.*
Attendance: 10 out of 20.

Matthew Townsend, *Carolina Working Group Association*. **Qualifications:** I am the Show Chair for Alamance Kennel Club and am an active member of National, Limited-Breed, and local Specialty Clubs that works hard to help put on more than 25 shows a year. I serve as the President of the Mid-Atlantic Leonberger Club of Virginia and Tarheel Leonberger Club and am a dedicated officer to several other clubs. I believe Rules are one of the cornerstones upon which sportsmanship is built and we are at our best when the committee is working to bring clarity, fairness, and opportunity to the forefront of our sport. **Dates of Service:** 2022 to Present. **Attendance:** 4 out of 10.

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Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for FIELD TRIAL AND HUNTING TEST EVENTS (Select 3 Maximum)

Florence Duggan, *Sussex Hills Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I would like to continue to serve on the Field Trial/Hunt Test Committee. I have been an integral part of our work on the Best Practices document and am now working on Best Practices for Event Secretaries and Chairs. I have filled in as Committee Chair and Secretary when needed and represented our committee at the Coordinating Committee meetings. For over 40 years my dedication to preserving and enhancing field participation has included judging (I recently judged the AKC First Master Hunter Excellent test) participating in and running events. I volunteer to teach at seminars and help young handlers and apprentice judges to become part of our field community. I will continue to work with clubs holding field events so that our sport can continue. I will also work to find ways to better the working skills of field-oriented dogs. **Dates of Service:** 2000 to Present. **Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Karen Luckey, *Spinone Club of America.* **Qualifications:** I have served on the Delegate Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee since December 2017 and wish to continue to serve on this committee. I have been a Hunt Test Judge since 2002. My first Spinone drew me afield and through a local Gordon Setter Club into Field Trials, Hunt Tests and judging so I am a strong proponent of mentoring new participants and developing opportunities for clubs to increase owner involvement in training and handling as a way to make participation a lifetime interest for owners rather than a passing interest with one dog. There are challenges: loss of grounds, as well as changing lifestyles and time commitments of potential participants. I want to continue to seek solutions to these issues, working with this committee to make the future of field events relevant and brighter for new generations and all Sporting breed owners. **Dates of Service:** 2009 to Present. **Attendance:** 19 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Laura Myles, *Whidbey Island Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I can provide to the committee and Delegate Body a balanced perspective based on practical experience. I have a deep passion for the sport of a dual-purpose dog and want to preserve events and opportunities for future generations to participate in Field Trials and Hunt Tests.

- I am a 2nd generation breeder of Performance and Conformation German Wirehaired Pointers, actively breeding under Inverness Prefix – since 1980's.
- Currently judging walking and horseback Pointing Field Trials (since 1986), and Hunt Tests (since 1988).
- Judged 12 Parent Club National Hunt Tests, 162 All Breed Hunt Tests, 64 Field Trials (7/2024).
- Breeder/Judge #48767 and Parent Club Mentor, Show Futurity Chair GWPCA since 2009.
- Member of GWPCA Show & Field Events Advisory Committees.
- Chair of Color/Standards revision.
- Show Chair/President Whidbey Island KC.

- Currently approved/permit for 7 Sporting breeds, and All-Breed Jr. Showmanship.

Dates of Service: 2021 to Present. **Attendance:** 10 out of 11.

Chris Orcutt, Irish Red and White Setter Club of America. Qualifications:

- Served on the Field Trial and Hunt Test Events Committee from 2018 to 2022.
- Experience as a Veterinary Technician.
- Approved Hunt Test Judge at all levels and a CGC Evaluator.
- Experienced hunting and showing Irish Red and White Setters (IRWS) for the past 18 years earning Junior, Senior and Master Hunt Test titles and have competed in walking Field Trials. In addition, I have put Champions and Grand Champions on our IRWS.
- I served on the Irish Red and White Setter Association of America (IRWSAA) Board of Directors for eight years and I am currently serving my fourth term as Vice President and have served as the Hunt Test Chair for two IRWSAA Nationals. I serve as the Parent Club Delegate for the IRWSAA.

