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QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB DECEMBER 12, 2014

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Maryland—
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Sharon K. Collins
English Setter Association of America,
Inc.—
Mr. John P. Nielsen
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Fayetteville Kennel Club, Inc.—
Cathleen Rubens
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Katherine Sullivan
Finnish Spitz Club of America—
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- Genesee County Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Genesee Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Giant Schnauzer Club of America,
Inc.—*Kimberly Demchak*
- Gig Harbor Kennel Club—*James R. Dok*
- Glens Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs.
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- Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc.—
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- Greenwich Kennel Club—*Margaret K.
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- Havanese Club of America—*Jane F.
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- Heart of the Plains Kennel Club—
Patricia M. Cruz
- Hockamock Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy
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- Hoosier Kennel Club, Inc.—*Karl H.
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- Huntingdon Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Idaho Capital City Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Ingham County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Rita
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- Irish Setter Club of America, Inc.—
Karolynne McAteer
- Irish Wolfhound Club of America—
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- Italian Greyhound Club of America,
Inc.—*Carole Plesur*
- Jacksonville Dog Fanciers' Association—
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Missouri—*Cledith Wakefield*
- Keeshond Club of America, Inc.—*Mr.
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- Kennel Club of Niagara Falls—*Esther J.
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- Lackawanna Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ms.
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- Lake Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Diana
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- Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Lexington Kennel Club Inc—*Scott E.
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- Lima Kennel Club—*Dr. Anne Midgarden*
- Los Encinos Kennel Club, Inc.—*David
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- Louisiana Kennel Club, Inc.—*Luis F.
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- Manatee Kennel Club—*Pat Edgington*
- Manitowoc County Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Merrimack Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever
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- Miniature Bull Terrier Club of
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- Minneapolis Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ralph
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- Mississippi State Kennel Club—*Roxanne
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- Mississippi Valley Kennel Club—*Gretchen
Bernardi*
- Nashville Kennel Club—*James Efron*
- National Capital Kennel Club, Inc.—
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- Newfoundland Club of America, Inc.—
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- Newnan Kennel Club—*Willie Crawford*
- Newtown Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs.
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- Nisqually Kennel Club—*R. H. Hachtel*
- North Shore Dog Training Club, Inc.—
Mary Anne Fowler
- North Shore Kennel Club—*Richard F.
Coletti*
- Northern Kentucky Kennel Club, Inc.—
Darleen Knapp
- Norwegian Elkhound Association of
America, Inc.—*Lori Webster*
- Norwich Terrier Club of America—
Betty McDonnell
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
Club (USA)—*Ms. Marile A. Waterstraat*
- Oakland County Kennel Club, Inc.—
Michael Sosne
- Obedience Training Club of Rhode
Island—*James M. Ashton*
- Old Dominion Kennel Club of
Northern Virginia, Inc.—*Ms. Sarah E.
Gaunt*
- Olympic Kennel Club, Inc.—*Betty M.
Winthers*
- Orange Empire Dog Club, Inc.—*Burton
J. Yamada*
- Orlando Dog Training Club—*Mary L.
Jensen, Ph.D.*
- Otterhound Club of America—*Joellen
Gregory, D.V.M.*
- Pacific Coast Bulldog Club, Inc.—*Link
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- Pacific Coast Pekingese Club—*Steven
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- Papillon Club of America, Inc.—*Miss
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 Pembroke Welsh Corgi Club of America, Inc.—*Mrs. Anne Bowes*
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 Penn Treaty Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert W. Gilmour*
 Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association—*Sandy-Sue McClure*
 Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America—*Anne Gallant, Ph.D.*
 Pharaoh Hound Club of America—*Dominic P. Carota*
 Philadelphia Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Larry Wilson*
 Plainfield Kennel Club—*Amy Kiell-Green*
 Poodle Club of America, Inc.—*Mary Ellen Fishler*
 Port Chester Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*Robert A. Amen*
 Portland Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Joan Savage*
 Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Brytt B. Hasslinger*
 Progressive Dog Club—*William H. Blair*
 Pug Dog Club of America, Inc.—*Michelle R. Anderson*
 Puyallup Valley Dog Fanciers, Inc.—*Frances Stephens*
 Queen City Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Rhoda Ezell*
 Ramapo Kennel Club—*Jeffrey D. Ball*
 Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of the United States, Inc.—*Michael J. Teeling*
 Richmond Dog Fanciers Club, Inc.—*Jan M. Ritchie*
 Rio Grande Kennel Club—*Nancy O'Neal*
 Rogue Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Paul Bodeving*
 Sahuaro State Kennel Club—*Rita L. Mather*
 Salisbury North Carolina Kennel Club—*Bob Busby*
 Sammamish Kennel Club—*Dr. Robert C. Gloster, M.D.*
 San Antonio Kennel Club, Inc.—*Nancy J. Shaw*
 San Gabriel Valley Kennel Club—*Anthony Vasquez*
 Santa Barbara Kennel Club, Inc.—*Abbe R. Shaw*
 Santa Clara Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Becky A. Luft*
 Santa Maria Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laurence J. Libeu*
 Sawnee Mountain Kennel Club of Georgia—*Darlene Kelley*
 Schipperke Club of America, Inc.—*Betty Jo Patrick*
 Scottish Terrier Club of America—*Helen A. Prince*
 Scottsdale Dog Fanciers Association, Inc.—*Nancy Perrell*
 Shenandoah Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Sharyn Y. Hutchens*
 Shoreline Dog Fanciers Association of Orange County—*Susan L. Hamil*
 Silver State Kennel Club—*Daniele Ledoux-Starzyk*
 Sioux Empire Kennel Club, Inc.—*William Burggraaf*
 Sioux Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Jean Evanoff*
 Sir Francis Drake Kennel Club, Inc.—*William J. Feeney*
 Skye Terrier Club of America—*Mr. Stephen P. Hersey*
 Skyline Kennel Club, Inc.—*Gloria Shaver*
 Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America—*Robert Bergman*
 South Hills Kennel Club—*Raymond P. Harrington*
 South Jersey Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Linda B. Willson*
 South Shore Kennel Club, Inc.—*Linda C. Flynn*
 South Windsor Kennel Club—*Margarette (Peggy) Wampold*
 Southeast Arkansas Kennel Club—*Ricky Adams*
 Southeastern Iowa Kennel Club—*Marilyn R. Vinson*
 Southern Adirondack Dog Club, Inc.—*John V. Ioia*
 Southern Colorado Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lee Arnold*
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 Spartanburg Kennel Club, Inc.—*Lonnie Carroll*
 Spinone Club of America—*Karen Luckey*
 Spokane Kennel Club—*Tina Truesdale*
 Springfield Kennel Club, Inc.—*Dr. Thomas M. Davies*
 St. Bernard Club of America, Inc.—*Kit A. Bostrom*
 St. Croix Valley Kennel Club, Inc.—*Deborah J. Wilkins*
 St. Petersburg Dog Fanciers Association—*Dr. Gerry Meisels*
 Standard Schnauzer Club of America—*Dr. Harvey Mohrenweiser*
 Suffolk County Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mr. Robert Eisele*
 Superstition Kennel Club, Inc.—*Roger M. Arbuthnot*
 Susque-Nango Kennel Club, Inc.—*Laura Trainor*
 Sussex Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Mrs. Florence Duggan*
 Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Inc.—*Marylyn DeGregorio*
 Tampa Bay Kennel Club—*Mary Manning-Stolz*
 Tennessee Valley Kennel Club—*Judy Hart*
 Terry-All Kennel Club, Inc.—*Kelly Yarish*
 Tibetan Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Stacey La Forge*
 Topeka Kennel Club, Inc.—*Robert E. Bostrom*
 Toy Dog Breeders Association of Southern California—*John Shoemaker*
 Trap Falls Kennel Club, Inc.—*Christopher L. Sweetwood*
 Trinity Valley Kennel Club—*Debby Fowler*
 Troy Kennel Club, Inc.—*John J. Cadalso, Jr.*
 Tualatin Kennel Club, Inc.—*James S. Corbett*
 Twin Brooks Kennel Club, Inc.—*Patricia C. Sarles*
 United States Australian Shepherd Association—*Leon B. Goetz*
 United States Kerry Blue Terrier Club, Inc.—*Mr. Carl C. Ashby, III*
 United States Lakeland Terrier Club—*Alfred J. Ferruggiaro*
 Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club—*Robert Lachman*
 Upper Snake River Valley Dog Training Club, Inc.—*Barbara L. Norton*
 Ventura County Dog Fanciers Association—*Mr. William F. Dumas*
 Walla Walla Kennel Club—*Rod Strand*
 Washington State Obedience Training Club, Inc.—*James W. Smith*
 Waterloo Kennel Club, Inc.—*Steven D. Gladstone*
 Welsh Springer Spaniel Club of America, Inc.—*Richard Rohrbacher*
 Welsh Terrier Club of America, Inc.—*Ereign Seacord*
 West Volusia Kennel Club—*Mrs. Janet Narushka*
 Western Reserve Kennel Club, Inc.—*Ann Yuhasz*
 Wichita Kennel Club, Inc.—*Treva Faires*
 Woodstock Dog Club, Inc.—*Rosann Sexton*
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DECEMBER 12, 2014**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The National Anthem was played.

