AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

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Executive Secretary

To:	Delegates
From	Sheila H. Goffe
Subject:	Delegate Committee Election
Date:	August 2025

The election of Delegate Committees will be conducted at our meeting on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025.**

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 Delegate Meeting will reconvene. Anyone present who has not voted for the Delegate Standing Committees will be given the opportunity to do so, 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 Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work Events, or *Perspectives* Editorial Committee this year. There will be an election in eight (8) Committees. The election for these Committees will be as follows:

All-Breed Clubs: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.
Bylaws: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.
Canine Health: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.
Companion Events: you may vote for a maximum of five (5) Delegates.
Delegate Advocacy and Advancement: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.
Dog Show Rules: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.
Field Trial and Hunting Test Events: you may vote for a maximum of four (4) Delegates.
Parent Clubs: you may vote for a maximum of six (6) 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 location.

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.

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Candidate Statements of Qualification

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

Dr. Yves Belmont, D.B.A, *Conyers Kennel Club of Georgia.* **Qualifications:** I am fortunate to be an active member of various All-Breed Clubs. I also advise and partner with numerous All-Breed Club Officers / Boards on optimizing and growing the footprint of their clubs supporting core principles of the AKC. As an active owner-handler in the sport of Conformation while embarking on my Conformation Judging journey; I see many things that do/do not work well at All-Breed events. Leveraging key learnings and innovative methods to solve problems, in a safe manner for the dogs and participants is the foundation. My thirst to learn, serve the sport coupled with my familiarity with *Roberts Rules of Order* and passion provide an optimal combination to serve on the All-Breed Clubs Committee. I am eager to serve, listen, and ask questions on optimizations. Leveraging principles of efficiency and strategic planning will marry well with the current expertise on the committee, please consider me – thank you.
Dates of Service: *2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *5 out of 5.*

Patricia Cruz, *Heart of the Plains Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** As a past AKC Board member, I served the All-Breed Clubs Committee as the Board Liaison for eight years admiring their successes that benefited all our clubs and Junior population. As Delegate, my club also faced many of the same issues. This dual role gave me the opportunity to bring about some positive initiatives that helped struggling clubs, protect our exhibitors and expand programs and events. Examples: back-to-back shows, AEDs at all events, Bred by Exhibitor Puppy, NOHS as opt-in to name a few. My aim is to help all Clubs stay within our ranks, address high Delegate turnover and the "too many shows-not enough dogs" complaint heard at shows. I would like to see more promotion of shows/trials through media of all types and help make owning an AKC dog a badge of honor-something too often lost in the overall scheme of things. Thank you.
Dates of Service: *Santa Cruz Kennel Club 1989 to 1992; Heart of the Plains Kennel Club 2006 to Present.* **Attendance:** *18 out of 20.*

Linda C. Flynn, *South Shore Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** My interest in the diverse work of the All-Breed Clubs Committee and commitment to the preservation of our sport and clubs, will allow me to contribute to the work of ABCC. Key experience –
AKC Delegate since 1996;
Dog Show Rules Committee since 1998; Secretary since 2000;
Life member, South Shore KC; Held every office; Show Chair 1994-2016, 2021-2025;
Ladies Dog Club: President since 2022; Assistant Show Chair 2015-2019; Show Chair 2021-2022, 2024-2025; Member, Hockamock KC; Mayflower GSPC: Secretary, Hunting Tests/Field Trials;
Specialty Chair 5+ years; GSPCA NSS Committee – 10 years; chaired two Nationals;
52 years' experience: corporate, legal and banking fields;
47 years' experience: breeder, exhibitor, active club member, show chair, judge
With the challenges facing our clubs and sport, my enthusiasm and proven record of giving back to our sport will support the Committee's important work ahead. Please remember me with your vote. Thank you for your consideration.
Dates of Service: *1996 to Present.* **Attendance:** *18 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *Dog Show Rules 11 out of 12.*

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Marlene Groves, *Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado.* **Qualifications:**

- Board Experience on All-Breed Clubs (plus other dog clubs and other types of Boards/non-profits)
- Retired Business Consultant (helpful for not-for-profit clubs in finance, marketing, events, etc.)
- Former Colorado Dog Federation Board Member (supporting clubs working together on legislation)
- Current President of the Colorado Junior Foundation (a new cooperating non-profit to support, encourage, educate, and provide scholarships for Juniors).
- But erase all my experiences (dog fancy, business and life), and know I serve the AKC not for me and what the AKC is for me, but I pour my passion in for the future of the AKC, for my grandkids and others – what will it be for them? Answer – it will be what we make it!
- I understand many All-Breed Clubs are currently struggling, but they are the best place to provide a local dog community and educational outreach to the general public.

Dates of Service: *2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** 5 out of 5.

Susan Napady, *Steel City Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I am very qualified to serve on the All-Breed Clubs Committee. I am active in several All-Breed kennel clubs. I have been the Delegate for Steel City Kennel Club since September 1983. I regularly attend Delegate Committee meetings and keep my club fully informed on AKC events. I am currently the President of Lake Shore Kennel Club and a member of the Valparaiso Kennel Club. I am also a member and past President, Secretary and Treasurer for the West Highland White Terrier Club of America. I understand the needs of All-Breed clubs as I have served my clubs in many capacities including Board, Show Chair, Vendor Chair and hospitality. I am an active exhibitor in Conformation and a Judge for Terriers and a few other breeds. I would appreciate your vote.
Dates of Service: *1983 to Present.* **Attendance:** 15 out of 20.

