



## BCOA STANDING RULES

Revised February 2019

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### ACCOUNTING

ACC 1	Accounting	8/1/2015	Treasurer required to keep a list of all payments to club members, with designee, amount & purpose to be included with the Treasurer's Report at board meetings.
ACC 2	Checks	10/16/1993	Checks Received: All checks made payable to the BCOA must be turned over to BCOA for deposit. It is a serious impropriety to countersign a check made payable to the BCOA and deposit it in a personal account.
ACC 3	Checks-Applications	5/2/1993	Allow membership application checks to be deposited immediately upon receipt.
ACC 4	Checks NSF	2/28/2008	NSF fee: \$35.
ACC 5	Checks NSF	8/1986	An NSF check places an individual's membership in jeopardy. Anyone offering an NSF check will be requested to replace the check, plus all costs incurred in collecting said check (fees, certified letters, etc.).
ACC 6	Committee Accounting	2/17/2011	Approved a maximum of \$500 per meeting to the AKC Delegate to offset hotel & airfare, for travel expenses to attend the AKC Parent Club Conference. Confirmed the distribution of \$400 per year for the Judges Education Committee and \$300 per year to the Health Committee to attend the AKC Health Conference.
ACC 7	Committee Accounting	11/16/2016	Committee Budget: Allocate \$400 a year to the Judges Education Committee chair to distribute at her discretion, to help offset expenses related to these presentations
ACC 8	Fees, Late Dues	2/27/2003	\$10.00 administrative fee for dues paid after 12/31 and prior to 3/1. Members can avoid the fee by paying on time. Dues received after 12/31 will not be considered to be paid if the fee is not included. The Treasurer will add this to the dues notice.
ACC 10	Fees to Individuals	11/14/2004	Per tax attorney, anyone that we pay (not reimburse) an amount over \$600.00 must be issued a 1099. Clarification: fees are separate from judges' expenses.
ACC 11	Insurance Bonding	12/11/1983	All bonding to be done under the regular insurance, if possible.
ACC 12	Insurance Bonding	12/11/1983	For bonding purposes, BCOA Specialty Committee & officials must be BCOA members.

ACC 13	Minutes Mailed, charge	Spring 2018	The charge for mailed minutes will reflect increases in postage & printing as appropriate.
ACC 14	Lure coursing, ASFA	8/1986	BCOA will pay \$100 toward registration fees only for the ASFA Convention and does not cover transportation, food or lodging.
ACC 15	Shipment of BCOA property	3/4/2013	Members shipping BCOA property must be sure to have a tracking number and adequate insurance; the cost to be reimbursed by BCOA.
ACC 16	Specialty Accounting	11/6/2010	Advance of \$3000 for each upcoming Specialty
ACC 17	Taxes	4/1/2005	Changing from a status of 501C7 to 501C4, The change in status enables BCOA to receive more than 15% of our income from non-members.
ACC 18	Taxes	11/14/2004	Per tax attorney, BCOA Treasurer should not reside in the states of CA, CT, MN or IN because state income taxes must be paid if BCOA checking account is located in a bank in those states.
ACC 19	Treasurer Debit Card	8/11/2015	Treasurer may use a debit card or the BCOA PayPal account to pay club expenses. Amounts greater than \$300 need the President's approval.

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## ***ARISTOCRAT***

ARI 1	Content	2/21/2013	The <i>Aristocrat</i> will continue to be online only. Ads will be accepted.
ARI 2	Content	11/3/2012	Publish the final results for the calendar year in the <i>Aristocrat</i> . Publish the names of the TOP-10 dogs in the following categories: Conformation, ASFA lure coursing, AKC lure coursing, open field coursing, LGRA, NOTRA and the Obedience and Rally classes. In addition, the TOP-5 dogs that qualified for the Annual Versatility Award will be published.
ARI 3	Content	8/10/2011	AKC Breed Registration numbers will now be supplied by the AKC to parent club. It was decided that this would be included in the <i>Aristocrat</i>
ARI 4	Content	2/17/2011	The <i>Aristocrat</i> will continue to include the various statistics, results from Specialties and TSEs, recipients and photos of BCOA annual awards, New Titles & articles from the various committee chairs.
ARI 5	Content	2/25/1998	1. Continue the printing of the New Champions in the <i>Aristocrat</i> . 2. A list of committees shall be printed in the <i>Aristocrat</i>
ARI 6	Content	5/1986	BCOA National Specialty results will be published in the <i>Aristocrat</i>
ARI 7	Content	6/12/1983	The only articles automatically accepted for publication are those from Regional Clubs and individuals appointed by the board. All other articles submitted are subject to approval and editing by the editors.
ARI 8	Wins, Lure Coursing	2/1979	Keep records of BCOA member-owned Top Lure Coursers with statistics published in the <i>Aristocrat</i> .
ARI 9	Wins, Obedience	11/3/2012	The obedience statistician will keep scores for all member-owned Borzoi earned in the regular & optional titling obedience and rally classes. If the dog has more than 1 score in that class, the scores for that dog in that class will be averaged. Lists for each class will be compiled to rank the dogs from first to whatever placement includes all dogs that competed in that class. Scores in the "A" and "B" classes will be combined; for example, scores from open A and open B will be published in the list under just Open. These lists will be published in the <i>Aristocrat</i> .
ARI 10	Wins, Obedience	11/6/2010	Add a Top 10 category for Obedience Beginner Novice (BN) scores.
ARI 11	Wins, Racing	11/11/2000	BCOA recognize Top 10 dogs in LGRA and NOTRA.