The Chair introduced the people seated with him on the dais: Chairman, Alan Kalter; Vice Chairman, Dr. J. Charles Garvin; Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Doris Abbate; Executive Secretary, James Crowley; and Lisa Gerlach, the Court Reporter.

The Executive Secretary read the report on the Nominating Committee as follows:

Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, the Nominating Committee: Wayne Boyd, Chair, Bayou Kennel Club; Connie Clark, American Fox Terrier Club; Linda Ayres Turner Knorr, Greenville Kennel Club; Gail LaBerge, Atlanta Obedience Club; Steve Schmidt, Texas Kennel Club appointed by the Board of Directors at its July 2014 meeting, has nominated the following Delegates as candidates for such vacancies on the Board of Directors as are to be filled at the next annual meeting of the club on March 10, 2015.

There are three vacancies for the class of 2019. Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, German Shepherd Dog Club of America; Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club; Steven D. Gladstone, Waterloo Kennel Club. Pursuant to Article VIII of the Bylaws of The American Kennel Club, the following Delegates have been endorsed in writing by the required number of Delegates as a candidate for the vacancies on the Board of Directors for the Class of 2019, to be filled at the next annual meeting of the Club on March 10, 2015: Robert A. Amen, Port Chester Obedience Training Club; Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club.

Mr. Sprung: The Bylaws state that nominations may not be made from the floor. Therefore, nominations closed on November 15, 2015. In accordance with the Delegate Standing Rule, each candidate is allowed three minutes to address the Delegate Body. Gina DiNardo will indicate to the candidates when three

minutes have expired. Candidates will speak in alphabetical order and no questions from the floor will be entertained. The Chair will now introduce the candidates for the Class of 2019 in alphabetical order.

The first candidate was Mr. Robert A. Amen, Delegate for the Port Chester Obedience Training Club, who spoke as follows:

If elected to a second term in March, I plan to continue working in the three areas that I was elected to focus on: Companion Events -- that's obedience, rally, tracking and agility; AKC's Public Relations and outreach efforts; and applying my four decades of business and management experience to the work we have ahead of us in growing the AKC. We need to continue to strengthen companion events; expand public participation in successful programs like Beginner Novice obedience, and our CGC program.

As a judge and obedience exhibitor, I believe in those programs, and we've got to continue broadening their scope. The work we have begun in Public Relations and Social Media communications is building momentum, and I plan to continue contributing to these activities by working with the Board and the AKC Staff on strategies and tactics.

Finally, my experience as a senior executive with major corporations and as a Public Relations consultant with a large global Public Relations agency, brings to the AKC Board a perspective that will be important during the next four years.

As I said earlier this morning, I take my responsibilities, as does every director, very seriously and we do not stop when we adjourn the Board meeting. Let me share with you some dates during this past year: January 27th, February 21st, March 4th, March 15th, March 25th, April 1st, May 6th, June 4th, July 11th, August 12th, September 8th, October 14th, November 4th, December 3rd -- 14 days. On each of these days, I went into the New York office for meetings with staff on either public outreach initiatives, or those related to finance or accounting projects, associated with my responsibilities as Chairman of the Audit Committee. Fourteen Days.

