

2012 BCOA BOD Ballots

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BALLOT 2012 – 01: APPROVED

Postmarked: January 4, 2012

SUBJECT: Amending Administrative Policy [Ref. 2008-01]

Effective Date: January 14, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please indicate your vote to further define ballot voting options indicated in item number 3; Approve, Disapprove, Abstain, and Recuse.

1. Unless otherwise indicated on the ballot, all Board ballots must be in the hands of the President and Secretary within ten (10) days of the postmarked date on the ballot envelope or electronic record.
2. Ballots must, in all cases, be presented to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary.
3. Board members shall vote: "APPROVE," "DISAPPROVE," "ABSTAIN" (counted present for quorum, but refrain from voting on ballot), or "RECUSE" (not counted present for quorum, not voting due to conflict of interest). An affirmative vote shall require a majority of those voting, except where otherwise specified in the Bylaws. A vote "ABSTAIN" or "RECUSE" shall not be included in the ballot count.
4. The President will cast a ballot only in the case of a tie.
5. Votes submitted by USPS, FAX, or electronic mail will be acceptable.
6. Matters under review or discussion by the Board and ballots in circulation may be discussed among any or all Board members, but such discussion shall not appear in public forum of any sort, electronic or other. Occasionally non-Board members with pertinent information and/or experience may be included in discussion of a specific ballot.
7. During electronic communication, the subject line should be pertinent to the thread of conversation. If the subject matter deviates from the original content, the subject line shall be changed.
8. Respect and courtesy are essential in discussing club business. Personal comments should be taken to a private conversation between those individuals.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work

BALLOT 2012 – 02: APPROVED

Postmarked: January 4, 2012

Subject: Purchase of Epson Projector

Effective: January 14, 2012

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Please indicate your vote to approve and document the non-budgeted expenditure of the Club purchase in the amount of \$472.49 for an Epson EX3200 Projector on 09/23/2011.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work

BALLOT 2012 – 03: APPROVED

Postmarked: January 4, 2012

Subject: Rescue Reimbursement for Wimauma Basenji, "Sandy"

Effective: January 14, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President

Ballot 2011-61 approves providing financial assistance to a new group of Wimauma Basenji rescues in which funding would be provided to purchase crates and veterinary care. Per BCOA Rescue Policy, payment is to be made directly to the crate vendor and attending veterinarian. Under special circumstances, "Sandy's" veterinarian bill was paid by both BRAT and BCOA member, Joe Carlson on December 14, 2011.

Please indicate your vote to approve reimbursing \$182.69 to Mr. Carlson directly in the absence of his completing BCOA Rescue documentation as this Basenji is in the BRAT system. This money has already been earmarked for these dogs; however, the recipient for this payment is different than originally balloted.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work

BALLOT 2012 – 04: APPROVED

Postmarked: January 4, 2012

SUBJECT: AKC Delegate

Effective: January 14, 2012

Please indicate your vote on accepting Katie Campbell as AKC Delegate. Per the By-Laws, reimbursement of reasonable expenses may be provided to the Delegate. Ms. Campbell requests reimbursement for airfare and hotel costs for the quarterly meetings. This unbudgeted expenditure is expected to total \$2,200.00 annually.

The importance of AKC Delegate information is outlined at this webpage: http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/delegate_importance.pdf

APPROVE: Beaudoin-comment: [Many thanks to Jon for his donation of time and money in doing this job for us over the years], Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: [Many thanks to Jon Curby for his years of service as our AKC delegate], Ketz, Pooley, Straubcomment:

[I certainly respect and appreciate everything Jon has done in this capacity and want to thank him for all his years of service as our club's delegate], Webb-comment: [Many thanks to Jon Curby for his 14 year service as Delegate to the AKC. There are many people who want to try new jobs and I think Katie will do well in this one.]

DISAPPROVE: Siekert- comment: [Our current AKC Delegate has ably served the BCOA for the past 15 years. He is well established and respected within the AKC organization and has built strong connections, which in turn gives the BCOA strong

connections and a strong voice on important matters within the AKC. The current cost to the BCOA for travel and expenses for the AKC

Delegate is \$0.00 and has, I believe, been \$0.00 since 1997. The projected yearly cost to the BCOA for a new Delegate is \$2200/per year multiplied by a 5 year term or roughly \$11,000 or \$550 per quarterly report; reports which I believe can be easily obtained via the AKC website. With the very real possibility the BCOA will need to outsource the club BULLETIN in 2012 at a potential cost between \$2500-\$5000 per quarter in addition to postage (which increases January 22nd), lest we lose the publication altogether, I do not feel it is in the BCOA's best interest to commit itself to spending \$2200 or more a year at this time; there is just no reasonable argument for incurring additional expenses to the BCOA or the loss of a respected AKC Delegate.

Work-comment: [The \$2200 for airfare and hotels is unbudgeted for, which makes me uncomfortable. Also, even that estimate could be less than the actual costs, and there is no way of knowing how high the new expenditures could actually be. Also, I just can not approve of replacing a delegate with 15 years experience, and with a long history as board member and officer, with one who has never

served as an officer or board member, and whose office would incur new costs for our club.]

BALLOT 2012 – 05: APPROVED

Postmarked: January 5, 2012

SUBJECT: Standing Committee Chairs

Effective: January 15, 2012

To expedite committee progress, multiple committee ballots will be circulated as positions are filled.

Please mark your vote on accepting the persons listed below as chairs of standing committees:

AKC Gazette Columnist: Marcia Woodard

Archive Action Committee: Donna DeFlorio

Breeders' Education: Susan Coe and Laurie Stargell

By-Laws and Corporate Documents: Midge Greenlee

Health and Research: Kirsten Sigrist and Kristen Marshall

Judges' Education: Marianne Klinkowski

Legal Review and Liaison: Karla Schreiber

National Specialty Oversight: Jackie Jones

Rescue Liaison: Carrie Jones

Sunshine: Peg Grundman

Videographer: Andrew Sawler

Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Roll Tallier: Julie Jones and Kathy Jones

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

Pat Fragassi: Facilitate communication between committee chairs and Board to obtain names of all committee members.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-with Comment: [Looking forward to a productive year along with periodic activity reports. Thanks!], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb

DISAPPROVE: Siekert- comment: [Unfortunately the way this Ballot is presented I have no choice but to disapprove all committee chairs presented when in fact there are only two committees whose chair(s) I actually disapprove. Health and Research Committee: I do not feel comfortable approving any individual whose current membership within the BCOA is not yet a year old. While I understand they have been a member twice before, that does not change the fact they are, by definition, a new BCOA member. I am concerned it may be viewed as a slight to long term members and volunteers who are well qualified to serve and chair the HRC who have done good work for the club via the HRC for a number of consecutive years. Legal Review and Liaison (was Legal Review & Advisory) Committee: I do not feel it is in the memberships best interest to appoint Karla Schreiber as sole chair of this committee. Work-comment-[The only issue I have is with the nominee for Legal Review and Liaison. At this point we don't even know if the nominee can legally accept this position].

BALLOT 2012 – 06: APPROVED

Postmarked: January 10, 2012

SUBJECT: Standing Committee Chairs

Effective Date: January 20, 2012

To expedite committee progress, multiple committee ballots will be circulated as positions are filled.

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on accepting the persons listed below as chairs of standing committees:

African Stock Project: James Johannes and Linda Siekert

AKC Legislative Liaison: Vickie Jacobs

Breeder Referrals: Sandy Beaudoin

Breed Standard: Damara Bolte' and Midge Greenlee with Trainee, Andrew Sawler

Judge Selection Committee: Laurie Stargell

Judge Selection Tallier: Kim Noyes

Lure Coursing: Russ Jacobs

Native Stock (Studbook): Pamela Geoffroy and Damara Bolte'

Performance Events – Versatility: Cindy Griswold and Suzanne LaCroix

Performance Stud/Brood Honor Roll Tallier: Susan Kamen-Marsicano

Website: Susan Coe, Kyle Cabral, and Clay Bunyard

Website Security: Lisa Auerbach
Website Subsite Permission: James Johannes (African Stock Project)
Suzanne LaCroix (Versatility)
Susan Coe (Native Stock & Basenji University)

Vickie Jacobs (Legislation)

APPROVED: Camp-comment: [Looking forward to a productive year along with periodic activity reports. Thanks!], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work

DISAPPROVE: Siekert-comments: [Unfortunately the way this Ballot is presented I have no choice but to abstain from voting on the committee chairs.]

RECUSE: Beaudoin

BALLOT 2012-07: APPROVED

Postmarked: January 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Ballot Tallier

Effective Date: January 23, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on accepting Kim Brown [CT] as Ballot Tallier for Native Stock Stud Book entries and for other membership ballots that do not require being tallied by an outside firm.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-Comments: [it's nice to see a fresh name volunteering. Would be great to see more. Thank you Kim for stepping forward.], Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-08 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Managing Editor for the Bulletin

Effective: January 23, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please indicate your vote to approve Connie Camp as Managing Editor for the quarterly magazine, The Bulletin.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work

ABSTAIN: Camp

RECUSE: Pooley

BALLOT 2012-09: APPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVONGARA AKUA

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjies, please send your vote on approving Avongara Akua to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (The imports we bring in today should, in my opinion, be subject to and meet the same standards for conformation and type that were set forth by those who wrote the Standard to comply with the best of what they found in Africa, many years ago. A number of these imports fail that test, in conformation, in type or in both.), Ketz, Pooley-comments: (In 2009, I had the privilege to vote and approve 10 new native imports. Just three short years later, I find myself charged with the same duty. These ballots are very important as they impact the preservation of the basenji. To be respectful of our founders as well as the individuals who have submitted these imports, I spent a considerable amount of time reading, again, the history of the basenji, the origins of primitive dogs, as a whole, and the breed standard. I reviewed Veronica's Blue Book, "Basenjies: The Barkless Dogs," to refresh my memory on the earliest records regarding the basenji. I read, again, statements made long ago by experts and explorers who described this little African dog.

In 1868, Dr. Schweinfurth, while traveling through Central Africa studying flora and fauna, wrote of the Nyam Nyam tribe, in the south of the Sudan, "The only domestic animals are poultry and dogs. The dogs belong to a small breed resembling the wolf-dog, but with short, sleek hair, they have ears that are large and always erect, and a short curly tail like that of a young pig. They are usually bright yellowish tan in colour, and very often have a white stripe upon the neck."

The 1908 Illustrated Kennel News contains a photo of "Native Dogs of the Congo." Pictured was a daughter of a bitch that was described as, "The eyes are small and dark and very intelligent, set in a wrinkled face, head broad, the ears are upright, broad at the base, the tail is usually carried high and curled over the back." The author went on to write, "These are quite evidently of the same variety as the so-called African Bush Dogs, shown about 1895 at the Crufts Show."

And later from the Egyptian Department of the British Museum, "There is little room for doubt that these are Basenjies, even the wrinkled foreheads are shown and the tails are curled like Chelsea buns."

I studied all the photos in Veronica's Blue Book and found of particular interest Plate 3, the photo of the Late Major George Richards, taken in 1927 with Ting Deet, described as "finely pointed and aristocratic." Pictured below that one is Mrs. Burn and her daughter with Bongo and Bokoto of Blean (imported in 1938.) Our dogs of today still carry the stamp of those basenjies.

Plate 6 - all those puppies born in 1939, only a generation away from the first imports. One can see these puppies are not the result of "genetic engineering" but the product of basenjies out of Africa.

And who does not remember this famous picture? Plate 9, 1912 of a stuffed basenji in an exhibit in the American Museum of National History. I could continue to flush out points in Veronica's book that cover those very early sightings of basenjies and discuss the

experiences of Lady Helen Nutting, our earliest breed founder, but this isn't necessary. Anyone can read for themselves the efforts of people like Lady Nutting, Mrs. Burn, or Veronica Tudor-Williams made so many years ago to bring us the basenji.

Today, a heavy responsibility lies upon us, as members of the Basenji Club of America and as protectors of our standard to honor and respect those first basenjis brought out of Africa. The characteristics of these original dogs -- the aristocratic look, the Gazelle-like grace, their elegance, the portrayals of wrinkled brows and curly tails -- are described over and over. In looking at our modern-day basenjis, one only has to review this history to understand that those basenjis found almost a century ago are responsible for those same characteristics we see today.

In making my decisions on these ballots, I have weighed the history of the basenji, the works of our breed founders, a study of many primitive breeds that carry basenji-like features found in several continents today, the words of the breed standard, almost unchanged from Lady Helen Nutting's first writing in 1939, and my own experiences with the breed since 1981.),

Siekert-comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18.

My job: Carefully study every application and determine if each applicant has enough breed type to be sent through to the membership for their review and voting.

Criteria:

1/ Breed type

2/ Phenotype

3/ Provenance: Historical, historical presumptions

4/ Application process: evaluations, health testing

5/ Breeder interest

6/ Membership Inclusion

Criteria key points:

1/ Breed type: The definition of breed type in relations to a land race can not be dependent on whether or not they immediately breed true due to the expected variability of type found in the native source population and the inability to breed multiple generations as our founders did, producing well over 100 puppies between 1936-1941 while culling non-conforming (to them) specimens, before accepting the first breed standard in 1942.

Breed type can not be defined as "Is this a dog I would breed to?" There are domestic Champions I would never use in my breeding program but they are no less a basenji because of it nor does it mean they are not on someone else's breeding radar screen.

Expecting native stock to look like show stock, much less produce like show stock, within the first generation(s) is unrealistic.

2/ Phenotype: Do the 2012 applicants have atypical variations? Is there anything in their phenotype which has not been seen in the domestic population? Is there anything in their offspring which has not been seen in the domestic population?

Historically domestic populations have produced too little white, too much white, odd colors (saddles, sables, piebalds, pintos, creams, dilutes), loopy/sickle tails, low set tails, longer coats, shorter legs, long backs, soft toplines, large ears, cathedral fronts, shelly ribcages, barrel chests, flat feet, round eyes, light eyes, etc.

There is no genetic test available to prove or disprove breed purity; just like the founders, one can only presume purity due to their phenotype and should be judged accordingly.

Breed type variation is important for genetic diversity - the primary goal of importing native stock.

The less tolerant we become of variation, the more our gene pool is reduced for future generations.

3/ Provenance: Presumption has been the basenji only originates and exists in a small geographical area despite vast tracts of Africa in which no one has specifically travelled while looking for basenjis - until the early 21st century when first Veronica Tudor-Williams, then

Jon Curby, Michael Work and Damara Bolte, went looking for, and found, basenjis in other regions.

We have descriptions of basenji-type dogs throughout Africa from Western explorers/travelers such as Schweinfurth (1868-1871), Hamilton (1882), Cleote (1950) to individuals with a particular interest in the basenji such as O. Burn (Congo), VTW (Sudan) and Standifer (Liberia); I currently have on my computer a 2011 photograph of native Ethiopian children, amidst a pack of basenjis.

Historically the basenji has ranged and/or been depicted in wall paintings from as far West as Liberia, as far North as Egypt, to Sudan, which is North and East of the present day DRC, as late as the 1960s; there is no reason to presume 1) the population of basenjis has shrunk to a relatively small region of the DRC, nor 2) to presume they have not.

European dogs have historically traveled with their masters throughout Africa for hundreds of years, long before the western basenji was developed; all original founders were selected for by their phenotype; therefore all current native stock should be equally judged.

4/ Application process: Evaluations: The current process was designed to allow multiple evaluators hands on experience of the imports. Photos can make a nice dog look bad or a bad dog look nice, making the hands on observations and evaluations critical; it makes no sense to disregard such experienced evaluations and opinions and not allow any applicant which receives an average score of fair or higher to be seen and voted on by the membership.

For me, breeder judges and/or long time breeders carry more weight than all breed judges, with those who have lived closely with and/or bred to higher percent Africans carrying the most weight due to their understanding of the whole native dog.

Health testing: Health issues can impact the breed much more negatively long term than adding a dog presumed, but not proven, to be impure. I am a firm believer that all native stock be tested to the fullest, if not at the time of the application, then before being bred, once approved. Having full health testing and disclosure is a must in foundation stock and while I would not stop a stellar application from proceeding to the membership based on inferior testing, I look more favorably on those applicants who have spent their time and money to do more testing prior to being accepted for registration.

5/ Breeder Interest: As with domestic populations, a breeder has the choice to use or not use a dog in their breeding program. If any native dog does not produce well, or worse, produces atypical traits (to mean traits not found in the source population or domestic population) they will not be well received by the fancy, will not be used and will eventually become extinct within the breed. It is far better for the breed long term to have breeders breeding for variation.

6/ Membership Inclusion: One of the biggest issues in the 1990 acceptance process was membership complaints regarding the Board having all the power in who was accepted leaving the membership with no voice in the matter.

The Native Stock committee took membership concerns seriously and designed a process to have three independent and experienced evaluators (an all breed judge approved to judge the breed, a breeder judge and a long term breeder (greater than 15 years)) vet the applicants up close and personal, to be our hands, eyes and ears if you will; all evaluations which averaged fair or above would then be presented to the BCOA Board, and would then move forward to membership voting.

Not allowing an applicant, which has passed such a stringent process, to move into the hands of the membership implies the Board has little faith in the membership's ability to make informed and intelligent choices, leaving the Board to make my decision for me.

Conclusion:

None of the breed variations found in the applicants or their offspring suggest they lack sufficient breed type. After careful consideration and long deliberations, based on the above criteria, I approve the following ballots/imports to be put forward to the BCOA membership for their final review and voting.), Straub, Webb.

RECUSE: Work

BALLOT 2012-10: DISAPPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVONGARA MAHA GANY

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjjs, please send your vote on approving Avongara Maha Gany to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Ketz, Siekert-comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18.), Webb.

DISAPPROVE: Beaudoin- (Comment: This dog gives me great pause. I have labored to find all available pictures and listened closely to comments made concerning him. In the end I find I simply cannot approve him.), Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Straub.

RECUSE: Work

BALLOT 2012-11: APPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVONGARA MAKALA

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjjs, please send your vote on approving Avongara Makala to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Beaudoin-Comment: (I had some serious doubts about this bitch. Further investigation and information has made me comfortable with approving her addition for the gene pool.), Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Ketz, Pooley-comment (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Siekert-comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18.), Straub, Webb.

RECUSE: Work

BALLOT 2012-12:APPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVONGARA NAZIKI

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjjs, please send your vote on approving Avongara Naziki to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Ketz, Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Siekert-comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18.), Straub, Webb.

RECUSE: Work

BALLOT 2012-13: APPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVONGARA NILLI

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjjs, please send your vote on approving Avongara Nilli to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Ketz, Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Siekert-comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18.), Straub, Webb.

RECUSE: Work

BALLOT 2012-14: DISAPPROVED

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVUVI DJODOUGBE

Postmarked January 16, 2012

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on approving Avuvi Djodougbe to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Ketz, Siekert—comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18. See Ballot 2012-09 for actual comments), Work.

DISAPPROVE: Beaudoin-Comment: (I find these Avuvi's to be "of a type," but I do not find that type to be Basenji), Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Straub, Webb-comment: (After much deliberation I do not feel this dog is a Basenji.)