Debbie Owen, *Louisville Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** Life member of Louisville Kennel Club (1984). Serving on the Board of Directors, Delegate since 2015. Chaired/Co-Chaired various committees including Nominating, Hospitality, and Vendors. Member of the Judges Selection Committee for our Cluster. Editor of our newsletter since 2014. Life Member of the WHWTCA. Chaired/Co-Chaired various committees including Nominating, Conformation Evaluation, National Rescue and Montgomery County Sweepstakes Vendors. Received WHWTCA President's Award for Service. Life member WHWTC of Indiana, served as President, Vice President and on the Board of Directors. Chaired/Co-Chaired various committees including Rescue, Hospitality, fund raising for National Roving Specialties. Breeder of the #1 Doberman in 2021, breeder of multiple Westie, Papillon and Doberman Champions. Companion titles on the same breeds. Led LKC to hold Fast CAT trials and fund 5 Adopt a K-9 cop dogs. Current All-Breed Committee member. Participated in Junior Rap and assisting clubs in attracting specialties.
Dates of Service: *2017 to Present.* **Attendance:** *18 out of 20*. **Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12.*

Nanette Prideaux, *Windham County Kennel Club.* **Qualifications**:

- Windham County KC – Currently, Treasurer, AKC Delegate, working member at both All-Breed shows
- Springfield KC – Currently, Recording Secretary, Membership Chair, Assistant Show Chair, Fall Show Cluster for 2+ years. Working member at both All-Breed shows.
- Pioneer Valley KC – Past Board member, Officer, Show Chair 5 years for summer self-superintended All-Breed show. Working member at both All-Breed shows.
- National Beagle Club – Show Chair for National Specialty twice, Show Secretary, also served on National Show Committee in varying positions for many years. Show Chair for NBC NE Regional Specialty 5+ years and still on the Show Committee.
- Presented at numerous Meet the Breeds and judges education seminars.

I believe with my current and past experiences with my All-Breed, specialty clubs and judging that I have a lot to offer and would be an asset to this committee.
Dates of Service: *2023 to Present.* **Attendance:** *6 out of 8.*

Mark Walsh, *Del Sur Kennel Club.* **Qualifications**: I have worked on AKC show committees for over 50 years, serving in all capacities from Chief Pooper Scooper to Show Chair. I am currently serving as the Show Chair for Del Sur Kennel Club and have chaired five National Specialties, one for the Samoyed Club of America, two for the American Chesapeake Club, and two for the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, including their 75th Diamond Jubilee. I am keenly aware of the challenges clubs now face with declining memberships, entries and ever-increasing costs across the board. I would appreciate the opportunity to work within this committee to share information and formulate strategies to assist other clubs facing today's challenges. Thank you for your consideration.
Dates of Service: *2025 to Present.* **Attendance:** *1 of 2*.

Grace Wilkinson, *Rhode Island Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** After a short time on the Dog Show Rules Committee, I joined the All-Breed Clubs Committee last year. In my first meeting as a seated member of the Committee, I gave a well-received presentation on the Role of the Chief Steward, which has been passed along to the appropriate department for further study. Stewarding, and raising the perceived value of a well-trained steward, is my main area of focus. I was appointed to a one-year term last year and am re-applying for inclusion on the committee.
Dates of Service: *2020 to Present.* **Attendance:** *14 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *Dog Show Rules 2 out of 6; All-Breed Clubs 3 out of 3.*

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Standing Committee for
BYLAWS
(Select 5 Maximum)

Dr. Robert Scott Dove, DVM, *Scottish Deerhound Club of America.* **Qualifications:**
During my term as Delegate, I have attended all meetings. My mentor is a sitting member of the Bylaws Committee. By her mentorship and our conversations over the last 2 ½ years, I have become familiar with the scope and focus of the Bylaws Committee. Currently I am serving on the Citizen Science Committee. This service has elevated my understanding of the complexities facing the Delegate Body and the intricate relationships of all the Standing Committees to the success of the AKC mission. I want to bring a veterinarian's practical problem-solving capabilities and a practice owners' business and legal experience to the table.
Dates of Service: *2023 to Present.* **Attendance:** *8 out of 8.*

Judy Harrington, *United States Australian Shepherd Association.* **Qualifications:** Officer, Board member, club member, handler, breeder, owner. PHA and AKC Handler. Multi Group Judge. Owned breeds in 4 groups. Judges Education – Great Danes and Australian Shepherds**.**
Dates of Service: *2025 to Present.* **Attendance:** *1 out of 1.*

Dr. John Ioia, MD, PhD, *Southern Adirondack Dog Club.* **Qualifications:** It has been my honor and pleasure to serve the interests of the Delegates Body on the Bylaws Committee since 2007 and as Secretary of the Committee since December 2013. I have missed only two meetings (COVID and a family death) since election to the Committee. In our time the Committee has taken up difficult issues and worked to resolve these to benefit of all. My dedication is to the equal application of the Bylaws/Rules as they apply to all. I have a 50+ year history in AKC activities and am still active in breeding, showing in Conformation and Rally and Judging. I have held every job in my All-Breed and specialty clubs from President and Show Chair to Clean-up and am currently President of my breed's Regional Club (CKCSCNENY). I hope you will trust me for another term. Thank you. **Dates of Service:** *1982 to Present.* **Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12.*

Louise Leone, *Colorado Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** Mrs. Louise Leone has dedicated over 50 years to the sport of dogs as an exhibitor, breeder, advocating for dog legislation and holding many different offices in Colorado Kennel Club. Currently she is President, AKC Delegate since 2006 and Show Chairman of Colorado Kennel Club since 2008. During her 50 years in Colorado KC she has served on many committees including the Bylaws Committee. She served as Secretary of the Norfolk and Norwich Club for 6 years. When the Norfolk and Norwich Club split, she was the Secretary of the Norfolk Terrier Club where she served on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.
Dates of Service: *2006 to Present.* **Attendance:** *15 out of 20.*

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Jane Messineo Lindquist, *Bull Terrier Club of America.* **Qualifications:** As an author, media producer, and person who has a law degree, I combine strong communication and logic with an understanding of the ramifications of laws and regulations. I have a longtime passion for purebred dogs that I have shared through the books and films I have written and produced and would be delighted to serve on this committee if it is your pleasure for me to do so!
Dates of Service: *2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *4 out of 6.*

Thomas Powers, *Kennel Club of Beverly Hills.* **Qualifications:** Before I became a Delegate, I served on Ron Menaker's Board-appointed Bylaws Committee with monthly meetings for three years. A complete review of the Bylaws was conducted. I became a Delegate in 2008. I have spent twelve years on the Board of Directors. I have served as Board Liaison to the Bylaws Committee, including my last year on the Board of Directors. I have practiced law in California for nearly 50 years including work with many corporate governance documents.
Dates of Service: *2008 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.*

