

AKC Delegate
December 2009

December 15, 2009 Delegate Meeting:

AKC Board of Directors – Class of 2014: Presentations were given to Delegates by the following candidates, which will be voted on at the Delegate’s Meeting March 9, 2010 in Newark, NJ.

Dr. Carmen Battaglia
German Shepherd Dog Club of America

Dr. J. Charles Garvin
Marion Ohio Kennel Club

Steven D. Gladstone
Reno Kennel Club

Dr. William R. Newman
Mastiff Club of America

Patricia C. Scully
Obedience Training Club of Hawaii

Ron Menaker’s Report of the Chairman: Mr. Menaker mentioned the PWDCA’s work with AKC in educating the public on responsible dog ownership when Bo Obama joined the White House family.

Grand Championship: The proposed amendment to allow Grand Championship points to Best of Breed, Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed, Select Dog and Select Bitch was approved, and will take effect May 1st 2010. An adjustment to the original proposal was made to allow neutered animals only at an independent specialty to be eligible for these awards. This award is being designed to provide incentives for exhibitors to continue showing their dogs beyond earning a Championship title.

Term Limits for AKC Board Members: The By-Laws Committee announced that they will be bringing a proposal to the Delegates to do away with the current two term limit for Board members.

Parent Club Committee – December 14, 2009:

The Parent Club Conference that is organized by the Delegates Parent Club Committee will be held in the Raleigh/Durham, North Carolina area on either August 20-22 or August 27-29. A fee of \$150 will be charged to parent clubs for attendance of one representative for the entire weekend.

Tom Davies reported that it’s not the intention of the Group Realignment Committee to “pull the chain” on the program. It has been sent back to the Board for study and clarification. The Parent Club Committee voted to recommend Group Realignment be tabled indefinitely.

Curt Curtis, Vice President of Companion Events, announced that his department is researching the possibility of approving two agility trials held in one day.

With the Working Dog Sport being folded back into appropriate parent clubs, AKC is looking into the possibility of printing parent club titles on pedigrees.

New Delegate: At the January 1, 2010 PWDCA Board Meeting, Janis Watts was voted in as PWDCA's AKC Delegate. I enjoyed representing our club and know that your continued support of this position will be very much appreciated.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Arends
PWDCA's AKC Delegate