

REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Meeting Date: 2/7/2022

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

- I was contacted by Stephanie Allen concerning the current procedure of which BCOA records junior showmanship points for end of year awards. She felt her daughter was excluded because her daughter's points were accrued from participating in lure coursing, FCAT, CAT trials, instead of in Junior Showmanship. AKC has its own ranking system that is not based on the calendar year, and AKC ranking does include points accrued by participation in events such as field trials (lure, hunting, Earth dog), obedience, rally, etc. Our current verbiage states Junior Showmanship, which is an event held at all breed, group and specialty conformation shows. I suggested to Stephanie Allen that she put forth a proposal, to change the verbiage, and the way we calculate points towards end of year awards. Her response, it doesn't matter as we are not renewing our membership. She and one other member, continued to harass Barbara Tyler Lord.
- I was contacted by Barbara Tyler Lord on a few occasions concerning the junior showmanship program currently supported by BCOA. She contacted me as I am a mom to two junior handlers and a former junior handler. We discussed the issues she has encountered which include a couple members harassing her, stating she's excluding certain juniors from the stats (which is untrue). This situation has made her question if she still wants to volunteer for chair of her position. She will stay on but the membership needs to respect others. I encouraged Barbara to fight the good fight for junior handlers, to do the job that she has been tasked with and to continue to communicate any concerns.
- Attended the Borzoi Club of Delaware Valley supported entries at the Valley Forge KC. The entry was small but full of quality. I will work on encouraging local exhibitors to attend BCDV's future events in hope of building their entry. These shows did not pull majors.
- Email end of year message that included holiday greeting, encourage renewal of membership for 2022, update on 2023 national.
- Contacted Region 1 members whom have not paid their dues for 2022. A couple did pay their dues immediately. One member choose to not renew.

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

- 2023 National Specialty Performance Events Committee—Torie Cassano, committee chair, held two Zoom meetings to discuss use of the field in Dendron, VA and selection of judges for the ASFA and AKC lure coursing trials. In the role of the facilities coordinator, the Region 2 governor attended these meetings and participated in email exchanges. The report that came out of these meetings is attached and includes a list of proposed judges for these events. **(see Supporting Documents for report)**

- Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville—Responded to an email from Ms. Janelle Malinoski. She indicated that the facility anticipated that they would be notified that construction for I-26 would be delayed. Therefore, she was inquiring about the interest of Region 2 in hosting the 2023 BCOA National Specialty at their facility. The email reply thanked her for the update and related that the decision had been made to host the 2023 Specialty in Virginia Beach.
- 12/18/2021 Report to Region 2—This report contained a reminder to renew their memberships. It introduced new members Janice Tyler from Thurmont, MD and Lewis and Elena Dorman from Alexandria, VA. Region 2 members were asked if they had interests in becoming BCOA-approved judge mentors. The report listed the judges for regular classes and sweepstakes for the 2023 BCOA National Specialty. Finally, the report thanked those Region 2 members who had responded to the questionnaire on home visits and promised to return a summary of responses as soon as all regions had reported their results.
- 12/18/2021 Report on 2022 BCOA National Specialty—Resent on 02/04/2022. Sent Kim Horn Janek's update to Region 2 members.
- Barbara Ciravolo—Tom Ciravolo, her widower, sent an email notifying BCOA of her passing on August 24, 2020.
- Membership Renewal Reminders—Personally called each member whose dues were past due.
- 02/04/2021 Report to Region 2—The report requested Region 2 members to vote on three possible slogans and themes for the 2023 BCOA National Specialty. Many members have responded and some have suggested other slogans/themes. The report contained an update on the work of the Obedience/Rally Committee and the Performance Events Committee. Finally, there was another membership renewal reminder.
- AKC Meet the Breeds—One Region 2 Member, Roslyn Wenrich and her husband volunteered to participate in the Meet the Breeds event. Because there are too few Borzoi owners living within driving distance of Tampa, she and her husband have volunteered to participate in the Meet the Breeds at the AKC National Championship in Orlando in December 2022.