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## AWARDS

AWD 1	AKC Sportsmanship	11/3/2012	Sportsmanship Medallion to a member at the National Specialty. This medallion should only be awarded for exceptional service to the breed and to this club over a long period of time. It is not required that this award be made each year.
AWD 2	AKC Lifetime Achievement	11/14/2009	The areas of nomination are Conformation, Companion, and Performance. Regional Governors will solicit contact their regional members for a letter of recommendation detailing why the BCOA member should be considered for the honor. Governors will forward these recommendations to the Recording Secretary in time for the first board meeting of the year. The board will selected no more than one nominee for each award, but is not required to make any recommendation. The corresponding secretary will forward the name to the AKC.
AWD 3	All awards	5/1986	For all BCOA awards, AKC and BCOA will recognize the first owner as the principal owner of the Borzoi. The first owner listed must be a BCOA member, regardless of where the dog lives. Only AKC-Eligible first owners can earn NOHS awards for their dogs.
AWD 4	All Awards	11/2/2013	A printed screen-shot of the Points and Awards page from the AKC website for an individual dog is acceptable documentation.
AWD 5	Annual Awards	11/2/2013	Only BCOA members names will be engraved on the annual awards plaques. The only titles that will be engraved are those recognized by AKC, ASFA, LGRA, NOTRA, TCC, NACA & NOFCA.
AWD 6	Annual Awards	10/16/1993	The first-listed owner and/or breeder receives the annual photo award plaque with additional plaques being available for order at the owner's expense.
AWD 7	Annual Awards	3/12/1992	The first name on a Borzoi registration certificate, if a BCOA member, shall entitle that dog to compete for the BCOA Annual Award. The second name, if a non-member, shall not be listed.
AWD 8	Annual Awards	8/1988	In the interest of consistency, BCOA will standardize the Annual Award Plaques.
AWD 9	Annual Awards, Conformation	11/2/2013	The Top Breeder-Owner-Handler be awarded annually, using the BCOA Breed Point System. - January 1, 2014.
AWD 10	Annual Awards	4/7/2004	Ending in 2004, BCOA will only award the Breed System (#1 Top Conformation Borzoi, Breeder of Top Conformation Borzoi and BOS) and will no longer use the All Breed System.
AWD 11	Annual Awards, Conformation	5/1987	An Annual Award for Breeder of Top Conformation Borzoi will go to the breeder if different from the owner; of the Top Conformation Borzoi. Breeder must be a BCOA member.
AWD 12	Annual Awards, Lure Coursing	12/3/1994	ASFA and AKC scores to be kept separately.

AWD 13 Annual Awards, Lure Coursing		Records will be kept of Top Lure Coursers owned by BCOA members. Award a plaque for the Top Lure Coursing Borzoi of the year.
AWD 14 Annual Awards, Obedience	11/3/2012	To calculate the annual award of #1 obedience dog, only scores from the obedience novice, open and utility classes will be used. The dog must have earned at least 3 scores in these classes. (For example, a dog could have 2 scores in novice and 1 score in open). These scores will be averaged, with the highest average awarded the #1 Borzoi, BCOA member/owned, for the calendar year.
AWD 15 Annual Awards Open Field Coursing	5/1986	BCOA will present an Annual Award for Open Field Coursing. — 1987
AWD 16 Annual Awards Open Field Coursing	8/17/2006	Acknowledge TCC (The Coursing Conservancy) titles. The addition of these titles will affect the ROM and AVA programs.
AWD 17 Annual Awards Open Field Coursing	(no date, but documents current method)	The #1 Open Field Courser will be determined by the number of hounds defeated during the calendar year. The Borzoi earns one point for each hound defeated by competing in NOFCA (National Open Field Coursing Association), NACA (North American Coursing Association) and TCC (The Coursing Conservancy) hunts.
AWD 18 Annual Awards Open Field Coursing	11/2/2013	BCOA recognizes: National Open Field Coursing Association (NOFCA): CC (Coursing Champion) & CM (Courser of Merit) North American Coursing Association (NACA): NACC & NACM The Coursing Conservancy (TCC): CBC, CMC and CCC
AWD 20 Title Medals	11/2/2013	Performance Titles Medallions committee chairperson will mail the title medallions for the first title earned in AKC obedience, rally, agility, tracking, coursing (AKC/FC or ASFA/FCH, not both), racing (LGRA/GRC & NOTRA/ORC) and open field coursing. Only the first open field title earned by the dog from the NOFCA, NAC or TCC organization will receive a medal. The AKC titles will be forwarded to the chairperson 1/1/2013
AWD 21 Versatility, Annual & Lifetime Achievement Awards	11/2/2013	Add all AKC agility titles. Those requiring 3 legs worth 15 points. Those requiring 10 legs worth 30 points. Remaining titles worth 40 points each.
AWD 22 Versatility, Annual & Lifetime Achievement Awards	11/12/2011	Add the Obedience Beginners Novice (BN) title
AWD 23 Versatility, Annual & Lifetime Achievement Awards	8/18/2005	Add Rally Obedience titles.
AWD 24 Versatility Awards	8/11/2004	The name 'BCOA Versatility Hall of Fame' be changed to the 'Borzoi Versatility Lifetime Achievement Award'
AWD 25 Annual Versatility Awards	3/24/2002	Add Specialty BOB, Specialty BOS and Specialty AOM to the Annual Versatility Award (AVA)

AWD 26 Annual Versatility Awards	11/9/1996	Top Versatility Borzoi will receive same photo engraved plaque as other Top Borzoi for the year.
AWD 27 Annual Versatility Awards	4/3/1996	Open Field Coursing will be included in the qualifications for Top Versatility Borzoi.
AWD 28 Versatility Awards	11/3/2012	Add conformation Grand Champion (GCH), bronze GCH, Silver GCH, Gold GCH and Platinum GCH titles to the AVA, each GCH title =15 points. Add the obedience Graduate Novice (GN), Graduate Open (GO), and Versatility (VER) titles, each title = 15 points. Add the multiple UDX titles. (UDX2, UDX3, &al,) with each title worth 40 points. Add the Obedience Master titles (OM), with each title worth 40 points
AWD 29 Versatility Lifetime Achievement Awards	7/17/1996	To induct all past and present Borzoi who have met the maximum requirements of championship titles in the combined areas of conformation, obedience and coursing. A certificate will be presented to each owner.
AWD 30 Versatility Lifetime Achievement Awards	4/28/2015	Add open field coursing title, AC