A truly balanced dog demonstrates they are capable of performing the job they were bred for. I will apply this philosophy as a committee member. **Dates of Service:** 2017 to Present. **Attendance:** 11 out of 20.

There will be no ballot required for the Delegate Standing Committee on Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work Events. 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 Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work Events Committee.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for HERDING, EARTHDOG, COURSING AND SCENT WORK EVENTS

Carol Fisher, Valley Forge Kennel Club. **Qualifications:** I would like to continue as a member on the HECS Committee, where I have served since 2006. I have been the HECS Secretary for the last four years. I am retired from doing intensive research for thirty plus years for a large pharmaceutical company. This detailed work honed my organizational skills. A long-standing member of Valley Forge KC, I also work for local coursing clubs, am a member of the Saluki Club of America (serving on many Parent Club committees), am an active member of a local Hound club, and President of the Liberty Saluki Club. Highly involved with Coursing activities since the mid-eighties, I've organized Coursing, Racing, Herding, and Earthdog talks for VFKC. I've owned AKC-registered dogs since 1970, and Salukis since 1983; most of which are CH and DC. I have also attained Obedience, Agility, Rally, and other Companion Events titles on them. Thank you for your support. **Dates of Service: 2005 to Present. Current Committee Member.**

Kathleen Gregory, Port Chester Obedience Training Club. **Qualifications:** I represent the sport of Scent Work on this Standing Committee. My devotion to this sport has only grown with the passage of time. I consider myself a valuable conduit between the enthusiasts and AKC decision makers. Clarification of regulations and receipt of suggestions regarding Scent Work is still a vital part of my position. I have been an unofficial consultant to the Scent Work process since inception. I am not only an active competitor, volunteer, instructor and judge but consultant and ambassador for the sport. I have also authored an article about Scent Work in *Perspectives* every quarter since 2017. It is important to have a Delegate represent this sport on a Standing Committee. I hope to continue to provide that representation. I have previously served as President and CFO of PCOTC. I have also been Treasurer of the Long Island Doberman Pinscher Club since 1997. **Dates of Service: 2015 to Present. Current Committee Member.**

Robert 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, Coursing, and Scent Work 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 present President 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. Current Committee Member.**

Maria Sacco, United States Lakeland Terrier Club. **Qualifications:** I'm a Breeder/Owner/Handler of Lakelands and Parson Russell Terriers. I also own a SW Dachshund puppy that I am introducing to the sport. I'm an active participant in Earthdog (ED) as a competitor, trial official, judge (IQ - ME), and have judged the sport in both the US and Canada. I do some Conformation judging as well and

have judged PRTs and Borders in Canada and PRTs in the UK. The AKC Earthdog program offers a safe environment to keep the hunting instinct alive from novice to experienced dogs and handlers. I worked with the HECS Committee and AKC Staff to implement a new ED class and titling program which has been very well received by the Earthdog community. I also serve the USLTC as the Specialty Chair for all the events of MCKC week. I would be honored to continue to represent the Earthdog participants for another term. **Dates of Service:** *Parson Russell Terrier Association of America 2004 to 2007; United States Lakeland Terrier Club 2015 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

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Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for PARENT CLUBS (Select 5 Maximum)

Don Hanson, *American Lhasa Apso Club*. **Qualifications: My breed, the Lhasa Apso, in the 1970s, was a popular breed with large entries but now the Lhasa is a low entry breed. This presents challenges in preserving the Breed and sustaining the Parent Club. My leadership roles in clubs, specialty (50 + years) and All-Breed (Nisqually KC, Seattle KC and Scottsdale DFA) have honed skills in organization and structuring. My current participation in the Parent Club Committee, and a member of the Parent Club Best Practices Subcommittee and the Breeder Development Subcommittee, have provided a wealth of information on the challenges faced by Parent Clubs large and small. I retired after 38 years in Public Education Administration. I consider myself a good listener and an analytical thinker. I value exploring and addressing new ideas to address problems. Thank you for your consideration and I ask for your vote to keep me on the Committee. **Dates of Service:** 2013 to Present. **Attendance:** 17 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 11 out of 12.**