BALLOT 2012-15: DISAPPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVUVI ENAGNON

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on approving Avuvi Enagnon to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Ketz, Siekert—comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18. See Ballot 2012-09 for actual comments), Work.

DISAPPROVE: Beaudoin-Comment: (Although of a slightly better type, this dog is damned by association, also I have reason to believe his application is not complete.), Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Straub, Webb-comment: (After much deliberation I do not feel this dog is a Basenji, he comes the closest of this group).

BALLOT 2012-16: DISAPPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVUVI MIFLISSOR

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on approving Avuvi Miflissor to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook

APPROVE: Ketz, Siekert-comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18.), Work.

DISAPPROVE: Beaudoin-Comment: (I find these Avuvi's to be "of a type," but I do not find that type to be Basenji.), Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Straub, Webb-comment: (After much deliberation I do not feel this dog is a Basenji.)

BALLOT 2012-17: DISAPPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL AVUVI MINHOUDO

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on approving Avuvi Minhoudo to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook

APPROVE: Ketz, Siekert-comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18.), Work.

DISAPPROVE: Beaudoin-comment: (I find these Avuvi's to be "of a type," but I do not find that type to be Basenji.), Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Straub, Webb-comment: (After much deliberation I do not feel this dog is a Basenji.)

BALLOT 2012-18: DISAPPROVED

Postmarked January 16, 2012

SUBJECT: APPROVAL NTOMBA MOBENGI

Effective January 26, 2012

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on approving Ntomba Mobengi to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook.

APPROVE: Ketz, Siekert—comments: (For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2012-09 thru 2012-18. See Ballot 2012-09 for actual comments), Webb, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Beaudoin-(comments: I find little breed character in this dog.), Camp, Campeau, Greenlee-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Pooley-comment: (See Ballot 2012-09 for comment), Straub.

BALLOT 2012 – 19: APPROVED

Postmarked January 17, 2012

SUBJECT: Purchase of Creative Suite 5.5 Design Premium computer software to be used by the Managing Editor for The Bulletin.

Effective January 27, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President. Please indicate your vote to approve the unbudgeted expenditure to purchase Creative Suite 5.5 Design Premium software to produce the Club's quarterly magazine, The Bulletin. The estimated cost for this software is \$500.00. Ownership of this software will be retained by the BCOA for use by its publications editors.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Siekert, Webb, Work

ABSTAIN: Camp

BALLOT 2012–20 APPROVED SUBJECT: Acceptance of donated Dell 1535 laptop computer and approval of the purchase of a new power cord, Antivirus software, and Quick Books Pro software, all to be used by national specialty treasurers
Postmarked January 23, 2012 Effective February 2, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President. Please indicate your vote to approve:

- The acceptance of the Dell 1535 laptop computer and all previously loaded software donated by Connie Camp and Sam Bishop.
- The purchase of a new power cord for the Dell 1535 computer, estimated cost approximately \$50.00
- The purchase Antivirus software and updates as needed.
- The purchase of Quick Books Pro 2012 software with a licensing agreement for three users, estimated cost \$230.00 plus tax and shipping, if applicable. Ownership of all above items will be retained by the Club and is to be primarily used by national specialty treasurers.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

ABSTAIN: Camp

BALLOT 2012–21 APPROVED SUBJECT: Standing Committee Description for Legal Review and Liaison Committee
Postmarked January 25, 2012 Effective February 4, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President. Please send your vote on the description for the Legal Review and Liaison Committee.

“The purpose of the Legal Review and Liaison Committee is to provide the BCOA Board and Officers with assistance in communicating with its outside counsel, AKC and other entities regarding corporate governance and legal issues, and to assist the Board with corporate governance matters such as by-laws interpretation, ballot drafting, and parliamentary procedure. The Committee also, at the request of any of the Club’s publication editors, will review submitted articles, photographs, and other materials to assist in determining whether the materials are appropriate for publication.

This Committee should consist of individuals with legal backgrounds (attorney or paralegal) or practical corporate governance/ not-for-profit board, or parliamentary experience. A law degree and/or active State attorney license is not required in order to serve. Professional malpractice insurance is not required. The Committee will not provide legal advice or legal services to the Club, Board or Officers. The primary focus of the Committee is to assist the Board in remaining compliant with applicable State laws, the Club’s by-laws, and AKC requirements, and to assist the Board in communicating with other professionals regarding legal and corporate governance matters. If one or more duly licensed attorneys serve on the Committee, those individuals may choose to provide legal advice or legal services to the Club on a pro bono-only basis, but any such legal services or advice shall be considered separate and apart from the purpose and function of this Committee.”

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work

BALLOT 2012 – 22 APPROVED SUBJECT: Specialty Judge Selection Committee Correction to 2012-06
Postmarked January 25, 2012 Effective February 4, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please indicate your vote to approve the following correction to the Judge Selection Committee.

Specialty Judge Selection: Kim Noyes

Specialty Judge Tallier: Laurie Stargell

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012 – 23 APPROVED SUBJECT: Policy Manual Revision to Bulletin Board Newsletter
Postmarked: January 25, 2012 Effective: February 4, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please indicate your vote to approve the following revision to item 7 in the Policy Manual, BULLETIN BOARD NEWSLETTER.

Present Policy Item 7. Members with email service may exercise the option to receive a paper copy by notifying the Bulletin Board Editor. **NEW POLICY Item 7.** Members who have email service will receive the BCOA Bulletin Board newsletter electronically.

Members without email service shall receive a paper copy of the newsletter. Members with email service, but for whom electronic delivery of the newsletter presents a significant hardship, may submit a hardship request to the Bulletin Board Editor, in writing or via email.” Item 6 that indicates those without email will continue to receive a paper copy remains unchanged.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-comment: [I am confident that anyone having difficulty receiving our BB newsletter will let us know.], Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work-comment: (approved, however, my preference would be to continue hardcopy mailings; I like to have them for my records)

DISAPPROVE: Siekert-comment: [I do not support mandating existing members must accept the Bulletin Board via email. We can not presume to know why they are requesting a hard copy but I will assume they have a legitimate reason (dial up, no printer, sporadic computer access, etc.). Nor do I support allowing one person (such as the Editor) to determine if someone’s request has merit, if necessary that decision is best left to the Board of Directors but would hope the BOD does not expect the membership to ever plead their case. As we accept new members we can begin to mandate certain things at that time while knowing circumstances change that

may necessitate a member needing hard copies. With the amount of club money being balloted/spent since 1/1/2012, how disheartening to think we would begrudge long time members in good standing this one common courtesy.]

No Record of Vote: Campeau

BALLOT 2012-24 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 31, 2012

SUBJECT: Standing Committee Chairs

Effective: February 10, 2012

Please mark your vote on accepting the persons listed below as chairs of standing committees:

Outreach: Lisa Voss

Obedience Tallier: Katy Scott

Events Coordinator/Liaison (includes website subsite permission): Mary Kay Quinnett

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-comments: [Now that the Outreach Committee has a few more dollars to work with I look forward to their having a banner year with exceptional productivity for the Club outlined in quarterly reports.], Straub, Webb, Work.

Ballot 2012-25: APPROVED

Postmarked: February 8, 2012

Subject: Bulletin Board Newsletter Editor Job Description and Procedures

Effective: February 18, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on approving the following revised Bulletin Board Newsletter Job Description and Procedures.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-comment: [I would like to see a .pdf of the Roster available for downloading on the BCOA Website in the Members section. This will allow members to keep a copy of the roster on their individual computers and in their e-reading devices for use when the paper copy is not handy.], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert-comments: [I do not understand the 2012 addition to Job Procedure, Section 3g. "Club Disclaimer shall be included in each issue: "Opinions expressed in ballot comments are those of individual board members and officers, and do not reflect the views or opinions of the Basenji Club of America, Inc"." Historically there have been reams of BOD comments on a variety of Ballots without need for such a disclaimer; what has necessitated the addition in 2012? Had it been suggested to the BOD, then discussed prior to its inclusion in the procedures, I might have better understood the need and voted differently.]

Ballot 2012-26 APPROVED

Postmarked: February 8, 2012

Subject: Committee Budget & Expectation Agreement

Effective: February 18, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on approving the following Committee Budget and Expectation Agreement:

BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA, INC

COMMITTEE BUDGET & EXPECTATION AGREEMENT

Dear [COMMITTEE] [CHAIR NAME]

Thank you for your willingness to serve as Chairman for the [COMMITTEE NAME] for the Basenji Club of America, Inc. BCOA committees are a vital part of our club's success, and we appreciate your volunteerism.

A committee's success is based on its relationship with the BCOA. Outlined below is a description of the purpose of this committee and its responsibilities

[EXAMPLE ONLY]

Purpose: Educate the public about the responsibilities of owning the Breed, promote the benefits of purebred Basenjies and participation in AKC events and programs, and teach the benefits of AKC registration.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate public education programs for BCOA.
- Provide educational materials to affiliate regional clubs, membership, and public.
- Make educational and planned activity information available via a variety of modalities which may include, but are not limited to, E-Mails, Breed publications, and BCOA website.
- Serve as liaison between the AKC, BCOA, and the community.
- Subscribe to AKC Public Education Corner newsletter and share information with public.
- Encourage BCOA members and affiliate clubs to participate in public education activities.

Committee Reports: Periodic committee reports are especially helpful to keep the membership better informed about its activities. As committee reports are published in the Bulletin, in order to meet the deadlines for the magazine, they are needed ten (10) days prior to published deadline. Reminders will be sent by the Bulletin Copy Coordinator to each committee chair prior to each deadline. If your committee does not have news to report, the BCOA asks for a message to that effect, however this information will not be published in the Bulletin.

Committee Members: If your committee has members, please supply these names and email addresses to the BCOA's designated volunteer. Please verify with each member their willingness to have their email address listed in the Members Only section of the BCOA website. Note: By submitting a member's name, the Chair is affirming committee members agree to have their names and email addresses listed as stated above. Budget: Each year committee chairs will be asked for input regarding their individual budget needs. Please feel free to share your concerns and/or information you have regarding your committee's budget with the Budget committee. The more information the BCOA has, the better the BCOA will be able to assist your committee's financial needs. The

amount designated is the [COMMITTEE NAME] budget for [xxxx] fiscal year _____. \$ (insert BUDGET amount) Each committee chair should closely monitor his/her budget. If you encounter an expense that will exceed the budget amount, please contact the BCOA Treasurer prior to making any purchase(s). Your request will be forwarded promptly to the BCOA Board for approval. The BCOA Board must approve all budget overruns. The Committee Chair shall maintain all records pertaining to the function of this committee and will relinquish all records developed during this committee's work to the BCOA Secretary within 30 days of the termination of his or her appointment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the BCOA Officers or Board Members.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-comment: [Committees should have some form of timely report to show their activity (or inactivity) to show they've got a purpose for existing.], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert: comments: [As per my comments on Ballot 2011-30 regarding the Committee Budget & Expectation Agreement: "After lengthy discussions Ballots 2011-19 & 20 were approved by EVERY 2011 Board member sans C. Kirk who withheld her vote on 2011-19 only. Due to a few membership concerns with the way these approved Ballots were phrased the President asked

for BOD discussion regarding possible revisions. From those discussions it was decided the wording would be changed so it identically reflected the wording found in the BCOA Bylaws lest members think the BOD pulled the idea out of thin air, and the title would be changed from contract to agreement. When down to the wire, during the call for votes on the revision, a Board member decided they no longer felt comfortable requiring a signature, thus creating more discussion, during which time committees continue to remain without instruction, six months into their 2011 tenure. When the 2010 Board took office, a number of BOD and Committee files - necessary for all to do their job with out need to 'reinvent the wheel' - were either never received or were received many months later despite repeated requests, creating unnecessary delays and membership dissent. The 2011 BOD did not want similar to happen to any

future BODs or committees, thus creating an agreement between the governing body and the committee chair(s), reminding them of BCOA By-law requirements to hand over pertinent documentation relating to their committee, at the end of their tenure. This is the reasoning behind the agreements, which I fully support, as it clearly defines the expectations of both the BCOA BOD and the committee chair(s), and demonstrates the chair(s) has been in receipt of said expectations." I supported the requirements/signature as presented in Ballot 2011

Ballot 2012-27

Postmarked: February 8, 2012

Subject: Membership Roster Editor Work Instructions

Effective: February 18, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on approving the following revised Membership Roster Editor Work Instructions.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work

DISAPPROVED: Siekert-comments: [The BCOA Roster Guidelines were created in a collaborative effort in December 2010 between a Roster Co-Editor and a BCOA Officer, in an effort to simplify the collection and dissemination of membership information so as to not overburden our hard working volunteers. These guidelines were approved by the 2011 BOD (Ballot 2011-16); I see no reason to rewrite the guidelines less than one (1) year after they were approved by the 2011 BOD, much less rewriting them in a manner that now increases the workload of its volunteers; as an example: instead of one letter designation for activities these guidelines now have upwards of three letters encompassing seven specific (yet similar) activities.]

Ballot 2012-28 APPROVED

Postmarked: February 8, 2012

Subject: Editorial Advisory Committee

Effective: February 18, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on approving the Editorial Advisory Committee. This committee replaces the Editorial Review Committee.

The current committee includes:

Chair: Carmella Troisi-Hoerr

Members:

Legal Review & Liaison Committee (Karla Scheiber, Sid Sher)

Susan Coe

Melody Falcone

Connie Camp

Heather Ervin

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert-comments: [My understanding of the original purpose of the Editorial Review Committee was to have several sets of non-editing eyes peruse the various publications to insure they did not contain any content which could get the BCOA in any kind of legal trouble. It makes little sense to me to have the Editors, who accept and include the content (questionable and/or nonquestionable),

self regulating. I think a committee like the ERC or the new EAC is in the BCOA's best interest, however I do not think self-regulation is sufficient to ensure problems do not crop up.]

ABSTAIN: Camp

BALLOT 2012-29 APPROVED

Postmarked: February 18, 2012

SUBJECT: BCOA Fundraising Committee

Effective Date: February 28, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on approving a Fundraising Committee.

Chair: Sue Campeau

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-[comments: I think anything which creates income for the club, for the function of the club or for the health of the breed is a good thing. I would however caution this committee on two things: 1) to make sure the merchandise they are thinking of creating for sale, and promoting for sale, will NEVER be in direct competition with a National Specialty sale or promotion of NS merchandise and 2) to only work on a pre-order basis to avoid unrecoverable costs to the BCOA and overstock items; especially in the beginning.], Straub, Webb, Work.

Recuse: Campeau

Ballot 2012-30 APPROVED

Postmarked: February 18, 2012

Subject: Additional National Specialty BCOA Medallion-Rally

Effective: February 28, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

AKC has approved a revision to its Rally Regulations, effective April 4, 2012.

Please send your vote on adding a BCOA Medallion to the list of BCOA Medallions offered at National Specialties for Rally--High in Combined Score in Advanced B and Excellent B.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-comments: [I am always in favor of ideas which might encourage basenji owners to do more with their dog. Too often performance venues get the short end of the stick, though they usually work the hardest with their basenjjs; it is nice to see the 2012 National Specialty Chairs being proactive in requesting a medallion in time for the 2012 NS; thank you LeeBeth and Lisa.], Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-31 APPROVED

Postmarked: February 18, 2012

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective: February 28, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the January, 2012 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Ethel Blair [Australia]

Jolene Krohn [CO]

Natalie & Mark Sullivan [GA]

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-comment: [Welcome!], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-32 APPROVED

Postmarked February 26, 2012

SUBJECT: TREASURER FOR THE 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY IN AUBURN, WA.

Effective March 7, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on Bill Bowlus-Root as Treasurer for the 2013 National Specialty to be held in Auburn, WA, July 12th through the 17th.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

Ballot 2012-33 APPROVED

Postmarked February 26, 2012

Subject: Facebook Webmaster

Effective March 7, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President

Please send your ballot to approve Clay Bunyard [WI] as BCOA's Facebook Page webmaster.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-34 APPROVED

Postmarked February 26, 2012

Subject: Public Education Committee Chairman

Effective March 7, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on Brad Phifer [IN], as Chair Public Education Committee.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-comments [I hope the BCOA can continue to have a strong presence at the AKC Meet The Breeds held at Jacob Javits Center in New York City. I would also hope to see the BCOA represented at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship Meet The Breeds and/or support a Meet The Breeds on the West Coast.], Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-35 APPROVED

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Postmarked: March 14, 2012

Effective: March 24, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the February, 2012 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Katie Besemer *Daniel Besemer [NY]

Nancy & Mahlon Ramsay [FL]

Liz Newton [IL]

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Grenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-36 APPROVED

Subject: Pedigree Research Committee Chairman

Postmarked March 14, 2012

Effective March 24, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on appointing a Pedigree Research Committee with Sally Wallis [England], as the chair of the Committee.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-37: APPROVED

Subject: Public Education and Outreach Committees Merge

Postmarked March 20, 2012

Effective March 30, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on the merge of the Public Education Committee and the Outreach Committee. Both Committees have similar and/or overlapping Purposes and Responsibilities. The Public Education Committee will have Co-Coordinators Brad Phifer and Lisa Voss.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-38: APPROVED

SUBJECT: Jr. Showmanship Tallier

Postmarked: April 1, 2012

Effective Date: April 11, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on accepting Tonda Wright [TN] as the Junior Showmanship Tallier for 2012.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-39: APPROVED

Subject: Rescue Policy Update

Postmarked: March 31, 2012

Effective: April 10, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to amend the Rescue Policy. Section III B: Independent Incorporated Rescue Groups Ineligible will be amended as noted below in red:

Independent, incorporated rescue groups are not eligible for a BCOA Rescue Identification Number and may not participate in the BCOA Rescue Program. However, BCOA may agree in extraordinary circumstances (as determined by the BCOA Board of Directors) to offer direct financial assistance or co-fund a rescue project with an independent, incorporated rescue group.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

Ballot 2012-40 DISAPPROVED

Subject: Native Stock Procedure Update

Postmarked: April 8, 2012

Effective: April 18, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please indicate your vote on including the following requirement to the Procedures for Submitting Native Stock "at least one owner of foundation stock submitted for AKC Stud Book inclusion is required to be a BCOA member in good standing at the time of application." This change would only take place with AKC's approval.

APPROVE: Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Pooley-(Comment: "It is not unreasonable to ask importers to join the BCOA in order to get their native dogs registered with AKC by using the BCOA process. Everyone who joins the BCOA may enjoy the full use of BCOA resources and processes, not to mention the benefit of the endorsement BCOA provides for all BCOA member-approved native dogs into the AKC Stud Book.").

