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## ATTENTION DELEGATES NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Delegates will be held at the Doubletree Newark Airport Hotel on **Tuesday, June 9, 2026**, beginning no earlier than 10:30 a.m. It will follow the Delegate Forum which will begin at 9:30 a.m.

## DELEGATE CREDENTIALS

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## NOTICE REPRIMANDS AND FINES

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Rau Dog Shows, Ltd. ....Reprimand

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Rau Dog Shows, Ltd. ....Reprimand

Notification of fine imposed on club for holding Obedience Trial without submitting an application, *Obedience Regulations*, Chapter 1, Section 1.

Janesville-Beloit Kennel Club.....\$100

Notification of fine imposed on club for cancellation of entries after closing, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 11, Section 6.

Collie Club of Southern Wisconsin .....\$400

Notification of Reprimand imposed on club for failure to follow all AKC rules and regulations, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 9, Section 9.

Progressive Dog Club .....Reprimand

Notification of Reprimand imposed on club for failure to properly divide the Bred-by-Exhibitor class, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 3, Section 8.

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.....Reprimand

Bulldog Club of America .....Reprimand

Notification of fine imposed on a club for late submission of Event Records, *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, Chapter 17, Section 2.

Topline German Shepherd Dog Club of Illinois.....\$25

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Greater Louisville Training Club .....\$200

Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of Results *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedure for Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 13, Section 3.

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Notification of fines imposed on Performance Clubs for late submission of Results *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 1, Section 18.

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Sooner State Kennel Club .....	\$100
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As a result of an Event Committee determination the following individual stands suspended of AKC privileges. It should be noted that this determination may still be appealed and may be reversed. Upon expiration of the appeal process, an appropriate notice describing the status of the individual's suspension, if any, will appear in this column:

- Ms. Jacqueline Caruso (Ridgefield, CT)
- Ms. Alice Casbeer (San Antonio, TX)
- Ms. Julie Covert (Mary Esther, FL)
- Ms. Carol Fellbaum (Houston, TX)

### **NOTICE**

Ms. Constance Bartlett (Rohnert Park, CA). Action was taken by the Shetland Sheepdog Club of Northern California for conduct at its September 20, 2025 event. Ms. Bartlett was charged with conduct characterized by the Staff Event Committee as inappropriate public criticism of a judge, not disruptive, but demonstrating lack of sportsmanship. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a reprimand and imposed a \$100 fine. Ms. Bartlett appealed the decision to an AKC Trial Board. The AKC Trial Board denied the appeal and affirmed the penalty. (Border Terriers)

## NOTICE

Ms. Michele Beatty (Middletown, MD). Action was taken by the German Shepherd Dog Club of America for conduct at its October 25, 2025 event. Ms. Beatty was charged with failure to properly control a dog at an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month event suspension and imposed a \$500 fine, effective March 3, 2026. (German Shepherd Dogs)

## NOTICE

Ms. Kathy Doehler (Pueblo, CO). Action was taken by the Corpus Christi Kennel Club for conduct at its January 9, 2026 event. Ms. Doehler was charged with improper treatment in connection with an event. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a three-month suspension of all AKC privileges and imposed a \$300 fine, effective January 20, 2026. (Multiple Breeds)

## NOTICE

Ms. Janyce Selkin (Rhinebeck, NY). Action was taken by the Mid-Hudson Kennel Association for conduct at its February 8, 2026 event. Ms. Selkin was charged with inappropriate, abusive, or foul language. The Staff Event Committee reviewed the Event Committee's report and set the penalty as a one-month event

suspension and imposed a \$500 fine, effective February 18, 2026. (Border Collies, Briards)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Tatyana Stepanchenko (Snohomish, WA) from all AKC privileges for six months and imposed a \$500 fine, for refusal to make her dogs and records available for inspection when requested, effective February 24, 2026. (Pomeranians, Poodles)

## NOTICE

The AKC's Management Disciplinary Committee has suspended Ms. Alena Davis (Lutz, FL) from registration privileges for three-months and imposed a \$500 fine, for signing AKC documents on behalf of another without filing a properly completed Power of Attorney form, effective March 24, 2026. (Bulldogs)

## **PROPOSED POINTER STANDARD FOR COMMENT:**

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

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VP Sport Services  
[mbo@akc.org](mailto:mbo@akc.org)

**General Appearance:** The Pointer is bred primarily for sport afield; he should unmistakably look and act the part. The ideal specimen gives the immediate impression of compact power and agile grace; the head noble, proudly carried; the expression intelligent and alert; the muscular body bespeaking both staying power and dash. Here is an animal whose every movement shows him to be a wide-awake, hard-driving hunting dog possessing stamina, courage, and the desire to go. And in his expression are the loyalty and devotion of a true friend of man.

**Balance and Size, Proportion, Substance:** Balance and over-all symmetry are more important in the Pointer than size. A smooth, balanced dog is to be more desired than a dog with strongly contrasting good points and faults. The Pointer is square or slightly off square. The height measured from the ground to the highest point of the withers, equaling

the length measured from the fore chest to the rear projection of the buttocks.

~~Hound or terrier characteristics are most considered most undesirable are:~~ Long ears, thick ear leather, excessive flews or snipey muzzles, roached backs, lack of tuck-up, skirting on the loin, long, ropey tails carried with a curve or sickle, cat feet and straight pasterns. Because a sporting dog must have both endurance and power, great variations in size are undesirable, the desirable height and weight being within the following limits: Dogs: Height – 25 to 28 inches Weight – 55 to 75 pounds Bitches: Height – 23 to 26 inches Weight – 44 to 65 pounds

**Head:** The *skull* of medium width, approximately as wide as the length of the muzzle, resulting in an impression of length rather than width. Slight furrow between the eyes, cheeks cleanly chiseled. There should be a pronounced stop. From this point forward the *muzzle* is of good length, with the nasal bone so formed that the nose is slightly higher at the tip than the muzzle at the stop. Parallel planes of the skull and muzzle are equally acceptable. The muzzle should be deep without pendulous flews. Jaws ending square and level, ~~should bite evenly or as scissors~~ *bite* preferred, even bite acceptable. Undershot, overshot or wry to be faulted. Nostrils well developed and wide open. *Ears*-Set on at eye level. When hanging naturally, they should reach just below

the lower jaw, close to the head, with little or no folding. They should be somewhat pointed at the tip—never round—and soft and thin in leather. *Eyes* - Of ample size, rounded and intense. The eye color should be dark in contrast with the color of the markings, the darker the better.

**Neck:** Long, dry, muscular, and slightly arched, springing cleanly from the shoulders. **Shoulders:** Long, thin, and sloping. The top of blades close together.