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## OFFICERS & BOARD

BOD 1	Board Meeting	5/25/2006	Minority or abstaining votes on non-confidential ballots votes be listed in the meeting minutes.
BOD 2	Board Meeting, Annual	12/6/1997	Open the Annual Board Meeting to the membership for attendance. Consensus was that meeting could be closed during any confidential matters and reopened at its adjournment..
BOD 3	Board Resignations	11/12/2011	A resignation by any board Member shall be a signed letter with an effective date, sent to either the President or to the Recording Secretary, who will then inform the rest of the board members, as soon as possible. The membership should be informed of the board member's resignation in the next mailing to the membership, or in the next email to the membership by either the President or by the Regional Governors. The resignation should also be reported in the next meeting minutes.
BOD 4	Board Resignations	12/11/1983	All resignations must be in writing.
BOD 5	Code of Conduct	11/18/2006 Rev. 4/10/14	BCOA board will adopt a Code of Conduct, and that it is signed by all board members at the beginning of every year, starting with 2007. (2014) New board members will sign the Board Code of Conduct upon taking their seat on the board. Members will re-affirm annually without signing a copy that would need to be filed.
BOD 6	Email Voting	5/23/2012	The Recording Secretary allows five days for discussion of all issues requiring an email vote by the board before tallying said vote, except when time-critical.
BOD 7	Regional Governors	8/6/2009	Each Region Governor should verify email addresses in his/her region and pass along any corrections to the Recording Secretary.
BOD 8	Regional Governors	2/17/1993	Regional Governors can establish own regional meeting dates without board approval.
BOD 9	Vice-President	2/28/2008	Ways and Means are part of the Vice-President's duties and responsibilities.

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## **BREED STANDARD**

BZS 1	Breed Purpose	6/23/2004	Membership reaffirms “that the original purpose of Borzoi was to hunt wolves, fox, and hare.”
BZS 2	Colors	4/10/2003	Approved the Color Committee’s Recommendations.
BZS 3	Spelling	6/17/1992	Plural of Borzoi is Borzoi.

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## BOARD ELECTION

BDE 1	Officers/Board Members, Nominations by Petition	2/1987	When the list of nominations is published, quote the pertinent section of the Constitution. A petition must be received in one envelope containing the five signatures, which can be on separate sheets of paper along with the nominee's acceptance.
BDE 2	Officers/Board Members, Voting	8/1986	Only contested positions will be voted on and all other offices are to be listed, but marked as uncontested. Profiles of all candidates to be printed and accompany the ballot.
BDE 3	Voting By Region	2/1994	It is not in the best interest of the Club to vote by region.

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## ELECTION: NATIONAL SPECIALTY JUDGES

ELJ 1	Ballots	4/4/2011	All ballots must be mailed to members USPS First Class.
ELJ 2	Ballots	11/28/1981	Ballots: Destroy all election ballots after one year.
ELJ 3	Judges	11/2/2013	The rules in this section referring to “sweepstakes” apply only to Puppy & Veteran sweepstakes
ELJ 4	Judge, Election	11/2/2013	Specialty Judges will be elected annually.
ELJ 5	Judge, Nominations	4/4/2011, 6/2/2011, 8/10/2011 11/2/2013, 2/24/2015	Nominate 1 judge for Breed and 1 judge for Sweeps. Each member may nominate 1 judge eligible to judge the conformation classes and 1 judge for the sweepstakes. Nominees for Sweepstakes Judge must own or have owned Borzoi and not be licensed by the AKC to judge Borzoi at the time of the nomination. If the Sweepstakes judge is not a BCOA member, the address of the nominee must be included. If not a BCOA member, foreign judge nominations must include a valid address. The five year judging moratorium for Specialty Judges remains in force for both Breed and Sweepstakes judges. (Added 2-24-2015) The 5 year judging moratorium does not apply to Futurity judges.
ELJ 6	Judges, Nominations	5/22/2009	AKC approved Borzoi judges are not eligible to judge sweepstakes at the National.
ELJ 7	Judges, Lure Coursing	8/18/2014	Reimbursement for a lure coursing judge is limited to \$200 and one night’s lodging.
ELJ 8	Judges, reimbursement & critiques	4/4/2011 8/20/2012	Breed judges who are BCOA members receive only expenses, including lodging at the host hotel, transportation, meals, and the annual awards banquet. Breed judges who are not BCOA members, receive expenses + \$1/dog entered. Breed judge’s airfare expenses are limited to \$500.00. Sweepstakes judges will receive 2 nights’ lodging and will be BCOA’s guest at the annual awards dinner. All judges will be asked to comment on the entry at the annual awards banquet and to provide a written critique for publication in the <i>Aristocrat</i> .
ELJ 9	Judge, Breed, restrictions	11/2/2013	Those elected to judge the Breed classes will not judge a Borzoi Specialty in the USA for 1 year prior to the National Specialty. Also, the Breed judge cannot judge Borzoi at an all-breed show in the region where that Specialty show will be held for 6 months prior to that Specialty.
ELJ 10	Judge, sweepstakes, restriction	4/4/2011	The Sweepstakes judge shall be restricted from judging any Borzoi Sweepstakes for 6 months prior to the National. “Any Borzoi sweepstakes” is defined as any show or match, including Specialties and TSEs.

ELJ 11	Judges, Voting, Break-down Ballot, to Members	4/4/2011	The compiled complete list of membership nominations will be mailed to the membership for a break-down ballot vote. The breakdown ballot should state for both Specialty Judge and for Sweepstakes Judge: "You may vote for up to three judges from each category in order of your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice preference. You must indicate your preferences with a written '1', '2' or '3' in order of your choices, as this breakdown ballot is a 'weighted ballot' with a 1st choice receiving 3 points, a 2nd choice receiving 2 points and a 3rd choice receiving 1 point."
ELJ 12	Judges, Voting, Break-down Ballot from tabulator	4/4/2011	On the report to the President and Recording Secretary which will be provided within one week of the voting deadline, the Tabulator shall list Specialty Judges in order of total number of points received, with the Judge receiving the highest number of points listed first. If there is a tie, the board will decide how to break the tie. The same applies to the list for Sweepstakes Judges.
ELJ 13	Judges, Voting, final ballot	4/4/2011, 8/10-2011, 11/2/2013	Each nominee, both conformation and sweepstakes, will be asked to provide a 100 word biography for the final ballot. If the biography is not received by the deadline, that name will be removed from the final ballot.
ELJ 14	Judges, Voting	4/4/2011	Since the final ballot is for a ONE year period, the final ballot will contain the top five vote receivers from the breakdown ballot in each category, listed in alphabetic order, and members will vote for ONE CHOICE on the final ballot.