Don James, *Leonberger Club of America*. **Qualifications: Effective Delegates participate in committee work and are willing to share experiences with fellow Delegates. In nine years as a member of this committee, I believe I've done that.**

- Chaired the Parent Club Best Practices subcommittee, a 2 ½-year project which resulted in outlines and webinars on 12 different areas for effective Parent Club management.
- Parent Club Committee Recording Secretary since 2021.
- Member of the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2028 Board of Directors.
- 5-time Moderator of Delegate Caucus.
- Continue to function as the defacto subject matter expert on electronic balloting for Parent Clubs.
- Specialty Show Site Subcommittee
- Committee to Accelerate new parent clubs to member club status
- Member of the *Perspectives* Delegate Editorial Committee since 2015.
- 7-time new Delegate mentor

I would really appreciate your vote to continue serving as a member of the Parent Club Committee.

Dates of Service: 2012 to Present. **Attendance:** 20 of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Peter G. Piusz, *American Rottweiler Club*. **Qualifications: I believe Parent Clubs are the foundation of AKC. To grow the AKC, we need to strengthen them. I'm currently the Parent Clubs Committee Chairman and serve on the Breeders Development Committee. My goal has always been to educate Parent Clubs on opportunities to improve their efforts. I am responsible for the Parent Club Health Statements Program and do the Committee's survey work using my SurveyMonkey license. I created and manage several Google Groups, including Parent Club Presidents-Secretaries-Delegates, Parent Club Rescue, and a few others. I started the Dock Crop Group, which continues today. I am a past American Rottweiler Club President, Director, and**

newsletter Editor. My wife and I have owned Rottweilers since 1975, are Breeders of Merit and also own a Pumi. Our youngest Rottweiler is the product of 25-year-old frozen semen. I compete in Conformation, Agility, Rally, Obedience, Coursing/Fast CAT, Scent Work, Barn Hunt, and Tracking. **Dates of Service:** 1997 to Present. **Attendance:** 20 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 12 out of 12.

Robin Stansell, *French Bulldog Club of America*. **Qualifications:** Although a recently seated Delegate, I previously attended Delegate meetings as AKC Staff Liaison. I represent the FBDC which faces challenging registration issues. I have unique experience being an active member of several other Parent Clubs (Bulldog, Siberian Husky, Anatolian Shepherd Dog and Finnish Spitz) which represents the gamut from most popular to middle to very low entry. I understand the different challenges and needs of each. I understand the sport from many aspects: breeder, exhibitor, judge, club worker and AKC administration. I am an active breeder/exhibitor whose (co)bred dogs have won specialties, BIS and High in Trial. I am approved to judge three groups. I have chaired All-Breed shows, and local and National Specialties. I have held positions ranging from President to Committee Chair. I retired from the AKC where I worked as an Executive Field Representative and then VP in charge of Events. I would appreciate your vote. **Dates of Service:** 2024 to Present. **Attendance:** 1 out of 1.

Jim Talbert, *Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America*. **Qualifications:** My involvement with breed clubs dates back over twenty years and was confirmed with my selection as the initial Delegate to the Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America in 2017. I have been President of this club for five years and directed reorganization after the tumultuous resignation of over a dozen committee and Board members. Through the reorganization, the club completed work on the Illustrated Breed Standard, a revision of its Bylaws, Breed Standard, and Code of Ethics, along with the adaptation of Microsoft Office 365 for email and document centralization, I was able to utilize my business experience and relational skills to bring consciences and cooperation with the club members. I've also served as Vice President, National Show Chair for two specialties, and Chair of the Information Technology Committee. I believe my strategic approach and long-range vision would be an asset to the AKC Parent Club Committee. Thank you. **Dates of Service:** 2018 to Present. **Attendance:** 13 out of 20.