**Front:** Elbows well let down, directly under the withers and truly parallel so as to work just clear of the body. Forelegs straight and with oval bone. Knee joint never to knuckle over. Pasterns of moderate length, perceptibly finer in bone than the leg, and slightly slanting. Chest, deep rather than wide, must not hinder free action of forelegs. The breastbone bold, without being unduly prominent. The ribs well sprung, descending as low as the elbow-point.

**Back:** Strong and solid with only a slight decline from top of shoulder to the croup. The loin is well muscled and slightly arched with the croup slightly rounded to the base of the tail. rise from croup to top of shoulders. Loin of moderate length, powerful and slightly arched. Croup falling only slightly to base of tail. Tuck-up should be apparent, but not exaggerated.

**Tail:** Heavier at the root, tapering to a fine point. Length no greater than to

hock. A tail longer than this or docked must be penalized. ~~Carried without curl, and not more than 20 degrees above the line of the back;~~ Carried straight and not more than 20 degrees above the level of the back; never carried between the legs.

**Hindquarters:** Muscular and powerful with great propelling leverage. Thighs long and well developed. Stifles well bent. The hocks clean; the legs straight as viewed from behind. Decided angulation is the mark of power and endurance. **Feet:** Oval, with long, closely-set, arched toes, well-padded, and deep. Catfoot is a fault. Dewclaws on the forelegs may be removed.

**Coat:** Short, dense, smooth with a sheen.

**Color:** Liver, lemon, black, orange; either in combination with white or solid-colored. A good Pointer cannot be a bad color. In the darker colors, the nose should be black or brown; in the lighter shades it may be lighter or flesh-colored. There should be no preference for previously described colors. The four stated colors remain the true colors without deviation. **Nose:** Liver and lemon dogs will have a self-colored nose and eye rims. Black and orange dogs will have a black nose and black eye rims.

**Gait:** Smooth, frictionless, with a powerful hindquarters' drive. The head should be carried high, the nostrils wide, the tail moving from side to side rhythmically with the pace, giving the impression of a

well-balanced, strongly-built hunting dog capable of top speed combined with great stamina. Hackney gait must be faulted.

~~**Balance and Size:** Balance and overall symmetry are more important in the Pointer than size. A smooth, balanced dog is to be more desired than a dog with strongly contrasting good points and faults. Hound or terrier characteristics are most undesirable. Because a sporting dog must have both endurance and power, great variations in size are undesirable, the desirable height and weight being within the following limits: Dogs: Height—25 to 28 inches Weight—55 to 75 pounds Bitches: Height—23 to 26 inches Weight—44 to 65 pounds~~

**Temperament:** The Pointer's even temperament and alert good sense make him a congenial companion both in the field and in the home. He should be dignified and should never show timidity toward man or dog.

## PROPOSED PETIT BASSET GRIFFON VENDÉEN STANDARD FOR COMMENT:

In accordance with the Guidelines for Breed Standard Revisions this is being published to receive any comments prior to the balloting of the club membership. Any comments may be forwarded directly to:

Mari-Beth O'Neill  
VP Sport Services  
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**General Appearance:** The Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen is a French scent hound developed first and foremost to hunt small game over the rough and difficult terrain of the Vendéen region. To function efficiently, he must be equipped with certain characteristics. He is bold and vivacious in character; compact, tough and robust in construction. He has an alert outlook, lively bearing and a good voice freely and purposefully used. The most distinguishing characteristics of this bold hunter are: his rough, unrefined outlines; his proudly carried head displaying definitive long eyebrows, beard, and moustache; his strong, tapered tail carried like a saber, alert and in readiness. Important to breed type is the compact, casual, rather tousled appearance, with no feature exaggerated and his parts in balance. ~~Any deviation from the ideal described in the standard~~

should be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Structural faults common to all breeds are as undesirable in the PBGV as in any other breed, regardless of whether they are specifically mentioned.

**Size, Proportion, Substance:** Size - PBGVs measure between 13 and 15 inches at the withers. Height over 15 inches is a disqualification. Height under 13 inches is a disqualification at one year of age or older. Proportion - When viewed in profile, the body is somewhat longer than tall when measured from point of shoulder to buttocks, as compared to the height from withers to ground. Substance - Strong bone with substance in proportion to overall dog.

**Head:** The head is carried proudly and, in size, must be in balance with the overall dog. ~~It is longer than its width in a ratio of approximately two to one. A~~ coarse or overly large head is to be penalized. *Expression* - Alert, friendly and intelligent. *Eyes* - Large and dark with ~~good pigmentation~~ fully pigmented eye rims; somewhat oval in shape, showing no white. Haw not visible. ~~The red of the lower eyelid should not show.~~ The eyes are surmounted by long eyebrows, standing forward, but not obscuring the eyes. *Ears* - Supple, narrow and fine, covered with long hair, folding inward and ending in an oval shape. The leathers reach almost to the end of the nose. They are set on low, below the line of the eyes.

An overly long or high-set ear should be penalized. *Skull* - Slightly domed, oval in shape when viewed from the front above. It is well cut away under the eyes and has a well-developed occipital protuberance. Stop clearly defined. *Muzzle* - The length of the muzzle from nose to stop is slightly shorter than the length from the stop to occiput. The underjaw is strong and well developed. *Nose* - Black and large, with wide nostrils. A somewhat lighter shading is acceptable in lighter colored dogs. A butterfly nose is a fault. *Lips* - The lips are covered by long hair forming a beard and moustache. *Bite* - It is preferable that the teeth meet in a scissors bite, but a level bite is acceptable. Wry or undershot bites are serious faults.

**Neck, Topline, Body:** *Neck* - The neck is long and strong, without throatiness, and flows smoothly into the shoulders. *Topline* - The back is visibly level from withers to croup. There is a barely perceptible rise over a strong loin. Viewed in profile, the withers and the croup should be equidistant from the ground. Body muscular, ~~somewhat longer than tall~~ back of medium length and compact, ~~casual in appearance~~, with no feature exaggerated and his parts in balance. Chest rather deep, with prominent sternum. Ribs moderately rounded, extending well back. Loin short, strong, and muscular. There is but little tuck-up. *Tail* of medium length, set on high, it is strong at the base and

tapers regularly. It is well furnished with hair, has but a slight curve and is carried proudly like the blade of a saber; normally pointing at about two o'clock. In a curved downward position the tip of the tail bone should reach no further than the hock joint when lowered.