Glenda Stephenson, *Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay.* **Qualifications:** Being active in dog events as a Show Chair and exhibitor has made me aware of which rules and procedures work well, and which ones need to be adjusted to provide exhibitors the best experience and plan events to maximize effectiveness. This versatility allows me to propose beneficial amendments to the bylaws for all clubs, especially regarding the upcoming amendment for a fee for submitting complaints to the Event Committee about misconduct at shows/trials. Having the opportunity to assist new clubs in forming and compiling their bylaws to align with AKC regulations is an educational experience for all participants. This process has also highlighted amendments to bring forward to the Bylaws Committee that would be advantageous to all clubs.
Dates of Service: *2008 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Jim Talbert, *Lagotto Romagnolo Club of America.* **Qualifications:** As club President I supervised and was involved in the revision of our Bylaws, Policy & Procedure Manual, Breed Standard, Illustrated Breed Standard, Code of Ethics, and Coat Color Designation. As a business owner, I have personally reviewed and revised well over 50 contracts. I am a strategic planner and work to calculate future outcomes from today's decisions. Thank you for your consideration.
Dates of Service: *2018 to Present.* **Attendance:** *12 out of 20.*

Frederick Vogel, *Eastern Dog Club.* **Qualifications:** Fred has been involved in the sport of the Purebred Dog since 1977 and is seeking his second three-year term on the Bylaws Committee, which he feels is an important committee. His career highlights with dogs include:

- Exhibiting and breeding Borzoi since 1977 and Dachshunds since 1986.
- Lifetime and Board member of the Borzoi Club of America.
- Member of the Dachshund Club of America since 1992.
- Greyhound Club of America member and contributing writer to the newsletter.
- VP and Assistant Show Chairman of Longshore/Southport KC, 1988-91.
- Lifetime member of Windham County KC. Positions: President, Spring Show Chairman, Delegate 2007-2022. Chairman of Bylaws Committee 2003, 2009, 2020.
- Presently Delegate of the Eastern Dog Club. Past President, Show Chairman and currently cluster coordinator of the December show.
- Approved Hound Group Judge since 2010 and BIS.
- Breeder of Merit of over 100 Dachshunds and Borzoi champions, BIS, National Specialty, and Westminster winners.

Dates of Service: *Windham County Kennel Club 2007 to 2022; Eastern Dog Club 2022 to Present.* **Attendance:** *15 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *9 out of 12.*

Ann Yuhasz, *Western Reserve Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been involved with the sport and AKC since 1965 as a breeder, exhibitor, multiple All-Breed and specialty club member and now a multi-group judge. Specifically and currently WRKC, English Setter Club of Ohio, English Setter Association of America, Flat Coated Retriever Club of America and Palm Beach Kennel Club. I have served those clubs in many and varied capacities from President/VP (WRKC) to multiple jobs including but not limited to Show Chair, Librarian, Secretary, Multiple Officer positions, Publication Editor and Junior Coordinator. I am a second-generation judge (mother) and Delegate (father). Additionally, I was instrumental in writing and producing “Snapshots” for DJAA. I currently serve as accounts manager for a large commercial printer. Using this varied background gives me the opportunity to bring much to the table and I look forward to that opportunity.
Dates of Service: *Western Reserve Kennel Club 2013 to 2016; 2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *2 out of 6.*

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Standing Committee for
CANINE HEALTH
(Select 4 Maximum)

Mary Ellen Ferguson, *Rio Grande Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** Since becoming a Delegate, I have attended nearly all the Canine Health Committee meetings – which I found interesting and informative. A Standard Schnauzer breeder for over 17 years, I strive to improve my breed's Conformation and health in accordance with the standard. Much time is spent researching pedigrees in the U.S., Canada and Europe in an attempt to refine Conformation, eliminate potential diseases and genetic abnormalities. I continually review global data trends that could impact the canine population. My education includes a master's degree in public health with a concentration population, epidemiology, genetics biostatistics and administration; all of which are applicable to both the canine and human population. I will bring an interest in the prevention and spread of canine diseases, genetic problems and will support methods of preserving exceptional bloodlines for future generations.
Dates of Service: *2021 to Present.* **Attendance:** *13 out of 17.*

Dr. Sophia Kaluzniacki, *Canada Del Oro Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been a breeder and very successful exhibitor at AKC dog shows since I was 14 years old. My first job after graduating from Veterinary School was as a professor and researcher at the University of Arizona. However, I always wanted to have my own veterinary practice so after a few years I left the University and opened my hospital where I work to this day. I have many breeders and exhibitors as clients which gives me a good background for the health issues that may in many ways be uniquely important to purebred dogs as well as to our breeders and exhibitors. I have truly enjoyed being on this very productive committee and feel I am well qualified to continue being a contributing member of it.
Dates of Service: *Akita Club of America 1996 to 2007; Canada Del Oro Kennel Club 2007 to Present.* **Attendance:** *18 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser, *Standard Schnauzer Club of America.* **Qualifications**: Involved with Standard Schnauzer and Local Clubs for 35 years; handled dogs to championships, Obedience and tracking titles. I directed two surveys of disease incidence in our breed - both enrolling ~14% of eligible dogs; success for a breed without common health issues. In academic life, directed research program in human genetics, genomics and epidemiology, identifying genetic variation and studying interaction of genetics and exposure in disease risk (>160 reviewed manuscripts and 15 proceedings chapters published). In Human Genome Program, collaborated in cloning of >18 disease genes. Reviewed academic programs, NIH research grants and scientific manuscripts. Have served on CHF grant review committee for 9 years. Experience of value as we move from identifying simple genetic diseases to minimizing the burden of diseases of complex etiology, through building research and education programs emphasizing the breeding of dogs to maintain the health of our breeds.
Dates of Service: *2008 to Present.* **Attendance:** *18 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Isabel Ososki, *St. Louis Collie Club.* **Qualifications:** I have a strong history of advancing canine health through education, genetic testing, and research-driven breeding practices focused on the Collie. Qualifications that would make me an asset to the Canine Health Committee:

- Retired University Professor and Registered Nurse with 50 years' experience in health care and education
- AKC Breeder of Merit and AKC Judge

Collie Club of America:

- 48-year member
- Board member since 2012
- CCA Breed Mentor
- Revised the CCA Health Statement (2022)

Collie Health Foundation:

- CHF testing coordinator since 2021 – facilitating canine health testing and research participation with our testing partners
- Member – Educational Grants Committee
- Board member since 2022; recipient 2022 President's Award
- Chair – 2024 Health Statement Committee
- Co-presenter – Educational program on Degenerative Myelopathy (DM)