DISAPPROVE: Beaudoin, Ketz, Siekert-(Comments: I disapprove at this time for several reasons. 1) The Native Stock Committee has not had the courtesy to be contacted regarding this specific matter and I do not feel we should be officially voting on anything related to their committee's procedures without first allowing them to a) know the issues being considered and b) provide feedback as importers and/or owners of native dogs especially since this is not an AKC initiative much less concern; per Mr. Crowley email to the BCOA president the AKC does not require any dog registered to be a member of the parent club. 2) The Native Stock project is about

broadening the basenji gene pool, not the BCOA gene pool; more and more non-Americans have Native imports which should be available for the basenji gene pool; they should not be forced to become BCOA members in order for American breeders to be able to have access to them via AKC registration. 3) The AKC does not think highly of co-ownership; therefore I do not think the BCOA should be supporting anything that encourages co-ownership. A better alternative could be to have at least one BCOA member sponsor an import's application owned by a non-BCOA member.), Straub, Webb, Work.

Ballot 2012-41: APPROVED

SUBJECT: RESCINDING REINSTATEMENT OF
STANDING BCOA BUDGET COMMITTEE

Postmarked: April 15, 2012

Effective: April 25, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

In ballot 2010-11, the BCOA Board voted to reinstate a standing BCOA Budget Committee. However, pursuant to BCOA's current By-Laws, the budgetary process is a task for which the full voting Board is responsible. While the Board desires to improve and streamline its budgetary processes, this task should be conducted by the full voting Board.

Approval of this Ballot:

- a. rescinds the February 2010 Ballot reinstating a standing BCOA Budget Committee, and
- b. remands considerations of issues relating to BCOA's budgetary processes to the full Board for deliberation and debate, with the goal of developing appropriate policies to ensure that BCOA's annual budget is created and approved in a timely manner that is consistent with the Club's By-Laws, applicable State law and sound business practices.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub,

DISAPPROVE: Siekert-Comments: I believe the Budget committee was created in response to the 2010 incoming Board being left without a budget by the outgoing 2009 Board. Having a specific (and separate from the Board) committee tasked with the responsibility of creating a budget for Board review should ensure future Boards will always have a budget to work with. A budget committee does not preclude the Board's ability to deliberate and debate the budget as needed., Webb, Work

Ballot 2012-42: APPROVED

Subject: National Specialty Site Selection Committee

Postmarked: April 15, 2012

Effective: April 25, 2012

Circulated at the request of the president in accordance with BCOA By-Laws, Article V, Committees. Please send your vote to dissolve the National Specialty Site Selection Committee. All duties of the National Specialty Site Selection Committee will be incorporated into the National Specialty Oversight Committee.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-43: APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA On-line Calendar

Postmarked: April 15, 2012

Effective: April 25, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to remove the current on-line calendar from the BCOA web site and replace it with a comprehensive list of deadlines.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-44: APPROVED

Subject: BCOA Social Media Description

Postmarked: April 16, 2012

Effective: April 26, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President, please send your vote to approve the Social Media Committee Description. .

Social Media Committee Description

Purpose: Coordinate BCOA's use of social media such as Facebook to a) connect the public with BCOA and support the efforts of the Public Education and Health & Research committees and b) reinforce BCOA communications to its membership via social media.

Responsibilities:

Coordinate with the Public Education and Health & Research committees to identify and provide meaningful content to the public (particularly current and potential basenji owners) which supports their education and outreach-focused committee goals
Coordinate with BCOA committee chairs, publication editors, national specialty host groups, and affiliate clubs to communicate content of interest to the public and BCOA membership participating in social media

Reinforce BCOA's communication to its membership from BCOA committees, publication editors, national specialty host groups, board of directors and officers on social media.

Serve as the "Page Owner" of the BCOA page on Facebook through sharing of appropriate and relevant content, interacting with the page participants, and moderating social content when necessary to remain consistent with the stated "Page Rules".

Serve as a resource or consultant for social media activities for BCOA national specialty host groups as needed.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work

Ballot 2012-45: APPROVED

Postmarked: April 15, 2012

Subject: Illustrated Standard Committee

Effective: April 25, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President in accordance with BCOA By-Laws, Article V, Committees. Please send your vote to appoint a Special Illustrated Standard Committee. Wanda Pooley [TX] will chair the Committee. The current six-fold b/w illustrated standard flier created in 1990 will be updated and modernized.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-comment:[*Hope the final product will use Color options and be available on the BCOA Website as a print-at-home item*], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Straub, Webb.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert-Comments: (*I am concerned too many projects are being chaired by a small circle of people; we do not have enough membership diversity related to the workings of the club. It is one thing to put a call out to the membership or to a committee, whose purpose overlaps a project, for help and get no response thereby needing to delegate the job to a select few worker bees vs. arbitrarily creating and filling jobs with the same few members, or members of the Board. As far as I know there were no public calls to the membership (or committees) asking for interest in Chairing this committee. The Illustrated Standard's primary use is to be an additional source to visually educate dog fanciers (breeders, judges or soon to be judges) on the finer points of the AKC standard. We currently have three committees (Standard Committee, Breeder Committee and Judge's Committee) whose committee description falls within the purpose of the Illustrated Standard; a committee formed from these three existing committees to give the most balanced perspective to the project makes the most sense. That said, should this ballot pass, I would ask the Chair to create a committee formed from these three existing committees; barring that suggestion, I would ask the Chair to pick a variety of members not closely affiliated with their own breeding program, or the current Board of Directors, to encourage more member participation with differing perspectives in hopes of an end result reflective of the BCOA and not just a few individuals. Another concern is not having a Committee description/purpose outlined to know what tasks I am actually approving a Chair for, nor knowing who has the ultimate say on the finished product - the Chair, the committee, the Board, or the membership.*), Work.

RECUSE: Pooley.

BALLOT 2012-46: APPROVED

Postmarked: April 16, 2012

Subject: Canis Basenji Price Increase

Effective: April 26, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President. Please send your vote. Due to increasing mailing costs, the purchase price for Canis Basenji by Robert Vavra will be \$15.00 for domestic/U.S. purchases and \$20.00 for all orders outside the continental U.S. (The Continental United States does not include the state of Hawaii on a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, the state of Alaska north of Canada, or any other territories under the control of the United States.)

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-(Comments: *Can we please be sure to clarify the \$15/\$20 is all inclusive (to mean postage is included)*), Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-47: APPROVED

Postmarked: April 16, 2012

Subject: Public Education Budget Adjustments

Effective: April 26, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President, in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws, Article VII. Please send your vote for two adjustments to the Public Education Budget for 2012. New total Public Education Budget for 2012--\$2,115.82.

Ballot 2012-37 combined the Outreach and Public Educations Committees. 2012 Outreach Budget \$400 and 2012 Public Education Budget \$1500.

Purina Parent Club Partnership Program Participation proceeds from 2010-2011. Total earned \$215.82

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-Comments (*I look forward to the Board receiving reports showing the funds are being utilized to the fullest. As stated earlier, I also hope this committee is making plans for the BCOA to be well represented, as it has in the past, at Meet The Breeds; if not in New York, then in Florida during Eukanuba. It would also be nice to have some sort of Meet The Breed representation on the West coast, if feasible.*), Straub, Webb, Work.

Ballot 2012-48: APPROVED

Postmarked: April 19, 2012

Subject: Studbook Extension Revisited

Effective: April 29, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote to approve the mailing of a membership ballot allowing the membership to determine whether the AKC Basenji Studbook should close on December 31, 2013 (the date originally agreed to by AKC and BCOA) or whether the Studbook should remain open until December 31, 2020 (as requested by a prior Board and agreed by AKC).

Importing and adding native dogs from Africa into the AKC Studbook is one of the most important decisions BCOA will ever make and could forever impact the breed. Therefore, the members of the BCOA should be afforded the opportunity to participate in such a significant and historical decision.

In the event that the votes provide a 2/3 majority to retain the original closing date of December 31, 2013, the Board of Directors will immediately inform AKC in writing that the membership wishes to not submit dogs for inclusion to the AKC Studbook beyond on the original date. If a 2/3 majority of the membership vote determines that the Studbook should remain open until December 31, 2020, the Board of Directors will take no further action and the 2020 closing date will stand.

Approved: Beaudoin-Comment: (Obviously opening the Studbook is one of the most important decisions the BCOA will ever make and the entire membership should be involved. However, this seems like an expensive way to resolve what to me is an issue of semantics. That being said, the consensus of members I have talked to is that this is the best step to ameliorate the confusion and misunderstanding surrounding the current agreement between BCOA and AKC. Therefore I approve, but I don't have to like it.), Camp-Comments: (I believe that AKC Stud Book extension changes should be offered to the membership for the club's opinion on the subject to be heard. I do believe there is merit in the Stud Book being opened and for a designated time period. While the Board has the right to make the decisions as some of my colleagues have stated at great length, decisions that have been made directly affect the history of the breed. I believe the membership should be able to voice their agreement or disagreement with decisions that have been made on their behalf), Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley-comment: (Opening the AKC stud book for basenjies is one of the most important actions the BCOA can make as decisions surrounding the Stud Book forever impact the breed. Therefore, I believe strongly that the full membership should be provided the opportunity to make all decisions regarding the Stud Book.), Straub, Webb-Comments: (I do not feel that this ballot was necessary as all protocol was followed in approving the extension and thought an explanation of the process to the membership was sufficient however since the ballot has been presented to the board I felt I had to approve since a full explanation would not be forthcoming. It was an important and historic decision when the stud book was first opened and extending the already open stud book was a legal vote by the then board and I personally was pleased to vote in favor of the extension. We have stringent rules for accepting any dogs that are presented. whatever the length of time the Stud Book is open).

Disapproved: Work, Siekert-(Comments: The BCOA President has called for a ballot to correct past Board of Director actions based on the erroneous belief previous board procedures inadvertently omitted the membership in the opening and extension of the AKC Studbook. The BCOA President's belief is based, in part, on several concerns voiced in an email written by "member A" which was circulated amongst the BOD to show justification for the need of a membership ballot.

Member A's email expressed concerns of the actions of previous Board of Directors; actions which resulted in the opening of the AKC Studbook until 2013 and a five year extension.

There were three main concerns:

[*Concern no. 1 - Opening of the AKC studbook was illegal based on previous criteria set forth by the AKC which required a request come from the Parent Club (BCOA) and if accepted, then a two thirds favorable vote of the membership.*]

Once the 1989 membership voted favorably for the AKC Basenji Studbook to be open, membership participation in the process ended; the native applicants were evaluated by experienced fanciers; those deemed acceptable were voted on by the Board of Directors for inclusion in the 1990 AKC Basenji Studbook.

Understandably BCOA members felt disappointed by their lack of participation.

In 2007 and 2008 the Native Stock Committee (NSC) took membership concerns to heart and created a process which gave membership more control of actual Studbook inclusion. (1)

A request, titled "*Basenji Club of America Petition to Open the AKC Studbook to Native Stock Basenjies*" was submitted by the NSC to the 2008 BCOA Board of Directors. The 2008 Board unanimously accepted said request, it was then presented to the AKC Board of Directors, who unanimously accepted it in August 2008. (2)

While the 1989-90 process required a) a two third favorable vote by membership to open the studbook, b) applicant evaluations, c) a Board of Directors vote, and d) registration (in that order), the 2008 process asked for the AKC Basenji Studbook to be open after the actual import group attained a two third favorable vote from the membership. (3)

Once accepted for registration, the AKC effectively inactivates the Basenji studbook.

If there are no future applicants, or no applicants receiving passing evaluations and two third favorable votes, the studbook will remain

inactive until such time another import group is favorably voted on.

Despite the 2008 request being different from the AKC's original requirements, the AKC unanimously accepted the 2008 process allowing the studbook to remain closed each year until after the membership votes to include any import groups.

[Concern no. 2 - *The 2011 request for extension was also illegal and invalid due to:*

- a. *The AKC criteria as mentioned in Member Concern no. 1*
- b. *The extension letter sent to the AKC was dated prior to the official Ballot.]*

Having no precedence in which to refer regarding an extension to the existing AKC/BCOA approved Native Stock procedures, a 2011 BCOA Board member contacted AKC Secretary, James Crowley to determine a) if the AKC would be receptive to an extension request and b) what would be needed from the BCOA to make such a request.

It was reported back the only thing the AKC required was a letter from the BCOA Board of Directors requesting the extension and an explanation as to the need for an extension.

A letter was drafted and presented to the 2011 Board for review and acceptance; a majority of the Board agreed via written discussion to send the letter to the AKC; said letter, dated August 1, 2011, was sent to Mr. Crowley to be voted on at the November 2011 AKC BOD meeting. On November 7 & 8, 2011 the AKC unanimously accepted the BCOA Letter of Extension.

On August 19, 2011 it came to the attention of the BCOA Board they were remiss in not officially balloting the AKC letter requesting an extension. On August 20, 2011 (effective August 30, 2011) Ballot 2011-47 was cast and the 2011 Board of Directors retroactively approved the submission of the letter to the AKC for the Basenji Studbook extension unanimously. (Note: Had the 2011 BOD disapproved the letter via the August ballot 2011-47, the letter could have easily been revoked prior to the AKC's BOD Meeting in November).

While the lack of an official Ballot prior to sending the letter was an oversight by the Board, it does not constitute an illegal act, as our 2012 Legal Advisory has informed us.

[Concern no. 3 - *The 3rd Quarter 2007 BCOA Bulletin Native Stock report specifically stated AKC criteria included a membership vote.*]

Member A's email cited a passage from a NSC report in the 3rd quarter 2007 Bulletin as further evidence the 2008 Board did not follow indicated procedure, thereby invalidating the 2008 Studbook process:

"The AKC has very specific procedures in place for opening the Stud Book. The request must come from the Parent club (BCOA), and two thirds of the membership must vote in favor of the opening the Stud Book before the application is made."

When reading further, the 2007 report also goes on to list the following points:

- a. Applicant must be sponsored by two BCOA members in good standing
- b. Applicant must be sponsored by a BCOA Board of Director
- c. The BCOA Board votes solely on those applicants they feel are worthy for inclusion prior to AKC registration (4)

These points are the criteria used in the original opening of the AKC Studbook. (5)

The 2007 report appears not to be a report on future criteria but previous criteria from 1990; to verify this, I contacted a NSC Co-chair and asked what the report was referring to, in particular the paragraph Member A cited above; the NSC Co-chair replied in part,

"The highlighted paragraph you sent was a summary of the existing AKC guidelines, in addition to the procedures the BCOA followed in 1990, and nothing more."

Further research shows even more evidence the 2008 process would not begin with a two third majority vote as believed by Member A. A 2008 1st Quarter Bulletin NSC progress report discussed, at least twice, what the membership role in the 2008 process would be.

"The committee takes its responsibility to be fair and even-handed very seriously. Though committee members are committed to developing the best process we can, it is important to keep in mind the following points: the AKC decides whether the process is acceptable to them; the BCOA Board decides, based on objective criteria, which dogs are worthy of registration and you, the members, decide whether you want the StudBook to be opened to those dogs."

"In the 1st quarter of 2009 the membership will vote on opening the Stud Book for the approved dogs." (6)

This report is quite clear on when the Basenji Studbook would be opened, only after membership favorably votes on the dogs and not before - as was the case in 1989. This process would repeat itself once a year, if applicable.

In conclusion, Member A has incorrectly presumed a) the 2008 Studbook opening and 2011 Studbook extension were illegal and invalid and b) the membership has been stripped of their right to decide if/when the Studbook should be opened.

Based, in part on this premise, the BCOA President has called for a membership ballot to rectify perceived injustices. However, as shown, Member A's premise is based on misinformation and/or a misunderstanding of the processes in place.

My job as a Board member is to determine if Member A's presumptions against the 2008 and 2011 Board of the Directors and the actual process, justify a need for correction and/or if previous Board of Director actions legally require the 2012 BOD to initiate ratification by membership by allowing them to vote now, in 2012, on the 2011 Studbook extension.

Based on the aforementioned research which shows the membership currently has, and will continue to have, complete and total control each year on the actual opening of the Studbook and comments made by the Legal Advisory committee, the answer is no; the BCOA President's request lacks merit on every level and the previous Board's actions do not necessitate, legally or otherwise, ratification.

I firmly believe a better use of BCOA time and money be spent to correct the misconceptions through educating Member A and the fancy as to how the process works via the Bulletin Board, the Bulletin and/or any other basenji fancier publications.

(1) <https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Application/BasenjiStudbookPetition.pdf> (page 7)

(2) http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/board_minutes/0808.pdf

(3) <https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Application/BasenjiStudbookPetition.pdf>

"Please note that in the procedure we are asking for the required membership vote of 2/3 in favor to open the studbook after the evaluations by area of importation instead of before as you request in the AKC procedure." (page 9)

(4) <https://www.basenji.org/Bulletin/2007BN/BN2007JAS.pdf> (page 20)

(5) https://www.basenji.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=95 "New Foundation Stock, African Imports Registered by AKC in June 1990", July-September 1990 link

(6) <https://www.basenji.org/Bulletin/2008BN/BN2008JFM.pdf> (page 15). rev5.7.12).

BALLOT 2012-49 APPROVED

Postmarked: May 5, 2012

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective: May 15, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the April 2012 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Julie Alpert [ID]; Sandi Atkinson [MD]; Dyan Baughan [MO]; Edward & Jaculyn Dering [PA]; Gary Dluzeski [PA]; Joshua Ellis [VA]; Kimberly & Jeff Erickson [VA]; David Hartwell & Suzanne Sarlls-Hartwell [MI]; Peter & Taylor Horricks [VA]; Carolene Rose [WA]; Audrey Silverstein [MD].

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-comment [Welcome!], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-50 APPROVED

Postmarked: May 4, 2012

SUBJECT: NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Effective: May 14, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws

Please mark your vote on approving the following persons to serve as the Nominating Committee for Officers and Board of Directors 2013:

Therese Leimback [WA]-Chair; Sue Campeau [NC]; Pat Bird [CO]; Annette Muentner [MO]; Gale Whitehurst [GA].

APPROVED: Beaudoin, Camp, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

RECUSE: Campeau.

Ballot 2012-51 APPROVED

Postmarked: May 17, 2012

Subject: Donation to the AKC CHF

Effective: May 27, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on contributing \$1,249.72 to the AKC Canine Health Foundation, Grant 1480 Leptosporosis: A Forgotten Disease in Dogs. This money was earned through several years of participation by our members in the Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP). Our Health & Research Committee investigated current CHF Grant Projects for consideration.

APPROVED: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-52 APPROVED

Postmarked: May 23, 2012

Subject: Junior Showmanship Liaison/Committee_

Effective: June 2, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to appoint an additional Standing Committee -Junior Showmanship with Sharon Unrau as the Liaison/Chair.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau-comment: [*Looking forward to some exciting junior projects.*], Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-53 APPROVED

Postmarked: June 1, 2012

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective June 11, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the May, 2012 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Debra Janes Blake (OR), Gale & Tammy Johnson (NC), Stormy Maddux & Reginald Smith *Ethan Smith (CA), Judy Stahl (CA), Christian Jouanchicot (France).

