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## **Report from the By-Laws Revision Committee**

(Jon Steele, Chris Danker, Nancy Reimer, KC Artley, chairperson):

The By-Laws Revision committee was set-up at the November 12, 2011 Board meeting. We have 2 recommended deletions, detailed below. In addition, we found nothing in the By-Laws that prevents us from listing life members who cannot be **contacted** on an inactive list, and removing them from the Membership List that is used for mailings and for determining a quorum. The definition of "Contacted" is that the life member has mailed back the "Member Contact Form/Dues Renewal form", or has mailed back a ballot, or has made a donation to BCOA, or the regional governor has talked to this life member and verified his/her address.

The first recommend change is to Delete the statement from Article IV, Section 3, paragraph c that states "**Governors must serve their two-year terms before being eligible to run for another office on the ballot.**" This statement is not needed, as we already have a statement about qualifications in Article III, Section 3, that states that candidates for certain offices have to have served one year on the Board. The second reason for deleting this sentence, is that the Region 1, 3, & 5 Governors cannot run for the positions of Treasurer, Recording Secretary or Delegate to the AKC, without dropping off of the Board for a year. The Region 2, 4, & 6 Governors cannot run for the positions of President, Vice-President, or Corresponding Secretary without dropping off of the Board for a year. This is because all the positions on the Board are 2 year terms with half being elected in odd years and the other half being elected on even years. Reference Article III, Section 1: "All Officers shall be elected for two (2) year terms. The terms shall be staggered with the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Governors of Region 1, 3 and 5 elected on even years. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Delegate to the AKC, and Governors of Region 2, 4 and 6 shall be elected on odd years. "

The second recommended change is to Delete the statement from Article I, Section 3, which states: "**Members joining the Club after the first day of September of any year shall pay one-half the annual dues for the balance of the year.**" The reason is that that statement does not agree with Article I, Section 4, that states that an applicant has to pay annual dues plus \$5, when submitting his/her application to join BCOA. So the applicant is already paying a full year's dues when his application is submitted. Do we want to start refunding half the dues for some applicants when they are voted into membership after 1 September.