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## JUNIORS (MEMBERSHIP, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIP, STATISTICS)

JNR 1	Juniors, awards	8/20/2012	The Top Junior Award & Number One Certificate can be won only by a junior showman who is a member of the Borzoi Club of America. If any non-member should qualify to win the number two through five certificates, the appropriate certificate, along with a BCOA letter of invitation and membership application, will be sent to that junior.
JNR 2	Juniors, awards	5/22/2009	Award Certificates to the top five Junior Showmanship individuals each year at the Annual Awards Banquet
JNR 3	Juniors, awards	8/11/2015	Wins will be counted from the date of the first reading of the junior's application for membership, as long as the application process is completed according the BCOA Constitution & Bylaws. The junior must be a member by year's end in order to receive an award for that competition year.
JNR 4	Juniors, membership application	4/25/2015	A copy of the Junior's membership application will be given to the Junior Showmanship Chairperson, when the application is received by the Recording Secretary.
JNR 5	Juniors, membership application	4/7/2008	Create a Junior Addendum to the application to track the junior's 18th birthday
JNR 6	Juniors, membership application	11/18/2006	To encourage BCOA junior members, the application process will be streamlined by waiving the annual dues and sponsor forms. If needed, board members could sign the application form for the junior. Per BCOA Constitution, the application fee may not be waived.
JNR 7	Juniors, scholarship	2/12/2009	For reimbursement to our Juniors who qualify for Westminster & Eukanuba is a 'Scholarship' distribution dependent on funds available rather than a specific amount.
JNR 8	Juniors, scholarship	4/7/2008	An application process will be created by which a junior can request reimbursement for expenses for competing at Westminster or Eukanuba. The junior must show a Borzoi at these events which must reside in the household of a BCOA member in good standing or an approved junior only member. Amend the dues notice to provide for donations to this fund.
JNR 9	Juniors, statistics	4/27/2007	The AKC statistics are the only junior statistics that will be counted.
JNR 10	Juniors, statistics	5/23/1993	Calendar year for junior statistics will be January 1 through December 31.

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## LURE COURSING

LUR1	ASFA ACoD	8/1986	BCOA will pay \$100 toward registration fees only for the ASFA Convention which does not cover transportation, food, or lodging.
LUR 2	ASFA ACoD	12/18/1982	The BCOA shall pay the registration fee for the designated delegate representing BCOA to attend the ASFA ACoD.
LUR 3	ASFA membership	2/27/2003	Continue our membership in AFSA

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## MEMBER DIRECTORY

DIR 1	Listing	8/10/2011	Members in the same household with different last names, are listed separately.
DIR 2	Officers & Regional Governors	8/10/2011	Officers and Regional Governors are listed on the first page of the Membership Directory with their name, position, & region.
DIR 3	Juniors page	5/6/2010	Junior members are listed in a separate section of the Member Directory.
DIR 4	Standing Committees	8/2017	A list of Standing Committee Chairs appears following that for the board

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## MEMBERSHIP

MMB 1 Application, Approval of Application	8/13/2003	Clarification of the 45 day rule for membership applications: This rule is used only in situations where the minutes with the 1st reading are not sent to the membership on a timely basis. Once the minutes are sent, the clock starts ticking. If no correspondence regarding the applicants is received within 45 days of the publication of the minutes, the membership application is approved.
MMB 2 Application 1	1/12/2011	Replaced 'Age' with 'Birthdate' (under 18 years, Junior applicants only). Revised the paragraph about payment: "Please include a check payable to 'BCOA' for the application fee and current year's dues: \$40 (Single membership) or \$45 (Household membership) or \$50 Foreign membership (outside North America) or \$5 application fee for a Junior membership. (No dues required for members under age 18). Applicants need two current BCOA members Sponsors who do not reside in the same household. A BCOA member must have visited the applicant's home within two years previous to the application. Sponsors are not required for Junior or Foreign applicants.
MMB 3 Application	8/13/2003	Add agility as an activity that can be done with Borzoi. Sponsor Form: Add a question to determine that at least one sponsor (or sponsor's designated BCOA member in good standing) must have visited the applicant's home and/or kennel within the previous 2 years.
MMB 4 Applications, Reasons to Table	11/17/1998	Application for membership may be tabled because: Additional Information is Needed — a. The sponsor may be asked for additional information. b. The applicant may be asked for additional information. Protest - a. Protest must be written and submitted to the Recording Secretary. b. All protests are kept confidential. c. Letter of inquiry shall be sent to the appropriate parties (sponsors) in order to obtain or verify the information required for a final decision. All correspondence is sent to the office of the Recording Secretary. d. No unsolicited letters will be considered. e. Final vote will be by written ballot on a protested applicant(s) and only during a face-to-face meeting of the BCOA board. NSF Check - Applications may be returned due to: a. Incorrect or insufficient information on application. b. One or more Sponsor forms not received. Applications may be rejected due to: As action taken by the board in reference to a member protest letter. If approved, the Corresponding Secretary notified the applicant of their acceptance. If denied, the Recording Secretary notifies the applicant. If additional information is needed, the letters/requests are sent by the Recording Secretary.