If elected, I plan to continue my efforts on

all of these programs. Thank you. (Applause)

The second candidate was Dr. Carmen L. Battaglia, Delegate for the German Shepard Dog Club of America, who spoke as follows:

Thank you and good morning. Recently I read a book entitled "Boards That Make a Difference" by John Carver. Carver is the world's leading authority for boards -- private and public organizations. What Carver says the best boards are made up of are people with diverse sets of skills. He says you need subject matter specialists, generalists, lawyers, businessmen and the like.

So let me tell you about my skills. I began as Assistant Dean at Emory University. Then I became the Associate Commissioner of Education for the U.S. Department of Education. Next I was promoted to the top job -- the Regional Administrator for the U.S. Department of Education, with responsibility for the 300 colleges and universities in the eight southeastern states. My responsibilities were to work with the presidents, deans and business managers. Before retiring, I owned and was president of two schools. Then I became CEO and President of a financial aid consulting firm.

During those years, I continued to breed and do research on German Shepherd Dogs; many of which were Champions and Futurity and Maturity winners. I've written three books -- one on dogs, puppies and breeding. I published more than 40 articles, two of which many of you, I think are aware of. One is called "Early Neurological Stimulation," which are things we do in the early part of puppies when they're recently born, and then "Risks of Bloat." Both of those articles have been published in veterinary journals.

I've judged the Herding and Working groups as well as Chinese Shar-Peis, Labrador Retrievers and Weimaraners. I've also judged 11 different National Specialty shows. For more than 20 years, I've been the Delegate for the German Shepherd Dog Club of America.

I'm well-versed on the problems and issues facing the sport of purebred dogs. You've probably read many of my articles in the Canine Chronicle and other dog magazines raising questions and offering



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solutions about those concerns. My assignments with the AKC have been varied and very meaningful. I chaired the committee from out of which came the program today we call DNA. And we also developed the policies for the importation of dogs. I chaired the Business and Planning Committee for the Board, and, for ten years, was President and CEO of AKC CAR Microchip Program. During that period, we micro chipped and enrolled over 300,000 dogs.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Nominating Committee for placing my name on this year's slate and I've enjoyed serving as a Delegate with you through the years and now I'm asking for your support in the March election. Thank you.
(Applause)

The third candidate was Dr. Thomas Davies, Delegate for the Springfield Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: Good morning. For many years, I've been urging us, The American Kennel Club, about the absolute necessity of building a brand and reaching out to the dog-loving public to tell our story, to tell them about all the good things that we do for dogs and for dog lovers.

I'm delighted to say that that's what we've begun to do with our Meet the Breeds events, our social media efforts and all of the great things our clubs are doing to reach out. We have told our story to hundreds of thousands, maybe millions of dog lovers. We do this both as an organization and through grassroots efforts of our clubs and club members. We obviously can't afford to rest on our laurels and ardously and with great determination continue to work. It's difficult and maybe a bit premature to assess the results, but we have to keep up our efforts.

That being said, I have a concern that, while we reach out, we're neglecting our on constituency. We are continuously raising fees for our clubs, exhibitors and breeders. We are building more and more onerous requirements for us, our clubs and our events, and establishing policies that seem to have a negative impact on the sport. In the effort to reach out, it is important that The American Kennel Club not forget who its customers are. I have been a part of the Delegate body

for 40 years and I have served on the Board of Directors for 12, during which time I introduced and supported many successful innovations to our sport. I have chaired some 40 all-breed events, chaired nearly 35 major cluster events, and served as show secretary for all-breed group and specialty clubs. My experience in the field of conformation events will help me and help us bolster participation and increase interest in our sports.

We must work together, achieve consensus, grab any opportunity and innovate to build a better AKC and bring about the recognition that we are the world's best advocates for the dog. We must learn to embrace change with the same enthusiasm and energy that we have resisted in the past.

As I approach a half-century of involvement in our sport as a breeder, exhibitor, club member, Delegate and judge, I ask for your vote as I seek a position on the Board in March. Our collective voices must be heard for AKC to prosper. There is too much talent and experience among our body not to listen to us. With your support, I know I can make a difference.

Remember, you don't drown by falling in the water. You drown by staying there. Thank you.
(Applause)

The fourth candidate was Steven D. Gladstone, Delegate for the Waterloo Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: Good morning. I'm honored and appreciative of the Nominating Committee's confidence in me and I hope I've earned your confidence as well. You have five great candidates to choose from. So why give me one of your votes? I'm going to pick up on Carmen's comments on how essential diversity is on boards. I raise the hard issues; I ask the hard questions; I force problems to be discussed and addressed; I propose solutions and compromise; I engender resolution. I spent a career as an attorney cross-examining and asking questions until I get credible answers. I tell it like I see it and I often play the devil's advocate, because it is vitally important to explore both the obvious and the not so obvious consequences of proposed actions. I don't believe in rubber-stamping. I do believe in our

clubs, our dogs and our sport. I've served the last six years as President of my Parent Club, the Cardigan Welsh Corgi Club of America. I actively participate in our sport and hear the concerns of our breeders, exhibitors, handlers, supers and judges every weekend. I am engaged. I understand the issues facing us today, although Matt Stander is now belittling me for continuing to care about the health and vitality of our dog shows because I want our exhibitors to believe in our judges again. I'm much more concerned about our future in face of the cultural war being waged against pet ownership. I've always been a strong voice for standing up and advocating for ourselves. I have often said that we have a better story to tell, but we must start screaming it when it comes to protecting our dogs and our sports from the attacks of the animal rights extremists, and now even from just the lowly fools they have converted. I'm a street fighter. I regularly counsel action. That spirit is sorely needed in the AKC Board Room. My dedication to our dogs has not stopped with my service on the Board.

In addition to serving on the AKC Board, the then Chair of the Canine Health Foundation Board, Lee Arnold, asked me to join that Board years ago. I have gladly served AKC CHF, because helping to ensure the improved health of our beloved canine companions is paramount.