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-comment: [*Welcome!*], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-54 APPROVED

Postmarked: June 1, 2012

SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR 2015 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Effective: June 11, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on the proposal submitted for the 2015 BCOA National Specialty to be held in the East Region in its turn. The chair of the group is Lisa Auerbach [VA]; Treasurer is Dave Genson [MD]; other members are the Mid-Atlantic Basenji Club. The location is the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA; dates are October 12 (Monday) through October 18 (Sunday) 2015.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-[comment: *I hope that the host club can remedy the 2012 problem with a dog-limit-per-room. While a mid-summer date benefits people who teach and those with juniors to travel (not missing school), I'm tickled that it's a cooler time of year. The October date also helps with the 'dogs in a room' problem.*], Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-(Comment: *Big shout out for the MABC once again for stepping in where needed, especially since the 2012 Specialty this year is still looming. I appreciate your willingness to step up so that the National Specialties can continue!*), Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-55 APPROVED

Postmarked: June 1, 2012

SUBJECT: ARTWORK FOR 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY LOGO

Effective: June 11, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote for acceptance of the Artwork for the 2013 National Specialty Logo. This artwork shall become the property of the BCOA and will be used as BCOA deems acceptable.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.



BALLOT 2012-56: APPROVED

Postmarked: June 4, 2012

SUBJECT: 2013 NATIONAL SPECIALTY OBEDIENCE AND RALLY JUDGE

Effective: June 14, 2012

Please send your vote on approving Donald Rennick (WA) as judge for the Obedience and Rally - All Levels at the 2013 BCOA National Specialty in Auburn, WA, July, 2013. Mr. Rennick has asked for a fee of \$100 plus expenses for obedience & rally.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012 – 57: APPROVED

Postmarked: June 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Purchase of 2011 AKC Obedience/Rally Report

Effective June 28, 201

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please indicate your vote to approve the unbudgeted expenditure of \$120.00 to purchase the AKC Obedience/Rally Report which includes all 2011 basenji results. This report will be used by the Obedience Tallier.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz- (*Comment: AKC has changed their process for Obed/Rally, resulting in the need to purchase the yearly report for basenji's to get the statistics.*), Pooley, Siekert- (*Comment: It's disappointing the AKC has discontinued a means for talliers to easily decimate this information; then to add insult to injury and charge quite a bit of money for the reports needed. Such a shame.*), Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-58 APPROVED

Postmarked: June 18, 2012

Subject: Volunteer Coordination Committee

Effective: June 28, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to appoint an additional Standing Committee –Volunteer Coordination Committee with Heather Ervin (MO) as the chair.

Committee Description

Volunteer Coordinator would:

Solicit volunteers via 1) online media (Facebook, email lists, surveys), 2) club publications (BCOA website, Bulletin & Bulletin Board) 3) at the request of committee chairs and/or BOD.

Keep in contact with all committee chairs re: their needs and any new volunteers. Volunteers wanting a specific position would be put in contact with the appropriate chair.

Maintain database of volunteers (including all current volunteers, their positions, etc.)

The volunteer coordinator could also be utilized by National/regional specialty groups.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-59 APPROVED

Postmarked: June 18, 2012

Subject: BCOA Junior Liaison Committee Budget and Description

Effective: June 28, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President, please send your vote to approve the Junior Liaison Committee description and the Budget for 2012 of \$150.

Junior Liaison

Purpose:

To provide multiple resources to prospective and current junior showmanship participants and their families (exhibiting a basenji).

Responsibilities:

1. Mail a welcome/information packet (cover letter, information on BCOA, website, basenji resources, and junior showmanship services) to perspective, new and current juniors exhibiting a basenji. Encourage BCOA membership. Follow up as needed.
2. Provide prospective and current basenji junior showmanship families with a BCOA Junior Showmanship Dog Referral List. This list includes at least one BCOA Executive Officer and one member from the Board of Directors and several breeders/exhibitors with successful experience with juniors (their own children and/or others) in placing dogs and providing mentoring, support and guidance to basenji juniors during their junior showmanship years. This list includes conformation, lure coursing and companion events.
3. Prepare a quarterly report to the BCOA Officers and Board of Directors on news regarding basenji juniors. (Attached to quarterly reports from juniors). The report will include a summary of activities (and a contact list) of individuals who have contacted the Junior Liaison Chair regarding junior showmanship, basenjies, and/or membership.
4. Juniors plan, organize and run a morning bait (liver/chicken) and breakfast treats table (for exhibitors) at nationals for the first day or more. Proceeds to go into a juniors fund in BCOA.
5. Juniors report (via Junior Showmanship Liaison) to BCOA Officers and Board of Directors activities quarterly keeping BCOA leadership aware of continued involvement in the sport (conformation and companion events).
6. Juniors produce a BCOA on-line junior's newsletter featuring the juniors and topics (of their interest) related to basenjies and junior showmanship.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012 -60: APPROVED

Postmarked: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARIAN FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Effective: June 29, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on approving John Tatum as Parliamentarian for the BCOA Annual Meeting in Gettysburg, PA, on Friday, July 13, 2012. He asks a fee of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) plus travel expenses of eighty-five dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$85.68) for mileage from Bowie, MD. Total balance of \$210.68.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-61

Postmarked: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 Annual Meeting

Effective: June 29, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the By-Laws.

Please send your vote on the date, time and location of the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held at the Eisenhower Hotel and Convention Center, Gettysburg, PA on Friday, July 13, 2012 from 4-6pm. (Room TBA).

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012 -62

Postmarked: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: REGISTERED AGENT FOR BCOA

Effective: June 29, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on Wanda Pooley to assume the position of Registered Agent for BCOA, which is incorporated in the State of Texas. The Registered Agent must be a resident of Texas.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Siekert-(*Comment: Thanks for stepping up once again Wanda; I wish more/other BCOA members would step to the plate but, sadly, it seems we are in a rut of sorts.*), Webb, Work.

RECUSE: Pooley

BALLOT 2012-63

Postmarked: June 19, 2012

SUBJECT: ANNUAL BCOA and BHE BOARD MEETINGS

Effective: June 29, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the By-Laws of BCOA and the Basenji Health Endowment.

Please send your vote on holding the consecutive meetings of the BCOA Board of Directors and of the Basenji Endowment Board of Directors on Thursday, July 14, 2012 at 4:30 PM.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-(*Comment: Hope I can make it, if not I will be sure to supply Janet with the 2012 1st and 2nd quarter financial detailed reports.*)Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-64 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Postmarked: June 21, 2012

Effective: July 1, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President

CONSTITUTION: No changes.

BCOA BY-LAWS - Global to update the entire By-laws language to a present day format of word usage.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-(*Comments: Approve with the understanding I am only approving the change to use more contemporary language throughout the document. ex. "shall be" becomes "is" or "will".*), Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-65 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS, ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 1 ELIGIBILITY

Postmarked: June 21, 2012

Effective: July 1, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President

SECTION 1 - Amended to further define eligibility of membership and what constitutes a member in good standing. Amended to clarify the types of membership. Amended to remove the statement concerning club publications to the BCOA policy manual. Removal of this statement does not change the current circulation policy of any of the club publications to BCOA membership.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. Membership ~~shall be~~ is open to all persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club.

A member is deemed to be in good standing with the BCOA when:

(a) All dues and other obligations owing to the BCOA by such member are current.

(b) Such member's membership has not lapsed or terminated in any manner.

(c) Such member has not been temporarily or permanently suspended by the American Kennel Club.

UNPAID DEBTS: Basenji Club of America, Inc. reserves the right to bar participation in club events and activities to any member who owes a debt to the Club.

~~There shall be~~ are ~~five~~four types of memberships:

Regular: Any person who has reached his or her 18th birthday and is a resident of the United States shall be a regular member with full privileges from the date of membership. Regular members may vote and may hold office. There ~~shall be~~ are two classes of regular membership:

Single: Single membership ~~shall be~~ is defined as membership held by one adult member who holds individual voting privileges. ~~A single member shall receive a subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter.~~

Household: Household membership ~~shall be~~ is defined as membership held by two adult persons residing at the same address. Each household member holds individual voting privileges. ~~A household membership shall receive a single subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter.~~

Junior: Any person under 18 years of age ~~shall be~~ is classed as a junior member. ~~Junior membership not in conjunction with regular single or household membership shall receive a subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter.~~ Junior members ~~shall may not~~ neither vote nor hold office.

Foreign: ~~Those Individuals~~ who meet the requirements for regular membership but are not residents of the United States are eligible for foreign member status. Foreign members ~~shall may~~ may not vote, hold office, or sponsor new regular voting members. Foreign members may sponsor new non-voting foreign members. Two adults residing at the same address may have a Foreign Household membership. ~~Foreign members shall receive a subscription to the Club Bulletin and the Bulletin Board Newsletter.~~

Lifetime: The Club may appoint lifetime members in recognition of outstanding service to the breed. Lifetime members may be nominated either by means of a petition addressed to the Secretary signed by five regular members in good standing in the BCOA or by a majority vote of the Board. Nominees ~~shall will~~ will be notified of their nomination by the Club Secretary and will shall be given the option of accepting or declining the nomination. The names of those accepting nomination ~~shall will~~ will be submitted to the Club membership for vote, and lifetime membership ~~shall will~~ will be granted if the nominee receives affirmative votes of 2/3 of those voting. Lifetime members ~~shall will~~ will ~~receive a subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter and shall~~ hold individual voting privileges and may hold office, but ~~shall will~~ will not pay dues.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz-(*Comment: The Bulletin is a must have for members. With this By-Laws change, the club publications (Bulletin, Bulletin Board and Roster) will be covered in the Policy Manual. The membership will have the opportunity to vote on this item before any By-Laws Changes are made.*), Pooley, Straub, Webb.

DISAPPROVED: Siekert- (*Comments: The Bulletin has always been a benefit of club membership, with a part of membership dues going towards the cost of publication. There have been public discussions in the past regarding how other clubs have dealt with their club magazines: a) charge members above and beyond membership dues to offset costs, b) change the club publication to a less costly digital/online media only format and/or c) discontinue the publication altogether; any of which could result in members seeking out competing breed publications for their subscription and/or advertisement needs. Removing the Bulletin as a stated benefit of membership from the BCOA By-laws will allow future BCOA Board of Directors to implement a,b or c without need for membership input. I do not feel this is in the memberships best interest therefore I have voted to disapprove removing the stated membership benefit of a subscription to the BCOA Bulletin from the BCOA By-Laws.*) Work-(*Comment: I feel very strongly that the Bulletin remain a printed hardcopy. Having a printed copy in hand is a perk of club membership; the ability to pick the magazine up and*

thumb through it at any time is a benefit that people enjoy and expect. Also, having the bulletin or other mailings physically on the members' tables or desks keeps BCOA in the front of their minds, which can only help to retain membership and member activity and participation.)

BALLOT 2012-66 APPROVED

Postmarked: June 21, 2012

SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 DUES

Effective: July 1, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President

ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 - DUES. Assigns a cap on all Dues. This revision does not increase the current dues rate. This language sets a ceiling on the level to which membership dues may be increased should it be necessary to support the operation of the BCOA.

Reformatted for easier reading.

~~SECTION 2. DUES. Membership dues shall be payable prior to February 1 of each year. In December of each year, the Treasurer shall send a dues renewal notice for the ensuing year. Membership of applicants elected during the months of October, November and December shall be extended through the following year. Annual membership dues shall not exceed \$25.00 per single membership, \$35.00 per family membership, \$35.00 per Associate Foreign membership, \$3.00 per junior membership when joining with an adult, and \$10.00 per junior membership when joining alone, payable on or before the 1st day of February of each year. No member may vote on any Club matter, be elected to office, or be a committee member unless his or her dues are paid for the current year. Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the entire Board voting in person, by electronic mail, or by USPS mail shall be required to change the dues amount.~~

Annual membership dues are an amount determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Dues are payable in US funds. The cap for all annual dues is set as follows:

Regular Single Member - annual dues will not exceed \$50.00

Regular Household - annual dues will not exceed \$70.00

Foreign - annual dues will not exceed \$70.00

Junior membership when joining with an adult - annual dues will not exceed \$6.00

Junior membership when joining alone - annual dues will not exceed \$20.00

Membership dues are payable on or before February 1 of each year. In December of each year, the office of the Treasurer will send a dues renewal notice for the ensuing year. Membership of applicants elected during the months of October, November and December will be extended through the following year.

No member may vote on any Club matter, be elected to office, or be a committee member unless his or her dues are paid for the current year.

Affirmative votes of 2/3 of the entire Board voting in person, by electronic mail, or by USPS mail is required to increase the dues in all categories.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-Comment: *(For clarification – this does NOT mean the dues will be the amount shown. It IS to show a MAX dues instead of potentially revising this section on a more frequent basis)*, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert- *(Comments: 1) My understanding is the by-laws can be reviewed for possible changes every 5 years. Due to the state of the economy, with no improvement on the horizon, I am not in favor of creating an increased ceiling cap at this time. While current members of the BOD have stated they have no intention of raising dues, they can not speak for future boards; the best way to ensure an increase will not happen is to leave the current cap as is. If, in 5 years time, the economy is in a more favorable position the sitting BOD, at that time, can readdress a cap increase. The BCOA has had a relatively healthy financial portfolio during what has been called the "Great Recession"; as long as future Board of Directors continue to spend conservatively there is no reason membership dues or membership benefits such as a subscription to the BULLETIN need to be negatively affected to support the day to day operations of the BCOA.*

2) *Currently the By-laws state a 2/3 affirmative Board vote is needed to change the dues amount - which would encompass increases OR decreases. The new wording only addresses increases.)*

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SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE I, SECTION 3

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ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 3 - Reformatted for easier reading. No changes

SECTION 3. ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP. Each applicant for membership shall must apply on a form approved by the Board of Directors, ~~which shall provide that~~ The form will state that the applicant agrees to abide by these BCOA Constitution and By-Laws and by the rules of the American Kennel Club. The application shall must state the name, address and occupation of the applicant, and it ~~shall carry the endorsement of~~ must be endorsed by two Regular members in good standing ~~of the Club~~ who are not members of the same household. Regular members may sponsor no more than three new membership applicants within one calendar year and must

have personal knowledge of the person being sponsored. Accompanying the application, the applicant ~~shall~~must submit dues for the current year.

~~The application shall be sent to the Secretary, who shall submit it for publication in the next regular issue of the Club Bulletin Board newsletter, together with a call for comments to be received by the Secretary no later than 14 days from the publication's date of mailing, which shall be imprinted thereon. All comments received with respect to an applicant shall be reviewed by the Board no later than 28 days from the publication's date of mailing, and the Board shall determine whether the comments are of sufficient concern to warrant forwarding them to the applicant for a response. If the Board determines by majority vote that the comments are insignificant, irrelevant, frivolous, or otherwise do not raise matters warranting a response by the applicant, the comments will be discarded, and the application process will continue as if no comments had been received. If the Board determines by majority vote that the comments raise matters warranting a response by the applicant, the comments shall be forwarded to the applicant by the Secretary no later than 35 days from the publication's stated date of mailing. Any written response by the applicant must be received by the Secretary no later than 49 days from the publication's stated date of mailing. No later than 56 days after the imprinted date of the publication's mailing (and earlier if no comments regarding an applicant are received), the Secretary shall submit the names of applicants, together with any comments and applicants' replies, to the Board for vote. Any comments about or by the applicant received by the Secretary after the deadline shall be disregarded. An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire Board voting in person, by phone ballot, by mail, or by electronic mail shall be required to elect an applicant.~~

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The application will be sent to the Secretary, who will submit it for publication in the next regular issue of the Club Bulletin Board newsletter, together with a call for comments to be received by the Secretary no later than 14 days from the publication's date of mailing, which is imprinted thereon.

All comments received with respect to an applicant will be reviewed by the Board no later than 28 days from the publication's date of mailing, and the Board will determine whether the comments are of sufficient concern to warrant forwarding them to the applicant for a response.

If the Board determines by majority vote that the comments are insignificant, irrelevant, frivolous, or otherwise do not raise matters warranting a response by the applicant, the comments will be discarded, and the application process will continue as if no comments had been received.

If the Board determines by majority vote that the comments raise matters warranting a response by the applicant, the comments will be forwarded to the applicant by the Secretary no later than 35 days from the publication's stated date of mailing.

Any written response by the applicant must be received by the Secretary no later than 49 days from the publication's stated date of mailing.

No later than 56 days after the imprinted date of the publication's mailing, the Secretary will submit the names of applicants, together with any comments and applicants' replies, to the Board for a vote. Any comments about or by the applicant received by the Secretary after the deadline will be disregarded.

An affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire Board voting in person, by telephone ballot, by mail, or by electronic mail is required to elect an applicant.

An application which has been denied by the Board may be presented by one of the applicant's endorsers at the next annual meeting of the Club, and the Club may elect ~~such the~~ applicant by affirmative vote of 75% of the members present and voting. An applicant who has been denied membership according to the provisions of these by-laws may reapply for membership no sooner than one year from the date of ~~such the~~ denial.

SECTION 4 - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. No changes.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

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SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE II MEETINGS

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CHANGES:

Section 1 - ANNUAL MEETINGS - Added language to describe how motions passed at annual general meetings will be recorded.

Section 2 - No changes

Section 3 - BOARD MEETINGS - Clarifies the quorum requirements for Board Meetings.

Section 4 - No changes

(Second) Section 4 - BOARD BUSINESS - renumbered as Section 5 - BOARD BUSINESS and reformatted for easier reading.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS -

SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Club ~~shall be is~~ held during the period from 1 July through 30 November at a place, date, and time specified by the Board of Directors. The meeting ~~shall be is~~ held in conjunction with the Club Specialty, if one is held. Written notice of the annual meeting ~~shall may~~ be mailed separately by the Secretary or via the Club *Bulletin Board Newsletter*, whenever feasible, to each member at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum for the annual meeting ~~shall is be~~ 10% of the members eligible to vote, All motions voted upon by the membership at the an annual meeting will be designated with special ballot numbers to identify them motions as formal ballots by the general membership.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board and ~~shall will~~ be called by the Secretary on receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members in good standing ~~who are eligible to vote. of the Club. Such Special~~ meetings ~~shall will~~ be held at such place, date, and ~~hour times~~ as may be

designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of ~~such a special~~ meeting ~~shall will~~ be mailed by the Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting ~~shall must~~ state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a ~~special~~ meeting ~~shall be is~~ 10% of the members ~~who are~~ eligible to vote.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such meeting ~~shall will~~ be ~~mailed communicated to each Board member by mail or e-mail by the Secretary to each member of the Board~~ at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held by ~~telephone conference or other electronic means~~ upon at least three days' ~~phone notification notice to all Board members of such conference~~. The quorum for a Board meeting ~~shall be is~~ a majority of the Board members. ~~Board members who cannot appear in person at any regular or special board meeting may attend electronically by telephone or video if the absent director is able to hear all other board members and all other board members can hear the absent director. For quorum and voting purposes, directors attending meetings by phone or video are deemed physically present at the meeting.~~

~~SECTION 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS.~~ Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, and ~~shall be will be~~ called by the Secretary upon receipt of a written or e-mailed request of at least three members of the Board. Such special meetings ~~shall will~~ be held at such place, date, and ~~hour time~~ as may be designated by the person authorized to call ~~such the~~ meeting. Notice of the meeting ~~shall will~~ be provided by the Secretary at least five days and not more than 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. ~~Any such The~~ notice ~~shall must~~ state the purpose of the special meeting and no other business ~~shall may~~ be transacted at that meeting. The quorum for special meetings ~~shall be is~~ a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4. BOARD BUSINESS. Business items may be presented for Board action by:

- ~~(a) Any Board member via submission to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary or the President if the Secretary is unable or unwilling.~~
- ~~(b) Written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 members in good standing. Items presented by such petition shall be voted upon by the Board within six weeks of the date the petition was received by the Secretary. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary or by phone ballot through the Secretary and/or the President. The quorum shall be a majority of the Board. Current reports of Board action shall be forwarded within ten days of Board vote by the Secretary to the Editors of the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter for immediate publication.~~

SECTION 5. BOARD BUSINESS.