MMB 5	Application, Tabled, Voting	3/8/1990	When voting on a protested application, it should be done by written secret ballot.
MMB 6	Application Voting	4/10/2003	Sponsors: When an applicant is sponsored by a board member, the sponsoring board member shall recuse themselves from the vote for approval. Approval will be 2/3s of the eligible board members
MMB 7	Foreign Membership	8/13/2003	Dues for foreign members must be \$40 paid in US funds. Current foreign members will be grandfathered in and will retain voting privileges.
MMB 8	Foreign Membership	5/29/1998	Foreign memberships hold no voting rights, thus are not counted in a quorum with a “grandfather clause” for existing foreign memberships.
MMB 9	Life Members	11/12/2011	<p>Around the first of February, the Treasurer will provide to each Regional Governor a list of Life Members, by region, who did not return the “Member Contact Form/Dues Renewal Form” or a check, Each Regional Governor will try to contact these Life Members in their region, asking them if they wish to remain active in BCOA, or if they wish to resign. By March 1, each Regional Governor will report to the board</p> <p>(1) Life Members who want to remain active  (2) Life Members who have resigned and  (3) Life Members who could not be contacted.</p> <p>Life Members who resigned will be reported in the minutes of the first board meeting held after 1 March, and will be removed from the Membership List. The names of the Life Members who could not be contacted, will be reported in the minutes of the first board meeting held after 1 March, asking members if anybody has contact information for these people. Life Members who cannot be contacted will be moved to a separate list with their last known address, and removed from the Membership List that is used for mailings.</p>
MMB 10	Life Members	11/12/2011	The Treasurer will provide the names of the new life members to the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary will provide certificates to be read and awarded at the next Annual membership meeting.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

MSC 1	Kennel names	11/7/1998	The following four famous kennel names have been officially retired from any future use by the BCOA: Trezor, Romanoff, Malora, and O'Valley Farm. Other names considered but no action taken at this time are: Baronoff and Alpine. 2017: Rising Star was retired. 2018: Sunbarr was retired.
MSC 2	Logo	11/7/1998	It must clearly be stated that the BCOA logo is a copyright graphic belonging to the BCOA, and under no circumstances is it authorized to be used on any website other than the official BCOA website. Legal actions would be undertaken to protect the logo.
MSC 3	Pictures	11/2/2013	Member Education program must have the owner's permission before using photographs of any dogs.

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## NATIONAL SPECIALTY

NAT 1	Auction	11/18/2006	All art auction items must be complete and present at the time of the auction.
NAT 2	Auction	8/29/1990	Items donated to the National Specialty auction are sold 'as is.'
NAT 3	Awards, CHIC	5/6/2010	BOB: \$200 if that dog has a current CHIC number. Triathlon Winner: \$200 if that dog has a current CHIC number. Best in Futurity \$200 to winner, if both sire & dam have a CHIC number.
NAT 4	Awards of Merit, obedience	12/6/1997	Judge's Award of Merit certificates and rosettes for Obedience Trial. The Obedience Judge, may, at his/her discretion, present Award of Merit rosettes to no more than three (3) dogs who have competed in any Obedience Class at the National Specialty. Highest Scoring Dog in Regular Classes is not included in the three Awards.
NAT 6	Award of Merit	8/1988	The conformation judge may, at his/her discretion, award a maximum of ten (10) Awards of Merit to Borzoi competing in the Best of Breed judging at the BCOA National Specialty. BOB, BOS, BOW, SD, SB are not included in the ten awards.
NAT 7	Banners	2/25/1998	Banners will be retained each year with the challenge trophies and be transported to the next specialty with the trophies.
NAT 8	Catalog	2/24/1999	Provide a page each year in the National specialty catalog in memory of deceased BCOA members and other Borzoi fanciers from specialty to specialty.
NAT 9	Chairperson, showing	11/3/2010	Dogs owned, co-owned or residing with the show chairperson, or co-show chairperson, and/or members of their immediate family may not be exhibited in the conformation classes (futures, sweepstakes and regular classes). Show chairperson, co-show chairperson, and any person residing in the same household as the show chairperson or co-show chairperson, shall not exhibit or act as agent or handler, in the conformation classes at the Specialty.
NAT 10	Class, Altered		The Altered Class at the National Specialty will be a 'unisex' class with rosettes for placements 1-4.
NAT 11	Class, Altered	5/6/2019	Altered Class is open to all Borzoi (not restricted to Triathlon competitors). This class is intersex competition and is judged by the Regular Class judge as any other class with placements 1-4 being awarded on the merit of the individual dog. There will be no further competition for the winner of this class.
NAT 12	Classes, Conformation	4/18/2008	BCOA does not offer an Amateur Handler class.
NAT 13	Classes, Conformation, Veteran	5/21/2010	Award 1st- 4th in Veteran classes instead of first place only.
NAT 15	Classes, Stud Dog & Brood Bitch		Award 1-4 in the Stud Dog and Brood Bitch classes.
NAT 16	Classes, Stud Dog & Brood Bitch		At least two, but no more than four, get or produce may be exhibited with a Stud or Brood entry.

NAT 17	Entries	9/20/1989	All national specialties should hold events for everyone: conformation, obedience, and lure coursing
NAT 18	Exhibitors, Dogs, Clean-up	5/28/1999	Exhibitors MUST clean up after their dogs. Violators be fined \$50 / violation of this clean-up policy.
NAT 19	Futurity	10/16/1993	The breeder, but not the owner, of a puppy entered in the Futurity must be a BCOA member.
NAT 20	Health Clinic	11/3/2012	As soon as possible after entries close, the Show Secretary will inform the health clinic chairperson of the number of Borzoi registered for each health clinic. The health clinic chairperson will inform local dog owners that any breed can be tested at our health clinics by paying BCOA's cost for the test. The reduced rate for the health clinic, paid for by the BCOA Health Fund, is only available to Borzoi registered before entries close.
NAT 21	Hospitality	5/1986	BCOA is responsible for hospitality at the National Specialty.
NAT 22	Judges, Approval of	12/4/1999	All specialty judges (other than breed & sweepstakes judge) must be reviewed by the board prior to their being invited to judge companion & performance events.
NAT 23	Judges, Approval of	8/6/2009 & 11/14/2009	Each national specialty show committee may make recommendation to the board for judges for their events.
NAT 24	Judge, Triathlon	12/3/1994	Only the regular conformation Judge shall judge the triathlon conformation portion of the event.
NAT 25	Lure Coursing Trial	5/18/2013	Each year, that specialty's committee may decide whether to hold either or both an AKC and an ASFA trial.
NAT 26	Lure Coursing, Junior Courser tests	8/6/2009	Leave the option of Junior Courser testing to the show committee as the time required to hold all the events may preclude this activity.
NAT 27	Owner-Handled Award	12/9/1995	BCOA participates in AKC Owner-Handler Series at its National Specialty Show.
NAT 28	Photos	8/14/2002	The Bronze trophies are included in the win photos at the National. A platform should not be used for these photos as many dogs are not accustomed to it and the dogs then do not look their best.
NAT 29	Photos	12/9/1995	First through fourth place in Sweepstakes as well as first through fourth in regular classes will be taken for publication in the <i>Aristocrat</i> and for BCOA's archival records.
NAT 33	Photos & Results	11/6/2011	Publish results, photos, & critiques on the BCOA website as they become available, allowing other magazines access to the material in a more timely manner. These items will also appear in the <i>Aristocrat</i> .
NAT 34	Ring size	5/3/1998	The ballroom for the specialty show to be a minimum of 7,000 sq. ft. with a minimum width of 60 feet.