**Forequarters:** Shoulders clean and well laid back. Upper arm approximately equal in length to the shoulder blade. Elbows close to the body. *Legs* - The length of leg from elbow to ground should be slightly more than half the height from withers to ground. Viewed from the front, it is desirable that the forelegs be straight, but a slight crook is acceptable. In either case, the leg appears straight, is strong and well boned, but never coarse nor weedy. Improperly constructed front assemblies, including poor shoulder placement, short upper arms, out at elbows, lack of angulation and fiddle fronts, are all serious faults. Pasterns strong and slightly sloping. Any tendency to knuckle over is a serious fault. Dewclaws may, or may not, be removed. *Feet* - Not too long, between hare and cat foot, with hard, tight pads. The nails are strong and short.

**Hindquarters:** Strong and muscular with good bend of stifle. A well-defined second thigh. Hips wide, thighs well muscled. Hocks are short and well angulated, perpendicular from hock to ground. Hocks and Rear Pasterns- Hocks well let down, short, and firm. Rear pasterns

strong, short, and vertical. When viewed from the rear, the hind legs are straight and parallel, turning neither in nor out. Long, weak, loose, cow-hocked, or sickle-hocked rears are faults. Hocks are short and well angulated, perpendicular from hock to ground. Feet are as in front, except that they must point straight ahead.

**Coat:** The coat is rough, not too long and without exaggeration, and harsh to the touch, with a thick shorter undercoat. It is never silky or woolly. ~~The eyes are surmounted by long eyebrows, standing forward but not obscuring the eyes. The ears are covered by long hair. The lips are covered by long hair forming a beard and moustache. The tail is well furnished with hair. The overall appearance is casual and tousled. The rough, unrefined outline and tousled appearance of this rustic hunting hound is essential. Any sculpting, clipping, scissoring or shaping of the coat is contrary to PBGV breed type. The PBGV coat should be clean, neatened as necessary, but always remain casually disarrayed. Any deviation from the ideal described here and in the General Appearance Section of the official standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation.~~ For show purposes the coat may be tidied but a natural appearance must be retained. Sculpting, clipping, or scissoring should be penalized.

**Color:** White with any combination of lemon, orange, black, sable, tricolor or

grizzle markings, providing easy visibility in the field.

**Gait:** The movement should be free at all speeds. Front action is straight and reaching well forward. Going away, the hind legs are parallel and have great drive. Convergence of the front and rear legs towards his center of gravity is proportional to the speed of his movement. Gives the appearance of an active hound, capable of a full day's hunting.

**Temperament:** Confident, happy, extroverted, independent yet willing to please, never timid nor aggressive.

*Any deviation from the ideal described in the standard should be penalized to the extent of the deviation. Structural faults common to all breeds are as undesirable in the PBGV as in any other breed, regardless of whether they are specifically mentioned.*

**Disqualification:** *Height over 15 inches is a disqualification. Height under 13 inches is a disqualification at one year of age or older.*

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE RULES APPLYING TO DOG SHOWS – CHAPTER 3, SECTION 12**

The AKC Board has endorsed the following amendment to **Chapter 3, Section 12** of the *Rules Applying to Dogs Shows*, proposed by the Dog Show Rules Committee. This will be voted on at the June 9, 2026 Delegate Meeting.

### **CHAPTER 3 DOG SHOW CLASSIFICATIONS SECTION 12**

Event committees may provide such other classes of recognized breeds or recognized varieties of breeds as they may choose, provided they do not conflict with the conditions of the above-mentioned classes, ~~and are judged before Best of Breed competition, and castration or spaying is not a condition of the class.~~ Such additional classes shall be divided by sex.

No class may be given in which more than one breed or recognized variety of breed may be entered, except as provided in these rules and regulations.

~~No class may be given for which castration or spaying is a condition of class.~~

## CONFORMATION JUDGES

Letters concerning judges and provisional judges should be addressed to the Judging Operations Department at PO Box 900062, Raleigh, NC 27675-9062. Letters concerning Agility, Obedience, Rally, Tracking, and VST applicants should be addressed to the Companion Events Department in North Carolina.

The American Kennel Club will, at the request of a judge or judge applicant, provide that individual with copies of letters received regarding their judging qualifications. As a result, it should be understood that any such correspondence will be made available, upon request, to the judge or judge applicant.

It is the responsibility of all Conformation and Junior Showmanship judges to notify the Judging Operations Department of any changes or corrections to their address, phone, fax or emails. These changes are very important because they affect your judges' record, the web site and the Judges Directory. Please notify Judging Operations by email at [judgingops@akc.org](mailto:judgingops@akc.org).

## APPLICANTS

The following persons applications have been submitted for the breed(s) specified ***but they are NOT eligible to accept assignments.***

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Ms. Patricia M. Mullin  
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The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been submitted to The American Kennel Club. Letters in regard to these applications should be addressed to Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary:

D'AWSOME – Biewer Terriers – David H. Graber & Delores Ann Graber

FILUCY BAY – Bernese Mountain Dogs – W. Clark Powell & Margaret Heidal

FLY HIGH – Boykin Spaniels – Aaron Wilkinson

HAYSTAC'S – Old English Sheepdogs – Madeline J. Erickson

HEARTLINE'S – Giant Schnauzers – Danny M. Adams

REOLEG – German Shorthaired Pointers – Blake Daniel

SOLEIL – Norwich Terriers – Janet Christoff

Viz WHIZZ – Vizsla – Pamela J. Shearer

## **REGISTERED NAME PREFIXES GRANTED**

The following applications for a breed-specific Registered Name Prefix have been granted

4PEAKS – Miniature Schnauzers – Dennis J. Scheffler

DARKFIRE – Harriers – Lori N. Sternola

ENDACHS – Dachshunds – Victoria L. Lee

HAVIC – Norfolk Terriers – Victor C. Allen

HAVIC – Norwich Terriers – Victor C. Allen & Alexa A. Kerns

HOUND RIDGE – Irish Wolfhounds & Scottish Deerhounds – Joyce Weaver & Donald Weaver

LA SENTINELLA – Cane Corso – Andrea C. Angel

NOBLE SPIRIT – Cane Corso – Terri Ellen Hanks

LIMITED EDITION – St. Bernards – Amber L. Roberts

METEORA – Bullmastiffs – Andrea C. Hesser, DVM

RIVERHOUSE – Golden Retrievers – Sherry Waszak & John Waszak

SAHAILEY – Cavalier King Charles Spaniels – Crystal Jones

SANDHILLS – Bullmastiffs – Erin I. Mitchell

SILVERADO – Dachshunds – Janice L. Warder

TARRYMORE – Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers – Madelaine A. Poppke



**AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB, INC.  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
AKC OFFICES AT 101 PARK AVENUE,  
NEW YORK, NY  
APRIL 13-14, 2026**

The Board convened on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 8:31 a.m. Eastern Time.