(a) Business items may be presented for Board action by:

- i) Any Board member via submission to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary or as circulated by the President if the Secretary is unable or unwilling.
- ii) Written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 members in good standing. Items presented by member petition must be voted upon by the Board on or before six weeks from the date the petition was received by the Secretary.

(b) The Board of Directors may conduct its business in person, by electronic mail, or by USPS mail through the Secretary and/or the President

(c) The quorum is a majority of the Board.

(d) Current reports of Board action are forwarded within ten days of Board vote by the Secretary to the Editors of the Club BULLETIN and/or Bulletin Board Newsletter for publication

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

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SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE III BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - No changes

Section 2 - (a), (b), (c) - No changes. (d) Moves the publication of the financial reports from the BCOA Bulletin magazine to the BCOA Bulletin Newsletter which is circulated to members only.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES, (d)

(d) The Treasurer ~~shall collect~~s and receives all moneys due or belonging to the Club and ~~shall deposit~~s the same in a bank approved by the Board in the name of the Club. The books ~~shall must~~ at all times be open to inspection by the Board, and the condition of the Club's finances, including every item of receipt or payment not before reported, ~~shall must~~ be reported to the Board at every Club meeting. At the annual meeting, the Treasurer ~~shall will~~ render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous accounting year. The Treasurer's report ~~shall be is~~ published ~~quarterly in the Club BULLETIN. in the next available Bulletin Board Newsletter following the end of each fiscal quarter.~~ The Treasurer ~~shall must~~ be bonded in ~~such an~~ amount ~~as determined by~~ the Board of Directors ~~shall determine~~.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert- *(Comments: Two concerns I have regarding moving financial information to the BB. 1) The 2012 BOD voted to require membership to receive their BB via online vs. paper to save money. Adding one or two required pages of financial information has the potential to increase printing and postage costs to those members who do not have email and still receive the BB via postal mail, potentially nullifying any savings gleaned by the Board's online requirement. 2) Decreasing the content of the Bulletin could give future Boards a reason to discontinue the magazine; if everything in the Bulletin can be put into the BB, why have both? BCOA financial info (IRS tax form 990) is already available to the general public via the IRS or via various websites:*

Guidestar and Foundation Center; we currently have six non BCOA members who subscribe to the Bulletin; I do not see a pressing need to move the financial information from the Bulletin to the BB now vs. in previous years/decades when we had double digit non-members subscribing; I am concerned we are trending towards discontinuing the Bulletin altogether; if we are, I want to ensure the membership has a means to have a voice in any ultimate decision.)

BALLOT 2012-70 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE IV THE CLUB YEAR,
VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS.
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Section 1 - No changes

Section 2, 3, 4 - Amended to include the ability to conduct electronic balloting as an additional method of balloting the general membership.

ARTICLE IV - THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR. The Club's official and accounting year ~~shall~~ begins on the first day of January and ends on the 31st day of December. The elected Officers and Directors ~~shall~~ take office on first day of January. Each retiring Officer ~~shall~~ must turn over to his successor in office all properties and records relating to that office during the month of December.

SECTION 2. VOTING. At the annual meeting or at a special meeting of the Club, voting ~~shall be~~ is limited to those members in good standing who are present at the meeting, except for the annual election of Officers and Directors and amendments to the Constitution and by-laws and the Standard for the breed, which ~~shall will~~ be decided by written ballot cast by mail ~~or at the sole discretion of the Board - by electronic ballot cast in a manner proscribed by a wholly independent third-party e-voting service retained by the Club.~~ Any e-voting service employed by the Club pursuant to this section must: a) maintain complete anonymity with respect to all ballots cast; b) comply with all applicable laws of its State of incorporation; c) ensure the security of all Club data; and d) possess the ability to supply, mail, and tally paper ballots of Club members without Internet access. Voting by proxy ~~shall not be~~ is not permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail ~~or by~~ electronic ballot as set out in this section

SECTION 3. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS.

~~The Board shall engage, prior to September 1, an outside firm to serve as Inspectors of Election and to count the ballots. Ballots to be valid must be postmarked prior to October 15 and received by the Inspectors of Election no later than October 21, even if the 21st is not a mail delivery day. The election shall be certified prior to October 30 (See Section 4 d of this Article). The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected. If any nominee, on October 30, is unable to serve for any reason, such nominee shall not be elected and the vacancy so created shall be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 3.~~

When paper ballots are cast, the Board will engage, on or before September 1, an outside firm to serve as Inspector of Election and to count the ballots. In order to be valid, paper ballots must be postmarked prior to October 15 and received by the Inspector of Election no later than October 21, even if the 21st is not a mail delivery day. The election must be certified prior to October 30 (See Section 4 d of this Article).

When electronic ballots are cast using an independent third-part e-voting service, the e-voting service will constitute the Inspector of Elections. All electronic ballots must be cast prior to October 15, and the election must be certified prior to October 30.

The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position will be declared elected. If any nominee, on October 30, is unable to serve for any reason, the nominee will not be elected and the vacancy created will be filled by the new Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 4.

SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these by-laws. A Nominating Committee ~~shall~~ must be appointed by the Board of Directors before May 15 and the Secretary ~~shall~~ will immediately notify the committeemen of their selection. The Committee ~~shall~~ consists of five Regular members from different areas of the United States, all members in good standing, no more than one of whom may be a member of the current Board of Directors. The Board ~~shall~~ will name a Chairman for the Committee. The Nominating Committee may conduct its business by mail, telephone, or electronic mail.

(a) On or before June 1, the Nominating Committee ~~shall~~ will nominate from among the eligible members of the Club one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors and ~~shall~~ will procure their verbal or written acceptance. The Committee ~~shall~~ also will obtain a resume of not more than 250 words of each nominee, ~~so chosen~~. The Committee ~~shall~~ will consider geographic representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable practical to do so. The Committee ~~shall~~ then submits its slate of candidates and their resumes to be received by the Secretary not later than on or before July 8. The list, including the full name and state of residence of each candidate, ~~shall~~ must be published in the BCOA *Bulletin Board Newsletter* on or before July 15, so that additional nominations may be made by members ~~if they so desire~~.

(b) Additional nominations of eligible members may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and postmarked to his or her regular address prior to on or before August 15. The Secretary must receive petitions not later than August 21, even if it is not a mail delivery day. The petitions must be signed by five members in good standing and accompanied by both the written acceptance of each additional nominee signifying his or her willingness to be a candidate and a resume of not more than 250 words of each additional nominee. No person ~~shall~~ may be a candidate for more than one position, and the additional nominations which are

provided for herein may be made only from among those members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

(c) If no valid additional nominations are received in accordance with Section 4 b above, the Nominating Committee's slate shall will be declared elected on October 1 and no balloting will be required. The elected nominees' resumes shall will be published in the November issue of the Club's Bulletin Board newsletter.

(d) If one or more valid additional nominations are received by the Secretary on or before August 21, and the election is conducted by paper ballot, the Secretary shall will, on or before September 15, mail to each member in good standing a ballot listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, including their states of residence and with the nominees' resumes attached. This ballot and attachments shall must be mailed together with a blank envelope and a return envelope addressed to the Inspectors of Election (See Section 3 of this Article), marked 'Ballot' and bearing as a return address the name(s) of the member(s) to whom it was sent. So that the ballots may remain secret, each voter, after marking the ballot, shall will seal it in the blank envelope which shall will then be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Inspectors of Election. The Inspectors of Election shall will check the return against the list provided by the Secretary of members whose dues are paid for the current year prior to opening the outer envelopes and removing the blank envelopes, and shall will certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. The inspector shall will notify the Secretary of all election results before October 30. The Secretary shall will notify the membership of all election results in the November issue of the Club Bulletin Board newsletter or by mail not later than November 20.

(e) If the election is conducted by electronic ballot, the Secretary will transmit the names and biographical information for each candidate to the independent third-party e-voting service retained by the Club on or before September 15, together with any additional data required by the e-voting service to conduct the election. The e-voting service will act as the Inspector of Election, and must notify the Secretary of all election results on or before October 30. The Secretary will notify the membership of the election results in the manner proscribed above. Members who do not have email will receive a paper ballot. Paper ballots will be handled as described in (d).

(fe) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.
APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

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SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

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ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 - Amended to define how committee chairs and committee members are appointed.

SECTION 1. The Board may each year appoint standing committees and approve committee chairs to advance the work of the Club in such matters as dog shows, performance events, trophies, annual prizes, membership and other fields which may well be served by committees. Unless instructed otherwise, committee chairs may appoint additional committee members as needed. Such Standing committees shall are always ~~be~~ subject to the final authority of the Board. Special committees may also be appointed by the Board to aid it on particular projects.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

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Amended to describe correctly how disciplinary charges are handled.

ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE.

~~SECTION 1. AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SUSPENSION. Any member who is suspended from the privileges of the American Kennel Club shall will automatically be suspended from the privileges of this Club for a like period.~~

~~SECTION 2. CHARGES. Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. Written charges with accompanying documentation must be filed in duplicate with the secretary together with a deposit of \$100.00 which shall be forfeited if such charges are not sustained by the Board following a hearing. All allegations of fact made in proceedings pursuant to this Section must be signed by a current BCOA member, and must contain objective evidence based on first hand knowledge or properly authenticated records and/or documents. The Secretary shall promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board shall first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which would be prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or of the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction. If the Board does entertain jurisdiction of the charges, the Secretary shall promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by registered mail, advising him or her that there are 30 days in which to reply, together with an assurance that the accused may be represented by counsel. If the accused member fails to reply within 30 days, he or she shall be considered to have acknowledged the charges. The accused may, however, reply within the prescribed time and request for just cause an extension not to exceed an additional 30 days.~~

SECTION 2. CHARGES.

Any member may prefer charges against a member for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. For the purposes of this Article, the term "prejudicial" means conduct that results in: (i) measurable pecuniary loss or harm to the Club, or (ii) other serious and quantifiable harm to the integrity or welfare of the Club or the breed.

Disputes between members relating to contracts, agreements, purchases, sales or similar interpersonal matters will not be entertained under this Article.

Written charges with accompanying documentation must be filed in duplicate with the secretary together with a deposit paid by check in the amount of \$100.00 in US funds payable to BCOA. This deposit will be forfeited if the charges are not sustained by the Board.

All allegations of fact made in proceedings pursuant to this Section must be signed by a current BCOA member, and must contain objective evidence based on first-hand knowledge or properly authenticated records and/or documents.

The Secretary will promptly send a copy of the charges to each member of the Board or present them at a Board meeting, and the Board will first consider whether the actions alleged in the charges, if taken as true, constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed.

If the Board considers that the charges do not allege conduct which is prejudicial to the best interest of the Club or of the breed, it may refuse to entertain jurisdiction and shall notify the plaintiff within 30 days of receipt of the charges.

If the Board entertains jurisdiction of the charges, it will set a date for a vote of not less than three weeks nor more than six weeks after receipt of the accused's reply.

The Secretary will promptly send one copy of the charges to the accused member by certified mail return receipt, advising the member that they have 30 days from the date of receipt of the charges in which to reply.

If the accused member fails to reply within 30 days, he or she will be considered to have acknowledged the charges. The accused may, however, reply within the prescribed time and request for just cause shown, an extension not to exceed an additional 30 days from the date of the receipt of the charges.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEMBERS. If charges are brought against an officer or member of the Board, that person must abstain from voting on the matter.

SECTION 4. BOARD HEARING-~~INVESTIGATION~~. Upon receipt of the ~~accused's~~member's reply, the Board ~~shall~~will proceed to thoroughly and impartially ~~investigate~~review and consider the charges. The Board may request additional facts or materials from either party to the complaint. If the additional facts or materials are received, the Secretary will promptly send a copy to the opposing party, and that party may reply within 10 days with an additional written response. If the Board requests that both parties provide additional facts or materials, both parties will receive 10 days from receipt of the materials in which to reply. The Board will then vote by written ballot to sustain or deny the charges. ~~Should~~ If the charges ~~bear~~are sustained ~~by the Board after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant~~, the Board may, by a majority vote ~~of those present~~, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the ~~Board's final ballot on the matter or investigation of~~ until the annual meeting following the six months suspension. If the Board deems ~~that punishment~~this action insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership the penalty of expulsion. Suspension ~~shall~~will not restrict the ~~defendant's~~right of a defendant to appear before the membership at the ensuing ~~annual Club~~ meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board ~~with respect to~~ expulsion. The result of a vote to expel at an annual meeting will be recorded by the Secretary and reported to the membership in the meeting minutes as proscribed by these By-laws. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall then notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

SECTION 5 EXPULSION. Expulsion of a member from the Club may be accomplished only at the annual meeting of the Club following the ~~investigation and upon review, balloting, and the~~ recommendation of the Board as provided in Section ~~34~~ of this Article. The defendant ~~shall~~will have the privilege of appearing in his or her own behalf though no ~~new facts or~~ evidence ~~shall~~may be ~~taken~~presented at this meeting. The President ~~shall~~will read the charges and the Board's findings and recommendations, and ~~shall~~will invite the defendant, if present, to speak. The meeting ~~shall~~will then vote by secret written ballot on the proposed expulsion. A 2/3 affirmative vote of those present and voting at the annual meeting ~~shall be~~is necessary for expulsion. If expulsion is not ~~so~~ voted, the suspension ~~shall stand~~will be deemed to have terminated at the conclusion of the annual meeting at which expulsion was declined.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert- (COMMENTS: I am uncomfortable defining for the members of this Club, and any future Board of Directors, what prejudicial will mean to them going forward. Another concern are the words "measurable" and "quantifiable"; they are too subjective in my opinion. I.e A hundred dollars misappropriated could be considered measurable by one member and not another; who gets to determine the end result? If it is the BOD then let the BOD also determine if the charges preferred are, by their definition, prejudicial to the Club or to the Breed.)

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SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

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Section 1 - No changes

Section 2 - Amended to include the option to use electronic balloting.

SECTION 2. The Constitution and By-Laws and the Standard for the breed may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Secretary to each member accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against the action to be taken may be indicated. The notice must specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of mailing by which date the ballots must be returned to the Secretary-Inspector of Elections to be counted. Alternatively, revisions of the Constitutions, By-laws or

Standard may be proposed to the membership by electronic ballot, as provided in Article, Section(s), above. As with paper ballots, electronic ballots must include the recommendations of the Board regarding the proposed amendments. AThe favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return ballots within the time limit shall/will be required to effect any such amendment.
APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

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Effective: July 13, 2012

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Please send your vote on approving the majority votes nominees listed for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards in each of the three categories.

Majority Votes to:

Conformation-Patricai Craige Trotter

Companion Events-Susan (Suzi) Bluford

Performance-Dana Jensen

Nominees in each category are:

Conformation: Peter Green; Ed Sledzik; Patricia Craige Trotter

Companion Events: Susan (Suzi) B. Bluford; Sharon Redmer; Robert Squires

Performance: Jean Dieden, DVM; Dana Jensen; Leida Jones

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

Ballot 2012-75 APPROVED

Postmarked July 3, 2012

Subject: Fanconi Information Update for Website

Effective July 13, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President

Please send your ballot to approve the proposed changes/updates of information to the Fanconi Information on our website submitted by the Health and Research Committee.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Webb, Work.

BALLOT 2012-76 APPROVED

Postmarked: July 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Standing Rules for 2012 Annual Meeting

Effective: July 13, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the By-Laws.

Please send your vote on Standing Rules for the 2012 Annual Meeting to be held at the Eisenhower Hotel and Convention Center, Gettysburg, PA on Friday, July 13, 2012 from 4-6pm. (Room TBA). The Standing Rules for Annual Meetings will also be added to the BCOA Policy Manual.

STANDING RULES FOR BCOA ANNUAL MEETINGS

The Standing Rules shall be adopted immediately after the Call to Order.

Oral reports of Officers and Committee Chairs shall be limited to two minutes except for those of the President and Treasurer. An additional two minutes may be allowed for questions from the membership on reports (such as those of the Health Research Committee) presenting important new material.

Typed copies of all reports shall be filed with the President and the Secretary.

Members who wish to speak must rise, address the Chair and wait to be recognized. They shall move to a microphone if one is available for use of the membership. They shall state their name and office or club (if any) before speaking.

No member shall speak more than two minutes without permission of the Chair.

All motions and resolutions **must/should** be presented in writing to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Forms for written motions and resolutions will be provided in the Hospitality Room.

Individuals registering a motion in advance with the Secretary shall be recognized by the Chair to make that motion to the membership present at the meeting.

Individuals registering a motion in advance with the Secretary shall have the right to speak first in debate, if they wish, after the Chair has stated the motion and it has been seconded.

The Chair shall alternate, as far as possible, between speakers favoring and speakers opposing a motion under consideration. Debate on motions shall be limited to 15 minutes.

A timekeeper will be on duty and will call time on all discussions.

All cell phones and pagers are to be silenced during the business meeting.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the annual business meeting in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Basenji Club of America, Inc. Bylaws and these Standing Rules.

Approved: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Webb, Work.

No record of vote: Siekert

BALLOT 2012-77-Approved

Subject: AKC CLSF Donation

Effective Date: July 14, 2012

Based on the AKC Delegate report from the 2nd Qtr AKC meeting, a motion by Michael Work with a second by Carol Webb was made at the Annual Board of Directors meeting: BCOA will make a \$500 donation to the AKC Canine Legislation Support Fund for 2012.

Approved: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Webb, Work.

Not in attendance: Straub.

Ballot 2012-78: APPROVED

Subject: Updated Standing Committee Descriptions
added to website

Effective Date: July 14, 2012

Based on the By Laws and Corporate Documents report related to Standing Committee Description updates, a motion by Wanda Pooley with a second by Midge Greenlee was made at the Annual Board of Directors meeting: Updated Standing Committee Descriptions will be added to the BCOA website for all 2012 Committees.

Approved: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Webb, Work.

Not in attendance: Straub.

BALLOT 2012-79 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2013 National Specialty AKC Lure Coursing Judges

Postmarked: July 24, 2012

Effective: August 2, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote for:

Judge 1:

Vern Staack, Spokane WA, to judge the following events scheduled for July 13, 2013 at Argus Ranch in Auburn WA:

- a) all Basenji stakes in the BCOA National Specialty AKC Lure Trial
- b) BCOA National Specialty AKC Junior Courser Test #1

As compensation Mr. Staack asks only reimbursement of actual expenses (round trip transportation from Spokane, up to two nights lodging, and meals). Mr. Staack will be invited to all seminars and to the Annual Banquet at no charge.