NAT 35	Ring Stewards	2/19/1997	Ring stewards may not exhibit at any BCOA conformation event, nor may dogs owned or co-owned by them be entered in that show under any of the Borzoi judges.
NAT 36	Schedule	4/27/ 2007	Stud dog & brood bitch are judged after BOB.
NAT 37	Schedule	5/2000	Futurity is the evening before the start of Conformation Judging. The next day: Veteran Sweepstakes & Puppy Sweepstakes. All performance events are prior to the Futurity.
NAT 38	Schedule	5/26/1993 & 2007	National Specialty rotation from region to region in a pattern as follows: Region 1, Region 4, Region 2, Region 6, Region 3, Region 5.
NAT 39	Sweepstakes, Puppy	6/1989	BCOA allows Sweepstakes classes to be greater than 18 months at those Specialties where, due to the shifting of Specialty dates, puppies are unable to compete in two sweepstakes in a row. (Some puppies may be too young for one year's sweepstakes and too old for the following year's sweepstakes.)
NAT 40	Triathlon Rules	513/2013	Added 17.5 points for Select Dog and for Select Bitch. (Complete Triathlon Rules NAT 43)
NAT 41	Title Rosette	8/11/2015	BCOA awards a "New Title" rosette for any title finished at the National Specialty. 2016
NAT 42	Triathlon Rules	11/1/2014	Rally scores and Beginner Novice Obedience scores added to the Obedience portion of the Triathlon. Base Score is 80% of the points earned in Rally-Novice, 100% of the points earned in Rally-Advanced and in Rally-Excellent. Bonus points for the four class placements in Rally will be the same as for Obedience. (Note that the rally judge scores only a dog who qualifies.) The Base Score is 90% of the points earned in the Beginner-Novice obedience classes, divided by 2.
NAT 43	Triathlon Rules	11-1-2014	Placements in LGRA added to the Coursing portion of the Triathlon: Base Score is 50 for a dog who completes three races in good standing (no fouls, no off course, not dismissed, not disqualified). Bonus points are one point for each dog defeated, capped at 25. The only dogs that count as dogs defeated, are those dogs who complete three races in good standing (no fouls, no off course, not dismissed, not disqualified).
NAT 44	Trophies, challenge	9/22/2007	Challenge trophies are BCOA property once they have been donated and approved by AKC.
NAT 52	Trophies, cloisonné medallions	8/10/2011	The traditional cloisonné medallions are an expected part of the National Specialty and should be continued.
NAT 53	Trophy Pledge Book	2/21/2012	Allow trophy pledge book to be available at the national specialty once judging begins. Additionally, the pertinent sections will be available at the performance & obedience events.
NAT 55	Trophy, specialty	8/22/1995	Only one trophy per award is permitted, even if a second party (co-owner) offers to pay for the second trophy.

NAT 56	Trophy storage	4/4/2011	BCOA shall 'Hold Harmless' members storing/transporting the Challenge Trophies.
NAT 57	Trophy storage	4/7/2004	All perpetual & challenge trophies are stored in one location; they must remain in BCOA's possession until retired.
NAT 58	Trophies, veteran		Award the heads to the first placements in each class. The Runners-up will receive a pewter double eagle medallion.
NAT 59	Vendor Booths	8/17/1993 & 11-12-2011	Spaces are approximately 10' x 10', with one 6-foot table and one chair. Electricity is available at \$35 for the week. All tables must be skirted. There are no partial-week fees. All credit cards accepted with number, exp. date & CVC#. Fees are: \$100 per space for BCOA members for the entire week \$150 per space for non-members \$15 per additional table \$35 electricity per space. A \$25 reduction in fee if an item of like amount or more is donated for use as raffle or auction item.

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## NOTICES & REPORTS

NOT 1	Dues Notices	11/6/2010	Modify the current dues renewal notice to state that the BCOA Health Fund subsidizes our Health Clinics at the National Specialty and ongoing research relevant to Borzoi.
NOT 2	Dues Notices	11/9/2005	BCOA Dues notice for members to receive puppy referrals. (Corresponding secretary) – responds to inquiries for puppy referrals that the names are referrals, not recommendations. The inquirer needs to do his or her own reference checks. – 2006
NOT 3	Dues Notices	5/1986	Membership dues notices are USPS First Class. Membership dues final notification will be sent out on January 15 of each year.
NOT 4	Minutes	8/10/2011 & 11/12/2011	Recording Secretary will provide a draft of the minutes to the President, Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary & Treasurer within two weeks of a board meeting. Changes & additions must be returned to the Recording Secretary within 7 days. In case of a disagreement, the President has the final say.
NOT 5	Minutes	4/29/2005	Minutes will be published online, without a password. They will not be mailed, except to those who pay to receive a hard copy. An email will be sent to the membership to announce when the minutes have been posted. The Treasurer’s report will not be posted.
NOT 6	Nominating Committee Report to the Membership	11/12/2011	The Nominating Committee will provide the following information in its report to the Membership: (1) Date of report (2) The names of the nominating committee members (3) The Positions to be filled and the names of those nominated (4) The statement from the Constitution of ‘Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition, sent by registered mail, certified mail with return receipt requested, by Federal Express, or any other private courier service that will certify delivery. All petitions must be received by the Recording Secretary on or before midnight on the thirty-first (31st) day of October. The petition must be signed by five members in good standing, all of whom have been members for at least five years, and must be received in one envelope, accompanied by the written acceptance of the petitioner signifying his willingness to be a candidate. No person who has declined a nomination by the Nominating Committee may be nominated by petition for the position he/she has declined, and no person may be a candidate for more than one position on the ballot.’ (5) The name and address of the Recording Secretary (6) The list of board members with unexpired terms and their positions (7) Any vacancies on the board that will be filled at the next board meeting.
NOT 7	Regional Governors Reports	11/2/2013	The board and members within a region, do not need the same report. The board only needs to know of the events and issues concerning BCOA. Regional Governors are reminded to send news to the <i>Aristocrat</i> .
NOT 8	Treasurer’s Reports	2/12/2009	Make the Financial Statements available to members in good standing upon request sent to the Treasurer.

