

REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Meeting Date: August 7, 2023

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

Since our last Board meeting, I attended the BCDV and BCGNY specialties held in Bethlehem PA in May. Their specialties were following the BCOA national and right before the Westminster KC show. They had a good turn out of exhibitors from all over the country.

Three BCOA members have worked on three different proposals for the 2025 BCOA National. Sherry Besley worked on trying for a location near Watkins Glen NY but the property owner stopped communications and was making it difficult for us to go forward. Elisabeth Symanski worked on a location in Bethlehem PA, the location the BCDV and BCGNY hold their regional specialties. The facility was a go until the sales manager made us aware of an ownership change, resulting in a remodel, which could be done during the time we were looking to be there. There would have been no way to have been able to have our event while they were remodeling. Janice Tyler has worked with the hotel BCOA used in 2017 in Hunt Valley MD, with lure coursing to be held in Hanover PA. She has put forth a proposal to the board.

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

Membership Renewals—I sent email reminders to every member who was late in returning their membership renewals and/or dues. I personally called every member who had not renewed to remind them or determine whether they as Life members wished to remain on the roster. As in the past, I had several very nice conversations with several members. I assisted with the renewal process where needed.

Proofing of the Membership Booklet—I reached out to the members in Region 2 and gave them the updated password for the “Club Access” Area. I requested that the members verify that the information was correct. Corrections were forwarded to the Recording Secretary.

Phone Calls and Emails—I responded to several emails and a conference call. I responded to Region 2 members’ concerns and questions.

MeadowView Conference and Resort and Convention Center, Kingsport, TN—I contacted the Sales department to discuss the possibility of hosting the 2025 BCOA at this facility. MeadowView has made a corporate decision to seek out parent clubs as a site for their national specialties.

Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort, Asheville, NC—I contacted the Sales department to discuss the possibility of hosting the 2025 BCOA at this facility. This is the same facility that BCOA had initially identified as a potential site, but I-26 was scheduled to take some acreage when construction started. Several parent clubs have hosted national specialties at this facility. At this time I-26 construction is on hold indefinitely.

REGION 3 – Amy Sorbie

- 5/10/2023- Sent May Newsletter
BCOA Business: Photos from national
AKC Corner- AKC TV on Plex TV announcement
Breeder/Member Education: Chocking- What Do You Do? Heimlich maneuver on dogs.
No new litters or new Champions.
Upcoming Events: TTBC Specialty May 12
RMBC Specialty July 1st & 2nd
- 6/12/2023- Sent June Newsletter
BCOA Business: New Password for Members Only section of website
Judges nomination form and instructions
AKC Corner: Information about Eddy Award
Breeder/Member Education- Summer Grooming-Is it OK to shave your dog?
New Litters: 2 New
New Champions: 3 new
Upcoming Events: RMBC Specialties July 1st & 2nd and Sept 4th
BCOA Supported Entry –Houston 7/21
BCGO Specialty Oct. 7th & 8th Lincoln Nebraska
TTBC Specialties Nov 4th & 5th New Mexico
- 7/1-7/2 RMBC Designated Specialties- Colorado Springs Colorado with Colorado Springs Kennel Club. Specialties went very well!
- 7/4/2023- Sent July Newsletter
BCOA Business: New Password for Members Only section of website
Nominating committee info and positions open
AKC Corner: AKC Show Chair Seminar info in Houston
Legislative alert for Texas
Club Happenings: RMBC B match photos
RMBC Designated Specialty trophy table photos.
Breeder/Member Education- How do you Choose A Stud Dog?
Article compiled by me. Included answers from seven of the breeder
Judges who have judged the National. I intend to submit this compilation to the Aristocrat for next publication.
No new litters or new champions.
Upcoming events: BCOA Supported Entry in Houston 7/21
BCGO Specialty Cct 7th & 8th Lincoln Nebraska
YYBC Specialties Nov 4th & 5th New Mexico
- 7/21/2023 Received correspondence from a member through messenger concerned of the tone and negativity involving the discussion about annual awards in Discussing our Borzoi Club FB page. I contacted administrators of that group and let them know that there were concerns. They responded and shut down the comments.

