



AMERICAN
KENNEL CLUB

Gina M. DiNardo
Executive Secretary

NOTICE

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have either been nominated by the Nominating Committee appointed by the Board of Directors or have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as additional candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the Club on March 11, 2025:

Class of 2029

Carl C. Ashby, III
United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.

Patricia M. Cruz
Heart of the Plains Kennel Club

Dr. Thomas M. Davies
Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.

Eduardo T. Fugiwara
Two Cities Kennel Club

Dr. Kenneth H. Levison
Tucson Kennel Club

Laurie Maulucci
South Windsor Kennel Club

Robin Stansell
French Bull Dog Club of America

Sylvia A. Thomas
Kennel Club of Riverside

Harvey M. Wooding
San Mateo Kennel Club

Sincerely,

Gina M. DiNardo
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Founded in 1884; a not-for-profit corporation

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(as submitted by those candidates)



Carl C. Ashby, III, United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.
Greensboro, NC

Carl is President of Ann Crittenden, Inc. He retired from AT&T as Founder and President, AT&T Custom Manufacturing Services. He holds a BS in Electrical Engineering, a master's in business administration, and a certification in Strategic Planning from MIT.

Carl and Jaimie's journey began in Obedience and then Conformation. They have enjoyed success in Conformation with 4 homebred Best in Show Kerry Blues and numerous Specialty wins. They continue an active breeding program and owner handle their class Kerry's at Specialty shows around the country. They currently have a new litter of Kerry Blues.

Carl's *past* service as an AKC Delegate includes:

- Vice Chair and Member – AKC Board of Directors
- AKC Canine Health Foundation Board of Directors/Executive Committee
- Vice Chair – AKC Reunite
- Chair – AKC Political Action Committee
- Founding Member – AKC Detection Dog Task Force
- Member – All-Breed Clubs and *Perspectives* Committees
- Current member – Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee

At the club level Carl's service includes:

- Member, Treasurer, Cluster, Show Chair – Carolina Kennel Club
- Member and past Show Chair – Forsyth Kennel Club
- Founding member/Treasurer – Carolina Terrier Association
- Life Member, Treasurer, Kerry Fest Chair – United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club
- Chair – USKBTC Charitable Funds

In addition to his leadership in the dog world Carl has served his community:

- Chair – Guilford County Animal Advisory Board
- Chair – Leadership Greensboro
- Chair – Other Voices Diversity Initiative
- Chair – Arts Greensboro
- Chair – Arts Greensboro Arts Fund Drive
- Chair – Piedmont Triad Leadership Network
- Chair – National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ)
- Member – Board of Trustees NC A&T University

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Patricia M. Cruz, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club
Coram, NY

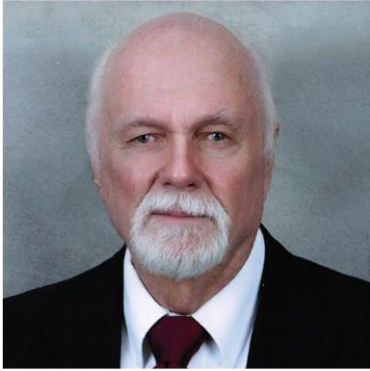
Having had the opportunity to personally witness some of AKC's successes necessary for our Delegates, judges, breeders, owners, exhibitors, dogs during my more than 50 years in the sport. I've been able to use my unique combination of hands-on experience in the AKC Board room as first woman Vice Chair; chairing Audit and Judges Appeal Committees; specialized expertise in business where I held sales manager, promotion/marketing responsibilities for major market radio station; leadership positions as elected president of civilian employees in major NY police department and secretary of union representing 10,000+ CSEA members; legislative liaison as past president of my HOA representing 1,400 residents.

For nearly 20 years, the Delegate for Heart of the Plains Kennel Club; a member of Afghan Hound Club of America since 1978; an original/current member of ADSJ and DJA member; member of Owner Handler Association of America since early 1970's; Knickerbocker Bull Terrier Club; member of Dog Writers Association of America since 1971, serve on their Board and Hall of Fame member. Approved AKC Judge since 1972, All-Breed International Judge since 1979.

I've had success at the Board level; and faced some uphill challenges on your behalf. However, I'm steadfast in my belief that AKC's future resides in the membership of our clubs. I'm motivated by the main focus of my life – making a difference by getting things done. Your vote will help me continue as your voice in the Board room. Thank you.

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Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.
Brimfield, MA

Dr. Thomas M. Davies, of Brimfield, Massachusetts, is AKC Board of Directors Chairman. He was introduced to the world of purebred dogs in 1967. He and his wife, Roberta have owned/bred Old English Sheepdogs, Bearded Collies, Siberian Huskies, all four Belgian Shepherd breeds, Beagles and Xoloitzcuintli. They have finished many champions in these breeds. He is especially proud to have co-owned top winning and top producing Bearded Collies and Siberian Huskies.