Judge 2:

Avery McLeod, Centralia, WA, to judge the following events scheduled for July 13, 2013 at Argus Ranch in Auburn WA:

- a) all Basenji stakes in the BCOA National Specialty AKC Lure Trial
- b) BCOA National Specialty AKC Junior Courser Test #2

As compensation Mr. McLeod asks only reimbursement of actual expenses (round trip transportation from Centralia, up to two nights lodging, and meals). Mr. McLeod will be invited to all seminars and to the Annual Banquet at no charge.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work. Resigned: Webb.

BALLOT 2012-80 APPROVED

SUBJECT: MEDALLIONS FOR AKC/EUKANUBA SHOW

Postmarked: July 24, 2012

Effective: August 2, 2012

AKC has offered the opportunity for BCOA to purchase the medallions for Basenjis in the shows sponsored in part by Eukanuba on December 15 & 16, 2012. The medallions are Conformation [BOB, BOS, BBE] 3 for \$75.00; Obedience [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00; and Agility [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00. Please indicate which of these you vote to contribute, if any.

Yes- Conformation

Yes- Agility

No- Obedience*

*OBEDIENCE MEDALLION INFORMATION: Research conducted by the BOD shows no Basenjis have qualified for entry in Obedience at this event.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

Resigned: Webb

BALLOT 2012-81 APPROVED

Postmarked July 29, 2012

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF DEADLINE OF ADDITIONAL
NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Effective August 7, 2012

Due to the late publication of the July Bulletin Board, please send your vote on allowing an extension of the deadline for the submission of Additional Nominees for the 2013 Board of Directors. The deadline would be extended to allow petitions to be postmarked to the Secretary's regular address prior to August 25 and to include petitions received not later than August 31, even if it is not a mail delivery day.

APPROVED: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-82: APPROVED

Postmarked July 29, 2012

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF DIRECTOR
Effective August 7, 2012

Following Article III, Section 4 of the BCOA Bylaws stating in part:

Any vacancy occurring on the Board . . . shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board . . .

Please mark your vote on approving Jackie Jones [OR] as the seventh member of the BCOA Board of Directors, following the resignation of Carol Webb [CA]. Mrs. Jones received the eighth highest number of votes in the general election for 2012 Officers and Board.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley- [*Comments: Carol Webb has served on the BCOA Board for a number of years and we will miss her common sense approach.*], Straub- [*Comment: I'm incredibly sorry to see Carol leave, it's been wonderful working with her. I wish her the best and understand the importance of her shift in priorities. Last but not least, welcome to the team, Jackie.*], Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2012-83 APPROVED

Postmarked: July 31, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

SUBJECT: 2012 NOMINATING COMMITTEE RECONVENING
Effective: August 2, 2012

Due to the unexpected withdrawal of Carol Webb, a 2013 Board of Director nominee, please mark your vote allowing the 2012 Nominating Committee to reconvene for 5 days to fill this vacancy.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-84 APPROVED

Postmarked: July 31, 2012

SUBJECT: 2013 National Specialty Junior Showmanship Judge
Effective: August 9, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve Judy Webb to Judge -All AKC Junior Showmanship Classes - at the 2013 National Specialty. Ms Webb asks no fees or expenses to judge AKC Junior Showmanship other than those already agreed to in our contract for Conformation-Basenji-all classes, signed and dated 2-9-2011.

APPROVED: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-85 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 13, 2012

SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS - ARTICLE IV THE CLUB YEAR,
VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS.
Effective: August 23, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on an addition to By-Laws revision as written below. (green sections)

ADDITIONAL REVISIONS TO ARTICLE IV, Section 3 and Section 4 as submitted by the By-laws and Corporate Documents Committee. 8-9-2012

NOTE: Text highlighted in RED has already been approved by Ballot 2012-70. This text is shown to maintain continuity for the additional revisions. Text in highlighted in GREEN reflects the additional recommended revisions to ARTICLE IV, Section 3 and Section 4.

ARTICLE IV - THE CLUB YEAR, VOTING, NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS.

SECTION 3. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS.

- a) When paper ballots are cast, the Board will engage, on or before September 1, an outside firm to serve as Inspector of Election and to count the ballots. In order to be valid, paper ballots must be postmarked prior to October 15 and received by the Inspector of Election no later than October 21, even if the 21st is not a mail delivery day. The election must be certified prior to October 30 (See Section 4 d of this Article).
- b) When electronic ballots are cast using an independent third-part e-voting service, the e-voting service will constitute the Inspector of Elections. All electronic ballots must be cast prior to October 15, and the election must be certified prior to October 30.
- c) The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position will be declared elected. If any elected candidate is unable to serve or resigns, the resignation or vacancy will be considered effective as of January 1 of the term for which the Board member or officer was elected, and the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the Board as constituted on and after January 1 of that term in the manner provided by Article III, Section 4.

SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS.

(a) On or before June 1, the Nominating Committee ~~shall~~will nominate from among the eligible members of the Club one candidate for each office and for each other position on the Board of Directors and ~~shall~~will procure their verbal or written acceptance. The Committee ~~shall also~~will obtain a resume of not more than 250 words of each nominee, ~~so chosen~~. The Committee ~~shall~~will consider geographic representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is ~~practicable~~ practical to do so. The Committee ~~shall~~ then submit its slate of candidates and their resumes to be received by the Secretary ~~not later than~~ on or before July 8. The list, including the full name and state of residence of each candidate, ~~shall~~must be published in the BCOA *Bulletin Board Newsletter* on or before July 15, so that additional nominations may be made by members ~~if they so desire~~. If a vacancy on the slate of candidates presented by the committee occurs prior to the ballot being circulated to the membership, the Board may reconvene the Nominating Committee to fill that vacancy.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-Comment[*I approve the revision as-is and the final product. I'd prefer the struck out text in 'c' below be removed as the process is already specified elsewhere in the by-laws (as shown in the last words of 'c'). The extra is 'wordy' and already covered. The person receiving the largest number of votes for each position will be declared elected. If any elected candidate is unable to serve or resigns, the resignation or vacancy will be considered effective as of January 1 of the term for which the Board member or officer was elected, and the vacancy will be filled by a majority vote of the Board as constituted on and after January 1 of that term in the manner as provided by Article III, Section 4.*], Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert-Comment: [I am thankful for this "revision" of the revision; makes much more sense for the incoming Board to fill any future elected vacancies than for the outgoing Board to do it.], Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-86 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 8, 2012

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective: August 18, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the July 2012 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Sarah Smith-Falkner, Jeffery Falker and Isaac Smith [WA]

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-87 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 13, 2012

SUBJECT: DATE CHANGE FOR 2015

NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Effective: August 23, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on the change of the 2015 National Specialty dates to October 26-November 1, 2015, due to schedule conflicts. The location is the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in Gettysburg, PA.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2012-88 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 13, 2012

SUBJECT: INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS

Effective: August 23, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the By-Laws.

Please send your vote on approving Richard W. Schmidt, CPA (Maryland Heights, MO) as Inspector of Elections for the Annual Election of BCOA Board of Directors and Officers for 2013. Mr. Schmidt asks \$115 for his services.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Siekert, Work.

Ballot 2012-89 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 13, 2012

SUBJECT: LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Effective: August 23, 2012

Circulated for records based on previously approved BOD poll.

Please send your vote to nominate Anne Graves [TX] for BCOA Lifetime Membership. Mrs. Graves offered devoted and effective service as a long-time member and Officer of the BCOA. The club desires to show our appreciation and affection for Anne's outstanding service to both BCOA and the Basenji.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work

BALLOT 2012-90 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 23, 2012

SUBJECT: 2013 National Specialty
and All Breed Agility Judge

Effective: September 2, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve Carol Mount (NJ) to judge all AKC Agility classes offered at the Basenji Club of America National Specialty and All-Breed Agility trial Monday July 15th, 2013 at Argus Ranch, Auburn WA. Mrs. Mount's compensation includes round trip airfare provided by BCOA2013, other actual travel expense reimbursement, lodging, meals, and \$1/run judging fee in the all-breed trial. Mrs. Mount charges no per run fee for Basenjies entered in the trial.

APPROVE: **Beaudoin**-Comment: *Kudos to Brenda for the donation of the frequent flyer miles to afford a quality out-of-area agility judge at a reasonable price, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Siekert, Work.*

BALLOT 2012-91 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 23, 2012

SUBJECT: 2013 National Specialty
Obedience and Rally Judge

Effective: September 2, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve Mary Jane Shervias (WA) to judge all AKC Obedience and Rally Classes offered at the Basenji Club of America National Specialty Trial Sunday July 14th, 2013 at Argus Ranch in Auburn WA. Mrs. Shervias' compensation includes round trip airfare provided by BCOA2013, other actual travel expense reimbursement, lodging, meals, and \$150 judging fee.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2012-92 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 30, 2012

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective: September 9, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the August, 2012 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Lori Clough (ME), Julie & Margaret Dugan (DE), John Gaidos & Ainsley Halemanu (HI), Tacie Hetrick (MI), Faye & Dean Makishima (IN), Steve & Randee Mathers (IL), Shannon & Sean Pratt (OH), Cynthia Stehl (OR).

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-Comment: [Welcome!], Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-93 APPROVED

Postmarked August 30, 2012

Subject: 2013 National Specialty
African Stock Exhibition Judge

Effective September 09, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote for Donna Lubbe (OR) to judge all classes of the 2013 Africans Stock Exhibition African Stock. Ms. Lubbe asks compensation of up to one nights lodging and meals for the duration of your assignment. We offer her lunch the day of the ASE, a banquet ticket and free seminars during the 2013 National Specialty.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-94 APPROVED

Postmarked August 30, 2012

Subject: Member Petition Response for Publication of the
Lacy/Beuchat Article

Effective September 09, 2012

Circulated in response to a petition submitted by Katherine Scott, M.D. and signed by 50 BCOA members in good standing. An article written by Robert C. Lacy, Ph.D. and Carol A. Beuchat, Ph.D. was submitted to the Editor of *The Bulletin*. After consulting the Editorial Advisory Committee, the decision to print this article was rejected.

Please send your vote to print in its entirety the rebuttal article written by Drs. Lacy and Beuchat in the next issue of *The Bulletin* that was submitted in response to Jo Thompson, Ph.D.'s article that was included in The Jan/Feb/Mar issue of the 2012 Bulletin.

APPROVE: **Beaudoin-Comment:** [*I believe the EAC was correct in their original actions, particularly due to the unusual method of submission which clouded the Copyright issues. In my opinion, this article is a reasonable clarification and extension of some points in the Thompson article and while I dearly wish it was about 2 pages shorter (a redaction which the authors are apparently not willing/able to do at this time) and just a smidgen softer in tone in places, I do agree it should be published. There is certainly room for continuing debate, but I feel, as was suggested by a member of the EAC, that the "Letter to the Editor" would be an appropriate arena for those so inclined.*], **Campeau- Comment:** [*The article by Dr. Thompson and the article in question by Dr's. Lacey and Beuchat are both valuable for the education of breeders and basenji owners. The more articles like this, the better. However, the article in question was submitted by a third party, not the authors. This brings up copyright issues that the Editorial Advisory Committee rightly questioned. I would still prefer to have something from the authors permitting its use in the Bulletin. Its important to get written permission to publish articles if they are not authored by the person submitting the article. It prevents copyright infringement.*], **Greenlee-Comments:** [*Both the Bulletin editor's referral of this article to the EAC and the objections raised by the EAC were reasonable and understandable since the article in question was not submitted for publication by its authors, but by a third party. Given the intensity of interest in the subject matter addressed both in Dr. Thompson's article and in the article written by Drs. Lacy and Beuchat, I certainly think the latter should be published (lengthy though it may be), since it now seems that Lacy and Beuchat did wish that it be published in the Bulletin, but for some reason sent it elsewhere. I share with other Board members a hope that further articles on this subject and related topics not become an endless debate.*], **J. Jones, Ketz, Siekert-Comments:** [*As outlined in the Editorial Advisory Standing Committee purpose/duties/responsibilities when an editor is considering a decision to either severely edit or refuse to print a submission that does not comply with Publication Policy, the Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC) may be consulted. The EAC will then act as a consulting body only and advise the Editor regarding said concern. The Editor, under the jurisdiction of the Board, reserves the right to reasonably edit and/or refuse to print any material submitted.*]

Background: The Lacy/Beuchat article was submitted simultaneously via email, by BCOA member A, to three basenji publication editors within the US (The BULLETIN, The BASENJI and The Modern Basenji). Authors Dr. Lacy and Dr. Beuchat were openly cc'd on said email, having full knowledge to which their article was being submitted thereby giving implied consent for publication to all three magazines.

Issues to consider: Article Compliance; Article Copyright; Article Submission and Article Length.

Article Compliance: *Was the Lacy/Beuchat article in compliance, in whole or part, with BCOA Publication Policy?*

BCOA Publication Policy:

PUBLICATION CONTENT: [Ref. 2006-23]

The BCOA BULLETIN Editor, Roster Editor and Specialty Catalog Editor will not accept any advertisement or display that, in the opinion of the Editor, together with the Editorial Advisory Committee:

- 1. Makes unsubstantiated claims, or contains false or misleading information;*
- 2. Is not in keeping with (or is unrelated to) the purposes and goals of the BCOA, as stated in its current Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (for example, displays relating to non-Basenji breeds);*
- 3. Makes reference to illegal or objectionable products or activities;*
- 4. Contains fraudulent, deceptive or offensive material, including material that misrepresents, ridicules, or attacks any individual or group on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or handicap.*

1) The Lacy/Beuchat article does not make unsubstantiated claims, or contain false or misleading information. Dr. Lacy is considered the foremost population geneticist in the world; there is no question he has the expertise to address population/founder effect questions.

2) The Lacy/Beuchat article does keep with the purpose and goals of the BCOA; the article is not only relevant to possible issues BCOA members may face with the Native Stock project/imports; said article is in direct response to an article authored by Jo Thompson, Ph.D. in the first quarter 2012 BCOA BULLETIN and Modern Basenji.

3) The Lacy/Beuchat article does not make references to illegal or objectionable products or activities.

4) The Lacy/Beuchat article does not contain fraudulent, deceptive or offensive material, or material that misrepresents, ridicules, or attacks any individual or group on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation or handicap.

Article Copyright: Were there copyright issues at time of submission? **If** yes, was due process done by the Editor, or any EAC member who voted to reject said article, to determine if there was in fact a copyright issue or just the premise of one? Are questions regarding copyright reason enough to reject an article for publication if due process is not done and/or shown to be a non-issue? When the article was submitted for publication it had **not** been published in print or online. As stated, the article was submitted **simultaneously** via email, by BCOA member A, to three basenji publication editors within the US (The BULLETIN, The BASENJI and The Modern Basenji). Drs. Lacy/Beuchat were openly cc'd on the submission email and had full knowledge to whom the article was being submitted thereby giving implied consent to having said article published by **each** publication. Since neither author assigned copyright, via a signed contract, to any one magazine, they retain ownership to their article and can submit it for publication to whomever they desire, whenever they desire.

Article Submission: Are third party submissions a legitimate reason to consider rejection of submitted material? There is nothing in the BCOA publication policy that requires submissions must come directly from the author(s) and/or submissions are only acceptable if authored by BCOA members. Having BCOA member A submit the article for publication vs. having it come directly from the authors should have **no bearing** on the legitimacy of the authors and/or article content.

Article Length: Would the membership benefit from a condensed version of the article, if offered, either as a standalone piece or written as a "Letter to the Editor"? I queried Dr. Beuchat about their desire for the article to be published in its entirety. Her reply was: "Bob and I felt very strongly that it was important that breeders, most of whom would probably not be well-versed in the principles of population genetics, be given sufficient background information and explanation to understand why we differed with Thompson's conclusions; we did not think a shorter article could serve the purpose. We wrote that article as a professional courtesy, because we felt it was essential that the basenji people have correct information."

Conclusion: The Lacy/Beuchat article **fully complies** with the content requirements set forth in the BCOA Policy Manual. There are no conceivable copyright issues inhibiting it from being printed in its entirety - **then or now**. How an article is submitted has no bearing on the merits of its contents, or on its length; direct contact with the authors would have easily addressed any questions/concerns. The article should take less than 3 pages to print. In conclusion, the requirements for **reasonable rejection were not met**, therefore the Lacy/Beuchat article was inappropriately rejected by the majority of the EAC and thusly, the BULLETIN Editor, at a potential loss to BCOA BULLETIN readers. This errant omission needs to be rectified by full publication of the submitted article therefore I approve the petition request for its full publication. Additional Comments: I voiced my concerns when the current members of the EAC were Balloted (Ballot 2012-28). Had the rejection of this article not been brought to the attention of the BCOA Board of Directors by way of a member initiated petition, the membership might never have known an article of this caliber existed. Since all BCOA publication editors are ultimately under the jurisdiction of the BCOA Board of Directors, and in light of this specific issue and how it was addressed, I would ask: whenever material is to be potentially rejected for publication, said Editor immediately share with the sitting Board of Directors a copy of the piece in question and the specific reasons for its rejection. I would also ask anyone submitting an article, questionable or otherwise, be afforded the courtesy of contact regarding receipt of said submission and/or final outcome (under consideration, soon to be published, rejected, etc.) It is unacceptable to me for the EAC to advise an Editor to cease all communication with any person submitting material.], **Straub-Comment:**[I appreciate the Editorial Advisory Committee's position on the article and understand their reasoning. However, I am of the opinion that the referenced authors' would like to further elucidate in order to make their points clear. As this does not appear to be about personal name calling and finger pointing but rather education, I would prefer that we provide the membership with the information. I would not be in favor of continual constructive conflict in a public forum, though, and would not anticipate seeing a "rebuttal to the rebuttal" requested. I would not want to see this devolve into an ongoing debate. I think the information in the article is interesting to share without being derogatory.], **Work.**

DISAPPROVE: Pooley-Comments: [This petition risks unintended consequences. While I realize I am the minority on this issue, I have to side with the original decisions made by the Bulletin Editor and the Editorial Advisory Committee. The BCOA gives the club editors latitude for what is and isn't edited or published. Further, editors utilize the experience of the Editorial Advisory Committee when they feel help with such a decision is warranted. Overriding an editor and a standing committee sets a dangerous precedent and lends the thought that maybe these positions are no longer necessary.]