My experience reflects a lifelong commitment to promoting health initiatives supporting the well-being of the Collie and the broader canine community.
Dates of Service: *2019 to Present.* **Attendance:** *11 out of 20.*

Donald E. Schwartz, VMD, *Durango Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1964. I served two years on active duty in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps followed by the reserves. I was honorably discharged in 1970. I have practiced and/or owned my own small animal practice in Pennsylvania, California, North Carolina and recently retired from owning a practice in Colorado. In both North Carolina and Colorado, I also owned and ran a frozen semen center. While my wife was working for the AKC, I had the opportunity to give several Veterinary Outreach seminars for the AKC. I am presently on the AKC Canine Health Committee and would welcome the opportunity to continue to use my knowledge, involvement, and dedication to canine health on the Canine Health Committee.
Dates of Service: *Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club 1997 to 1998; Durango Kennel Club 2017 to Present.* **Attendance:** *16 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *9 out of 12.*

Sharon Steckler, *American Boxer Club.* **Qualifications:**

- Director, Legal Counsel American Boxer Charitable Foundation – premier supporter of AKC Canine Health Foundation (over $1 million contributed) instrumental in advances in degenerative myelopathy and hemangiosarcoma research.
- Directly involved in the analysis and funding of hundreds of research grants.
- Director, Treasurer and Lifetime Member – American Boxer Club.
- Boxer breeder and exhibitor for over 44 years.
- Keen awareness of research role in improving longevity, health and quality-of-life benefits in all breeds .
- As a breeder, exhibitor and AKC Judge, I recognize the importance of optimizing the long-term health and survival of the dogs we love.

Dates of Service: *2016 to Present.* **Attendance:** *15 out of 20.*

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Standing Committee for
COMPANION EVENTS
(Select 5 Maximum)

Dr. Joyce Dandridge, *Capital Dog Training Club of Washington, DC.* **Qualifications:** I would like to continue to serve on the CEC and use my skills and experience to promote interest and excitement in the sport. My involvement includes:

- Acquired Conformation/Obedience titles on Chow Chows
- Active in the sport 30 plus years
- Member Capital Dog Training Club since 1989 and Board member 20 years and currently
- Taught Obedience/Conformation classes
- Served 18 years as Parent Club Secretary and served as Obedience Chair
- Serving currently on the Board of National Capital KC
- Judge Non-Sporting and Working Groups, 5 Toys and 7 Herding breeds
- Received the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award
- Published an Obedience newsletter – *Chow Train 2*
- Served as Chair on 2 CEC subcommittees – Issues were Aging Clubs and Suggestions for All-Breed Clubs on hosting Obedience/Rally events.

Dates of Service: *2005 to Present (2006).* **Attendance:** *19 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Jennifer Graves, *Italian Greyhound Club of America.* **Qualifications:** I have competed in companion events for over 44 years; I want to help make these efficient and inviting for all. I have served as specialty VP for IGCA and on the BOD for 4+ years. I have been Performance and Companion events Show Chair for multiple National and Regional Specialties. I have achieved multiple Obedience, Conformation, Rally, and Agility titles, including 27 MACHs, trips to Agility Nationals, 12 consecutive years at the Agility Invitational and 3 trips to finals with 2 different dogs. My dogs also have CGC, Fetch, Trick and other titles and are currently training in Tracking and Scent Work – all with what some consider a non-traditional Performance breed. I am passionate about versatile, smart, and pretty dogs. I appreciate multiple perspectives to any issue and enjoy working collaboratively for benefit of dogs and the people who love them and compete with them.
Dates of Service: *July 2025 to Present.*

Mike Kriegel, *Bell Vernon Kennel Association.* **Qualifications:** Thank you for reading my nomination form. My participation in dog sports began before high school, back in the last century. Over the years I've competed, and finished titles, in Agility Obedience, Rally, Tracking, Conformation, and Herding. My dogs have participated in the Agility and Obedience Nationals. They have received invitations to show in Agility, Obedience and Rally in Orlando. Besides competing, I have been Chair for many events, and at some point held each of the different Board positions in a club. I've trained classes, and been a 4-H dog program leader. My volunteering has been in each of the Companion events, including Nationals and Invitational. It would be an honor to use these experiences to help guide Companion Events in these challenging times. All of us need to work together to find ways to increase participation, cut expenses, and look for solutions for dealing with aggressive dogs.
Dates of Service: *2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *6 out of 6.*

Chris Marston, *Mount Vernon Dog Training Club.* **Qualifications:** Mount Vernon Dog Training Club, which I represent, focuses on Companion events, especially Obedience and AKC Rally. Serving the club as a Board member and instructor, I've learned how training clubs can thrive with a strong training program that welcomes new members and encourages them to compete. I've learned the ins and outs of trials as Trial Secretary for over five years. I've worked with the AKC Family Dog program, a great feeder for Companion events, as a CGC Evaluator and Fetch Judge. At the National Specialty for my breed club, the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, I've judged Fetch and organized evaluations for all levels of CGC and AKC Trick Dog. When Ruth Crumb, my mentor and a former chair, decided to step down from the committee, she encouraged me to run to help advance the sports that have given me so much joy as an exhibitor.
Dates of Service: *2023 to Present.* **Attendance:** *8 out of 9.* **Committee Attendance:** *Bylaws Committee 3 out of 3.*

Dr. Norine Noonan, *Basset Hound Club of America.* **Qualifications:** I have been a member of this committee since September 2019. I have chaired two subcommittees on various aspects of the sports within our charge and the reports from these subcommittees were well-received by the full committee. I also am a very active, licensed judge in two sports (Obedience and Rally) and am also an Agility Course Test and Fetch Test Evaluator. I have decades of competition experience in these disciplines with my own dogs so I bring both handler and judging perspectives. I regularly chair Companion events for my Parent Club (Co-Chair for Agility in 2025 and Chair in 2026). I have served as Chief Ring Steward for my local club and have conducted seminars to train stewards. Lastly, I am passionate about Companion events and have mentored dozens of Juniors through 4-H, many of whom are now competing in regular AKC events.
Dates of Service: *2018 to Present.* **Attendance:** *19 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Jack E. Sappenfield II, *Durham Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I was elected to the Companion Events Committee at the September 2022 Delegates Meeting. I have been involved in Obedience and tracking since 1985. I have trained dogs to multiple Obedience and Tracking titles and currently training dogs in Obedience, Tracking and Rally. I have been an instructor in various obedience classes over 25 years at Durham Kennel Club and served as Tracking Chair and Secretary. I have been a Board member and also served as President of the kennel club. I am currently President of the Tarheel Weimaraner Club and a member of the WCA. I am an AKC and ASCA Tracking Judge and also judge the 4-6 month Puppy Class, the FSS breeds, and the AKC Family Dog Program. I have been the Durham Kennel Club Delegate since 2020 and currently a member of a CEC Subcommittee that is evaluating and reviewing Obedience exercises.
Dates of Service: *2020 to Present.* **Attendance:** *18 out of 19.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Betty M. Winthers, *Pasanita Obedience Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been in AKC Dog Sports for a long time and have worked on various projects. I am currently serving on a subcommittee to better Obedience and Rally sports and would like to continue in order to finish the project.
Dates of Service: *Olympic Kennel Club 1989 to 1993; 2014 to 2021; Pasanita Kennel Club 2021 to Present.* **Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