Present in the New York Office: Dr. Thomas Davies (Chairman), Dr. Michael Knight (Vice Chairman), Ms. Gina DiNardo (President & CEO), Dr. Carmen Battaglia, Mr. Dominic Carota, Ms. Sally Fineburg, Mr. Eduardo Fugiwara, Dr. Charles Garvin, Ms. Sue Goldberg, Mr. Steven Hamblin, Mr. Jason Hoke, Mr. Dan Smyth, and Ms. Sylvia Thomas.

The Executive Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer were also present.

Mr. Robin Stansell joined the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

## **February Minutes**

Copies of the February 6-7, 2026 Board Meeting minutes had previously been provided to all Directors for review.

Sheila Goffe presented an amendment to February 2026 minutes to clarify that, in the vote to disapprove the AKC Bylaws Committee's recommendation to amend

Article XIV, Section 1 of the AKC Bylaws (to require a fee to file a complaint at an AKC event), Mr. Tatro voted in opposition to the motion.

Upon a motion by Dr. Davies, and seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the amendment.

Upon a motion by Dr. Davies, and seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the February 2026 Board Meeting minutes as amended.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. It was reported out of this session that the Executive Officers were re-elected.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Executive Officers of the American Kennel Club were reelected to the following positions:

President & Chief Executive Officer –  
Gina M. DiNardo

Chief Financial Officer – Theodore E.  
Phillips

Executive Secretary – Sheila H. Goffe

## **Board Committee Assignments**

Upon the motion of Dr. Garvin, seconded by Dr. Knight, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to affirm the following Board Committee Assignments and other Appointments.

Board Appeals: Mr. Smyth (Chairman),  
Mr. Stansell, Ms. Fineburg

Audit: Dr. Garvin (Chairman),  
Mr. Stansell, Mr. Carota

Retirement Plans Committee (Pension):  
Dr. Garvin (Chairman), Mr. Hoke,  
Ms. Thomas

Investment: Dr. Knight (Chairman),  
Ms. Fineburg, Mr. Fugiwara

Compensation: Dr. Davies (Chairman),  
Mr. Carota, Dr. Knight

Finance: Dr. Knight (Chairman),  
Mr. Carota, Ms. Goldberg

Communications (Ad Hoc Committee):  
Mr. Carota, Ms. Fineburg, Mr. Hoke

The AKC Board Chairman and Vice  
Chairman are ex-officio members of all  
Board Committees.

## Additional Board Appointments

### AKC Reunite

Dr. Battaglia  
Ms. Fineburg,  
Mr. Smyth (Chair)  
Ms. Thomas  
Ms. Wallin (Vice Chair)

### Detection Dog Task Force

Dr. Battaglia (Co-Chair)  
Mr. Sweetwood (Co-Chair)  
Mr. Stansell  
Ms. Wallin

### AKC Political Action Committee (PAC)

Dr. Battaglia (April 2026-2028)  
Mr. Fugiwara (April 2025-2027)  
Ms. LaBerge (April 2026-2028)  
Ms. McAteer (April 2025-2027)  
Mr. Smyth (April 2025-2027)  
Mr. Sweetwood (April 2026-2028)

### AKC Canine Health Foundation (AKC CHF)

Ms. Fineburg (April 2026-2029)  
Dr. Garvin (April 2024-2027)  
Mr. Hamblin (April 2025-2028)

### AKC Purebred Preservation Bank

Dr. Garvin, Chair (2025-2028)  
Mr. Carota (2024-2027)  
Mr. Fugiwara (2026-2029)

## **Chairman's Update**

Dr. Davies welcomed returning Board member Dominic Palleschi Carota and new Board members Sue Goldberg and Jason Hoke and provided a general overview of Board operations.

## **President's Update**

Ms. DiNardo welcomed returning Board member Dominic Palleschi Carota and new Board members Sue Goldberg and Jason Hoke.

She outlined numerous positive developments in expanding relationships and agreements with kennel clubs around the world, including those in Korea, China, New Zealand, and Australia.

AKC is working with both external (BDO) and internal experts to conduct a comprehensive analysis and implement a strategy to modernize the organization, streamline business and technology processes, and better serve customer needs. Additional details will be provided to the Board and, subsequently, to the Delegates at upcoming meetings.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

## **Legal Update**

Patricia Hines, Corporate Counsel – Litigation, participated in this portion of the meeting.

The Board reviewed the Legal Department update as of April 2026.

## **AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) Q1 2026 Report**

Dr. Stephanie Montgomery, AKC CHF President and CEO, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference and presented CHF's Q1 2026 update.

At their March meeting, the CHF Board approved a new Director, Dr. Kris Alpi. The CHF Board also approved the following slate of 2026 Officers for the CHF Board of Directors: Dr. Mary Smith, Chair, Dr. Wayne Jensen, Vice Chair,

Steven Hamblin, Treasurer, Susan Hamil, Secretary.

**Financial Status:** The AKC Canine Health Foundation closed FY2025 with total assets reaching \$41.82M and a net surplus of \$3.44M, driven by strong investment performance and disciplined expense management.

## **Delegate Committee Assignments**

Upon a motion by Mr. Hoke, seconded by Dr. Battaglia, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the following Board Liaisons to the Delegates Committees.

### Delegate Committee Board Liaisons

**Coordinating Committee:** Dr. Knight, Dr. Davies

**All-Breed Clubs:** Mr. Carota, Ms. Fineburg

**Bylaws:** Ms. Goldberg, Ms. Thomas

**Canine Health:** Dr. Garvin

**Companion Events:** Mr. Hamblin

**Delegate Advocacy and Advancement:** Mr. Smyth

**Dog Show Rules:** Mr. Hoke

**Field Trial and Hunting Tests Events:** Ms. Fineburg

**Herding, Earthdog, Coursing and Scent Work Events:** Mr. Fugiwara

**Parent Clubs:** Mr. Stansell, Dr. Battaglia

## **FINANCE**

### **Preliminary Financial Statements (Unaudited) February 28, 2026**

Ted Phillips, Chief Financial Officer, reported on the interim financial statements for the two months ending February 28, 2026. This period reported Net Operating Income of \$349 thousand after use of ratable investment allocation to the program of \$473 thousand. The two months were marked by reduced registration revenues and positive cost containment as compared to the same period in 2025.

## **EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Sheila Goffe, Executive Secretary and Vice President, Government Relations, participated in this portion of the meeting. Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sport Services, also participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

Upon the motion of Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to adopted the following resolutions.

