

Regional Governors

Autumn 2019

Region 1 (Chuck Grabosky)

Sent out correspondence to Region regarding passing of member Ralph Jamison.

Reached out to Region 1 regarding mailings- electronic vs. mail.

Sent out correspondence to Region regarding new legislation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Notification was received from Member concerning Rally. Correspondence was forwarded to Board for review. No other notifications were received from Region.

Region 2 (Betsy Tolley)

- Texted Stephanie Allen on 08/19/19 to welcome her as a new BCOA member.
- Emailed members in Region 2 asking that anyone wanting a hard copy of the annual mailing contact me with that preference by 09/10/19.
- Sent the Recording Secretary on 09/11/19 the names of Region 2 members requesting hard copies of the annual mailing.
- Emailed members in Region 2 on 10/13/19 including the following request and reminders:
 1. Request for any topic or issue of concern that should be placed on the agenda of the Fall Meeting of the Board;
 2. Reminder that the materials from the annual mailing are available on the “Members Only” section of the website;
 3. Reminder that the memberships renewals are due on or before 12/31/19;
 4. Description of check boxes and areas for specific charitable contributions on the membership renewal form;
 5. Description of the other four forms contained in the annual mailing; and
 6. Reminder that the 2022 National Specialty will be held in Region 3. (Typographical error on the original email indicated incorrectly that the host in 2022 was Region 2. Correction sent by email on 10/14/19 to indicate that (1) the 2022 National Specialty will be held in Region 3 and (2) the year for Region 2 to host the National Specialty is 2023.)
- Emailed Jill Zamowski on 10/14/19 regarding my support for her proposed TSE to be held in conjunction with the Montgomery Kennel Club on November 27 and 28, 2020, due to a conflict between the show dates of the Birmingham Kennel Club and those of the 2020 BCOA National Specialty.
- Responded to four members’ requests for the username and password for the “MembersOnly” section of the website.
- Received an email containing a proposal to the Board from Dean Eelman regarding a different method of determining the BCOA Top Rally Dog. Rather than only averaging the scores earned over the past year, he recommended a method based on level of class, scores, and number of classes in which the dog competes.
- Received an email containing an update from Stephanie Allen regarding the proposal that BCOA recognize The ATTS TT title, as well as links related to AKC and its recognition of this title.

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

Since my last report I have emailed my region regarding the following items:
The information that BCOA was going digital in 2020 and that I needed to know which of them would not like to operate in this venue. I received notice from one person who wanted postal service mailings plus the name of one person who was referred to me stating that particular BCOA member in another region did not have access to email. I forwarded this information to Joy.

In addition, one person from Region 5 notified me of an email address change which I sent to the appropriate person.

Other correspondence forwarded to Region 5 members include the following: information on AKC Disaster Readiness Training Kit, revised AKC regulation regarding lure coursing, an email on the AKC National Owner-Handled Series, a memo on the Winners of the AKC "ACE Award, AKC Communicates (AKC's weekly digital newsletter), AKC 's request for donation for victims of domestic violence, plus Nancy Hopkins's email to members only about the Florida raw meat products recall.

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

- I sent the following to the BCOA Region 6 members:
- Welcomed our newest regional members Anastasia T. Hester & John Cerreto
- Informed members of the contract with the Roberts Centre for the 2021 National to be held May 22--29, 2021.
- Once again mentioned that advertising in the *Aristocrat* was a great value that and will be permanently on the internet.
- Reminded members that Edna Ogata needs to be informed about any ill borzoi lovers who would appreciate a card from the club and gave her email address. I also suggested they donate any unused borzoi note cards to Edna to use for her work on behalf of the club.
- I congratulated the ladies and informed the members that there will be a special *Aristocrat* feature of two of our history-making borzoi and their skilled handlers, Rider and June Mintchell and Whimsy and Lou Avant coming soon! I also stated that June was featured on the AKC website in this story about the first AKC Scent Work Detectives <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/sports/rocco-rider-become-first-akc-scent-work-detectives/>