

REGIONAL GOVERNORS' REPORTS

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

- Emailing the regional members with the information about the voting sent by Mr. Williams. Received some questions as to the process and one criticism of the process for voting concerning the 2020 judges.
- Maintaining moderation of the BCOA members IO group. Added new members as well as sending invites to those that have not joined. Joyce is helping quite a bit with the IO group. Everything seems to be running smoothly.
- Sending out updates to the Discussing Our Borzoi Club Facebook group. Some members of this group are not members of the IO group due to past issues with the platform.
- I have been working on contacting our Life Members to make sure contact information is up to date, what their preferred method of communication and if they want to continue receiving mailed correspondence such as the officer ballots and judges ballots.

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

- I sent copies of the *2020 judge's letter to the membership* to Region 2 members and a reminder prior to the deadline.
- I mailed hard copies of the letter to all Region 2 members without email addresses.
- I assisted one member without Internet access in casting a ballot regarding the 2020 judging panel.
- I sent hard copies of the results of the Coronavirus BCOA Opinion Poll to all Region 2 members without email addresses.
- I responded to several emails from Region 2 members.

REGION 3 – Shirley McFadden

- There are TWO borzoi Specialties coming up. The first one is being held by the Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club Labor Day, Monday-September 7, 2020 in Longmont, Colorado. Link to premium and show info:
<https://www.championdogevents.com/rocky-mtn-borzoi-club>
The next one is being held by Lone Star Borzoi Club Saturday September 19, 2020 in Itasca, Texas. Link to premium and show info:
<https://www.championdogevents.com/lone-star-borzoi-club>
- Region 3 Members participated in the votes for whether to have the National or not. They also voted on the options for 2020 judges.

- Region 3 Members were sent a copy to the Final Selection ballot for the top 5 vote getters which will be for the National held in 2023. Congratulations to our Region 3 member Meghann Lord-Fenn for making the top 5 again!
- I just learned for the passing of Maribeth Bennett of Colorado. She was a kind and bright lady and I know will be deeply missed by her RMBC “family” and beyond.

REGION 4 –Lorrie Scott

- BCNC specialties in October have been cancelled.
- Emailed out to the region the message regarding 2020 Judges and the voting process. Also sent hard copies to members. Assisted 4 members with logging on process to vote.
- Our region lost a borzoi family member Irv Bonios in July. He was a character and always interesting to talk to. He smile will be missed by many.
- Correspondence in regards to passing of Joy and her many duties as Recording Secretary. Assured them the board was dealing with loss and thanked them for the concern.
- Updated members about Roberts Center in Ohio for 2021 specialty and are plans to still have the show.
- I have spoken with 4 members in Northern California who are in the fire zone. 2 have evacuated and 1 has returned home. Offered resources both locally and what BCOA can offer. All seemed well prepared. I hope this will be the extent of threats to our region members but fear that this probably not the case.
- Sent out update and spoke with several members regarding the Annual Versatility Award program revisions. I received favorable responses.

REGION 5 – Karen Ackerman

Since our last BCOA Board meeting, I have contacted the membership of Region 5 numerous times on a variety of topics:

- Results of the Coronavirus Opinion Poll, 2020 National Specialty Cancellation Memo, information on the 2020 Nominating Process and Nominating Committee Names, President Williams’s memo explaining the situation to members on moving the 2020 judging slate to another date in the future, the note regarding the vote for this, plus reminders to do so in a timely manner, as well as, the results of the tally to accomplish this. Lastly, an email was sent regarding the advertising rates for the memorial ads and new title holder ads plus the August deadline date. I forwarded

the PVBC flyer to Region 5 advertising the two specialties in one day followed by one day of LGRA for the weekend of November 7/8, 2020.

- Lure Coursing information was shared with Region 5 members regarding the cancellation of the 2020 AKC National Lure Coursing Championship. Sandra Moore's email with the ASFA Communique attachment was forwarded to all which discussed Safe Practices and a discussion of a new event, Team Coursing. AKC Best Practices for Lure Coursing, Fast CAT and CAT were sent on.
- Information regarding the AKC titling requirements for obedience, rally and agility which were temporarily amended were sent on, as well as, the expansion of the AKC virtual program to rally intermediate class. Suggested Best Practices for obedience and rally were forwarded, too.
- Other AKC correspondence which was posted include several issues of their electronic weekly magazine, information for their educational webinar on the judging approval process which dealt with rules and policies, updates on their various programs, and club bylaw provisions for holding electronic meetings. In addition, their take on how to have a successful dog show during the current health crisis, the Learning Cluster, was emailed.
- Health updates, many of which were forwards from Nancy Hopkins via for membersonly list, included the following: raw meat recalls for Texas and Canada plus an email on pet loss support. A post to introduce Dr. Carpenter, Director of the AKC Canine Health Foundation was sent on. The USDA APHIS updates on the resumption of inspections during the pandemic from the AKC were mailed to all, as were posts on how to deal with pet stress caused by the Fourth of July. Revisions to USDA APHIS animal welfare act regulations were sent per the AKC announcement. The acknowledgement of May as Pet Cancer Awareness Month was forwarded. Links for the webinar on biomarkers for canine chronic kidney disease and the Harvard study on neuroanatomical argument supporting purposefully bred dogs was shared with Region 5.
- Legislative updates from Lyn Hoflin were posted for the following: Chicago, Illinois, Utah, Michigan, Iowa, South Carolina, Colorado, Vermont, and Nationwide. USDA National APHIS updates for licensing requirements was emailed. The HR6921 bill which was recently introduced for the importation of healthy dogs was shared with Region 5 members.

REGION 6 –Joyce Katona

I have communicated with Region 6 regarding the following:

- I shared that Anne M and Barbara O have been working with the Roberts Centre to insure a safe and fun National in 2021. I mentioned the schedule may have changes due to COVID restrictions.
- I stated I was thinking positively and looking forward to attending.
- I welcomed the new members to the region. When doing so, I provided the information that will be in the membership booklet.

- I informed them that Nancy Katsarelas had mailed the Annual Awards plaques and included the update that Nancy posted on the io group on August 16.
- I briefly reviewed the revisions in the Annual Versatility Award program. I advised them they could read the details and told them where to find them on the BCOA website.
- I indicated the revisions in the Annual Versatility Award program will be effective as of 1/1/21.
- I mentioned the Board is actively trying to improve communication with the membership. I listed the levels of communication, beginning with Blast Emails from the president or officers followed by the Governors' notices. Also the Members Only io group and the Facebook group "Discussing Our Borzoi Club" could be used.
- I gave the date of our next meeting and asked for any questions or concerns to be emailed.
- I received feedback regarding a problem with the Blast Email program.