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Standing Committee for
DELEGATE ADVOCACY AND ADVANCEMENT
(Select 4 Maximum)

Carl Ashby III, *United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club.* **Qualifications:** I have served on three committees All-Breed Clubs, DAAC, and *Perspectives* and currently serve on DAAC. I have been an active member of DAAC assisting with conducting surveys, doing data analysis, reorganizing the quarterly new Delegate Orientation, advocating for Delegates charging a fee, increasing expense compensation for committee members and other tasks. I am active in multiple clubs and a former AKC Director. This background has been an asset as I have worked with the committee to strengthen the effectiveness of the Delegate Body. I am committed to the importance of the Delegate Body and would like the opportunity to continue to work to enhance the Delegate's role in helping achieve the mission of the American Kennel Club.
Dates of Service: *1990 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Dr. Troy Dargin, Esq., *Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been breeding (around 40 years), showing (around 40 years) and judging for AKC (around 25 years) for most of my life. I know the rules of AKC and I am inspired to bring new people into the sport into a positive atmosphere. I'm a professor and lawyer. My legal knowledge includes being licensed in the state where AKC's main office is located (NY) and gives me a unique set of knowledge and skills that will be beneficial when discussing rules and legal issues.
Dates of Service: *July 2025 to Present.*

Ellen Hardin, Golden Retriever Club of America. **Qualifications:** Previously chosen to fill a vacancy on DAAC, and subsequently re-elected to this committee four times, I wish to continue my service. I will utilize the depth of experience and expertise of the Delegate Body to assist every Delegate in knowing procedures, policies and each other. I initiated the “nametag” project, wrote the Delegate’s Google List Suggested Decorum, job description for Delegate-Mentors and presented two webinars on mentorship and co-wrote the Delegate Handbook. Along with another committee member, I work on assigning new Delegates with a mentor. I am working on a *Perspectives* article on mentors and new Delegates. I participate quarterly at the New Delegate Orientation and serve as Interim Chair in the absence of our chairperson.
Dates of Service: *2011 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Jane Ruthford, *Mount Baker Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I'm excited to continue to help strengthen the voice and influence of AKC Delegates. I believe that change is constant, and leadership that adapts wisely to change is essential. My creativity, analysis, collaboration, patience, and technical skills help get vital Delegates' messages out to AKC clubs and the world.
Highlights of my work for Delegates and their AKC clubs--

- Producing DAAC's first video, *Your AKC Delegate Opens Doors*.
- Producing a second video (ready September 2025), *AKC Delegates: Building Strong Communities.*
- Sharing my paper on Strategic Planning with the All-Breed Committee.
- Supporting the upcoming Strategic Planning Forum.
- Serving on the Junior Task Force.

I enjoy creating safe places where I and others connect ideas and champion what we share. My formal education includes degrees in Botany, Education, and Civil Engineering. I'd be honored to have your vote. Let's keep building energy, connection, and momentum for the Delegate Body and the AKC!
Dates of Service: *Havanese Club of America 2007 to 2018; Mt. Baker Kennel Club 2018 to Present.* **Attendance:** *19 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Judy Seltrecht, *Manatee Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** Along with being a Delegate, I serve as the President of the Florida Association of Kennel Clubs, driving my state's grassroots efforts against bad dog legislation. New Delegates are initially met by me during Orientation. Since joining DAAC in December 2022, I have attended every meeting and feel my contributions are an asset to the DAAC mission for all Delegates. Some of my accomplishments are:

- Uncle Sam "I Want You" poster to obtain mentors
- "Did You Know poster" to inform the Delegate Body of important information
- New Delegate questionnaire
- Compiling data with another DAAC member for statistical analysis
- Orient new Delegates attending committee meetings with phone technology and AI apps
- Committee participation for Delegate Judges fees and Committee member's reimbursement

Since becoming involved in dogs, I give 110% to our AKC sport, exhibitors, breeders, education and the children who are our future.
Dates of Service: *2022 to Present.* **Attendance:** *14 out of 14.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 11.*

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for
DOG SHOW RULES
(Select 4 Maximum)

Nancy Amburgey *Akita Club of America.* **Qualifications:**
Akita Club of America

- Vice President
- Show Chair - 5 years
- BEC - 3 years
- Standard Revision Committee
- JEC - 20 years
- AKC Delegate
- Illustrated Standard Committee

Cane Corso Association of America

- Show Chair - 2 years

OH-KEN-IN Akita Club

- President
- Vice President
- C&BL Revision
- Standing Rules

Warren County Kennel Club

- Vice President
- Show Chair
- Event Committee
- C&BL Revision
- Juniors Coordinator
- Conformation/Obedience participant - 30 years
- Conformation Judge - 2005

Having participated in Conformation/Obedience for 35 years, I have a good knowledge of AKC Rules. I am adept at researching/disseminating when queried. I can see changes that would enhance or clarify for the betterment of Exhibitors, Judges and AKC. I am often asked to assist in navigating AKC Rules, parliamentary procedure and club rules. As a Delegate I have attended all Delegate meetings and Dog Show Rules meetings. I am fair, levelheaded, able to listen and make common sense decisions.
Dates of Service: *2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *3 out of 3.*