REGION 4 –Kay Novotny

1. Turquoise Trail Borzoi Club News:
 - TTBC had a specialty on Saturday May 13, judge Del Richards, conformation and Danielle Steenkamp, sweeps. There were 8 puppies in Sweeps, 11 Veterans in Sweeps, 13 class dogs, 18 class bitches, 6 in veteran classes, 17 specials, 5 in stud dog and brood bitch, and one brace entered.
 - Back-to-back specialties are being planned for November 4-5, 2023 in Bernalillo NM. They will be sharing a beautiful park with the Sporting Dog Assn of NM. Onofrio, Superintendent. Judges: Jim Sillers regular and Anne Quinn (sweeps) on Saturday. Robert Place and Gwen Little (sweeps) on Sunday.
2. Borzoi Club of California News:
 - Held a specialty on Friday, April 14, 2023 with the Western Hound Show. Judges: Regular Classes Del Richards, Sweepstakes Robert Newman. Club president, Gwenn Little reports that the specialty was well attended.
 - Planning in place for the specialty next year at the same venue. Tentative judges slate is Show #1: Ron Lukins, regular classes, Patricia Wiseman, sweeps. Show #2: Linda Scanlon regular classes and Monica Barry sweeps.
3. Borzoi Club of Northern CA News:
 - BCNC held a June 10 designated specialty with Woofstock, Patricia V Trotter regular classes and Ginger Jones puppy and veteran sweeps. There were 11 puppies in sweeps, one veteran in sweeps, 18 class dogs, 14 class bitches, 1 veteran, 7 specials, and 1 brace entered.
 - BCNC also plans two designated specialties in October with the Del Valle cluster. Harvest Moon, Oct 19-22 2023, Sat designated specialty Edward McKenzie (Scotland) regular classes Sweeps: Corrine Miller. Friday, Oct 18, 2023, Designated Specialty, Judge Eric Liebes regular classes, Vicky Cook, Sweeps.
 - The club is putting together a catered dinner on Saturday at the house of David and Ellen Robinson. The cost will be around \$35.00. People who wish to attend should notify Loretta Binder-Wheeler. She is on FB, and her contact information is also in the BCOA membership list.
4. Region 4 general news –
 - We are in the middle of the summer heat – and entries are reflecting it. Hope to have an early cool down this fall.

REGION 5 – Kristina Terra

In late April, I attended the BCOA Board teleconference and in-person meeting at the National Specialty in Virginia Beach, VA as well as helped at the National the best I could. I “landed” the Facility Coordinator job for the 2024 BCOA National to be held in Olympia, Washington, when our original coordinator Hillary had several things happen that prevented her from continuing in this role. I am so thankful for all the work that has been done already by Hillary – it gave me a HUGE head start. So, my late spring and summer have been filled with many activities that had to do with preparations for the 2024 specialty. It all started with the Power Point presentation at the 2023 national and ordering merchandise for the specialties’ promotion. I have been working closely with the show chairs Kim Horn Janek and Barbara Danieli and gotten great advice from my counterpart Betsy Tolley, who just

completed the task in Virginia and is thankfully willing to help us in Washington! The wonderful volunteer committee chairs have been confirmed and I thank everyone who has stepped up to help by taking on huge tasks of heading committees or committing to volunteer in any capacity! I thank the committee heads from the 2023 National that are helping us with advice and real work! In early June, have had a phone chat with Marie Yoesel and Cindy Klein that have the monumental task of putting on three days of field events, securing the field, equipment, lure operators, and volunteers. I've communicated with Marie Agun and Sally Bazzell, who co-chair the Obedience/Rally Events about potential judges list to be submitted to the board. I've had countless calls with the show chair and host hotel management about setting up our reservations, planning of meeting space, grooming possibilities, RV parking set-up, judges' room reservations, etc. I have communicated with my volunteers about local judge suggestions for other events at the National. I have been in touch with the 2023 Vendor chairs, Corissa Fanning and Laurie Courtney to ensure continuity to the 2024 Specialty. I have talked with Gary Gideon, who has set up the 2024 BCOA National merchandise page. Also, I have communicated with Melissa Handley about her making Borzoi wind spinners – she is introducing the elements of the Pacific Northwest into her design and these will be featured at the Membership dinner! The 2023 Hospitality Chair, Rhonda Robbins, has been simply amazing – she is making acrylic stained-glass-effect sun catchers based on the 2024 logo design – to be featured at the Awards Dinner. There are many things to still be done, and the process is just at its initial stages. Please contact me if you want to volunteer at the 2024 National, which will be the BCOA's 120th anniversary—mark your calendars for April 20-27 2024 and keep checking the BCOA website for more updated information!

REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek

Since my last report dated 04/23/2023:

- I participated in all three portions of the Spring, 2023 BCOA Board meetings including the Face-to-Face Board Meeting on 4/23/23, as well as the Annual Membership Meeting on April 27, 2023 and special meetings which were called on April 12, 2023, April 27, 2023 and May 17, 2023.
- I have communicated with my region requesting Liaisons for the AKC Meet the Breeds Event in Chicago and Columbus, OH. After several requests, Tina Wismer volunteered to head up the Chicago event in conjunction with the International Kennel Club Shows on August 26th and 27th. Gale Snoddy has volunteered to head up the Columbus event which will take place on October 14th. Gale is still looking for volunteers to help man the booth.
- I have received a message from a Region 6 member concerning a membership application. I advised the member that the application had a first reading but was not reflected correctly in the minutes.

- I attended the MBC Specialty in Kalamazoo on May 28th. I was able to speak to many exhibitors and encouraged those that have not yet joined BCOA to consider applying.
- I received a phone call from a Region 6 Member expressing some concern regarding a committee chair. Due to the sensitivity of the call, I will discuss this under executive session.
- I have been working with Barbara Danieli, Betsy Tolley, Joyce Law and Lyn Hoflin to close out the 2023 National Specialty and firming up details with Kristina Terra, Heather Lukashin, Barbara Danieli, Helen Lee, Betsy Tolley and Lyn Hoflin for the 2024 Specialty.

These will be highlighted in my Committee Report.

- I received correspondence from Anne Midgarden requesting transparency from the board in regards to the National Specialty Budget. She provided the Scottish Deerhound Club of America's P & L as an example. I responded to Anne, noting that we were working on the reconciliation and would make it available for the membership at a later time.