### **Resolution Honoring Christopher L. Sweetwood**

WHEREAS, Christopher L. Sweetwood First joined the Delegate Body as Delegate from the Trap Falls Kennel Club and was elected to The American Kennel Club Board of Directors on March thirteenth, two thousand and eighteen, serving until March tenth, two thousand and

twenty-six; and

WHEREAS, during his Board tenure, he served as Co-Chairman of the Detection Dog Task Force; and Board Liaison to the Delegate Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee and the Delegate Advocacy and Advancement Committee; and

WHEREAS, he served as Vice-Chairman of the American Kennel Club Political Action Committee; as a Member of the Board Investment Committee; and as Founder of AKC Reunites Adopt a K-9 Cop Matching Grant program; and

WHEREAS, as an AKC Board Member, he brought to bear the wisdom acquired during his experience in the military and law-enforcement; his lifelong devotion to Field Sports; his time as a Hunt Test Judge and Canine Good Citizen Evaluator/Temperament Tester; and his participation in Conformation, Obedience, Rally, and Therapy Work; and

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the substantial contributions he has made to the organization during his years on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished sportsman, gentleman, and friend.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to him their most sincere

best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his past and continuing dedicated service to The American Kennel Club.

## **Resolution Honoring Harold “Red” Tatro III**

WHEREAS, Harold “Red” Tatro III First joined the Delegate Body as Delegate from the Fort Worth Kennel Club and was elected to The American Kennel Club Board of Directors on March thirteenth, two thousand and eighteen, serving until March tenth, two thousand and twenty-six; and

WHEREAS, during his Board tenure, he served as Chairman of the Board’s Audit Committee; and as a Member of the Board Finance Committee and the Board Approval Process Ad Hoc Committee; and

WHEREAS, he served as Board Liaison to the Delegate All-Breed Clubs Committee; Board Liaison to the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee; and Board Liaison to the Delegate Herding, Earthdog and Coursing Events Committee; and

WHEREAS, as an AKC Board Member, his long experience as a breeder, owner, handler of Lakeland Terriers and Whip-pets; his terms as President of both of his breeds’ Parent Clubs; his time as a respected multigroup judge; his years handling in AKC Obedience, Rally, and Lure

Coursing; combined with business acumen acquired during his years as a Certified Public Accountant and Chief Financial Officer, made him uniquely qualified to help guide the American Kennel Club during his Board service; and

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the substantial contributions he has made to the organization during his years on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished sportsman, all-around fancier, gentleman, and friend.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Directors of The American Kennel Club extend to him their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his past and continuing dedicated service to The American Kennel Club.

## **Resolution Honoring Ann Wallin**

WHEREAS, Ann Wallin First joined the Delegate Body as Delegate from the Atlanta Kennel Club and was elected to The American Kennel Club Board of Directors on March thirteenth, two thousand and eighteen, serving until March tenth, two thousand and twenty-six; and

WHEREAS, during her Board tenure, she served as Chairwoman of the Board Retirement Plans Committee and Board

Liaison to the Delegate Parent Clubs Committee; and

WHEREAS, she served as a Member of the Board Finance Committee; Board Investment Committee; Board Pension Committee; Communications Ad Hoc Committee; AKC Detection Dog Task Force; and an AKC Reunite Board Member; and

WHEREAS, as an AKC Board Member, her terms as Delegate, Board Member, and President of Atlanta Kennel Club, and her varied service on the club's show committee; her decades as a breeder-owner-exhibitor of Boxers and Rottweilers in Conformation and Obedience; her extensive Delegate committee work; and the business skills that made her an award-winning entrepreneur in real estate and pharmaceuticals, combined to make her an invaluable member of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, we are ever mindful of the substantial contributions she has made to the organization during her years on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, we will ever cherish our association with this distinguished sports-woman, executive, gentlewoman, and friend.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the Directors of The American Ken-

nel Club extend to her their most sincere best wishes for the years ahead and their deep appreciation for his past and continuing dedicated service to The American Kennel Club.

## **Pointer Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The American Pointer Club has submitted proposed revisions to the Pointer standard impacting the following portions of the breed standard: size, proportion, substance; hound characteristics; head; back; and color. ([See Appendix A.](#))

Upon the motion of Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Dr. Garvin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to publish the proposed revisions to the Pointer standard in the May 2026 Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette* for comment.

## **Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Proposed Breed Standard Revision**

The Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen Club of America, Inc. (PBGVCA), has submitted proposed revisions to the breed standard. ([See Appendix B.](#)) The PBGV Standard was approved April 22, 2014.

Upon the motion of Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Mr. Stansell, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to publish the proposed revisions to the Petit Basset Griffon Vendéen standard in the May 2026 Secretary's Page of the *AKC Gazette* for comment.

## **Board Meeting Dates 2026-2027 and Co-Location Options**

Staff provided information requested by the Board at the February meeting regarding options for co-locating Board meetings with Delegate meetings for the remainder of 2026 and for future scheduling. The purpose of this request is to explore opportunities to reduce the costs associated with holding eight stand-alone Board meetings in New York City each year.

Upon the motion of Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Stansell, The Board VOTED (In favor: Dr. Davies, Dr. Battaglia, Mr. Carota, Ms. Fineburg, Mr. Fugiwara, Dr. Garvin, Ms. Goldberg, Mr. Hoke, Mr. Smyth, Mr. Stansell, and Ms. Thomas. Opposed: Mr. Hamblin, Dr. Knight) to hold a September 2026 Board meeting on September 15-16, in Newark New Jersey, in conjunction with the September Delegate meeting.

## **Parent Club Request to Retire Cutwater (Portuguese Water Dog)**

The Portuguese Water Dog Club of America has requested the retirement of the kennel name “Cutwater” on behalf of the owners. Staff recommends that the Portuguese Water Dog Club of America, request to retire “Cutwater” be granted.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **Parent Club Request to Retire Damasio (Doberman Pinscher)**

The Doberman Pinscher Club of America has requested the retirement of the kennel name “Damasio” on behalf of the owners. Staff recommends that the Doberman Pinscher Club of America, request to retire “Damasio” be granted.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **New Breed for Foundation Stock Service – Old Danish Pointer**

Staff reported that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS®) Committee has approved a petition for the Old Danish Pointer to be accepted into the FSS® Program. The breed is recognized by FCI countries, in Group 7 – Pointing Dogs.

## **New Breed for Foundation Stock Service – Saarloos Wolfhound**

Staff reported that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS®) Committee has approved a petition for the Saarloos Wolfhound to be accepted into the FSS® Program. The breed is recognized by FCI countries, in Group 1 – Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs.