Ann King-Wallace, *Talbot Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been showing my dogs at AKC events since 1980. Beginning with German Shorthaired Pointers and now Vizslas. I have bred over 80 AKC champions as well as dogs that have garnered national level Parent Club awards. I was the Judge's Education Chair for the GSPCA from 2004 - 2010. I judged the GSPCA National Futurity in 2014. I have also had the pleasure of judging Brittany, English Setter, Weimaraner and Vizsla Specialty Sweepstakes, I have served my kennel club for the past three years as the Assistant Show Chair for our All-Breed two-day show.
Dates of Service: *2022 to Present.* **Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Stacey La Forge, *Tibetan Terrier Club of America.* **Qualifications:** I am an attorney, AKC Judge, and Breeder of Merit who actively participates in Conformation, Rally, and Agility. My legal background brings valuable skills in analysis, interpretation, and drafting – strengths I believe would benefit the Dog Show Rules Committee. For over 25 years, I served the Tibetan Terrier Club of America in numerous roles, including Secretary, Director, Rescue Coordinator, Health Chairperson, Historian and drafter of two Constitution revisions. Since 2008, I have proudly represented my Parent Club as its Delegate, attending 60 Delegate Meetings to date. I am also an active member of All-Breed, Group, and Local Specialty Clubs, where I have held leadership positions and served on Show and Agility Event Committees. I am dedicated to honoring the rich traditions of our sport while thoughtfully advancing its rules to meet the evolving needs of the sport of purebred dogs. Thank you for your consideration.
Dates of Service: *2008 to Present.* **Attendance:** *16 out of 20.*

Dr. Kenneth Levison, *Tucson Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** 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 also Treasurer and Delegate of the Tucson Kennel Club and have served as Show Chair for the past decade. In my capacities on the Board of a Parent Club, and of an All-Breed Clubs, as well as Show Chair, I am very aware of the issues facing clubs and exhibitors and bring that background to the Dog Show Rules Committee where I will continue to work to recommend changes that recognize the changing makeup of our sport.
Dates of Service: *2016 to Present.* **Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12.*

Cindy Stansell, *Grand River Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been active in Conformation and Obedience with several breeds since the mid-1980s. I have served and continue to serve in All-Breed, Parent and Local Specialty Clubs in many roles including officer, Committee Chair, Show Chair, and Obedience Trial Chair. I am approved to judge Working, Non-Sporting, Herding, Juniors and some Hound and Toy breeds. I have judged throughout the USA and in a dozen countries. I am still an active breeder and exhibitor. I am committed to education and chair an annual series of seminars and serve as JEC. I am also assisting a Miscellaneous breed to achieve full recognition.
I am thoroughly familiar with the rules and most aspects of AKC. I have been an active member of the Dog Show Rules Committee. I would appreciate your vote.
Dates of Service: *Fayetteville Kennel Club 2001 to 2006; Finnish Spitz Club of America 2012 to 2022; Grand River Kennel Club 2022 to Present.* **Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *10 out of 12.*

Matthew Townsend, *Carolina Working Group Association.* **Qualifications:** I would be honored to continue serving on the Dog Show Rules Committee. My experience as an All-Breed Show Chair, along with my active involvement in National, Limited-Breed, and Local Specialty Clubs – helping to organize more than 25 shows each year – has given me a strong foundation for this work. I also serve as President of both the Mid-Atlantic Leonberger Club of Virginia and the Tarheel Leonberger Club, and I am a dedicated officer in several other clubs. I believe that rules are one of the cornerstones of sportsmanship, and our committee is at its best when it promotes clarity, fairness, and opportunity within the sport.
Dates of Service: *2022 to Present.* **Attendance:** *7 out of 14.* **Committee Attendance:** *3 out of 4.*

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for
FIELD TRIAL AND HUNTING TEST EVENTS
(Select 4 Maximum)

Blaine Grove, *New England Beagle Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been participating in Beagle Field Trials since 1984. I am an active Beagle Field Trial Judge, as well as a competitor in Field Trials and Two Couple Pack Hunt Test. I am President of a local licensed Beagle Club, and President of a regional Beagle Federation representing 43 licensed clubs in the Northeast. I serve as a Board member of the National Beagle Club. I am a member of the AKC Nationals SPO Championship Committee and recently assumed the role of Director of the Eastern Junior Beaglers Program. I am a current member of the AKC Delegate Juniors Subcommittee representing the Field Trial Hunt Test Committee. Thank you for your consideration for this committee. **Dates of Service:** *2016 to Present.* **Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *9 out of 12.*

Terry Hilliard, *American Brittany Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been a member of the American Brittany Club for over 35 years and have held multiple positions both locally and nationally for the club. I am currently on the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee and would like to continue to serve on this committee to further the sport. My husband and myself, along with GSP and Vizsla people started the Hunt Test Program in the Northeast many years ago. I have run dogs in the Hunt Tests and have titled many dogs. My husband was an active Field Trialer and I accompanied him until his health declined and no longer was able to do the training and running our dogs. My goal is to get more young people interested in dog sports, particularly field work with sporting dogs.
Dates of Service: *2019 to Present.* **Attendance:** *17 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Cristy K. Joy, *English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association.* **Qualifications:** Cristy Joy brings boots-on-the-ground experience and national recognition to the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee. As, former President of the ESSFTA, she actively leads efforts to grow and support the sport. Cristy is a breeder, handler, and lifelong upland and waterfowl hunter who works closely with members and professional trainers to preserve and elevate working breed standards. Cristy is a Spaniel Field Trial Judge and a Spaniel Hunt Test Judge. She's participated in all of the roles to help organize and support local and national events. In 2021, she and her dog earned 2nd place as an amateur handler in the English Springer Spaniel National Amateur Championship – demonstrating her skill, dedication, and understanding of high-level competition. She has multiple dogs with Hunt Test titles. Cristy's committed to helping clubs run more effective, inclusive, and efficient programs that meet the needs of today's handlers, clubs, and communities.
Dates of Service: *May 2025 to Present.* **Attendance:** *0 out of 1.*

Laura Myles, *Whidbey Island Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I offer to the committee over 40 years of balanced and practical perspective shaped by hands-on experience in judging, managing trials, and navigating land access challenges. I value the importance of preserving working breeds heritage via form and function. Amongst my goals is ensuring that field events remain accessible, and sustainable – particularly for those small clubs trying to survive. Local clubs provide the entry for those Novices wanting to learn and participate in trials, as they would otherwise only have National or Regional events to enter-often not in their skill set or comfort zone. Encouraging and engaging those newcomers to participate in field events is critical to the future of dog events. I am passionate about ensuring the continuation of field events, and if elected, I will put my expertise to work with the committee applying my skillsets.
Dates of Service: *2021 to Present.* **Attendance:** *14 out of 15.*