## REGIONAL SPECIALTIES

RGS 1 Application,  
Regional Specialty 11/2/2013 Application must be sent to the Regional Governor for the region where that specialty will be held, at the same time as sending to the Corresponding Secretary.

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RGS 2 Approval of Multiple Regional Specialties &  
Trophy-Supported Entries 11/1/2017 No independent regional specialties or TSEs will be approved to be held on the same date in different location in the same region or within 750 miles on the same weekend.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES

STC 1	AKC New Titles	4/10/2014	Receive the electronic file from the AKC listing Borzoi with new AKC titles. Provide list to the <i>Aristocrat</i> , to the archives, to the conformation & performance medallions chairpersons.
STC 2	AKC Stud Book	4/10/2014	Receive the electronic file from the AKC listing Borzoi entered in the AKC Stud book, and provide the data for the BCOA archives
STC 3	Annual Awards Chairperson	No date (but documents correct procedure)	Gets names of #1 winners from Statistics Coordinator. Contacts the winners to verify spelling of names and titles. Follows standing rules for titles allowed. Gets pictures of winners to forward to the <i>Aristocrat</i> . Arranges plaque engraving & shipping so that the plaques can be awarded at the Awards Dinner.
STC 4	Archives	4/10/2014	An Archives committee was established.
STC 5	BTRC	4/10/2007	The first tasks of the BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee are to appoint a chair and determine the criteria for dispersal of the rescue funds.
STC 6	BTRC	11/18/2006	The board clarified that none of the members of the BCOA Beverly C. Taylor Trust for Borzoi Rescue Committee can be officers, directors, owners, family or household members of any organization that may be, or potentially may be, a recipient of any rescue funds.
STC 7	Gazette columnist	6/3/1994	The <i>AKC Gazette</i> columnist term is for two years.
STC 8	Statistics reports	11/9/2002	Clarification regarding which committee chairs needed to be contacted to submit reports for the board meetings. It was clarified that we do not need the different statistics as they are included in the <i>Aristocrat</i> .
STC 9	Judges Education	4/10/2007	Potential Judges Education presenters should be approved by the board.
STC 10	Judge Ed, Costs	11/18/2006	Allocate \$400 a year to the Judges Education Committee chair to distribute at her discretion, to help offset expenses related to these presentations. To ensure the uniformity of judges' education presentations, the presenters must use the BCOA approved material and script.
STC 11	Keeping In Touch	12/9/1995	Sunshine committee changed to "Keeping In Touch". The purpose of the committee is to keep in touch with older life members, sending greeting cards, letters of inquiry, etc.
STC 12	Legislative Liaison	5/2/1994	AKC Liaison for Club Legislation formed.
STC 13	Legislative	4/10/2007	Reports should include the name of the bill, a synopsis and recommendation.
STC 14	Meet The Breeds	11/2/2013	Meet The Breeds standing committee with co-chairs supports the AKC Meet the Breed in Florida & in New York City.
STC 15	Nominating Committee	8/31/1994	Will be appointed yearly with the first meeting of the board in order that notification to the membership of the names and addresses can be within the time-frame stipulated in the Constitution and By-Laws.



STC 16	Performance Titles Medallion	11/2/2013	A "Performance Titles Medallions" committee chairperson will mail the title medallions for the first title earned in AKC obedience, AKC rally, AKC agility, AKC tracking, coursing (AKC-FC or ASFA-FCH, not both), racing (LGRA-GRC & NOTRA-ORC) and open field coursing. Only the first open field title earned by the dog from the NOFCA, NAC or TCC organization will receive a medal. The list of AKC titles will be given to the chairperson from the list of New Titles.
STC 17	Registry Of Merit (ROM)	2/21/2013	The following changes/additions were approved. Grand Champion - 2 point bonus. AKC FC and ASFA FCh titles (earned by the same dog) - 1 point bonus. AKC LCX and ASFA LCM titles (earned by the same dog) - 2 point bonus Open Field CC & CM or equivalent (earned by the same dog) - 2 point bonus. GRC and ORC titles - 5 points each (currently are worth 4 points each). SGRC and SORC titles - 10 points each (currently worth 9 points each)
STC 18	Registry Of Merit (ROM)	2/12/2009	Add Agility Novice Fast to the ROM Titles
STC 19	Registry Of Merit (ROM)	5/200	Rally points will be half the points earned in regular obedience. Both rally and regular obedience points will be counted.
STC 20	Registry Of Merit (ROM)	4/24/2005	Add to the ROM application: "I certify that the information submitted with this application represents, to the best of my knowledge, all ROM recognized titles earned by this dog's offspring. I further agree that in the future, should enough additional titles be earned to change the ROM title of this dog, I will submit, in a timely manner, a supplemental application in order to have the dog classified correctly."
STC 21	Registry Of Merit (ROM)	8/11/2004	Motion that the ROM application be amended to indicate that a non-member will need to include a non refundable \$10 fee for record-keeping, processing and for the certificate.
STC 22	Registry Of Merit (ROM)	11/15/2003	The offspring and their titles, as well as the sire/ dam, need to be maintained in the database. Only the names of the dogs achieving the titles will be published in the <i>Aristocrat</i> . Approved the use of the Borzoi Champion books to verify titles. If the dogs and their titles are not verified by these books, documentation of the titles must be submitted by the applicant.
STC 23	Rescue	11/2/2013	The BCOA Rescue committee is renamed the BCOA Borzoi Breed Welfare Committee
STC 24	Rescue	4/10/2007	All correspondence or requests should be made to BCOA's Breed Welfare chair.
STC 25	Sales	11/12/2011	The Vice-president is the chairperson. Purpose is fund raising. This committee promotes all BCOA items for sale, including yearbooks, the <i>Visualization of the Standard</i> , the BCOA logo patch, the "Growing Borzoi" mug, and items from past National Specialties. The committee shall (1) Keep a current, detailed list of items for sale, including colors and sizes, prices, shipping costs, and where inventory is stored.