REGION 3 – Amy Sorbie

- Newsletter sent on Jan 3rd introducing myself. Newsletter contained Memorial for Sara Whittington Rowe, national specialty links and information. Included upcoming events, In Memoriam, New Champions, New Litters, Notes from AKC.
- Reached out to Jonnie Bradley and welcomed her to region 3. Added her contact information to the list of members for my region.
- 5 members from region 3 died last year: Redbird Adams (not BCOA member but will send memorial for National Catalog) , Sarah Whittington, Joe Rogers, Deb Goddard and Doyle Wall. I

am working on memorials for national catalog for Redbird Adams, Sara Whittington, Joe Rogers, and Deb Goddard. Have tried to contact Lynn Wall about Doyle's memorial but have not heard back.

- Contacted Kitty Sawyer about past due dues and sent link to pay which she did.
- Reached out to Johnnie Roe letting him know that our records show that he has not sent in his BCOA dues. Have not heard back.
- Sent message to Tristina Gilbert about past dues. She sent payment.
- Lone Star Borzoi Club will not have their Spring specialty this year so they can concentrate on the National in their state.
- Rocky Mountain Borzoi Club is planning on two Designated Specialties on July 2nd and 3rd with the Colorado Springs Kennel Club in Colorado Springs, CO.
- Sent February Newsletter with Information on nominating lifetime achievements asking for nominations. Included letter from Kim about the National, Memorial for Joe Rogers, upcoming events, National, Turquoise Trail Specialty in May, RMBC Specialty in July.
- Megan Lord contacted me about the AKC semen bank. I knew about it but did not send out information as wanted to wait until after meeting to see how we wanted to proceed. I replies to her that I would check into this matter.

REGION 4 –Kay Novotny

1. Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club News:
 - TTBC is having a specialty B match on March 20, 2022. Our judge is Jane Gentzen from Chino Valley AZ. It is scheduled to be held in Edgewood NM.
 - Join us in May for our first concurrent specialty, in conjunction with the High Desert Cluster in Albuquerque.
 - Friday, May 13, Rio Grande Kennel Club, judge: Anne Savory Bolus
 - Saturday, May 14, RGKC, judge: Garry Newton
 - Saturday, May 14, TTBC Concurrent Specialty, Judges: Kalen Marie Dumke Voogt -regular classes. Danielle Steenkamp-Puppy and Veteran Sweeps
 - Sunday: Coronado Kennel Club, Judge: Barbara Dempsy Alderman
 - Monday: CKC, Judge: Sulie Greendale-Paveza
 - Thanks to the generosity of all who participated in our fundraising events, we will again offer our signature stoneware logo mugs (in a new style), and some handmade ceramic Borzoi pieces by our own Carol Enz!
 - Onofrio is the superintendent for the whole cluster.
2. Borzoi Club of California News:
 - BCOC is planning to hold a specialty on Friday, April 15, before the Western Hound Show.

- Sweepstakes judge will be: Pam Leichtnam
- Conformation judge will be: Kalen Dumke Voogt
- BCOC is preparing to support the AKC Meet the Breed event in San Diego September 10 & 11. Volunteers should contact organizer, Tomomi Mikawa (contact information in the BCOA membership book.)

3. Borzoi Club of Northern CA News:

- Held a designated specialty on November 6, with the Contra Costa KC show. Judges were Monika Sima sweepstakes and Barb Ewing regular classes. BCNC also supported the Sunday show with trophies and rosettes.
- Plans for 2022 include a designated specialty on June 11 with the Contra Costa KC (Woofstock) with judges Ginger Jones for sweeps and Barbara Binder for regular classes.
- Also on June 12, a supported entry with Les Lindop for sweeps and John Constantine-Amodei for regular classes.
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- Additional specialties are in the works for October – with the Harvest Cluster, which will be held in Santa Rosa this year.

REGION 5 – Kristina Terra

1. I sent an introductory letter to all Region 5 members on 01/01/22 and updated the mailing list with new e-mails and additional members.
2. On 01/05/2022 I had a lovely chat with the long-time Region 5 Governor Karen Ackerman over the phone to ensure a smooth transition.
3. On 01/06/22 The PSBC Show Chair cc'd me on the application to hold two back-to-back specialties on September 10th & 11th in Stanwood, WA, submitted to the BCOA Corresponding Secretary.
4. On 01/08/22 I got in touch with the Region 3 Governor and a Region 5 member that had recently moved to update everyone's mailing lists.
5. On 01/11/22 I got in touch with the Corresponding Secretary and the Region 3 Governor after locating an error in the BCOA membership book listing a member in Region 5, which was incorrect for the state of her this person's new residence.
6. On 01/15/22 a BCOA Region 5 meeting took place in Puyallup, WA. A total of 8 BCOA members were present, in addition to one prospective member that has both sponsors but is awaiting a home visit. Members asked about the locations and judges for the 2022 and 2023 National specialties. Also, a Region 5 BCOA member brought up a question/suggestion on the Borzoi Health Committee's work. Here is the summary of that suggestion: 1) There is a need to promote more donations to the Committee