Robert (Bob) Rynkiewicz, *Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club.* **Qualifications:**
I have been a Delegate for the past seven years representing the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club. I have been an active member of the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee for the past six years. I have served as the Chairperson for the past two years. As an active member I am continually seeking input from the committee members and meeting attendees on making our events more effective and efficient, and getting more younger folks involved. I currently lead discussions on rulebook suggestions. As a member of multiple Trial Hunt Test dog clubs and a breed club, I have been involved in all aspects of the sport and actively support other clubs so to make their events a success. I have attended all 28 meetings since becoming a Delegate. I actively seek your support and vote.
Dates of Service: *2018 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

Allison Schultz, MD, *Bracco Italiano Club of America.* **Qualifications:** I have 30 years breeding, showing and hunting Spinone and Bracco in AKC and international competitions. My breeding program equally considers Conformation and working standards. I have 5 BIS, >185 group placements and multiple FCI group placements. I have successfully participated in AKC, NAVHDA, VHDF, French and Italian field events. My support of the AKC is unequivocal; it is the most welcoming venue for my puppy owners and others in my breeds. I serve on the Board of Società Amatori Bracco Italiano International. This organization of 13 countries collects health, Conformation and field information from every country, reporting to SABI (breed club) that collaborates with the University Veterinary research group in Lodi, Italy that maintains a comprehensive database and DNA collection of the Bracco Italiano. I intend to be a positive contributor to the Committee, using my knowledge and expertise gained through these organizations.
Dates of Service: *2024 to Present.* **Attendance:** *3 out of 3.*

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

Stephanie A. Crawford *Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club.* **Qualifications:** I have been a Tracking Judge since 2005 and a Scent Work Judge since 2021. Both sports involve odor and have a certain synergy between them. As a judge I attend Tracking and Scent Work events across the U.S. and spend time with other judges. It provides me the opportunity to listen to exhibitors cares and concerns and to provide them with education and insight on the how and why of events. I am also an active participant in both. I am curious about all things around me and always learning. I am also an instructor by nature and happy to explain and help improve. Serving on the HECS committee provides me with the opportunity to give back to the AKC which I am committed to doing.
Dates of Service: *Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America 2009 to 2011; Del-Otse-Nango Kennel Club 2020 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

Karen Lee, *American Whippet Club.* **Qualifications:** I am a current HECS member having first been appointed, then elected to a one-year term, and then re-elected to serve ever since. My background as a breeder/owner/handler of numerous AKC DC Whippets, my current experience with Fast CAT, my years of experience as a Lure Trial Chair and Secretary has given me in-depth knowledge of what makes for a safe and fair Lure-Chasing Performance event. I have drafted and edited Fast CAT Best Practices, successfully proposed regulation modifications which were accepted and passed, and worked on subcommittees with fellow committee members to improve this fast-growing, popular sport. Through my fellow committee members, I have increased my knowledge of and appreciation for Herding and Earthdog events and now, Scent Work. As an active competitor, I am visible and accessible to participants. I believe strongly in the importance and the mission of the HECS and am proud to have served on it and hope to continue with your support.
Dates of Service: *2014 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

Richard L. Reynolds, *Garden State All Terrier Club.* **Qualifications:** I am approved to judge both Conformation (since 1981) and Earthdog events (since 1998) by AKC. I am an active participant in both sports. I also participate in Fast CAT and CAT. That experience is useful in service on the committee as we have a great many things to accomplish in the coming years.
Dates of Service: *2021 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

Joyce Rowland, *Australian Cattle Dog Club of America.* **Qualifications:** As an active member of the Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work Committee (HECS) for several years, I seek to continue results-oriented service with this important group. My experience includes serving as Trial Chair for numerous Herding events and as National Show/Trials Chair overseeing Conformation, Performance, and Companion events. I understand the competitive, financial, administrative, and interpersonal challenges inherent in these activities. My commitment is deep and longstanding, particularly in Herding, which is central to the Australian Cattle Dog Club of America's mission. My involvement began even before AKC's Herding program launched in 1990, and my dogs have successfully competed on sheep, cattle, and ducks, including earning a National Specialty HIT on cattle. Additionally, I have served as President and Secretary of Parent and local Specialty Clubs and bring decades of professional executive experience from a Fortune 500 company. I would greatly appreciate your continued support.
Dates of Service: *2011 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB
Candidate Statements of Qualification

Standing Committee for
PARENT CLUBS
(Select 6 Maximum)

Richard Alexander, *American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club.* **Qualifications**: I have been a Board Director for the American Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Club since 2009 and have served as the Oversight Chair for National Specialties since 2010. This includes budgeting, recruitment, site evaluations, hotel contract negoitiations, and technology development for our annual showcase event. I sincerely believe that we as a Parent Club should be sharing our financial and attendance success with other breeds within the AKC. This success can be duplicated across many breeds and show formats. I would be remis however, not to mention that we can still learn many processes from other clubs that will help us remain consistent in our approach to product introduction and branding of our breed club. Thank you for the opportunity to self-nominate – very exciting.
Dates of Service: *July 2025 to Present.*

Connie Butherus, *Afghan Hound Club of America.* **Qualifications**: As a member of the Parent Club Committee I have :
Quantified, organized and disseminated the survey responses from nearly 100 Parent Clubs regarding their major issues concerns and problems;
Contacted, followed up and worked with non member Parent Clubs toward obtaining AKC member status stressing the benefits of becoming a Member Club; and
Have served as Secretary for the Breeders Development Committee since its inception.
This Parent Club Subcommittee holds monthly meetings. The goal is to support, help, encourage and develop breeders in the protection and preservation of purebred dogs.
Dates of Service: *1998 to Present.* **Attendance:** *19 of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *11 out of 12.*