## **New Breed for Foundation Stock Service – Silken Windhound**

Staff reported that the Foundation Stock Service (FSS®) Committee has approved a petition for the Silken Windhound to be accepted into the FSS® Program. The breed is recognized by several FCI countries.

## **Citizen Science Task Force**

### **Clarifications**

The Citizen Science Task Force submitted a memo clarifying their recommendations regarding an introductory period for new breeds and recognition of new breeds, which were discussed at the February 2026 Board meeting. The Task Force believes that the Board may have misunderstood two of the Task Force's recommendations.

The Board discussed ways to improve the recognition process to help foster future success for new breeds.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smyth, seconded by Ms. Thomas, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to discuss the matter further at the May Board meeting.

## **Board Appeals Committee**

The Board Appeals Committee presented an update on recent matters before the committee.

## **Companion & Performance**

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events, Lisa Liggins, Administrative Director, Obedience, Rally, and Tracking, and Caroline Murphy, Director of Performance Events participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Parent Club Request for Three-Quarter Jump Height in Obedience – Norfolk Terrier**

The Norfolk Terrier Club has submit-

ted a request to have the regular jump height requirement in Obedience lowered to three-quarters the height of the dog at the withers. The club submitted extensive documentation in support of the request, which was reviewed by staff. The Staff is in support of the request.

This change would require an amendment to the *Obedience Regulations* and may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, this change would become effective June 1, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **Redefine the meaning of “Fast” in the Obedience Regulations**

The Companion Events Committee has requested redefinition of the “Fast” in the *Obedience Regulations*. The committee noted that many handlers, due to physical limitations and safety concerns, are not able to run.

Staff recommends that the words “must run” be removed from the current statement and replaced with “Fast”, which means that the handler and dog must move forward at a noticeably accelerated speed. ([See Appendix C.](#))

This change would require an amendment to the *Obedience Regulations* and may be approved by a vote of the Board. If approved, this change would become effective June 1, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **Retriever Hunting Tests – New National Retriever Gun Dog Championship**

The Board considered a proposal to allow the newly-formed AKC-licensed, National Retriever Gun Dog Championship Club, Inc. to host an annual national event within the AKC Retriever Hunting Test program called the National Retriever Gun Dog Championship. ([See Appendix D.](#))

These are changes made to the *Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers* and may be made by a vote of the Board. If approved, these changes will become effective June 1, 2026.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **CONFORMATION**

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events; Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation; Guy Fisher, Director, Event Operations Support; and Mark Desrosiers, Director, Event Programs, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Bred By Exhibitor Class – Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 3, Section 8**

The Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee (“DSRC”) has made a recommendation to modify **Chapter 3, Section 8** of

the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, which if adopted, would allow clubs who exercise the option to divide the Bred-by-Exhibitor class by age, to further divide the Bred-by-Exhibitor Puppy Class to divisions of six months of age and under nine months, and nine months of age and under twelve months.

Due to current limitations associated with IT programming for new projects and collected data that indicates that this would not increase participation significantly; staff recommended that the Board not approve the DSRC’s proposal at this time.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hoke, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the recommendation of staff to not approve further division of the Bred-By-Exhibitor class at this time.

## **Alterations To Dogs – Rules Applying to Dog Shows – Chapter 11, Section 8 & 8-D**

**Chapter 11** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* addresses eligibility of entries at Conformation dog shows. **Sections 8 and 8-D** address matters such as castration, spaying, blindness, deafness, change of appearance, not having two normally descended testicles. The Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee proposed amendments to the rules to:

1. Insert “Conformation” where applicable in-front of “show” to clarify that

any impact on eligibility resulting from a disqualification for these conditions was specific to Conformation.

2. Remove all text related to cropping, docking, removal of dewclaws, and change of appearance from **Chapter 11, Section 8** and relocate into **Chapter 11, Section 8-D**.
3. Reformat and reorganize sections for greater clarity including the insertion of bulleted text.
4. Replace he with he/she to make gender neutral.
5. Inserts definition of blind (without useful vision) as found in *The Obedience Regulations*.

([See Appendix E.](#))

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Mr. Hoke, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the modifications to Chapter 11, Sections 8 and 8-D of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*.

The proposed modifications to **Chapter 11, Sections 8 and 8-D** will be read at the June 2026 Delegate meeting and voted at the September 2026 Delegate meeting. These proposals will be presented as a single vote. If approved by the Delegate Body, the effective date will be October 1, 2026.

### **International Dog Shows**

The Federation Canófila Mexicana (“FCM”) has inquired about holding

AKC licensed specialty shows for several popular breeds in conjunction with its inaugural FCM Universal Championship shows, scheduled for November 12-15, 2026, in Mexico City, Mexico. Because the AKC International Dog Show Regulations currently do not allow for specialty shows and would require modification to permit them, staff presented FCM’s request to the Board at its February 2026 meeting, and provided a series of proposed amendments to the *Regulations for American Kennel Club International Dog Shows* to allow FCM to offer independent, single-breed specialty shows alongside its licensed all-breed events. ([See Appendix F.](#))

Upon a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to waive standard procedures and advance the measure immediately.

Upon a motion by Ms. Fineburg, seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the proposed amendments and allow FCM to offer AKC licensed independent, single-breed specialty shows alongside its AKC licensed All-Breed events.

The effective date is immediate.

### **Adding a NOHS Regional in Alaska**

The Board considered a recommendation to add a NOHS Regional show in Alaska for the 2026-2027 period. The show would be hosted by Cook Inlet Kennel

Club on July 31, 2027, in Palmer, Alaska.

Upon a motion by Mr. Hamblin, seconded by Ms. Goldberg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to waive standard procedures and advance the measure immediately.

Upon a motion by Mr. Carota, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to add a NOHS regional show in Alaska.

### **NOHS Regional 2026- 2027 Host Clubs**

The following clubs have been selected to host the 2026-2027 NOHS Regional shows:

The 2026 – 2027 Regional Host Clubs are:

Cornhusker Kennel Club	NE	10/2/2026
Skokie Valley Kennel Club	IL	11/20/2026
Corpus Christi Kennel Club	TX	1/16/2027
Birmingham Kennel Club	AL	4/9/2027
Los Encino's Kennel Club	CA	5/28/2027
Plainfield Kennel Club	NJ	5/29/2027
Clackamas Kennel Club	OR	6/26/2027
South Shore Kennel Club	MA	9/17/2027

### **Scheduling Conformation Events**

At the request of the Board, staff provided a review of the *Scheduling Best Practices*, proposed enhancements to it, and further options for consideration that will require additional actions to pursue.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

### **Administrative Access for Cluster Coordinators**

At the January 2026 Board meeting, the staff was directed to pursue allowing access to cluster coordinators to complete process and/or administrative tasks that are currently required of each individual show chair in a cluster. Staff updated the Board on the background of the rules, policies, and procedures that outline who is permitted to complete administrative tasks for a club and its events, and options to permit a cluster coordinator to perform some or all tasks.

