

Region 1 Governor Report – Kari McCloskey

BCDV held supported entries at the Valley Forge KC shows in Oaks PA. There was a lovely entry of specials. This region has seen a decrease of exhibited Borzoi in the past couple years and this supported entry is showing this. There were some new faces and those that have acquired young dogs to exhibit. Hopefully with seeing some new exhibitors, we can grow in the region. BCDV also had a Meet the Borzoi booth setup at this show.

The following weekend BCDV had a booth setup at the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club shows in Allentown PA. Club members assisted in manning the booth. I brought one of my dogs over to help out in the afternoon, and did a meet and greet. I met a number of spectators that enjoyed learning more about the breed. I reconnected with a former BCOA junior handler, whom is looking to get back into exhibiting borzois. A few judges even came over to see the breed booth and ask questions.

This type of outreach is a positive action that can be done at any dog show, community gathering, or social eventing with vendors. I encourage all club members to think about doing a Meet the Borzoi booth at their local dog club show. The Meet the Breed events coordinated by AKC are lovely events on their own, but why not do more?

I have had good correspondence and phone conversation with the new Region 1 Governor, Fred Vogel. I feel he will be a wonderful addition to the BCOA board with his experience with several all breed clubs in his area, working on the AKC By-Laws Committee, and his knowledge and relationships with many of our regions members. He and I talked about ways to keep in touch with the members, in particular our Life Members that we do not see at events. I helped direct him to where to find the BCOA Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules on the BCOA website and encouraged that he familiarize himself with these key club documents. I let him know that Helen Lee would be reaching out to change the RGOV1 account so he has access and how Ginger Jones would add him to the BCOA Board IO group to be able to converse on that platform and to access board meeting documents. I told Fred he can reach out to me at any time while getting acclimated to the position on the board.

At this time I would like to thank the BCOA members for asking me to serve the BCOA Board. It was a honor to serve for two terms. I have deepened my relationships with many of the former and current board members. We all bring something to the table, coming from different walks of life and bring our life experiences together to help keep the Club moving forward into the future. All of us can contribute in various ways, even if it is to make a suggestion or notice an issue within Our Club. Members, please volunteer your knowledge and expertise to help serve YOUR Club. I wish the Board the best moving into 2024.

Region I Governor's Report, January 2024 – Fred Vogel

First, I want to thank Kari McCloskey for the time she spent with me helping me understand my duties as your new Region I Governor. Also, I want to thank the Board for making me feel so

welcome when I sat in on the face-to-face meeting last November in Tennessee. I have a great deal to learn bring myself up to speed as a Board member of BCOA.

Secondly, I would like to welcome Courtney Sepeck as a new BCOA member from Massachusetts. I had the privilege of meeting Courtney several times last summer.

And lastly, here in the New England States of Region I we have a new hound club, The New England Hound Association. It was started June of 2023 by Shelley Folley, a Pharaoh hound and Cirnechi dell'Etna enthusiast. To date meetings have been held at The Eastern States Exposition grounds concurrent with dogs shows. If any members of Region I who live in New England and would like to become a member, contact Shelley Folley via her email sulala@aol.com They hope to hold their first match in early summer. I will post details as they become available.

Respectfully,

Fred Vogel

Region 2—Betsy Tolley

I contacted the Region 2 members who had not renewed their memberships and informed them that they needed to do so on or before December 31, 2023. I reminded them that their contact information would not be included in the membership booklet if their dues were not paid that date.

Region 3 – Amy Sorbie

12/7/2023- Sent out December Newsletter:

BCOA Business- Reminder to send in dues and directions on how to pay on line through the website.

AKC Corner-Notice of extending age of Futurity and Sweepstakes classes to 24 months.

Legislative update Texas.

Club Happenings- RNBC Meeting and Holiday party pictures.

Education- Update on Canine Upper Respiratory Complex

New Litters- Prudence, New Champions- Delilah Platinum GCH.

Upcoming Events-

12/27/2023 Sent Membership renewals via Messenger, Text, and email to the following members: Elita Balder, Linda Bersswenge, Kay Cassella (McMillan), Lauri and Steven Courtney, Lisa Duran, Diana Embry, Debra Fraker, Tristina, Madison and Mark Gilbert, Veni Harlan, Hannah Hix, Prudence and Greg Hlatkey, Samantha and Anna Isaacs, Joyce Law, Margaret Lucia, Adrienne Montgomery, Jennifer Moors, Rebecca Neal, Stella Piper, Kitty and Jim Sawyer, Patricia Shaw, Billie Thibeau, Margaret Lucia, Susan Van dewater, Lynn Wall, Diane Wevley, Erica Wolf.