Abstain: Camp-Comment: [As Editor, abstaining is appropriate as I submitted the item for review but I disapprove publication of this submission in the unedited form. The subject topic is a good topic, worthy of printing. I felt the submission was of a tone that needed review (written with a negative/pointed tilt as other BOD members have stated). Any subject (regardless of the fact it opposes a topic) can be written in a manner that all sides appreciate the writing even if they have a difference of opinion. It was written by third parties who are not members, submitted by a member – no permission or 'request to print' provided by the author(s) which should have been provided by the submitter. I submitted it to Review because of the above with a couple of other minor points that I also addressed. The submission responded to previous submission that did not have a negative tilt. While I am a member of review – every (3) comment I made to the committee said "I defer to your decision" and did not vote as part of this committee on this issue. The Review committee's recommendation was to 'not' publish for a number of reasons. The SAME information can be provided without the negative tone. Note: Published data is evaluated on a daily basis by many readers/reviewers and opinions are formed and

published. While the data is independently reviewed and published, the authors may all disagree privately or in small circles, they do not publish "the writer is wrong". I disagree with publishing this in its current form in favor of improving the tone].

BALLOT 2012-95 APPROVED

Postmarked: September 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Logo Artwork Update Expenses

Effective: September 26, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve artist Kelly Bloor [PA] to update/clean up both the b/w and color versions of the BCOA Logo and to supply the club with CD's and files with these logos' in all formats--gif, jpg, etc. for a cost of \$ 40 per hour for up to a maximum 5 hours of work.

APPROVE: **Beaudoin, Camp, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert**-Comments: *(The BCOA Logo has been on the Board's "to do" list since 2011, if not earlier. While I am rarely keen to spend club money, the current BCOA Board has been unable to find anyone within the membership willing to help create a cleaned up version of our existing logo in a variety of usable formats and colors; therefore the Board has decided to employ an outside artist. The cost per hour is reasonable, a time limit set so as not to incur a substantial bill, therefore in order to get the logo off the "to do" list and into the hands of the Fundraising committee I approve this non budgeted expenditure.)*, **Straub, Work**.

RECUSE: **Campeau**

BALLOT 2012-96 APPROVED

Postmarked: September 16, 2012

Subject: Events Coordinator and Liaison Committee Chair

Effective: September 26, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve Libby (Getty) Cox [OR] as the Events Coordinator & Liaison Committee chair, following the resignation of MaryK Quinnett [WA].

APPROVE: **Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work**.

BALLOT 2012-97 APPROVED

Postmarked: September 19, 2012

Subject: Social Media Committee Purpose and Description Updates

Effective: September 29, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to update the Social Media Committee Purpose and Description. The committee will be adding the use of YouTube to our social media activities.

Purpose: Coordinate BCOA's use of social media on Facebook and YouTube to a) connect the public with BCOA and support the efforts of the Public Education and Health & Research committees and b) reinforce BCOA communications to its membership via social media.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate with the Public Education and Health & Research committees to identify and provide meaningful content to the public (particularly current and potential basenji owners) which supports their education and outreach-focused committee goals
- Coordinate with BCOA webmaster, committee chairs, publication editors, national specialty host groups, and affiliate clubs to communicate content of interest to the public and BCOA membership participating in social media
- Reinforce BCOA's communication to its membership from BCOA committees, publication editors, national specialty host groups, board of directors and officers on social media.
- Serve as the "Page Owner" of the BCOA page on Facebook through sharing of appropriate and relevant content, interacting with the page participants, and moderating social content when necessary to remain consistent with the stated "Page Rules".
- Serve as the "Page Owner" for the BCOA YouTube channel through sharing of appropriate and relevant content, interacting with the participants, and moderating social content when necessary.
- Serve as a resource or consultant for social media activities for BCOA national specialty host groups as needed.

APPROVE: **Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau**-Comments: *[This committee has done a great job on all the new social media. It has increased the access the public has to the club and assisted communication among the members.]*, **Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub**-Comment:*[I love this idea! Great job for Clay and Susan on our kudos from AKC - it's this type of thinking that makes such a great impression.]*, **Work**.

BALLOT 2012-98 APPROVED

Postmarked: September 26, 2012

Subject: BHE Board of Directors

Effective: October 6, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the Basenji Health Endowment Officers and Board of Directors, effective immediately with term to serve through next ballot, tentatively scheduled for national speciality in July of 2013:

President: Carrie Jones
Vice President: Beth Straub
Secretary: Janet Ketz
Treasurer: Laura Mae Hesse

Directors:
Sandy Beaudoin
Midge Greenlee
Jackie Jones
Mia Lowbeer
Kirsten Sigrist
Laurie Stargell
Michael Work

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Work.
No Record of Vote: Straub, Siekert.

BALLOT 2012-99 DISAPPROVE

Subject: Native Stock Procedure Change
(3+ Rating for BOD Review/Membership Vote)
Effective: Oct 8, 2012

Postmarked: September 28, 2012

Please send your vote to approve the following paragraph to Step 7 of the Native Stock Committee's proposed changes.

- Any dog receiving an averaged rating "Good (3)" or above from the three (3) evaluators will be submitted to the general membership for voting after the BCOA Board reviews their application for completeness.

APPROVE:

Siekert- [Comments: Preface to ballots 2012-99 through 104: I am concerned that these ballots have been called prematurely. The Board has not discussed concerns with the Native Stock Committee regarding the committee's proposals, nor made any Board suggestions to the NSC to modify the NSC proposals.

In polling membership, Importers and Evaluators, while also taking into consideration the Board's original request/suggestions regarding revamping the current procedures, the Native Stock Committee (NSC) worked hard to create a process representative of everyone without making the procedures insurmountable or a cake walk.

Ever since Native imports have been considered for AKC registration back in the early 1990s, membership has wanted more input in which specific dogs are accepted/registered.

Back then, the Board gave themselves full authority, which upset BCOA membership. This discontent prompted the creation of the 2007/2008 NSC to devise, in part, a process for Native imports to be stringently evaluated by three independent, but highly experienced people, never imagining this created process would, in effect, negate these hands on evaluations by a Board disapproving any dogs with ratings of good or better; unfortunately the 2012 Board did vote to disapprove two dogs who had evaluations individually, and on average, of good or better; this showed the NSC and the membership the fallacy once again of allowing the Board sole authority.

Having pre-approved experienced and oftentimes long term basenji breeder opinions overruled by the Board has not only upset BCOA membership but those evaluators who are also members. To address this the NSC proposed a compromise - those dogs who average good or better go directly to membership for vote after review from the Board.

The NSC created the procedures currently in place which the 2008 Board accepted, and subsequently sent to go to the AKC for review and acceptance. This means the NSC created the very procedure which gave the Board the sole authority to decide which dogs go to membership; this authority did not derive from the BCOA By-laws. The 2012 Board tasked the NSC to address issues that partially arose from membership concerns from the Board overruling evaluations. The NSC proposed modifications are within the scope of the NSC task, and in no way go against BCOA By-laws.

While the AKC wants the Board to be a part of the process, they have never mandated the Board must **BE** the process; allowing the Board to overrule hands on evaluations equates to the Board having sole authority in ending the process. Since there is nothing to stop any member of the Board from making written recommendations via their ballot vote on how they feel the membership should vote, creating in essence a fourth (or thirteenth if you count each recommendation separately) evaluation for the membership to consider before voting, the Board can maintain being an integral part of the process, while still honoring the intention of the evaluation process the NSC originally created in 2008.

If this ballot is disapproved and the Board continues to be allowed to trump/overrule the three hands on evaluators, I would ask the NSC and/or Board discontinue evaluations completely, sending all imports who's paperwork is in order directly to the Board for final say; since this is what we are currently doing, we might as well be honest about it. There is no rhyme or reason to waste importers time and money, nor the evaluator's time, effort and expertise if we plan to invalidate their evaluations and disapprove an import who rates good or better.

Averaging has always been a part of the original 2008 procedures sent to the AKC. Evaluating dogs, much like judging dogs is very subjective, opinions predicated on inherent bias for or against specific personal criteria. Averaging scores helps to alleviate the subjective nature of the process. There is only one situation I know of where an inflated rating of 5 (Excellent) could push an average rating to Good when combined with two ratings of 2 (Fair). Any potential for inflation can be easily addressed by also requiring that two of the three evaluation ratings must be 3 (Good) or better.

It's the rare show dog that wins under every single judge but some expect this of native dogs; if every breed judge we showed under has to find our dog deserving, we would have very few breed champions. Averaging just makes sense when dealing with human nature's likes and dislikes.]

Work-[Comment: It seems as though this club and its board have fallen to simply functioning as single-caused Pro-African Stock Project and an Anti-African Stock Project factions; in fact I am afraid that our membership will vote-in future boards based only on this issue. This is unfortunate, because we have plenty of other things to deal with. However, while I do not feel that the BCOA should focus simply on the Native stock debate, it seems that it is an important topic, especially given how our club just voted so overwhelmingly to support the project. Therefore, I am voting now in support of what the committee and the majority of the club want: I approve these ballots.]

DISAPPROVE:

Beaudoin- [Comment : Let's be perfectly honest here. What we are really talking about are "chances." This format allows the possibility that a dog with a 2 rating (FAIR chance of being a Basenji) by a knowledgeable evaluator will be allowed through without Board vote. Note that the evaluators just see the dog. They do not see place of origin or get or any other comments or materials that the Board is privy to. Personally, I would like to think any dog being admitted to the stud book was graded by ALL that saw him/her to have at least a GOOD (3) chance of really being a Basenji. If the Board is going to even consider abdicating its responsibility the numbers will have to be higher and averaging will have to go.]

Camp- [Comment: Disapprove in it's current language. It is the committee's responsibility to review any application for completeness. Even if all 5's, the board should still approve prior to membership vote. As unpalatable as some find it, even if the candidate achieves all 5's, the board should see all as a formality.]

Campeau-[Comments: This ballot addresses 2 issues. The first is whether or not the evaluator's scores should be averaged or not. The second is whether the BOD needs to approve the applicant before it is presented to the membership, or the BOD needs only to approve the paperwork before it is presented to the membership. I am hoping that that the new guidelines for evaluator, and new evaluation form address some of the confusion the evaluators experienced. If the evaluators understand the goals of the BCOA and the purpose of the evaluation, and if the evaluation is confidential, then I feel the evaluators can do a better job and feel more comfortable evaluating the dogs as basenjis. If that is the case, then I can accept averaging as long as at least two of the scores are a 3 or better, and there is no score less than a 2. I feel strongly that the BOD should vote on the applicants before they are presented to the membership. Although being a board member does not make you an instant expert on basenjis, enough members must support a person and their opinions to get that person elected as a member of the board of directors. I would not like to see acceptance of native dogs to the stud books turned into an "American Idol-type of thing"—a media affair and popularity contest. It is too important for that.]

Greenlee-[Comment: This would deny the BCOA Board any involvement with applicants other than seeing that their paperwork is in order--a major change in the process approved by the AKC when AKC agreed to open the Stud Book for inclusion of imports. It is the Board that is ultimately responsible for the integrity and welfare of the breed. Applicants deemed acceptable by the evaluators have always been, and should continue to be, subject to Board approval before being sent to the membership for a vote. I also do not like an "averaged" vote. To be submitted to the Board, a dog should be rated "3" or higher by at least 2 of the evaluators.]

J. Jones- [Comment: I am going to have to disapprove all these ballots due to the dissention going on about them. I can only project that if there is this much dissention in the board that it would flow down to the membership with the same results. I think more discussion and analysis is needed on these issues.]

Ketz

Pooley- [Comments - The BOCA Bylaws do not allow anyone or any committee to limit the authority of elected Board members. All native stock applications must be reviewed by elected Board members for approval. This was the original intention when AKC and BCOA opened dialogue to reopen the AKC Studbook.

Further, eliminate averaging of Evaluator scores. Each dog should be able to stand on the merits of each Evaluator's score and should receive an acceptable score to advance to the next stage of the process.

Straub- [Comment: I disagree of both averaging and removing the board as a step toward approval in the studbook. I don't believe we can remove that piece without removing a fundamentally important step in the process, nor do I believe any board should be a 'lame duck' in such an important process. The points brought from the board earlier this year was to give the membership better ability to manage their approval in such important choices, not to exclude the board.]

Ballot 2012-100 DISAPPROVED

Subject: Native Stock Procedure Update
(< 3 Rating/BOD Review and Vote Required)

Postmarked September 28, 2012

Effective: October 8, 2012

Please send your vote to approve the following paragraph to Step 7 of the Native Stock Committee's proposed changes.

Any dog receiving an averaged rating between "Fair (2)" but less than "Good (3)" will be submitted to the BCOA Board for review of the application and their vote on sending it on or not sending it on for membership voting. The Board should explain the reasoning for their decision. Dogs in this group approved by the Board will be submitted to the general membership for voting. Dogs in the group who are not approved by the Board will not be submitted to the general membership for voting.

APPROVE:

Siekert-[Comments: see 2012-99 comments re: averaging.]

Work-[Comment: It seems as though this club and its board have fallen to simply functioning as single-caused Pro-African Stock Project and an Anti-African Stock Project factions; in fact I am afraid that our membership will vote-in future boards based only on this issue. This is unfortunate, because we have plenty of other things to deal with. However, while I do not feel that the BCOA should focus simply on the Native stock debate, it seems that it is an important topic, especially given how our club just voted so overwhelmingly to support the project. Therefore, I am voting now in support of what the committee and the majority of the club want: I approve these ballots.]

DISAPPROVE:

Beaudoin-[Comment for publication: My decision on the previous ballot would basically void the numbers proposed here.]

Camp- [Comment: Disapprove in current language. I can accept averaging provided the final product to equal 3 or higher. I don't see any provision for partial individual scores (one evaluator states 3.5, another states 2.25, etc.) and think that whole numbers should be expected from evaluators. Explanations would come in the form of comments accompanying BOD votes and alone, that should be self-explanatory when published.

Re: Averaging – the what-if's...

a. If averaging is the acceptable process, there should be some clear indication of how fractional average end results are handled. (If 3, 3, 2 – the average is less 2.667 but if rounded up = 3... if not rounded is < 3... makes a difference to the person 'on the bubble' between one status and another)

b. If there is great disparity between 3 scores (scored 1, 3, 5) I feel the candidate should be immediately re-evaluated (as soon as practical) by different evaluators with identical submission information in order to be included with the same candidate collection if possible or if not, the following submittal.]

Campeau- [Comments: As in Ballot 99, I am not in favor of reducing the BOD's responsibility in the acceptance process to simply checking and approving the paperwork. That is well taken care of by the Committee Chair. The BOD should vote on each dog before it is presented to the membership.]

Greenlee- [Comment: Disapprove, because of objection to averaged ratings. Those dogs who do not have at least 2 ratings of "3" or higher should be sent to the Board for review and for Board vote on sending the dog on, or not sending it on, to the membership for vote. The Board will provide its reasons for its decision to send or not to send the dog to the membership for vote.]

J. Jones – [Comment:I am going to have to disapprove all these ballots due to the dissention going on about them. I can only project that if there is this much dissention in the board that it would flow down to the membership with the same results. I think more discussion and analysis is needed on these issues.]

Ketz

Pooley- [Comments - The BOCA Bylaws do not allow anyone or any committee to limit the authority of elected Board members. All native stock applications must be reviewed by elected Board members for approval. This was the original intention when AKC and BCOA opened dialogue to reopen the AKC Studbook.

Further, eliminate averaging of Evaluator scores. Each dog should be able to stand on the merits of each Evaluator's score and should receive an acceptable score to advance to the next stage of the process.]

Straub- [Comment: while I can certainly see asking the board to provide their reasoning. I don't feel I can approve this piece without approving the piece above - they're connected.]

BALLOT 2012-101 DISSAPROVED

Postmarked: September 28, 2012

Subject: Native Stock Procedure Change (Less than 2 Rating)

Effective: October 8, 2012

Please send your vote to approve the following paragraph to Step 7 of the Native Stock Committee's proposed changes.

- Any dog receiving an averaged rating of less than "Fair (2)" from the three (3) evaluators will not proceed to the BCOA Board for review and will not be on the membership ballot.

APPROVE:

Siekert-[Comments: see 2012-99 comments re: averaging. This specific statement is not found in the current procedures but is implied; the NSC added this statement to be more specific.]

Work-[Comment: It seems as though this club and its board have fallen to simply functioning as single-caused Pro-African Stock Project and an Anti-African Stock Project factions; in fact I am afraid that our membership will vote-in future boards based only on this issue. This is unfortunate, because we have plenty of other things to deal with. However, while I do not feel that the BCOA should focus simply on the Native stock debate, it seems that it is an important topic, especially given how our club just voted so overwhelmingly to support the project. Therefore, I am voting now in support of what the committee and the majority of the club want: I approve these ballots.]

DISAPPROVE:

Beaudoin-[Comment for publication. The Board should see the application. No dog should be denied access to the second level of evaluation which includes all documentation.]

Camp- [Comment: Averaging and how rounding is handled makes the difference as stated above. I am not excited about averaging and scores of 2, 2, 1 = 1.667 which, if rounded up = 2 and included for consideration. If not rounded the result is < 2 and the dog is not considered. This will make a huge difference to the applicant who is 'on the bubble' between considered/not considered. The rounding of averaged numbers needs clarification to minimize confusion as the process is used. I would like to know whether any dog fitting this is eligible for re-application process. This situation needs to be covered in the process.]

Campeau-[Comment: See comments from Ballot 99. Any dog with an averaged score of less than Fair (2) should not progress in the acceptance process.],

Greenlee- [Comment: Disapprove, because of objection to averaged ratings. Those dogs who do not have at least 2 ratings of "2" or higher should be sent to the Board for review and Board vote on sending the dog, or not sending it on, to the membership for vote. The Board will provide its reasons for its decisions. I think all dogs applying deserve to at least have a Board review of their application.]

J. Jones- [Comment: I am going to have to disapprove all these ballots due to the dissention going on about them. I can only project that if there is this much dissention in the board that it would flow down to the membership with the same results. I think more discussion and analysis is needed on these issues.]

Ketz

Pooley-[Comment: I do not approve of averaging scores. This particular process is already being used; the only change in this revision is to add the word "averaged".]

Straub- [Comment: In all honesty, I could see approving this, but since there are so many pieces both before and after this snippet with which I do not agree, I feel at this point, that we should look at this more holistically in order to put together a complete picture.]

BALLOT 2012-102 APPROVED

Postmarked: September 28, 2012

Subject: Native Stock Procedure Change (Individual Applicant Voting)

Effective: October 8, 2012

Please send your vote to approve the following paragraph to Step 7 of the Native Stock Committee's proposed changes.

- Each qualifying applicant will be voted on individually by the general membership.

Per BCOA Ballot 2012-01 #4 *The President will cast a ballot only in the case of a tie.*

APPROVE: C. Jones

APPROVE:

Campeau-[Comments: I understand the membership's frustration with voting on groups of dogs, when they would like to approve of some and disapprove of others. It seems that the majority of members I have spoken with feel this way, so as a representative of the membership, I'll approve this ballot. However, please keep in mind the original reason why the dogs were voted for in groups. Geographic isolation is the only thing that keeps the native basenjis a "pure" breed. There are other dogs that may have migrated into the villages with visitors, workers, etc. It was not as difficult to import dogs to Africa in the past as it is now. Dogs, on their own, can travel long distances. The natives do not control the breeding of the village dogs. So if some of the dogs in a village do not look like basenjis, then those non-basengi genes could be in any of the other dogs/basenjis in the village. If you cross 2 purebreds, then cross back to one breed for 1 or 2 more generations, some of the offspring will look very much like that one breed. But it will not be a purebred. Please consider this as you vote. Expanding the gene pool without protecting its purity is not something I can condone.]