Staff will continue to explore options for streamlining AKC events when increased technology programming bandwidth becomes available.

### **Fines & Reprimands**

Staff updated the Board on recent fines and reprimands.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was an EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss sensitive business matters. Nothing was reported out of this session.

### **Events & Entries**

Staff updated the Board on event and entry numbers.

### **JUDGING OPERATIONS**

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events, and Tim Thomas, VP of Conformation participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Judging Applications and Pending Discipline Policy**

The *Judging Applications and Pending Discipline Policy* states that when a judging applicant has been notified of an investigation or charged with alleged misconduct, the application is held pending resolution of the disciplinary matter. Staff provided a recommendation to amend the policy to clarify that applications held under this policy will be returned if the final resolution results in a suspension affecting judging privileges.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **Approval of Newly Recognized Breeds**

At the January 2026 Board meeting, staff was directed to study ways to improve efficiency with which judges may get approved for newly recognized breeds. Staff provided the Board with an overview of the current Board policy, options to modify, and a recommendation to amend the *Adjunct Application Process* by extending the period in which an adjunct breed is added to an application for the balance of the group to one year after the date of full recognition.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **Use of Table and Ramp in Junior Showmanship Classes**

Staff provided the Board with an overview

of the Judging Operations Department's direction concerning the use of the table and ramp in Junior Showmanship classes.

## **Pilot Program for Federation Canófila de Puerto Rico Judges**

The Board considered a request by the Federation Canófila de Puerto Rico ("FCPR") to institute a pilot program to transition FCPR judges to AKC approved judges.

## **Conformation Judging Statistics**

Judging Operations staff provided the Board with statistics related to Conformation judging applications considered by the Department for the preceding three months.

## **REGISTRATION DEVELOPMENT**

Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events; Mari-Beth O'Neill, VP of Sport Services; Keva Allen, Director of DNA Operations; and Jill Zapadinsky, Sr. Director of Customer Service joined this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **AKC Purebred Preservation Bank Update**

The AKC Purebred Preservation Bank (AKC PPB), provided an update including a brief review of PPB's history, structure, financial status, activities, and future plans.

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin, and seconded by Mr. Hamblin, the AKC Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the

appointment of the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the AKC PPB, for three-year terms in the Class of 2029:

- a. Eduardo Fugiwara as AKC Board Director
- b. Vanessa Skou as AKC Staff Director
- c. Dr. Jerold Bell as Community Director

## **Cloned Dogs**

A recent inquiry has highlighted the need for additional clarity regarding the Board Policy on cloned dogs – specifically the phrase “under certain circumstances a cloned dog may obtain a Purebred Alternate Listing (PAL) enrollment.” The Board discussed implications for consideration of cloned dogs as part of the PAL program. Staff recommended a clarification that cloned dogs are eligible to be listed as PAL dogs provided they otherwise meet all the requirements of the PAL program, including spaying/neutering. Further, cloned dogs that are enrolled in the PAL program are eligible to participate in any event that a dog with a PAL listing can participate. This is a Board Policy and may be modified by a vote of the Board.

The Board agreed to reconvene an ad hoc committee of experts to update its scientific knowledge on the matter.

This will be discussed further at the May Board meeting.

## **CLUBS**

Lisa Cecin, Director of Club Relations, joined this portion of the meeting. Doug Ljungren, EVP, Sports & Events, joined this portion of the meeting via video conference.

## **Newly Accredited and Dissolved Local Specialty Clubs – 2021 through 2025**

In response to discussion at the February Board meeting, Staff provided the Board with a report on new specialty clubs and those that dissolved in the past 5 years (2021-2025) and an analysis of recent specialty club gains and losses by breed group. Highlights include:

- 104 new local specialty clubs were accredited and 23 local specialty clubs dissolved.
- The 104 new local specialty clubs accredited represent 57 breeds and are spread across 29 states.
- The 23 clubs that dissolved represented 17 breeds and were spread across 16 states.
- The breed with the largest number of new specialty clubs accredited is the Beagle (18 clubs), most of which are field trial clubs.
- The breed with the largest number of new specialty clubs holding Conformation events is the Cane Corso (7 clubs).

## **Report on Member Club Bylaws Approved in February and March**

Asheville Kennel Club, Buncombe  
County (1937)

Greater Hickory Kennel Club, Catawba  
County, NC (2003)

Hendersonville Kennel Club, Henderson-  
ville, NC (2016)

Menson Kennel Club, Santa Rosa, CA  
(1973)

Yakima Valley County Kennel Club, Yaki-  
ma County, WA (1956)

## **Report On Newly Licensed Clubs Approved in February and March**

Carolina Finnish Lapphund Club, greater  
Charlotte, NC (including NC communities  
east to Interstate 40, west to Interstate 26  
and no further south than Spartanburg,  
SC), 23 total households, 13 local.

Emerald Coast Retriever Club, greater  
Vernon, FL (including communities north-  
east to Cottonwood, AL and southwest to  
Santa Rosa Beach in proximity to Interstate  
331 and Interstate 231), 23 total households,  
12 local.

Heartland Russian Toy Club of Wiscon-  
sin, greater Milwaukee, WI (including  
communities north to West Bend, south  
to WI/IL state line, west to Route 73), 23  
total households, 13 local.

North Florida Doberman Pinscher Club,  
greater Tallahassee, FL (including com-  
munities north to GA/AL state lines,  
south to Panama City, east to Lake City  
and west to Pensacola), 21 total house-  
holds, 15 local.

Portuguese Water Dog Club of the Car-  
olinas, state of North Carolina, 58 total  
households, 39 local.

## **COMPLIANCE**

Patricia Hines, Corporate Counsel –  
Litigation, participated in this portion of  
the meeting. Bri Tesarz, Director of Com-  
pliance, and Jessica Lopez, Compliance  
Manager, participated in this portion of  
the meeting via video conference.