Just as essential is the return of a lost pet to its home, so I've also served for over a decade on the AKC CAR Board, now AKC Reunite. I've helped grow that great cause into a profitable, meaningful tool for a panicked owner and a missing pet to be reunited. I ask for the opportunity to continue to serve and help lead AKC through another term. I am thankful for the support of the nominating committee and will be thankful for your support as well.
(Applause.)

The fifth candidate was Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Delegate for the Elm City Kennel Club, who spoke as follows: My fellow Delegates, several of you have asked me why I decided to run for the Board. My simple answer is that I believe in the AKC and its mission -- nothing you haven't heard already. What I

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uniquely bring, I believe, is an understanding of the governance structure of this organization since I have spent my life as a faculty member, faculty senate president, member of a university board of trustees and as a university administrator, in organizations whose governance structure and whose history and traditions are not terribly different from that of the AKC. And who, like the AKC, are also at times struggling to figure out to adapt to a changing world, while continuing to honor and respect that history and those traditions. I have learned that organizations like the AKC function best when there is transparency between its governance units. I have learned that organizations like the AKC function best when the principles of shared governance are respected, but where there is an understanding that shared governance is not co-management. And there comes a time when those charged with management -- the Board and the Staff -- taking the input they have received, must act. Sometimes those actions will succeed and sometimes not. Our only failure will be if we take no action at all. I have learned that organizations like the AKC function best when the three elements work in collaboration; when the Board and the Staff are open to input and insight from the Delegate body, and when the Delegate body experiences the Board and Staff as transparent in their deliberations and actions. I spent my career building and maintaining transparency around decision making and promoting collaboration. Now, collaboration does not mean there are never honest disagreements about the way to proceed. Nor does it mean that everything is brought to the board can always be shared. I pledge to you that my guiding principle will be a quote that many of you have seen at the bottom of my email communications. "During the journey, we commonly forget its goal. Forgetting our objectives is the most frequent act of human stupidity." If elected, what I will promise, is that I will always work to make sure that, with any action I take as a board member and in every discussion I have, that I will keep the goals and objectives of the AKC as the touchstone for my actions. I can't promise that I will never make a mistake, but I can promise you that I will listen

and will happily share my thinking around my actions. I thank you and I ask for your support this March. (Applause.)

The Chair reported the passing of four Delegates: Dr. J.A. Humphrey, Delegate for the Ohio Valley Beagle Club since July 2007, died on September 19th ; Carol Williamson, the Delegate for the Houston Kennel Club since October 1997, and Chair of the Perspectives Editorial Committee, died on October 5th. Robert Goodin, Delegate for the Heart of America Kennel Club since February of 2004, died on October 26th, and Gwen Wexler, Delegate for the Heart of America Kennel Club since February 2004, died sometime of the weekend of December 6th.

Jim Crowely read the names of the Delegates seated since the last meeting: Bonnie Berney, to represent Mid-Continent Kennel Club of Tulsa
Charlotte Borghardt, to represent Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club
Colonel Harold R. Brizee, to represent Idaho Capital City Kennel Club
Virginia Brookings, DVM, to represent Shreveport Kennel Club
Peggy Burns, to represent Myrtle Beach Kennel Club
Lane Carlee, to represent Boca Raton Dog Club
Mary D. Curtis, to represent First Dog Training Club of Northern New Jersey
Sarah E. Gaunt, to represent Old Dominion Kennel Club of Northern Virginia
Marie Henke, to represent Medina Kennel Club
Stephen Hersey, to represent Skye Terrier Club of America
Robert Lachman, to represent Upper Potomac Valley Kennel Club
Dean Langwiser, to represent Santa Ana Valley Kennel Club
Karen Bowers Lee, to represent American Whippet Club
Janet Narushka, to represent West Volusia Kennel Club
Kathy Sanders, to represent Union County Kennel Club
William L. Totten, III, to represent Roanoke Kennel Club
Mary E. Vanderlinden, to represent Carolina Dog Training Club
Katherine Warner, to represent All-Breed

Kennel Club of Akron
Julie A. Wilson, to represent Des Moines Obedience Training Club

The following Delegates, who were attending their first meeting since approval, were introduced from the floor: Bonnie Berney, to represent Chinese Shar-Pei Club
Charlotte Borghardt, representing Greater Sierra Vista Kennel Club
Col. Harold Brizee, representing Idaho Capital City Keeshond Kennel Club
Lane Carlee representing the Boca Raton Dog Club
Warren Cook, representing Southern Oregon Kennel Club
Mary Curtis, representing First Dog Training Club of Northern NJ
Rhoda Ezell, representing Queen City Dog Training Club
Sarah Gaunt, representing the Old Dominion Club of Northern Virginia
Stephen Hersey, representing Skye Terrier Club of America Specialty
Karen Bowers Lee, representing American Whippet Club
Becky Luft, representing the Santa Clara Dog Training Club
Sandy Sue McClure, representing Pensacola Dog Fanciers Association
Janet Narushka, representing West Volusia Kennel Club
William Totten III, to represent Roanoke Kennel Club

The minutes of the September 8, 2014 Delegates meeting were approved.

The Icelandic Sheepdog Association of America was elected a member of The American Kennel Club.

The Chairman gave his report as follows: Good morning fellow Delegates. This weekend we will have the pleasure of watching the top national and international dogs compete in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship. This spectacular event will feature more than 4000 dogs consisting of 191 breeds and varieties, with one thing in common -- a dedicated responsible breeder bred each. These few thousand breeders, whose dogs are participating this weekend, represent our much larger family of breeders involved in the sport. They are breeders who adhere to the motto of



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"Breed to Improve." This larger family of breeders shares beliefs that guide their breeding program for a lifetime – no matter what the breed.

There is no doubt that these responsible breeders – in their efforts to protect, preserve, and improve their breeds with every litter – embrace the advances in health screening and tests. These breeders apply their understanding of the science of genetics by utilizing the screening and testing protocols designed to aid in the selection of a sire and dam.

These breeders understand that education is the most powerful tool one can use to improve a breeding program. So they invest in lifelong learning to keep their commitment to continuous improvement.

These breeders are accountable for their breeding programs. One merely has to search the OFA database to appreciate the magnitude of that commitment.

These breeders assume the responsibility for the safe environment and well-being of their dogs. That model of commitment led to the AKC Care and Conditions Policy, which has become the gold standard of maintaining dogs.