He has served as President of Parent Clubs, Local Specialty Clubs and All-Breed Clubs, as well as holding many other positions in these clubs. As President of the Bearded Collie Club of America he shepherded the breed into the AKC Stud Book. He is an honorary lifetime member of that club and is the author of the Bearded Collie standard.

Dr. Davies was first approved to judge Old English Sheepdogs and Bearded Collies in 1992 and today judges the Herding group and 12 Working group breeds. He is currently the AKC Delegate for Springfield Kennel Club, and has served as an AKC Delegate for 51 years. In addition, he has served as AKC Director for 20 years, Vice Chairman of the Board for 4 years, and Chairman for 5 years.

He has served for many years as Show Chairman for Springfield Kennel Club and for the country's first Working Group Club, the Connecticut River Working Group Association.

Dr. Davies is retired after more than 30 years in various areas of scientific research, and product and market development.

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Eduardo T. Fugiwara, Two Cities Kennel Club
Hampton, NJ

Background & Strengths

- Corporate expertise in marketing, marketing research, sports marketing and club development, consumer relations and incentive marketing.
 - Capability to assess and identify problems and opportunities. By assessing risks and opportunities, I strive to find the best solutions for the task at hand.
 - Aptitude in finding and optimizing external resources, outsourcing for expertise.
 - Inquisitive mind. When I am engaged in a task, I tend to investigate it in depth, and to seek advice from knowledgeable and experienced people in their fields.
- Approachableness, flexibility, and open-mindedness are qualities I rely on to be more effective and to be a better team player.

Club Involvement

- President of my breed's Parent Club
- National Specialty Show Chair – First time our Parent Club made a profit.
- All-Breed Club Show Chair – have never sustained a loss and have increased exponentially the profit of the clubs.
- Developing Junior programs in clubs I am involved in.
- Developing and strengthening relationship with 4-H

As a Breeder

- Four National Specialty wins in the past five events.
- Bred two generations of MBIS and 24 champions.
- In five years, we have developed 18 new show homes, three of them will start breeding in 2025.

Goal

- Strengthening our sport, clubs and the organization.
- Increase engagement of empty nesters and young generations.
- Increase ethnic diversity participation.
- Emphasize the heritage breeding and preservation aspects of our sport.
- Explore the link between heritage breeds and their nationalities.

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Dr. Kenneth H. Levison, Tucson Kennel Club
Tucson, AZ

I have been involved in AKC events since 1980, having bred standard wire hair Dachshunds that have been in the top twenty nationally and have earned titles in Obedience and Field Trials. I served as President of the Greater Buffalo Dachshund Club for 18 years, as Treasurer and Board Member of the Dachshund Club of America since 2004, and as JEC for the past ten years. I am a member of the Tucson Kennel Club and serve on the Board, as Show Chair and as Delegate. I currently serve on the Dog Show Rules Committee.

I bring a background in administrative and financial management of not-for-profit colleges and corporations to the Board. I have served on multiple not-for-profit boards and have been recognized as Rochester Business Executive of the Year for finding creative solutions to institutional problems. I have managed operations with over 250 employees and had accounting, budget, purchasing, financial aid, bursar, human resources, physical plant maintenance and construction departments reporting to me. I am adept at bringing people with various and often conflicting views together to reach mutually agreeable and creative solutions to problems that reduced costs and increased productivity.

With my broad background of management and successful leadership experience, I know what it takes to make a complex organization successful. It is critical to be willing to change with changing times, as past practice may not meet current and future needs. I am well prepared to help AKC meet the challenges ahead.

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Laurie Maulucci, South Windsor Kennel Club
Simsbury, CT

I have served in a wide variety of leadership positions, both in AKC organizations and beyond. These accomplishments have allowed me to develop strong communication and collaboration skills which are key to success as a member of the AKC Board. I am passionate about my involvement with AKC and would like to contribute to the successful initiatives of the current Board.

My background includes:

- Assistant Chair – All-Breed Clubs Delegate Committee
- Member – AKC Trial Board Committee
- Served on AKC Delegate Group Realignment Subcommittee, Charitable

Giving Subcommittee and AKC Board Nominating Committee

- Active member of six All-Breed Clubs as well as one Limited Breed Club, two Local Specialty Clubs and my Parent Club. I contribute greatly to the success of club events and initiatives.
- Great Dane Club of America Treasurer, Secretary, Top 20 Chair and National Specialty Sponsor Chair. Recently elected as the GDCA Division Chair, overseeing the 2025 National Specialty.
- Show Chair and Treasurer for two All-Breed Clubs. Director, Legislative Liaison, Cluster Coordinator and Specialty Club Coordinator for others
- President of the Connecticut Federation of Dog Clubs, working closely with AKC Government Relations Staff and monitoring proposed legislation in order to protect our right to own the dog of our choice.
- Core member of the AKC-Tufts Canine Whelping Program, providing veterinary students with an immersive purebred canine breeding experience through mentorship from an AKC breeder.
- AKC Licensed Judge
- Great Dane breeder/exhibitor since 1985
- Parent Association President, Kingwood-Oxford School
- Member of the Board of Trustees, Kingwood-Oxford School

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Robin Stansell, French Bull Dog Club of America Clayton, NC

Education

BS, Aviation Business Administration

Employment History

American Kennel Club

2003 – 2012 VP Event Operations

Interpreted rules and policies. Managed staff who processed all events, results, and awards. Streamlined processing. Reviewed all event

hearings. Developed new income streams and prepared budgets. Staff Liaison to Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. Reported to the Board.