Received positive replies back from: Kay Cassella, Lauri Cortney, Debra Fraker, Prudence Hlatkey, Samantha Isaacs, Joyce Law, Rebecca Neal, Stella Piper, Billie Thibeau, Susan Van deWater, and Erica Wolf.

Received bounce back from Adrienne Montgomery.

1/5/ 2024 Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty Judge Pat Trotter- Successful well run specialty!

1/11/2024- Sent out January newsletter:

BCOA Business-Welcome new board members, Preliminary National Schedule, National Hotel info.

AKC Corner-Ch points for reserve at Specialties

Club Happenings- Lone Star Specialty, Robert Bates passing

Breeder/Member Education- Article on COI

New litters-0, New Champions-1, Consolation-1

Upcoming events- RMBC February Specialties, BCGO May Specialties, National-June

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sorbie

BCOA Region 3 Governor

REGION 5 – Kristina Terra

In my final report as your regional governor, I wanted to thank all region 5 members for your support and trust. Although it has been less than two months since my last report, it feels like a lifetime as so many things had to be done for the 2024 BCOA National.

The great news is that a new location for the BCOA national specialty to take place June 1-8, 2024 in Region 5 has been secured and is now open for reservations: Red Lion Pasco Airport Hotel and Conference Center (Borzoi Club of America). I went on a site visit to the hotel in mid-November right before my trip to Tennessee for the BCOA board Fact-to-Face meeting. The hotel has a large ballroom, and most ground-floor rooms open up to the outside.

The lure-coursing field will be in Newman Lake, WA. I thank all the volunteers for your work. We've accomplished in two months what is usually done in a year and on a short notice! We still have a bunch of work to do, of course.

The hospitality committee has sourced Borzoi spinners as a fundraiser for BCOA and the centerpieces for the Membership dinner. The very talented Rhonda Robbins painted beautiful centerpieces/suncatchers for the Awards dinner.

The vendor committee has had some vendors that already applied to be vendors. We have a couple of sponsors for our welcome bags. The grounds committee has been getting quotes for the x-pens.

Since my last report in November, the Puget Sound Borzoi Club has decided to have three specialties in 2024, one at the same location as the National in June. The judges in June are Jon

Steele (Auroral Borzoi - regular classes), Jenni Steele (Auroral Borzoi sweeps). In September, it is Sandra Moore (Avalon Borzoi - regular classes), Cherie Hunchak (Elance Borzoi - sweeps) and Jim Sillers (Seabury Borzoi - regular classes) and Ann Stout (Klasyx Borzoi - sweeps).

It is a pleasure to pass the baton to the next region 5 governor- Dr. Heather Lukashin – I wish her all the success! It has been an honor to be your regional representative for these past two years.

REGION 6 - Kim Horn Janek

Since my last report dated 11/18/2023:

- I travelled to and participated in the BCOA Fall Face-To-Face Board meeting in Kingsport, TN. The Board spent a full day on an extensive agenda as well as doing a site visit for a possible future National Specialty venue.
- I communicated with my region reminding them to renew their club membership. I heard back from several and provided instructions on how to renew online.
- I sent several email messages to my Region 6 members, one of which addressed the “Keeping In Touch” committee and the Members Only IO group. I did not receive any updates or suggestions from my Region 6 members. Because I received no response, I am assuming that all Region 6 members are getting regular club communication via the Members Only io group.
- I sent out an email to my Region highlighting our Lifetime Achievement Awards program. I requested any nominations to be submitted by January 15th, 2024. To date, I have received one nomination for Conformation and another member has communicated that she will submit one as well.
- I received an email from a Region 3 member asking about her pending application. This was a member that I met at a coursing event in Illinois. I feel it is imperative that when attending events, no matter the venue, we should introduce ourselves and encourage BCOA Club membership. Because I connected with her, I was able to direct her to Ginger Jones and her questions were answered.
- I received email communications from five members applauding the change made to the National Specialty Judge’s Moratorium. Although two had wished it were a more stringent “one and done”, they felt the move to a fifteen-year limit was a start in the right direction.
- I contacted BCOA Treasurer, Lyn Snyder Hoflin, regarding outstanding membership renewals. Sadly, many members did not renew by the December 31, 2023 deadline and, as previously noted, they will not be included in the 2024 Membership Directory.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Horn Janek