



AKC DELEGATE REPORT

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This report will cover the March 2021 Delegates Zoom Meeting. The minutes from both the Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors February 2021 and April 2021 meetings are already available on the AKC site. Much is changing within the AKC and at a very rapid rate, especially through the use of new virtual technologies. As Borzoi now participate in such a diverse variety of AKC events, please take time to read the AKC Secretary's page in the Gazette to see what changes may have been made in your area of interest.

From the Delegate Meeting – items of note

The class of 2025 AKC Board of Directors was elected at the March Delegate Meeting. The following slate of Directors proposed by the AKC Nominating Committee were elected: **BCOA supported candidate.*

- *Rita J. Biddle, Esq., Ingham County Kennel Club
- *Dominic Palleschi Carota, Pharaoh Hound Club of America
- *Dr. Thomas M. Davies, Springfield Kennel Club
- Thomas Powers, Kennel Club of Beverly Hills

Neither of the By petition candidates were elected to office:

- Patricia M. Cruz, Heart of the Plains Kennel Club
- *Dr. Gregory J. Paveza, Elm City Kennel Club

The Bred-by Exhibitor Puppy class is still in committee. We had hoped to have a proposal for this meeting, but it's still being worked on. It has been sent to committee for wording that will allow it for specialties. The BCOA Board has instructed me to vote in favor of this addition.

Many of the items presented at the December meeting had already been presented and discussed at earlier Delegate Committee meetings. General Delegate Meeting Minutes have been published in AKC Gazette Secretary Page. If you have any questions, or comments on the minutes please contact me.

Delegate Committee Meetings – items of note

1. Still an area of emphasis is the identifying and helping "At-Risk". Emphasis on identifying and assisting "At Risk" members – Best practices being developed to assist club members and community dog owners in need. Encouraging people to reach out if they need help. At Risk – loss of income, age, illness, more dogs than they can care for. Clubs/members assist before it can become an AR issue.
2. The AKC is moving forward with the showing of Canine Partner dogs in Jr. Showmanship. It's being implemented in July 2021.

3. An interesting discussion was held about the conflicting between building membership and the perceived “elitism” found within purebred dog community. I will enlarge on this at the BCOA Annual Meeting.
4. Recommended creation of a Member/Breeders Development mentoring program that is separate from the JEC program. Also develop a library of interviews with senior breeders. To much history and knowledge is being lost as we lose senior breeders.
5. The AKC staff is working on the rules and for Fast CAT and CAT regulations separation from Lure Coursing.

The next AKC Delegate meeting will be June 8th. At this time I do not have an agenda or information on what needs to be voted on.

Regards,
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