These breeders are part of a long tradition of passionate people with a common purpose involved with the American Kennel Club, who keep proving that anything is possible.

For over 130 years the American Kennel Club, its parent clubs, and responsible breeders have been dedicated to canine health. The very existence and continuation of breeds in this country depend on a foundation of puppies bred for type and function, and sound in body, mind, and spirit. AKC is intensely committed to publicly and strongly standing up for purebred dogs, their breeders, and their owners. AKC takes very seriously its responsibility to provide proven advice, up-to-date resources, and significant funding for canine genetic research. AKC's three-pronged commitment to helping breeders reach the highest standards includes supporting AKC Parent Clubs, creating and supporting the AKC Canine Health Foundation, and dedicating AKC staff and resources to breeder education.

For those of us who have been breeding dogs for a while, we have forgotten when we learned what we know – we just know it. But we can all remember the

experience of our very first litter. I think Rod Stewart put it best – "I wish I knew what I know now, when I was younger." That wistful thought sums up the opportunity we must seize to help assure there will be breeds for future generations to enjoy as part of their families.

AKC Staff and Board have been working on a program to be launched next year. The essence of the program is built on the principles embraced by our most experienced breeders today – health, education, accountability, responsibility, and tradition. The program will allow us to engage and educate a wide scope of breeders on best breeding practices, while also creating an identifiable resource for the general public to find puppies from responsible breeders who are demonstrating a validated commitment to health testing. Breeders in this program must agree to the following:

They must certify that applicable health screens as recommended by the Parent Club for that breed are performed on their breeding stock and they must be prepared to supply proof of such compliance upon request.

They must comply with the AKC Care and Conditions Policy, including inspections by the American Kennel Club.

They must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations regarding the ownership and maintenance of dogs.

They must complete continuing breeder education courses provided or approved by the AKC on an annual basis.

Additionally, under this program, AKC is creating the best free of charge online resource for breeder education in the world. This resource will continue to grow in depth and breadth, serving the needs of all breeders and potential breeders, from 4-H and FFA youth to the most experienced AKC Breeder of Merit.

Non-breeding, dog-loving households will likewise benefit from the educational offerings as they learn more about the decisions a responsible breeder must make in order to raise happy, healthy puppies, bred for type and function.

Most importantly, as AKC embarks on new initiatives designed to reinforce our

commitment to canine health, it is essential that we educate and support all breeders who are doing the right thing for dogs – regardless of the size of their programs or their involvement in the sport. Responsible breeders come in all shapes and sizes; what they share is a high level of care for their dogs and a true dedication to the health of their puppies. AKC intends to do all that it can to support those breeders who share our commitment and are willing to accept the responsibility of continuous improvement for the good of all dogs.

I believe this program presents more than an opportunity. I believe it is the responsibility of the American Kennel Club to provide this education for all breeders. Robert Benchley observed that a dog teaches us fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. While some of us might not adhere to the latter, we all have fidelity and perseverance when it comes to caring for the breeds we love so much. Those qualities keep us working hard at breeding after we get tired doing the hard work we already did.

Educating breeders to ensure the future of purebred dogs is a big job, but I don't know anyone more capable of doing it, nor more committed to achieving it, than all of us.
(Applause)

Mr. Kalter: In addition, as you spend the weekend across the street at the show, I'm sure you will have the exact same experience I have whenever I'm over there. I had it last year and I'm sure I'm going to have the exact same experience this year. I marvel at all that is happening across the street. No matter where I look, no matter where I turn, no matter where I walk, I see something that, quite honestly, blows me away. Whether it's dogs in conformation competition, dogs jumping off a dock, dogs demonstrating obedience, dogs in agility -- having a heck of a good time -- or learning from Meet the Breeds -- I am amazed at what is the world of the American Kennel Club today. What we need to do is get more people to see the world of the American Kennel Club than just the people who will be here this weekend. So I have a couple of ways we are going to be doing that to tell you about today. Number one, that world will now be



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shown on television next year.
(Applause)

Mr. Kalter: We will have a two-hour show that will include not just your typical dog show, but we will have, in two hours, a demonstration of all that you see as you walk that floor this weekend. We'll see Best in Show, Best Bred By, Best Veteran, ACE Awards, Agility, Obedience, Junior Showmanship, Breeder of the Year, Meet the Breeds, and, yes, of course -- it's television -- there will be advertising. So we will have an ad -- at least one -- for people to support the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation. Where will it be? Lifetime Network -- in 98 million households, which is 85% of America. It's one of the strongest vehicles for reaching our target audience, which is women. Sorry, guys. As I'm sure most women will attest to in this audience, it may be a husband and wife that have the dogs, but the woman runs the show. So is it true in pet homes. The show will be on, very fortunately, on a great TV weekend. It will be on the Saturday right before the Super Bowl, which is January 31st, and it will be broadcast twice on that day -- once in the morning and once in the afternoon. As we get closer to that, we will give you more details. And I will say, we have terrific opportunity through the bulk of our social media, which is now around two-and-a-half million people on Facebook, plus, we have a few other things we're doing. Because of those great efforts, we will be able to communicate to those two-and-a-half million people about all that is the American Kennel Club. But our outreach to the public won't stop there. We will continue to have live streaming on the internet, which today is basically just watching television. If you have Apple TV or Google TV or Netflix, which is one of the fastest growing networks on television -- an internet cable channel, which is exactly what we're going to be looking at. We'll be broadcasting off akc.org and also eukanuba.com. We will have two to three different kinds of broadcasts during the day. We will be seen on video On-Demand. We will be seeing agility, obedience, and all the Bred-By-Exhibitors during the day. In the evening from 6:00 to 11:00 on

live stream, we will be showing Best of Breed, Best Veteran, Best Bred-By, NOHS finals, Breeder of the Year, ACE Awards, Best in Show, Best Handler, and we will also have special features on agility, obedience and Meet the Breeds. So the goal of all this is to communicate all that we see at the show, and all that we understand about the American Kennel Club. We are now going to have a vehicle both on television -- traditional television -- and on Internet broadcast television -- we will have everything we do at the show demonstrated to the public. And I think we will have a terrific opportunity to communicate that. I want to take just a moment to thank Chris Walker, Gina DiNardo, and Dennis Sprung for making it happen. Thank you.
(Applause)