## **Bylaws/Discipline Study Committee Report**

At the Board's May 2025 meeting, the  
Board appointed a committee to examine  
ways to make the AKC discipline process  
easier to understand and make recommen-  
dations for bylaw changes ("The Bylaws/  
Discipline Study Committee"). The By-  
laws/Discipline Study Committee has  
been reviewing numerous documents that  
pertain to AKC's disciplinary process, in-  
cluding *AKC Charter and Bylaws*, *Dealing  
with Misconduct at American Kennel Club  
Events* booklet, AKC Discipline Guide-  
lines, *Personal Conduct Policy*, *Judicial or  
Administrative Determination of Inappropri-  
ate Treatment Policy*, and Trial Board and

Appeal Trial Board Procedures pamphlet in order to simplify and modernize the AKC disciplinary requirements and processes.

The Board discussed committee recommended changes to AKC's *Personal Conduct Policy* and the AKC Discipline Guidelines based on their discussions. The Board will discuss this further at the May Board meeting.

### **Staff Event Committee Report of Actions Taken**

The Board received a report of actions taken.

### **Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred – Non-Inappropriate Treatment**

The Board received a report of preferred charges.

### **Summary of Actions by Management Disciplinary Committee – Charges Preferred – Inappropriate Treatment**

The Board received a report of preferred charges.

### **Summary of Finalized Disciplinary Actions as of March 17, 2026**

The Board received a report of finalized disciplinary actions as of March 17, 2026.

*(Final Board Disciplinary actions are reported on the Secretary's Page.)*

### **CONSENT**

The Board VOTED to remove the following item from the Consent agenda and to have it brought back for further discussion at the May Board meeting.

### **Foundation Stock Services Guidelines – AKC Citizen Science Task Force Suggestions**

The Citizen Science Task Force submitted suggested changes to the Foundations Stock Service Guidelines. Staff has reviewed the recommendations and provided feedback as well as recommended revisions that can be implemented upon approval from the AKC Board.

The recommendation is to modify the Foundation Stock Services Guidelines –

1. For FSS breed Parent Clubs, if there is a lapse of three years in communication between the Sports Services Department and the designated Parent Club, the club will no longer be considered representing the breed.
2. One of the criteria for a breed to be considered for full recognition is that there must be minimum of ten Parent Club households owning dogs that have earned AKC titles.
3. The AKC Communications Department will develop a 12-month media and social media plan for clubs of newly recognized breeds. This plan

will serve as a practical roadmap to help clubs build visibility, generate interest, and raise public awareness for the breed, with AKC offering guidance and support to assist clubs.

These are modifications to the *Foundation Stock Service Guidelines* and may be made by a vote of the Board. The Board asked for more information from staff. Upon a motion by Mr. Smyth and seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the board VOTED (unanimously) to discuss this further at the May Board meeting.

Upon a motion by Dr. Garvin, seconded by Ms. Fineburg, the Board VOTED (unanimously) to approve the Consent agenda items listed to follow.

### **Dual Pointed Obstacle in FAST Classes**

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to change to the Agility Regulations to allow a second dual pointed obstacle to be utilized in the FAST class. Specifically, it allows as an option, the ability for designers to use a second, dual pointed obstacle in the FAST class.

These changes will become effective June 1, 2026.

### **Two Novice and Open Trials on the Same Day**

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to amend the *Agility Regu-*

*lations* to allow all AKC licensed Agility clubs to hold two trials on the same day on the same trial site. Each trial will have a separate event number and recording fees will be collected for each trial. Only Novice and Open (standard, JWW), T2B and FAST classes may be offered or a combination thereof. A limit of 350 runs per judge per day is permitted.

These changes are effective June 1, 2026.

### **Moving Entries Laterally**

The Board VOTED to approve a recommendation to amend the *Agility Regulations* to allow the move of entries laterally from Regular to Preferred classes and vice versa per the club's policy for move-ups. Clubs would still follow the regulations as detailed in Chapter 1, Section 20 of the *Agility Regulations*.

This change is effective June 1, 2026.

### **Judge's Misconduct Policy**

*The Judge's Misconduct Policy* outlines the procedures for staff to follow when addressing complaints concerning judges or judging at AKC sanctioned events.

The Board VOTED to approve the modification of acceptable options to judges who elect to appeal a decision by the Board to impose discipline affecting judging privileges, including video conference or written appeal, with an in-person appeal only available if the applicant cannot meet

via video conference.

This is effective April 22, 2026.

## **Mandatory Ramp Examination – Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier**

The Board VOTED to approve the request from the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier Club of America to mandate the use of a ramp for the examination of the Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier through all levels of Conformation competition. Currently, Soft Coated Wheaten Terriers may be judged either on the ground or the ramp at the discretion of the judge.

The effective date will be August 5, 2026, to provide sufficient notice to superintendents to ensure inclusion in all premium lists.

## **Pacemakers – Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Chapter 11, Section 8**

Pursuant to **Chapter 11, Section 8** of the *Rules Applying to Dog Shows* a judge is to disqualify a dog which has been changed in appearance by artificial means.

The Board VOTED to approve an amendment to the list of procedures considered a change in appearance by artificial means provided in italics to include the insertion of a pacemaker due to a congenital or hereditary abnormality.

This is effective April 29, 2026.

## **Saluki Club of America Request to Revise the 2002 SPDBS Open Registry**

The Board VOTED to approve the request from/of the Saluki Club of America (SCOA) to transfer the registration of 1 and 2 generation dogs, with known parents, from the SCOA to the AKC.

## **Delegate Approvals**

Martha H. Goings

To represent Northeastern Indiana Kennel Club

Published in *AKC Gazette*: January, February 2026

Gregory Hastings

To represent Cheyenne Kennel Club

Published in *AKC Gazette*: January, February 2026

Dr. Michelle R. Rowland

To represent Illinois Valley Kennel Club of Peoria

Published in *AKC Gazette*: February, March 2026

Lee Sohl

To represent First Company Governor's Foot Guard Athletic Association

Published in *AKC Gazette*: January, February 2026



# SECRETARY'S PAGES

Sally N. Wynn

To represent Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
Club of America

Published in *AKC Gazette*: January,  
February 2026

Michael F. Zywicki

To represent American Cesky Terrier  
Fanciers Association

Published in *AKC Gazette*: January,  
February 2026

## **Re-Appointment of AKC PAC Board Members**

In April 2026, the two-year terms of four members of the AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) Board of Directors (Ms. Gail LaBerge, Mr. Christopher Sweetwood, Dr. Carmen Battaglia, and Mr. Robert (Bob) Rynkiewicz) expire.

AKC Board approval is required for all AKC PAC Board appointments.

The AKC Board reappointed Dr. Battaglia, Ms. LaBerge, Mr. Sweetwood and Mr. Rynkiewicz for new, two-year terms on the AKC PAC Board.

Adjourned

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

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Sheila H. Goffe, Executive Secretary