

## **AKC DELEGATE REPORT**

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This report will cover the June 2021 Delegates Zoom Meeting. The minutes from both the Delegate meeting and the AKC Board of Directors meetings are already available on the AKC site. 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. For example, in this issue are changes to Fast CAT rules. Also, the AKC Board voted down the proposed Bred By Exhibitor Puppy Classes. The BCOA Board had directed me to vote in favor of the classes if it came before the Delegate Body for a vote. I fully expect it to be brought up on the floor at our next meeting.

On that note the September 2021 Delegate's Meeting will be in person in New York, our first, in person, meeting since March of 2020. Going back to the in-person meeting format will limit the number of meetings a Delegate can attend. The in-person format has a single morning and a single afternoon Committee Meeting, with up to five different Committees meeting concurrently.

### **Delegate Meeting**

The minutes and actions from the June 2021 Zoom Meeting have already been published in the AKC Gazette.

The September Delegate's meeting has the election of Delegates to the 7 different Delegate Committees. I have shared the bios of the 58 candidates with the BCOA Board for their input.

One item will be up for vote at the September Meeting, ARTICLE VII, Sections 5, 6 and New Section 7. This is already published in the Gazette and pertains to the AKC Board and Delegate meeting procedures.

### **Delegate Committee Meetings – items of note**

Continued emphasis on identifying and assisting "At Risk" members – Best practices are 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. This is an item addressed at almost all of the meetings.

There is an increased interest in the Parent Club Sponsored Reproductive Bank/AKC Purebred Preservation Bank tool kit that is available for parent clubs. This provide breeders and Parent Clubs a tool to prevent at-risk low-entry breeds from going extinct, and to provide more options for breeders of the future of any breed by preserving key traits of our best and healthiest dogs.

The method preserves our genetic heritage by collecting, banking, and cataloging frozen semen for future use.

The AKC announced the partnership between the US Police Canine Association and AKC and a new program from AKC Reunite called Adopt a K-9 Cop.

Juniors - Committee developing best practices to attract and retain Juniors and young adults. Also looking to encourage Juniors to participate in Performance and Companion events.

Regards,  
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