among BCOA members. 2) There needs to be a clearer messaging campaign about the Committee's projects, achievements, and fundraising activities, including an annual report on amounts raised and spent 3) As a result of this transparency and promotion, BCOA members may elect to donate to the Health Committee instead of donating to competing foundations that do not provide direct reports to the BCOA membership.

7. On 01/15/22, the Puget Sound Borzoi Club held an educational club activity following the Puyallup meeting. The topic was administering subcutaneous fluids for rehydration of dogs and puppies. A PSBC Board member, who is an ER nurse, conducted the seminar, which was also available online over Zoom. Most of our region has been experiencing long lines at veterinary emergency clinics and so this was the second health-related seminar offered by the PSBC to try to provide Borzoi owners with basic resources and knowledge (the first seminar was dedicated to emergency vet kits).

8. On 01/21/22 I contacted our former regional governor about the member survey on the BCOA's participation in the AKC Preservation Semen Bank program that was discussed at the November 2021 BCOA Board meeting. After contacting the BCOA President, I put together the survey using the report provided about the program by the BCOA AKC Delegate.

9. On 01/25/22 I forwarded the AKC news that might influence regional specialty clubs (possibility of holding 4 specialties per year and splitting BBE Class into BBE Adult and BBE Puppy)

10. On 01/26/22 I sent the Survey on the BCOA's participation in the AKC Purebred Preservation Bank Program. I repeated the mailing on 01/30/22. (Results and member comments listed below).

Here are the Region 5 member Results of the Survey on the BCOA Participation in the AKC Preservation Semen Bank Program:

Yes – 11

No – 3

Undecided – 3

Total Responses - 17

Here are some comments and questions I received about this program from the BCOA members in Region 5:

- "I think no matter how many people are involved in ensuring it wouldn't happen, this would be too open to political abuse."
- "I am very afraid of this subject because it is so open to all kinds of political input. However, I do agree that the purebred dog world needs something like this. I don't want to see this set up WITHOUT BCOA input but I'm really not sold on this idea. "
- "It takes the control out of the breeders' hands."
- "It's difficult to have an opinion without knowing more about it. So, it sounds like AKC would not be selecting and collecting dogs, but rather, taking over costs for semen that is already stored, if/when the owner no longer wants to/can pay for storage, am I understanding that correctly? And there will be some sort of selection process for which semen would be saved? What would that selection process consist of? Would it be based on show winnings, other rankings, titles, or

would it be based on actual genetic diversity as determined by the Veterinary Genetics Lab at Davis, or some other way? If the dog has not been analyzed by VGL, how would diversity be determined? If the project is for preserving diversity, I would think some sort of analysis of the individual dog, as he relates to the breed population as a whole would be important? These are questions that come to mind, I'm sure other people will have other questions."

REGION 5 – Karen Ackerman

Term Ending December 31, 2021

- During the last couple of months of my term as Region 5 Governor, I emailed the VP Election Ballot to the members of Region 5 with the caveat of mailing the ballot to the tabulator via USPS per Joyce Katona's instructions to be in compliance with the BCOA Constitution and By-Laws. As a follow-up, I notified Region 5 of the certified results of that election.
- Regarding other BCOA business, I sent the 2022 Meet the Breeds Schedule to Region 5. Even though none of the Meet the Breeds events are planned for our area, I requested help from friends and family of Region 5 members who may live where these events are to be held.
- Additionally, I forwarded the 2022 National Specialty email update which was chocked full of information from Kim Horn Janek, Show Chair. This included info on the show superintendent, closing dates of entries, scheduling, advertising, one stop shopping, trophy donations, health clinics and so forth.
- Furthermore, I completed the Region's mentor update. I checked with our mentors to see if any of them needed the DVD for the Visualization of the Standard. Out of the five mentors in our area, only two requested the DVD. This information was forwarded to Ron Williams, BCOA President, and the requested DVDs were mailed to those individuals.
- Items from the AKC which were emailed to Region 5 included an alert regarding a phishing scam, information on the APHIS Rule Requiring Emergency Contingency Plans, a donation request for the Canine Health Fund and a blurb about the upcoming AKC National Championship on January 2, 2022. Finally, of most importance, the AKC Rule Changes for Dog Shows effective March 29, 2022 were forwarded.
- Again, a final thank you to Region 5 members who are very knowledgeable and concerned. I have enjoyed getting to know you and representing you. As our paths part, my best to you and to your new Region 5 Governor, Kristina Terra.

REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek

- Since my last report dated 11/15/2021:
- Almost daily I am communicating with Barbara Danieli, the 2022 Assistant Chair and several members of the 2022 National Committee, discussing details and following up to ensure we have all of our bases covered. I will submit a full report to the board separately from this.
- I received several inquiries from Region 6 members regarding the ability to vote via electronically for our Board elections. There seems to be some confusion because members are allowed to vote for judges via email and feel that the same policy should be used for yearly board elections. I advised them that per our existing By-laws, we are not allowed to vote via email for the open Board positions.

- After Joyce Katona sent out a BCOA Dues renewal notice I received an email from a member advising that she would pay by check this year because when she paid by credit card last year, her renewal was not recorded. I forwarded her note to Lyn Hoflin for her information.
- I received communication from BCOA Region 6 member stating that she had not included her kennel name on her renewal form. I responded to her and forwarded her email to Joyce Katona.
- On December 10, 2021, I met Barbara Danieli in Dayton, Ohio to do a complete inventory of the POD. We spent the better part of a day going through boxes and Barbara provided the Board with a complete list of its contents. Several of the Perpetual Trophies are being stored in cardboard boxes. We should probably discuss the need to have additional wooden crates made Face-to-Face meeting while in Texas.
- I sent a note to my region advising them of the election results. I included information regarding the 2022 National. I received a note from one member that asked to be excluded from any communication that refers to the Texas National. I have honored her request and now send out separate notices regarding the National and general information.
- I received a returned email because of a bad email address. I was able to contact the member via Facebook and she advised me of her new address. I also received an email address change from another Region 6 member and forwarded both to Joyce Katona.
- I sent Betsy Tolley an email regarding the Specialty Guidelines for hiring Performance Judges for the National. We have been in further communication regarding the committee's choice for the 2023 Obedience/Rally judge and will negotiate a contract that will be agreeable to all parties.
- After there was negative discussion on the Discussing Our Borzoi Club FB page regarding on-line voting, I contacted the company that one of the members recommended. I forwarded his reply to the Board members.
- I responded to a member that wanted to know how the field events would be scheduled for the National and sent out a notice to my region regarding the hotel and RV information for same.
- I sent out an email to my region concerning AKC's Meet the Breed schedule for 2022. The AKC originally had an event scheduled in Columbus, Ohio for November 19-20. I had one member express an interest in helping with it. I thanked her for her response. I have subsequently found that the AKC has changed the Columbus date to October 15-16 and sent an updated notice to my region.
- I contacted Joyce Katona about my on-going issues with the io. groups, particularly any mail that comes through the BCOA Board io.group. She advised that some members are also having problems.
- As requested, I sent Betsy Tolley the proposed schedule for the 2022 National and advised her that the standardized trophy prices need to be updated for the 2023 Trophy Donation Book.
- I submitted a letter to the Members' Only site updating the membership on the 2022 National and some areas that will be handled differently this year.
- I notified my region that Helen Lee was looking for photographs of winning and placing dogs from previous nationals to fill in the blanks on the website. I also advised them that she would like a "Regional" report from the regional clubs to update the Borzoi fancy of club activities.
- I received a note from a Region 6 member suggesting that perhaps we can give BCOA members (with documentation) a discount on Specialty Merchandise. I told her I would address it with the board and believe it has been added to the agenda.
- I received a notice from Lyn Hoflin regarding several Region 6 members that have not renewed their membership. It was determined that three had obtained Life status. I sent out individual

notices to the remaining. I heard back from two; one had paid her dues via PayPal and submitted a receipt to Lyn Hoflin and one thanked me for the reminder and intended to renew that day.

- My final note to the region for this report was sent out on January 30, 2022. I reminded the life members to maintain their membership status and membership benefits including the Puppy Referral List and welcomed our four new life members.
- And lastly, I returned my signed Code of Conduct form to Joyce Katona.