



## **BORZOI CLUB OF AMERICA AKC Delegate Report**

I was seated to the AKC Delegate body on June 9 with a glowing introduction by Karen Mays. Thank you, Karen. Although the meeting was short, 2 ½ hours, discussion was interesting. There is a major concern in that AKC registration of purebred dogs has been continually decreasing. The AKC relies on fees from litter and dog registrations to fund programs and to remain the leading advocate for purebred dogs. Too often, new owners forget to register their puppies. Currently, fewer than half the puppies from AKC litters become registered. The AKC has implemented an AKC Registration Pledge Challenge to all clubs. The role of the BCOA would be to encourage our members to sign a pledge on the AKC website [www.akc.org/regpledge](http://www.akc.org/regpledge). For additional information, please check out the FAQ at [www.akc.org/regpledge/index.cfm?action=clubFAQ](http://www.akc.org/regpledge/index.cfm?action=clubFAQ). The goal is for breeders to try and have 100% of their puppies registered with the AKC.

The AKC is pleased that there is well over 125 breeds that will be holding a specialty or a supported entry at the AKC's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Long Beach, CA. We will be doing a special presentation of our TSE medallions.

The next Delegate meeting will be September 15 in Newark, NJ. At this meeting the vote on group realignment will take place. For the Hound Group, the changes will be the separation of the sight and scent hounds and the addition of the Italian Greyhound to the sight hound group. I will need the Board's direction for this vote.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara O'Neill