2001 – 2003 Executive Field Representative

Evaluated judges, advised clubs, and presented seminars.

Boeing; Rockwell International

1989 – 2001 Engineering Test Pilot and Program Coordinator

Supervised the manufacture and installation of state-of-the-art mission equipment. Marketed, demonstrated and trained domestic and foreign military personnel in South Korea, Germany and Panama on equipment innovations. Trained US and foreign military pilots on Apache and Blackhawk Helicopters. Prepared bids, managed budgets, schedules, and staffing for US and foreign programs.

Army

1965 – 1989 Helicopter Pilot

Assignments included the US, Vietnam, and Germany flying utility, scout, and attack helicopters. Instructor pilot and instrument flight examiner. Retired as Chief Warrant Officer 4.

Experience in the Sport of Dogs

Exhibitor

- Conformation
- Obedience

Club Activities

- Active member in large and small All-Breed and Specialty Clubs in the US and Germany.
- Served in multiple club officer positions.
- Founding member of Specialty and All-Breed Clubs.
- Show Chair for All-Breed and Specialty Clubs including National Specialties.

Judging Activities

- Judge since 1991.
- Judge's Education Chair and breed mentor.

Breeding Activity – still active

- Champions in Bulldogs, French Bulldogs, Siberian Huskies, and Finnish Spitz.
- Best in Show and Best in Specialty winners.
- CD and CDX Bulldogs.
- MACH, VCD2, and Sled Dog Siberian Huskies.

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Sylvia A. Thomas, Kennel Club of Riverside
Riverside, CA

My professional experience is in Community College Education as an administrator and tenured professor and includes chairing countless meetings enabling me to arrive prepared as an active listener and contributing team member.

I became a Delegate in 2002. Since then, I have attended every Delegate meeting, serving on *Perspectives* for 20 years, 12 as Editor/Chair. I have participated on 3 Trial Boards and 2 Nominating Committees, twice as Chair.

I have been Akita Club of America's (ACA) JEC Chair for 25 years, developing educational resources, guiding completion of the 2024 Illustrated Standard and the Canine College Akita course.

As a child the only dogs I knew were mixed breed farm dogs. I met my first Akita, "Sweetie," on a tennis court. With no breed information and without my husband's advance knowledge, "Sweetie" became part of the family. Immediately I was "all in," joining a local breed club and Parent Club (ACA) and was appointed Secretary and *AKC Gazette* columnist. I also joined SCA and two All-Breed Clubs (OEDC and KCR). That was 40 years ago. I continue to exhibit and breed Akitas anticipating a litter this spring.

People who know me say I am a "doer" who firmly believes every opinion matters. If elected I will be transparent. Available and seek broad input to inform my perspective. I am dedicated to advancing and supporting our clubs, sports, events and the best interest of dogs. I look forward to working with you. Thank you for your consideration.

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Harvey M. Wooding, San Mateo Kennel Club, Inc.
Redding, CT

I got my first dog in 1972, giving me 52 years in the sport to develop into a complete dog person. Dogs – their health and welfare; breeding and exhibiting them in order to demonstrate their characteristics and abilities; their promotion through involvement in and management of many clubs, organizations, and shows have been my passion outside of family and career throughout my adult life. In every case, as I have become involved in clubs and organizations, I have endeavored to make a contribution. I find myself wanting to once again expand my role with AKC.

Club/Dog Activities:

Queen City Dog Training Club – Member/Trainer

Michigamme English Setter Club – President

Livonia KC – Member

Newtown KC – Cluster Coordinator, Show Chairman, Board Member

Hudson English Setter Club – Member

English Setter Club of New England – President, Show Chairman

Ox Ridge KC – Director

English Setter Association of America – President 10 years; BOD an additional 15 years

Westminster KC – Vice President, Governor, 1st Agility Chair, Hunt Test Secretary, Delegate

San Mateo KC – Member, Delegate

AKC Director 2013-2019

AKC/CHF Director

AKC Reunite Chair

OFA Director (Current)

AKC Delegate – Parent Club Committee

Owner/Breeder/Handler English Setters, Irish Setters, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels

Career Milestones:

55-year sales and marketing career – senior corporate positions and small business owner

3 years – 1LT US Army, Field Artillery

Education:

BA Economics – Bucknell University

MBA – Xavier University

School of hard-won experience – ongoing