The President gave his report as follows: Thank you for being at today's meeting; your presence during the busy holiday season is appreciated by AKC as well as the clubs you represent. First let me address a business matter relating to the North Carolina facility. AKC was approached recently by our neighbor, who shares the same building with us in Raleigh, requesting additional space. Although reducing space was not part of our roadmap, good business management demanded thorough research. Along with due diligence, I presented this opportunity to the Board in October, as New York State not-for-profit law requires real estate transactions obtain board approval. On November 10th, I announced to staff that we intend to reduce our footprint from the current 75,000 square feet and simultaneously modernize our infrastructure. The announcement was well-received by staff. This transaction actually accelerated a collaborative opportunity management was already addressing, namely a strategy to increase the number of staff working remotely. Beginning early next year, most of the registration and customer service departments, consisting of about 40 people, will begin working from home. This does not affect the events department or others in the New York or Raleigh office. It is too early to know what the real estate committee, chaired by Rod Menaker, will recommend to the Board or the decision the Board will take. However, it is my responsibility in

managing our business that we are prepared for any outcome. My vision in leading our business into the future is to ensure that qualified, knowledgeable and experienced employees remain with us in the case of any possible relocation of AKC offices. By establishing remote work we will enable seamless, quality service from seasoned long-term employees to continue, minimizing the possibility of significant turnover and eliminating large expenditures, including relocation as well as the time and cost necessary to recruit and then train new employees. Next, on to some appreciation. There will be numerous breeders, owners and handlers to congratulate and celebrate through the weekend but before that happens, I would like to take some time to recognize those whose contributions in and outside of the ring have also made such a difference in our organization. Throughout my tenure at AKC, I have made it a point to lead the creation of awards including, amongst others, the 25-year Medallion Program, Good Sportsmanship Award and the Bred by Exhibitor Medals to showcase the achievements by you and other breeders, clubs, delegates, judges, show chairs and so on whose collective efforts compromise the very foundation of the sport. I believe that as an organization servicing the fancy it is our duty to not only thank you but to tell the world about what you do for dogs. For a decade back in the 1980s, I had a seat in this very body, and I know firsthand what it means to be a Delegate and one's responsibilities. I decided that those of us lucky enough to make it through 25 years of meetings really deserve a medal so, hence, the 25-year Medallion Program that we have awarded for the past 16 years to 100 Delegates and counting. I also have the pleasure of noting that two of our clubs celebrated 100-year anniversaries. Congratulations again to the Chicago Collie Club and the New Jersey Beagle Club on their centennials. Another anniversary for us to celebrate together is the decade of the Community Achievement Awards, given to clubs for exemplary public education and government relations efforts. From our first recipients in 2004 to our most recent honorees -- the Waukesha Kennel



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Club, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Club of America and the German Shepherd Dog Club of Southern New Hampshire. Clubs are, of course, comprised of so many wonderful individuals whose personal dedication collectively forms the engine of your events. The Outstanding Sportsmanship Award established in 2006 recognizes individuals who embody the code of sportsmanship. This program is a way for member clubs to express appreciation and camaraderie by awarding one of their own. Sunday evening we announce the Breeder of the Year. It always bears repeating that breeders are the cornerstone of our sport. This annual award recognizes the hard work and commitment of breeders who consistently devote themselves to improving health, temperament and quality of purebred dogs. In the dozen years of the award's existence for conformation, we've honored these dedicated and successful breeders you see on the screens. I felt it was only fitting that AKC also recognize breeders who are committed to these same values within the performance and companion sports where the instincts and training of purpose-bred dogs are showcased best. I asked Doug Ljungren and his events department to launch a program last year and the results have been a success. We will soon announce the 2014 recipients of the Breeder of the Year by sport. Lastly, I began the Lifetime Achievement Awards in 1998 to honor people who made outstanding individual contributions on a national level. Today we add three more to their ranks. From our first honorees, Rachel Page Elliott, James E. Dearing and Tom Sorenson, through the years and to today, our winners represent the spirit of volunteerism and dedication that is crucial to success. The 2015 Lifetime Achievements Award finalists, chosen from nominations by member clubs, will be celebrated at our luncheon. Three friends -- Edd Bivin, Robert J. Squires and Jeannie L. Wagner each inspire us to do all that we can for our dogs and the sports we love. Although I developed many ways to recognize you and your club members, I'm not through with this part of our corporate business. Last week I attended a charity event where "Visionaries" were rewarded. I'm working on something

along these lines to further honor you, our core constituents.

The Board and Staff are delighted to recognize the dedication and contributions of all who are here with us today and each and every one of your members across the country. We are truly in it together as we work to advance the sport, protect our rights as breeders, and enhance the health and well-being of our dogs. AKC thanks you for everything you have done and for all that you will do in the new year. Happy, healthy holidays. Thank you. (Applause.)

The Chief Financial Officer gave his report as follows:

Good morning. It's been a very full morning today; and so, in the interest of time, my presentation is going to be relatively brief. I'll go right into the year-to-date results for October. We have operating revenue of \$48 million versus 49.6. I will go into the reasons for some of these changes.

Operating expenses, however, have been held and actually reduced, so the comparison of those two figures is a modified decrease in net operating profit of a million dollars. That represents the first ten months of the year to date. What are the contributing factors to that? Royalties, sponsorship and advertising are substantially weaker. Operating revenue is down 1.6 in aggregate. This first area -- royalties sponsorship and advising -- are about a \$3 million drop all by themselves. So how do we get to just a 1.6 million? We've had stronger registration revenues than expected; we have continued slowing the registration drop; new revenues from brand new initiatives that started just last year; and payroll, which is our single largest expense, has been tightly controlled during 2014. Controllable expenses other than that -- travel, consultants, that sort of thing -- are all below 2013. The 20-year downward trend in dog registrations is showing signs of being arrested in just the past five years. There will probably be no drop in dog registrations from 2013 to 2014. That will be quite a change. So that's a very good sign. The balance sheet remains strong. We had about a \$110 million of unencumbered financial assets. That's outside of about \$70 million of pension assets, which are in fact restricted

to the pension fund. Of those 110 million, we have about 39 million that are earmarked as reserves for long-term future obligations -- unfunded pension liability, future medical claims, that sort of thing. But the largest of all of these things that make AKC strong, both in the sense that it is profitable and making money, can't, of course be registered in any financial set of numbers -- and I want to thank all of you -- because it is the hundreds of hours that volunteers provide that helps make us strong beyond the balance sheet, the millions of hours, all of you help in the volunteering aspect, which is incalculable in terms of financial assistance. We want to thank you. I'll be at the front of the room after the meeting to answer any detailed questions you have. This material is already on the Delegate portal as of 10:00 this morning and suggestions for improvements are always welcome. Thank you. (Applause)

Mr. Sprung: Thank you, Peter.