- (2) Have a system to communicate with the treasurer, the BCOA Shop website administrator, and those members who are storing & shipping the sales items.
- (3) Provide updated information and pictures for the BCOA Shop website.
- (4) A report to the board for each board meeting is not required.

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STC 26	Standing Rules	4/4/2011	A standing rules committee was approved to update the standing rules files (current and history)
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STC 27	Statistics Coordinator	No date (but documents current procedure)	Send the list of all #1 dogs/persons to the Annual Awards chairperson in time for him/her to order and ship the engraved plaques for presentation at the National Specialty Awards Dinner. These awards include Conformation (breed points), Breeder of the Top Conformation Borzoi, Conformation Best of Opposite Sex, Conformation Breeder-Owner-Handler, AKC Lure Courser, ASFA Lure Courser, LGRA, NOTRA, Open Field
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STC 28	Tabulator Fees	2/28/2008	To ensure an unbiased count, no tabulator will be allowed to donate his/her fee.
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STC 29	Tabulator & Alternate Tabulator	4/4/2011	The Tabulator and Alternate Tabulator will be listed in the Committee appointments made by the President each year. It was clarified that the President will contact tabulators of her choice each year to determine their willingness to serve on this Standing Committee. The President will then inform the Recording Secretary of these choices so that the Recording Secretary can determine the availability of tabulators as needed throughout the year.
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STC 30	AKC Canine Ambassador	1/21/2016	Create AKC Canine Ambassador as part of BCOA public education.
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## TROPHY SUPPORTED ENTRIES

TSE 1	Calendar, dates	11/3/2012	BCOA will not approve a TSE in conjunction with a Borzoi specialty weekend
TSE 2	Calendar, dates	11/14/17	BCOA disallows two TSEs within 750 miles on the same day.
TSE 3	Calendar, dates		All events will be listed on the calendar on the BCOA website. The Corresponding Secretary will forward event approvals to the webmaster to be added to the calendar.
TSE 4	Calendar, dates	5/10/2006	Limit TSEs to a maximum 2 days per cluster.
TSE 5	Calendar, dates	5/3/1998	No BCOA TSE events will be approved on the weekend immediately prior to the BCOA national specialty date unless it is part of the specialty week events.
TSE 6	Calendar, dates	2/23/1994	All BCOA events must receive board approval prior to filing any application with the AKC. Event applications and guidelines are available from either BCOA Secretary.
TSE 7	Medallions, TSE	11/12/2011	TSE medallions offered for BOB, BOS, SD, SB, WD, WB, as well as Best Puppy in Sweepstakes, Best Veteran in Sweepstakes, and High Scoring Borzoi in Obedience, if those classes are offered.
TSE 8	Performance Events	8/11/2015	BCOA will offer Performance Trophy-Supported Entries and provide a medallion for BOB. A performance TSE application must be submitted and approved by the board. A major entry is not required.
TSE 9	Purpose of TSE	11/3/2012	The purpose of the TSE is to encourage a major entry of Borzoi in areas where no specialty clubs exist. Therefore, regional clubs cannot request a BCOA TSE.
TSE 10	Sweepstakes Judges for TSE	4/23/2004	A list be created of people willing to travel at their own expense to judge sweeps at TSE events. BCOA Recording Secretary will maintain the list.
TSE 11	Sweepstakes, TSE	11/12/2011	Puppy and/or a veteran sweepstakes is optional with a BCOA TSE.

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## WEBSITE

WEB 1	Annual Versatility Award	2/1/2006	The names and scores will be published on the BCOA website.
WEB 2	Calendar	8/13/2008	All events will be listed on the calendar on the BCOA website. The Corresponding Secretary will forward event approvals to the webmaster for addition to the calendar.
WEB 3	Constitution & By-Laws	8/13/2003	Add a reference to the website for the Constitution and Bylaws and the AKC rules and regulations.
WEB 5	Judges Mentors	11/18/2006	Add list of approved mentors to BCOA website.
WEB 6	Links	8/10/2011	Board-approved Commercial Sponsor links will be allowed on the website for each National Specialty as an incentive for sponsorship of that National with a minimum donation of \$1000.00. These links will be removed three months following that National Specialty.
WEB 7	Policy	12/4/1999	Reserve the BCOA website strictly for BCOA information.
WEB 8	Specialty Results	11/6/2010	Put the results, photos and critiques on the BCOA website as they become available, thus allowing the other magazines access to the material in a more timely manner. These items will also appear in the <i>Aristocrat</i> .
WEB 9	Trophies	11/14/2009	Add photos and descriptions of standardized trophies to the website.

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## YEARBOOK

YRB 1	Advertising	8/1986	Yearbook advertising is not limited to BCOA members so long as the individual is in good standing with the AKC and has not been denied membership in BCOA.
YRB 2	Payment	4/5/1991	Yearbooks will not be mailed until the checks have cleared the bank.
YRB 3	Prices of old yearbooks	8/1986	Yearbooks of previous years may be sold at a set price as appropriate to collector's items.
YRB 4	Timeframe	5/1986	A special yearbook is published every five (5) years.