Harvey M. Wooding, *San Mateo Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** My goal has always been to contribute. I served as President of my Parent Club for 10 years; AKC Director for 6 years; Chairman of AKC Reunite; AKC/CHF Director; OFA Director. Three years ago, I asked you to elect me to the Parent Club Committee. You did – thank you! Now I am back asking you to do so again. AKC has been forced to change and we are stronger for it. As technology and our methods of communication race ahead, the need to embrace productive change is even greater. Our breeders, who are the backbone of Parent Clubs, must lead. That group is responsible for our public face, the dogs, and for keeping our breeds viable and healthy. Please let me continue to contribute to this Committee's efforts. I'll bring a point of view that embraces healthy change, always keeping in mind that we are the dogs' champion. **Dates of Service:** Westminster Kennel Club 2009-2018; *San Mateo Kennel Club* 2018 to Present. **Attendance:** 8 out of 20. **Committee Attendance:** 6 out of 12.

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 Qualification

Standing Committee for
***PERSPECTIVES* EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

Sylvia Arrowwood, *Myrtle Beach Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I served on *Perspectives* for a few terms and enjoy authoring articles and helping others put their articles together for publication. Always willing to help another Delegate submit an article. Most of articles I write are intended to be of general import and are constructed more as a fireside chat than a thesis or whitepaper. I work well with other members on the team and would be very happy to serve on *Perspectives* again. Thanks for your consideration to help me retain my position on the Delegate *Perspectives* Editorial Committee. **Dates of Service:** *Charleston Kennel Club 2002-2019; Myrtle Beach Kennel Club 2019 to Present*. **Current Committee Member.**

Florence Duggan, *Sussex Hills Kennel Club*. **Qualifications:** I am a retired educator and over the years I have written many articles about my career. I have also worked with numerous students helping them to compose their ideas into thoughtful, well written essays. I have had several articles published in *Perspectives* – most recently the one I wrote about as a judge at the first AKC Master Hunter Excellent Test in NC. The article was published in *Perspectives* as well as the *AKC Gazette*. I would like to continue to write articles and will work to encourage more coverage of Performance events by our Delegates. **Dates of Service:** *2000 to Present*. **Current Committee Member.**

Dr. Geno Sisneros, *American Pomeranian Club*. **Qualifications:** As a Delegate, AKC Judge, and breeder/exhibitor of over 25 years, often judging and exhibiting abroad, I feel that I see and offer different perspectives on the sport of dogs and things pertinent to our Delegate Body. **Dates of Service:** *2009 to Present*. **Current Committee Member.**

Monica Henderson Stoner, *Saluki Club of America*. **Qualifications:** I have served on the *Perspectives* Editorial Staff since my first eligible meeting, writing articles, coordinating issues, and most recently as Assistant Editor. It would be a privilege to continue on this committee. **Dates of Service:** *2007 to Present*. **Current Committee Member.**

Sylvia Thomas, *Kennel Club of Riverside*. **Qualifications:** I have written articles for All-Breed and Breed publications and served as Breed Columnist for the Akita Club of America. For the past 16 plus years I have been a member of the *Perspectives* Editorial Staff and Chair/Editor of the group for the last 12. During that time the breadth of articles and quality of each issue which includes interviews with new Delegates and AKC Staff has increased. My role includes writing a featured column, encouraging article submissions, assisting Delegates with articles, facilitating AKC Staff and Delegate interviews, and collaborating with the Director of AKC Publications to produce and finalize each issue. It has been a privilege and honor to serve. I'd welcome the opportunity to continue my service and would appreciate your consideration. **Dates of Service:** *2002 to Present*. **Current Committee Member.**

Margaret “Peggy” Wolfe, United States Neapolitan Mastiff Club. **Qualifications:** I have been Editor of our club's Newsletter, The Neogram, for many years. I am proud to say we were awarded the DWAA Maxwell Medallion for the category of Best Club Newsletter in February 2021. I am the club's *AKC Gazette* Columnist too. Over the past 30 years (the span of my involvement with the Neapolitan Mastiff breed) I have submitted and had published many articles in various Dog Magazines. I love to learn (love the "aha" moment) and I love to teach (to generate that "aha" in others too). I particularly value the importance of the written document as an on-going resource for all. I love being involved in the *Perspectives* as a way to both learn and teach and especially to participate wholly in the funny world of the AKC Delegate. **Dates of Service:** 2019 to Present.
Current Committee Member.