There was a vote on the proposed amendment to Chapter 14, Section 11, Rules for Retriever Trials of the Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures for Retrievers, which would allow a club to hold an Amateur All-Age only trial in place of their Open/Amateur All-Age trial once every other year, provided that their other three trials over that two-year period are Open/Amateur All-Age trials. The amendment was read to at the September meeting. It was published in two issues of the online Gazette

The Chair recognized Timothy Carrion, Delegate for American Chesapeake Club, who spoke as follows:

The American Chesapeake Club would like to propose some changes to this amendment. The club is very much in favor of the idea of allowing clubs to hold an Amateur trial without an Open. Where our differences lie is in that what has been proposed are mandates and in the application of this rule. This rule will require that a club also hold two minor stakes in conjunction with this Amateur. That is not consistent with current AKC rules, which allows a club to hold a two-stake trial. Holding this third stake would be equivalent to the mandates that you are currently dealing with in the Owner-

Handler Series in conformation. The problems in field trials are no different than the problems in conformation and agility. We face the same problems in the administration of our events. And, again, this would include another mandate for a club that deals with over and above what it has normally dealt with in a normal field trial.

The second thing that we object to is the idea that this rule would not apply to all clubs. Not all clubs have two events per year. They don't have the manpower. This actual amendment is to help clubs build up their manpower, encourage Amateur anticipation. But the clubs that need it the most would not be able to avail themselves, again, because of this restriction. The American Chesapeake Club would propose an amendment that would allow clubs to hold an Amateur All-Age stake without amendment, provided they hold at least one minor stake as the rules are now; and with one point and caveat that they also held an Open stake within the past 12 months. I'd like for you to consider this amendment to this rule from the standpoint of, what would you do for your own clubs? Would your clubs like to have an extra mandate for trial for your events? Would your club like a rule that doesn't apply to all clubs? This is not a field trial issue. This is not a dog issue. This is an administrative mechanics issue that is the same for all events, not just field trials. So I ask that you support my amendment and allow this rule to go without mandates and with application to all clubs, not just some.

Mr. Carrion made a motion to amend the proposed rule change accordingly, which motion was seconded.

The Chair called on Doug Ljungren, AKC Vice President of Sports and Events, to clarify the procedure of how this amendment was brought forward.

Mr. Ljungren: I think it's meaningful for the Delegate body to understand how the original proposal got to the point that we have it here today. This sport has an Advisory Committee. That Advisory Committee listens to the concerns that come up from the sport. If they think it requires attention, they will develop a recommendation. That recommendation

then is discussed at the summer National Amateur Championship Retriever Field Trial that's at the business meeting at that event. The Advisory Committee will then take the input that they received, modify the proposal if they view it as necessary. That recommendation is then published in a magazine, which is widely circulated in the retriever world called "Retriever News," so everybody is aware of it. The proposal will be discussed again at the national championship, which is held in the fall. Again, more input can be provided. Then the final recommendation is mailed out to every licensed Retriever Field Trial club for a vote. And there's an actual vote. And in this case, the proposal that was put forward was approved by a majority of the voting clubs. And this process for this sport has been in place for decades. That's the process that it went through. This is a mandate from the sport itself, if you want to use that term. It's a very lengthy and well-thought out, well-understood process that's used by the sport.

The Chair recognized John Russell, Delegate for the Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club, who spoke as follows:

I'm on the Retriever Advisory Committee. The process that Doug laid out is a lengthy one. It takes almost a year. During that period, we encourage and accept input and suggestions from the general community across the country. In doing that, along with the competitions at the two nationals, we came up with the rule as crafted. The most often heard comment during this process was a concern for the competitive integrity of Retriever Field Trials. We think that the way we wrote the rule, or the proposed change to the rule, preserves that competitive integrity. It allows you to hit a sweet spot. We're a little concerned that, by leaving some of these other things out, you jeopardize that competitive integrity. As for clubs that have one a year -- they weren't part of the consideration, in that we were concerned with relieving some of the burden of the clubs that hold a full schedule more than the ones that just hold a partial schedule already. They'd be further reducing their schedule to beyond bare minimum as considered by

the committee. Thank you.

The Chair recognized David Hopkins, Delegate for the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Club of Illinois, who spoke as follows:

I'm also Chair of the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee. I'd like to advise everybody that, a couple of meetings ago, our committee unanimously voted to support the basic proposed rule change that was presented to you. Yesterday, we spent considerable time at our meeting questioning Mr. Carrion about the contemplated amendment that he was going to offer. He discussed the abstract with our Committee, we also ascertained from him that at no point through the meticulous process or practical process that led to the basic proposal carried out by the Retriever Advisory Committee were these amendment changes presented to the Retriever Advisory Committee. We took a vote yesterday and unanimously voted to oppose this amendment to the proposal as presented. And on behalf of my entire Committee, I urge all of the members of the Delegate body to reject the amendment and support the basic proposal.

Mr. Carrion: Just one last comment. The American Chesapeake Club fully supports the idea of maintaining the integrity and the level of competition of Retriever Field Trials. This rule change has nothing to do with dog work. This rule change has to do with the administration of mechanics of putting on a trial. It would be the same mechanics of putting on any sort of event. What we're asking is that this type of trial -- an Amateur without an Open -- be treated like every other event within Retriever Field Trials. Make us hold to two stakes, not three. Don't mandate the third. Finally, make the rule applicable to every club, not just certain clubs based on how large they are. The clubs that need this the most are the clubs that only have one event per year. They only have one event per year because they don't have the people to hold more. That is what this whole thing was designed to do, to increase participation. Thank you for your consideration and vote for it as if this was your own club and your own type of event. Thank you.