Lisa Peterson, *Norwegian Elkhound Association of America.* **Qualifications**: A Norwegian Elkhound owner/breeder/handler since 1985, Lisa Peterson is a returning Parent Club Delegate for the Norwegian Elkhound Association of America (NEAA). While working as a journalist, Lisa served as an AKC Delegate from 2001 to 2004 when she was hired by the American Kennel Club. She spent a decade at AKC as its National Spokesperson, Director of Club Communications, and Director of Communications before leaving in 2015. She spent the next six years at the Westminster Kennel Club as a Public Relations Consultant. From 2021 to 2024 she was the Content Strategy Lead at Embark Veterinary crafting canine genetics content for responsible breeders. Lisa is an AKC Breeder of Merit, AKC Judge, and *AKC Gazette* Columnist. She has judged the NEAA National futurity and multiple regional specialties. She is a former President and Specialty Show Chairman of the Garden State Norwegian Elkhound Club.
Dates of Service: *2001 to 2004; 2025 to Present.* **Attendance:** *1 out of 1.*

Richard Rohrbacher, *Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America.* **Qualifications**: Numerous Delegate Committees impact specific areas of the Dog World and Sports. The Parent Club Committee draws on several distinct committees – Canine Health, Companion Events, Performance, Bylaws, and Dog Show Rules. Parent Clubs are the guardians of the individual breeds, focusing on preserving the breed in the whelping box, show ring, Companion events, performing what they were originally bred to do, rescue, governing a national organization and ensuring breeding of sound, healthy dogs. As a Delegate, being a member of Parent Club Committee is the opportunity to have a truly positive impact on the Dog World.
Dates of Service: *2012 to Present.* **Attendance:** *16 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *9 out of 12.*

Maggi Strouse, *National Shiba Club of America.* **Qualifications**: Our clubs face serious challenges. I have worked to address those challenges through our Delegate Committees and through interaction with Parent Clubs, local clubs and those clubs looking to hold events in my home area of Virginia Beach, VA. My professional and club-related activities require working with diverse organizations to formulate solutions in dynamic situations. I listen more than I speak and my posts to the lists are infrequent – but specific. Your time is valuable, so I prefer to work directly with you to provide the best information or source of information to address your club's concerns. Thank you all for what you do for our clubs, our sports, and the dogs we cherish. I would appreciate your vote so I might continue working to support you on the Parent Clubs Committee. Please contact me with any questions or items you believe the Parent Clubs Committee should address.
Dates of Service: *2008 to Present.* **Attendance:** *20 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *12 out of 12.*

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

- Member Schipperke Club of America 44 years.
- Served on SCA Board of Directors many terms, in all officer positions, including eight terms as President.
- Experience with National Specialty Club operation, National Specialty event planning and execution, Judges' education, parliamentary procedure, bylaws practical application, Chair Bylaws Review Committee since 2006.
- Breeder of Merit Gold with 64 AKC Champions of my breeding in a breed with small litter size. I understand the importance of breed preservation and adherence to AKC breed standard.
- Member Kachina KC, Seminole KC and Lone Star Schipperke Club.
- 2012 AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award recipient, SCA.
- Attended multiple meetings of Crop and Dock Subcommittee as a breeder of Schipperkes which is a docked breed.
- All AKC breeds are potentially "targeted breeds". Purebred dogs are the target of proponents for "animal rights". All AKC Parent Clubs need a proactive plan to preserve their chosen breed.

Dates of Service: *Kachina Kennel Club 2018 to 2023, 2023 to Present.* **Attendance:** *13 out of 20.*

Richard Su, *Keeshond Club of America.* **Qualifications**: I have owned purebred Keeshonden since 1982. As a hobby breeder of quality, purebred Keeshonden I train and compete as a breeder/owner/handler with my dogs in AKC Conformation, Agility and Obedience events. As a club member, I am dedicated to the welfare and advancement of the Keeshond. I am vigorous in promoting purebred dogs and am especially fond of AKC's Meet the Breeds program. I have previously served on the Delegate Parent Clubs Committee and am currently a member of its Breeder Development Subcommittee. I have served on the Board of Directors for my local Specialty Club (Keeshond Club of Delaware Valley) and my Parent Club (Keeshond Club of America) and am an active member of the Jersey Agility of Central NJ club. I founded the Keeshond Club of America Foundation and currently serve on its Board of Directors. Professionally, I am a retired University Administrator.
Dates of Service: *2015 to Present.* **Attendance:** *18 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance (March 2024 thru September 2024):** *3 out of 3.*

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: *10 out of 20.* **Committee Attendance:** *7 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

Alyson Casper, *Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood.* **Qualifications**: *Perspectives* Editorial Committee member since 2021 – break from 11/13/23 - 9/10/24 due to change in club representation. Contributed articles and served as issue coordinator. As AKC Delegate for both clubs, submitted articles and reports published in the quarterly Parent Club magazine and on the Club of Hollywood website. At Dog Club of Hollywood, developed and updated training manuals for Dog Manners, Canine Fitness, Fetch, and CGC. Professionally, worked as a Vocational Expert and Medical Case Manager in workers' compensation. Wrote monthly reports and completed Vocational Evaluation reports for court testimony. Published articles in *OT-PT-Speech Today* and *The Voice Magazine*. Presenter at The State and SE Regional Conferences of Association of Rehabilitation Professionals. As Director of Rehabilitation Services, responsible for writing Policies and Procedures for national certifications. My experience writing articles, training manuals, policies, procedures, and reports, and prior experience on the *Perspectives* Editorial Staff qualify me for this team. **Dates of Service:** *Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever Club USA 2019 to 2023; Dog Obedience Club of Hollywood 2024 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

Don James, *Leonberger Club of America.* **Qualifications**: Member of *Perspectives* Editorial Staff since 2015. Contributed many articles to the magazine over those years.
Dates of Service: *2012 to Present.* **Current Committee Member.**

Heidi Kilgore, MA Psy, *Evansville Kennel Club.* **Qualifications**: *Perspectives* is the first tool for all AKC Delegates to bring tricks, tools and information to help their clubs thrive. The goal of the *Perspectives* team should be to communicate efficiently for the betterment of all AKC Sports. My first love has always been my Cardis and the AKC events we participate in. My 50+ years of experiences from Junior to senior citizen (by AARP standards), provides a knowledge base that can bridge the plethora of generations in our sports. My 25+ years of publishing experience from editing to marketing provides an entertaining approach to our reading audience. It has created a deadline focused and production mentality of a journalist. These skills are primary to an exciting and informative publication that delegates will look forward to reading. Thank you for your consideration.
Dates of Service: *2023 to Present.*

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