Ketz
Straub- [Comment: I prefer that the membership not feel that it's an "all in" situation - I always hated feeling like I had to throw the baby out with the bathwater, I like the "line item" veto, although I would prefer that we do make it clear by some kind of grouping, which dogs came from which specific areas (same village, not necessarily same group of importers) so that a decision can be made as to whether or not they feel that as a whole a dog comes from a homozygous grouping or heterozygous grouping.]

Siekert -[Comments: I cannot tell you how many times I have heard or read about a member voting to disapprove all of the dogs on a ballot because of one dog they did not like. This is not how the process should work. Membership should be allowed the same courtesy the Board has to vote on each dog as an individual. Phenotypic variety is expected in native populations and is not indicative of impurity therefore voting as a group is short sighted and unnecessary.]

Work-[Comment: It seems as though this club and its board have fallen to simply functioning as single-caused Pro-African Stock Project and an Anti-African Stock Project factions; in fact I am afraid that our membership will vote-in future boards based only on this issue. This is unfortunate, because we have plenty of other things to deal with. However, while I do not feel that the BCOA should focus simply on the Native stock debate, it seems that it is an important topic, especially given how our club just voted so overwhelmingly to support the project. Therefore, I am voting now in support of what the committee and the majority of the club want: I approve these ballots.]

DISAPPROVE:

Beaudoin-[Comment: I feel very strongly that the dogs should be voted for by group, providing that group is tightened to small localities, i.e. same village, not same general area. It is extremely difficult for me to even imagine how one dog from a small village can not be a Basengi but another from the same village (even same litter for all we know) be qualified for the stud book. Also, for the sake of less confusion the adopted area pre-fixes should be dropped from the ballots.]

Camp- [Comment: I may be reading this incorrectly but I am reading this to potentially no indication of requiring Board Approval. It does not specify either way, I will disapprove with the language as-is. It is not clear and is open to interpretation. I will approve provided "...with BOD approval of any/all candidates" (or reasonably friendly amendment to this).]

Greenlee- [Comment: I agree with allowing the dogs to be voted on individually but they must be identified as to village or specific area of origin, and would like to see the adopted area prefixes dropped, as they don't always seem to be accurate as to place of origin. I do think it's possible to have one specimen from a village look good while another might be of such poor quality that it should not be accepted, even if it appears to be a Basengi. If, however, #2 does not look like a Basengi, a "no" vote for both would be best.]

J. Jones- [Comment: I am going to have to disapprove all these ballots due to the dissention going on about them. I can only project that if there is this much dissention in the board that it would flow down to the membership with the same results. I think more discussion and analysis is needed on these issues.]

Pooley-[Comment: Dogs should be grouped by area collected, i.e. village, instead of by any prefix name chosen by individual importers.]

BALLOT 2012-103

Postmarked: September 28, 2012

Subject: Native Stock Evaluators Guide Revisions

Effective: October 8, 2012

Please send your ballot to approve the below proposed Native Stock Committee revisions to the Guide for Native Stock Evaluators as well as the (attached) Evaluator Form.

GUIDE FOR NATIVE STOCK EVALUATORS

Excellent (5): Applicant is of sufficient quality for the show ring and should be able to obtain a championship easily. Applicant displays typical features of the breed with some exceptional features and would be very desirable for breeding.

Very Good (4): Applicant may have obvious faults but overall there is no doubt the applicant is a Basengi. The individual might not be very competitive in the show ring but would not look entirely out of place. It would be difficult for the applicant to get majors toward a championship but may get single points. Applicant displays typical features of the breed and would be desirable for breeding.

Good (3): Applicant may have a number of obvious faults but overall there is no doubt the applicant is a Basengi. While the individual would not be competitive in the show ring it has something to offer the breed and could be useful in breeding. Fault examples might be the applicant is over or under size, has the wrong proportions, unusual coloration and/or have a very loose tail curl.

Fair (2): Applicant is a Basenji but of lesser quality than the three previous ratings. The applicant might have multiple faults but still has something to offer the breed so might be useful in breeding. For example, the applicant could have a superior front assembly, outstanding movement, proper bone or exemplary head as well as the desired genetic diversity.

Poor (1): Dog might be a Basenji but is of such poor quality it should not be used for breeding and therefore should not be registered with the AKC.

Unacceptable (0): Applicant bears no resemblance to a Basenji.

APPROVE:

Camp-[Comment: Approve the ballot as is. It does outline reasonable qualifications as-is and does not appear to exclude the BOD from consideration unless I've missed it among the mass of information presented. The show ring analogy fits because people see show dogs most frequently and can use it as a gauge. If the dog show analogy is written out in a future version, I'll be glad to consider it.]

Siekert -[Comment: see 2012-99 comments re: averaging. Two-thirds of the evaluators are AKC judges. Per the AKC Beginner's Guide to Dog Shows "Dog shows (conformation events) are intended to evaluate breeding stock The dog's conformation (overall appearance and structure), an indication of the dog's ability to produce quality puppies, is judged." The AKC assesses breeding stock via the show ring which is predicated on the breed standard. Grading a dog on how it conforms to the show ring **IS** conforming to the breed standard and conforming to the ideology of the AKC who governs the BCOA. Those evaluators who responded to the NSC questionnaire indicated the evaluation categories were well understood by them and were not in need of major change.

While the original AKC petition document, accepted by the 2008 Board and the AKC, currently in use has **ALWAYS** informed the Evaluators that any dog receiving a rating of fair or above will go to the Board, the only change to this existing statement is an update which reflects recent proposals, I wonder if an Evaluator might grade the import more negatively knowing only certain grades will be going to the membership, the Board or both. Perhaps the NSC should consider removing this statement from the Guide so as to not create any kind of biases against any one import.]

Work-[Comment: It seems as though this club and its board have fallen to simply functioning as single-caused Pro-African Stock Project and an Anti-African Stock Project factions; in fact I am afraid that our membership will vote-in future boards based only on this issue. This is unfortunate, because we have plenty of other things to deal with. However, while I do not feel that the BCOA should focus simply on the Native stock debate, it seems that it is an important topic, especially given how our club just voted so overwhelmingly to support the project. Therefore, I am voting now in support of what the committee and the majority of the club want: I approve these ballots.]

DISAPPROVE:

Beaudoin - [Comment: Disapprove based on the two paragraphs in the guide which refer to averaging and which give the evaluators the ramifications of their decisions. With regard to averaging, there needs to be more specific restrictions if it is to be used at all. With regard to what various scores will mean to the outcome for the dog, why do the evaluators need to know that? It could seriously influence them if they are wavering between two scores. As far as the scoring system itself, I really would like to see less referral to the show ring and faulting, but would not disapprove the document on that basis alone.]

Campeau- [Comment: This is good work by the committee, and a definite move in the right direction. It will be a big help to the evaluators. However, I can not approve the Guidelines as printed because I do not approve of eliminating the BOD vote on the applicants. In the Guidelines as attached, it notes that dogs receiving an average score of 3 or better will go directly to the membership for vote, and only the dogs scoring an average of between 2 and 3 will be voted on by the BOD.

Greenlee- [Comment: Would like to see this changed to less of a "show dog" criteria and more of a does it meet the standard/is it a Basenji judgement. And this also contains (in the Guide for Evaluators) the same provisions for by-passing a Board vote as described in Ballot 2012-99--again, a major (and unacceptable) change in the AKC procedures.]

J. Jones- [Comment: I am going to have to disapprove all these ballots due to the dissention going on about them. I can only project that if there is this much dissention in the board that it would flow down to the membership with the same results. I think more discussion and analysis is needed on these issues.]

Ketz

Pooley- [Comment: The Evaluator Guide now contains language is bias to the evaluation process. I was very surprised to see it added to this document. This wording: "*Dogs receiving an average rating of Good (3) or above will be presented to the membership for voting. Dogs receiving between Fair (2) but under Good (3) will be presented to the BCOA Board for further consideration as to their suitability for membership voting. An average rating of under Fair (2) will not proceed*" is completely irrelevant and should never serve as a guide for how evaluators score dogs. This wording should be struck from the Guide. Further, the Evaluator Guide and Evaluation form should be revised to establish a grading system that reflects merits in individual elements of the basenji standard. The BCOA Constitution states: "**Section 2 (c) To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only Standard of excellence by which Basenjis shall be judged.**" The Breed Standard gives Evaluators better direction and more latitude.]

Straub- [Comment for publication - I can certainly see where the committee put a lot of work into this - I think there's a lot to be agreed with here, but there are still some items that i think need to be changed.]

BALLOT 2012-104 APPROVED

Postmarked: September 28, 2012

Subject: Native Stock Procedure Changes

Effective: October 8, 2012

Please send your vote to approve the following changes to the Native Stock Procedures submitted by the Native Stock Committee.

1. Change the date of submission of applications from December to March.
2. Evaluator category Long-time Basenji Breeder: Add "*has bred 7 or more litters with at least 5 AKC CH from those litters*"
3. Native Stock Committee will be responsible for sending forms to Evaluators selected by applicants.
4. Change wording to require Evaluators to grade dogs independently to avoid "grading by committee" situations.
5. Evaluators will send their completed forms directly to the Native Stock Committee.
6. At the completion of the Evaluator process for each dog, the Native Stock Committee will notify each applicant of the Evaluator's scores.
7. Reapplication process as redefined.
"If a dog fails to make it to the membership ballot, its application may be repeated one additional time as long as the Studbook is open to BCOA approved native stock.
 - *Note: Reapplication can be made with the same evaluations or with three brand new evaluations but cannot be a mix of previous and new evaluations.*
 - *Note: If the dog has produced progeny, but the dog is now deceased, you may still reapply with the existing evaluations and photos. All criteria must be met."*
8. Photo submission: To allow up to 4 additional photos and an optional short video of the dog.
9. By-Laws & Documents Committee shall modify the documents to meet standard procedural language. The Steps outlined in final versions shall be arranged in the proper sequence order.

APPROVE:

Beaudoin-[Comment: #2. I have known several breeders who breed strictly for their own consumption, meaning they may breed only every 5 years or so, but actively participate in shows, clubs, events etc. These people are quite knowledgeable but would not meet the litter number criteria. That being said, I obviously would not disapprove the whole ballot on that one item.]

Camp-[Comment: Approve as-is. I am glad to see that the committee provides a stamped self-addressed envelope to each evaluator. For housekeeping purposes, I would encourage a required return-by date included with the evaluator's package as a deadline for documentation to be received. Note also that there are competent, qualified basenji people that do not necessarily fit the "bred 7 or more litters with at least 5 champions..." and that alone will not prevent me from approving this tho I'd appreciate the committee considering others (outside that criteria) on a case-by-case basis.]

Campeau

Greenlee-[Comment: Good ideas and improvements to the process. The requirements re breeders (number of litters etc.) might be a bit too stringent.]

Ketz

Pooley-[Comment: good suggestions by the Native Stock Committee]

Siekert-[Comment: I debated about disapproving this Ballot for the very fact that number 9 was **NOT** a part of the NSC proposals which are currently being balloted but was added arbitrarily by a Board member when the ballot was created. I will approve this ballot to validate all of the hard work done by the NSC based on their direct polling of members, Evaluators and Importers; however I ask the By-law & Documents Committee confer with the NSC on all changes they propose since change always has the potential to inadvertently affect content.]

Work-[Comment: It seems as though this club and its board have fallen to simply functioning as single-caused Pro-African Stock Project and an Anti-African Stock Project factions; in fact I am afraid that our membership will vote-in future boards based only on this issue. This is unfortunate, because we have plenty of other things to deal with. However, while I do not feel that the BCOA should focus simply on the Native stock debate, it seems that it is an important topic, especially given how our club just voted so overwhelmingly to support the project. Therefore, I am voting now in support of what the committee and the majority of the club want: I approve these ballots.]

DISAPPROVE:

J. Jones- [Comment: I am going to have to disapprove all these ballots due to the dissention going on about them. I can only project that if there is this much dissention in the board that it would flow down to the membership with the same results. I think more discussion and analysis is needed on these issues.]

Straub-[Comment: I think that in spirit this is in the right place, but semantically we need to make some changes.]

Ballot 2012-105 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 8, 2012

Subject: Membership Roster Editor Work Instructions Update for 2013

Effective: November 18, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please mark your vote on approving the following revisions/additions to the Membership Roster Editor Work Instructions effective for the 2013 Roster.

1. Colors of dogs

- a. Red/white = R
 - b. Black/white = B
 - c. Brindle/white = BR
 - d. Black/Tan/White = T
2. Activities
- a. C = Conformation
 - b. Ag = Agility
 - c. Ob = Obedience
 - d. RO = Rally
 - e. LC = Lure Coursing
 - f. OTR - Oval Track racing
 - g. SLR = Straight-line racing
 - h. SW = Scent Work
 - i. R = Rescue
 - j. Affiliate club membership designation

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Greenlee, Ketz, J. Jones, Straub, Pooley, Work.

DISAPPROVE: Siekert- [Comments: My thoughts on this matter as voted previously on Ballot 2012-27 still stand: These guidelines [instructions] were approved by the 2011 BOD (Ballot 2011-16); I see no reason to rewrite the guidelines less than one (1) year after they were approved by the 2011 BOD, much less rewriting them in a manner that now increases the workload of its volunteers; as an example: instead of one letter designation for activities these guidelines now have upwards of three letters encompassing seven specific (yet similar) activities.]
 No record of Vote: Campeau.

BALLOT 2012-106 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 8, 2012

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective: November 18, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following person has applied for membership in BCOA, and her name, along with a call for comments, were published in the October 2012 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting her to membership in BCOA.

Mary Ellen Chaffin [WA]

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp-[Comment: Welcome!], Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

No record of Vote: Campeau.

BALLOT 2012-107 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 10, 2012

Subject: 2015 National Specialty Conformation Judge

Effective: November 20, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Michael D. Work [NY] received the largest number of votes for Conformation Judge for the 2015 National Specialty. He has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, Section III, A, 1, d: "*Judging fees and expenses combined may not exceed \$1000 US. BCOA Specialty Group will pay hotel expenses and meals for the duration of the judging assignment.*" Mr. Work is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge. Please send your vote.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub.

Abstain: Work.

No record of Vote: Campeau.

BALLOT 2012-108 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 10, 2012

Subject: 2013 Roster Editor

Effective: November 20, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote on approving Melody Falcone as the editor of the 2013 BCOA Roster.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

No Record of Vote: Campeau.

BALLOT 2012-109 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 13, 2012

Subject: 2012 Illustrated Standard

Effective: November 23, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve the new 2012 illustrated standard and to purchase 3000 copies, (100# gloss paper, color. Printing, binding, mailing service, polywrapping full order = \$1.645.50 [\$.55/unit]) as well as uploading an electronic version to the Club website, initial hard copy mailing: (approximately) 413 AKC US and Canadian approved judges; 600 (estimated) BCOA member households, and subsequent mailings of one booklet to each new member household. This illustrated standard will be provided to attendees at BCOA judge seminars.

The new Illustrated Standard will be available for purchase by the general public, members who wish to purchase additional copies, etc. on the BCOA website, purchase price and postage to be determined.

Ordering, storage, and distribution of the new illustrated standard will be done by Wanda Pooley.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW FEATURES:

- Of the 75 pictures, 34 came from the 1983 AKC Collection which served as the basis of the 1991 illustrated standard.
- The new Illustrated Standard is 32 pages and will be printed in color on 100# gloss paper.
- The focus was to create an illustrated standard that would serve as an educational tool for not only all approved and potential judges but for all basenji enthusiasts. To the most extent the pattern of the 1991 Illustrated Standard was followed.
- An Introduction section was added.
- Additional structural illustrations were included.
- Sentence structure in some of the COMMENTS sections was improved where necessary.
- An addendum to address native basenjies was added.
- A resource list has been included.

Approve: Beaudoin, Camp, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Straub,

DISAPPROVE: Siekert-[Comments: Per Ballot 2012-45 - "Circulated at the request of the President in accordance with BCOA By-Laws, Article V, Committees. Please send your vote to appoint a Special Illustrated Standard Committee. Wanda Pooley [TX] will chair the Committee. **The current six-fold b/w illustrated standard flier created in 1990 will be updated and modernized.**"; the Board gave the Committee chair the authority to update and modernize the existing six-fold (two page) flier. The Committee chair was not given authority to create a 32 page packet with ensuing costs to print and mail. While the finished product is quite nice, it goes well beyond stated authority with potential for gross monetary repercussions now, and in the future, as we hope to sell a surplus of 2000, under the assumption the finished product will never warrant future revisions until such time excess is sold. In the technology age we live, creating a surplus of hard copy materials which will rely on the general public to buy in order to recoup costs, is not in the BCOA's best financial interest.

As was suggested, the BCOA would be better served by the Committee updating and modernizing the 6 fold (two page) flier as originally authorized to do; printing and distributing said fliers at a reduced cost, with a clear recommendation to all recipients to visit the Internet to view/print/download this extended 32 page version if they so desire.

No Record of Vote: Campeau, Work.

BALLOT 2012-110 APPROVED

Postmarked: November 30, 2012

Subject: 2014 National Specialty Sweepstakes Judge

Effective: December 10, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

A. Tad Brooks [KY] received the largest number of votes for Sweepstakes Judge for the 2014 National Specialty. He has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, including Section III, A, 2, d: "*Expenses such as travel, meals may not exceed \$400 US.*" Mr. Brooks is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge. Please send your vote.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Straub, Work.
No Record of Vote: Siekert.

BALLOT 2012-111 APPROVED

Postmarked: December 11, 2012

SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS

Effective: December 21, 2012

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following people have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the November 2012 *Bulletin Board Newsletter*. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Tatiana Bailey [CA]
Sharon & LaRoy Tymes [CO]
Cinda Watkins [WA]

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp: [Comment-Welcome!], Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

BALLOT 2012-113 APPROVED

Postmarked: December 21, 2012

SUBJECT: ANNUAL BCOA DONATION
TO THE BASENJI HEALTH ENDOWMENT

Effective: December 31, 2012

Circulated Per *Ballot 2010-53*-- Each year, BCOA will donate an amount equal to 50% of National Specialty Auction profits (not to exceed the maximum IRS allowable donation*) to the Basenji Health Endowment.

Per our Tax consultants- Ed Sledzik/Kari Sledzik Staubs: *At least 1/3 must come from the general public, not including club officers or directors. Up to 2/3 of BHE donations could come from BCOA. The dollar amounts are averaged over 4 years.

The 2012 National Specialty Auction proceeds were \$10,975.00. 50% = \$ 5487.50, which falls within the IRS rule for allowable donations by BCOA to BHE.

Please send your vote on donating \$5487.50 to the Basenji Health endowment for the year 2012.

APPROVE: Beaudoin, Camp, Campeau, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.