The question on the adoption of the motion to amend did not pass and the original amendment was adopted as follows:

A club may not offer amateur stakes without offering an open stake, except the National Amateur Championship, Amateur All-Age Only Trial. However an Amateur All-Age stake, run without an Open All-Age Stake, may be selected by a field trial club provided that club has held two all-age trials consisting of both Open and Amateur All-Age stakes in the previous calendar year. This Amateur All-Age only stake is available to qualified clubs on an every other year basis and must be accompanied by two minor stakes.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to address the proposed amendment to Article XIX of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club. Mr. Crowley addressed the Delegates as follows:

It was just brought to my attention that apparently somebody has been recording this meeting. To encourage open discussion among the Delegates, you've been asked not to make any kind of recording of this meeting. You will get the transcript and the minutes on the website. We again ask, out of respect for your fellow Delegates, that you not record the meeting. Thank you.

I have been advised by the Chair of the Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee that they request this amendment not be read. At this time, they would like to withdraw the amendment for further consideration by the Committee. So this will not be read at this meeting.

The Chair called on the Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Chapter 11, Section 1, Dog Show Entries, Conditions of Dogs Affecting Eligibility of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows. Mr. Crowley spoke as follows:

This amendment, Chapter 11, Section 1, Dog Show Entries, Conditions Affecting Eligibility, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, would change the timeframe at which the limited registration must be removed for a dog to compete in a breed

competition. Currently, the limited designation must be removed prior to the closing date. This amendment would make it the day of the show rather than the day of the closing date, when the dog would have to have a full registration to compete. The amendment was brought forward by the Dog Show Rules Committee. It will be published in two issues of the online AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the March 2015 meeting.

The Chair informed the Delegates that the annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel. The March meeting will be the annual election Directors for the Class of 2019. Hotel information will be emailed and place on the Delegate Portal early in January.

The following subjects were discussed during New Business:

James Smith, Delegate for The Washington State Obedience Training Club, spoke about issues he had with the judging approval procedure being considered by the Board. He urged the Board not to move forward with a new judging policy unless it has some mechanism for subjective analysis that will prohibit judges who clearly don't have the capability of moving forward.

Sherry Wallis, Delegate for the Akita Club of America, reminded the Delegates that the Perspectives deadline is January 15th. She indicated that the coordinator for the upcoming edition is Crecia Closson.

Robert Eisele, Delegate for the Suffolk County Kennel Club, requested that at the beginning of each meeting there a moment of silence for members who have passed and for our troops.

Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, spoke about the judging approval process, stressing the need for accountability. She requested that the Board please spend some time and come forth with a proposal that is accountable and a proposal that will last for a long

period of time.

Jeffrey Drogin, Delegate for the Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club, spoke about an onerous rule that was going to be introduced into New York City requiring spaying and neutering of all puppies at the age of seven weeks old, and that would define anyone who sold the dog within the City of New York at a pet shop. He commended the AKC, and especially Sheila Goffe, for fighting this rule and getting it changed and issuing an exemption for anyone who sells less than 25 dogs a year.

Kenneth Mader, Delegate for the American Sealyham Terrier Club, asked that AKC consider having a donation portal on the AKC website, so that donations can be received from people that access our website in order to get information and help.

Marge Caltharp, Delegate for the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America, spoke about clubs giving back to the community. She indicated that the Shar-Pei club did this for every community where their national is held. She stated that this year this year her National held in Lawrence, Kansas. The club donated 12 oxygen mask packs to the fire chief of Lawrence, Kansas to be distributed. A grooming facility in that community had a fire. There were 22 dogs that were crated or kenneled in the building, but they were able to save 21 of the 22 dogs by using the masks and their training. She expressed pride and hoped that other clubs would do the same.

Julian Prager, Delegate for the Central Florida Kennel Club, spoke about the need for AKC to look at specific types of legislation that ought to be litigated and seek donations from the fancy as issues arose so that we can fight legal challenges before as well as after legislation has passed.

Gloria Marshall, Delegate for the Bayshore Companion Dog Club, requested that the AKC Board consider adopting a Reserve Best Junior Handler award.

Patte Klecan, Delegate for the American Bouvier des Flandres Club, spoke about



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the recent NAIA conference and encouraged AKC to support the New York Horse Carriage industry, in its fight to oppose a proposed ban to end this time-honored 100-year tradition of horse carriages in New York City.

The Chair recognized Barbara Mann, Delegate for the Dayton Dog Training Club, who also spoke about the New York Horse and Carriage Industry.

Ms. Klekan indicated that in her excitement in talking about the NAIA meeting and the petition in support of the horse carriages, she failed to acknowledge a sign of appreciation and support from AKC Staff, Alan Kalter and Tom Powers, who attended the meeting. Many Board members have attended in the past and they were really pleased to see that they came again to the conference.

Mr. Davies spoke about Harry Muller, and his efforts to embrace the 4-H dog-owning kids of today. He encouraged AKC to do the same.

Glenda Stephenson, Delegate for Space Coast Kennel Club of Palm Bay, welcomed the Delegates to Florida and spoke about the shows surrounding the Delegate meeting.

Betty Winters, Delegate for the Olympic Kennel Club, thank Tom Davies for speaking about 4-H and Harvey Muller's involvement in supporting it.

Sue Goldberg, Delegate for the Lewiston-Auburn Kennel Club, recognized Paula Spector's contributions to making the Delegate meetings and surrounding events run so smoothly. She also recognized Gina DiNardo and the entire Board and staff who worked so hard on the entire weekend of events. She also encouraged the adoption of the Reserve Best Junior Handler award.

The Chair called on Alan Kalter who spoke about those people who were an important part of our lives for so long and contributed so much to the sport who passed away in the past year. He asked that a moment be taken to remember those who are no longer with

us and a video was played which honored them.

Hearing no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting.
(Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.)

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