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BALLOT 2014 – 01 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 06, 2014

Please send your vote on the Administrative Policy for the 2014 BCOA Board.

SUBJECT: Administrative Policy BCOA Board 2014

Effective Date: January 15, 2014

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 refrains 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: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-02 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 06, 2014

SUBJECT: Registered Agent

Effective: January 15, 2014

Basenji Club of America, Inc. is incorporated in the State of Texas. A Registered Agent is required for corporations by the State of Texas and that agent must be a Texas resident. Our 2013 BCOA Registered Agent, Wanda Pooley [TX], resigned as of December 31, 2013. Please send your vote on naming Mike Graves [TX] the Registered Agent for the BCOA.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-03 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Roster Advertising

Effective: January 29, 2014

Please send your vote to allow the BCOA Roster to offer additional Advertising space to BCOA members and Affiliate Clubs (2014). New Ad space will include the Front Cover \$225; picture only, text will be on the inside, may not depict a dog currently showing or campaigning. Inside advertising will include the inside front \$140; picture and text and inside back cover \$140; picture and text.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix-Comment: (*I'm glad it specifies "picture" so either a photograph or artwork can be on the roster cover.*) Siekert-Comment: (*We have nothing to lose by offering the premium pages to the fancy for an increased cost. If there is zero interest, the BCOA will continue to subsidize the Roster as it always has done; nothing ventured, nothing gained.*), Work.

BALLOT 2014-04 APPROVED

Postmarked: January 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Changes to the Native Stock Procedure

Effective: January 29, 2014

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. Native Stock Committee will be responsible for sending forms to Evaluators selected by applicants.**
- 3. Change wording to require Evaluators to grade dogs independently to avoid "grading by committee" situations.**
- 4. Evaluators will send their completed forms directly to the Native Stock Committee.**
- 5. At the completion of the Evaluator process for each dog, the Native Stock Committee will notify each applicant of the Evaluator's scores.**
- 6. 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.

"If a dog fails to get the 2/3 in favor on the membership ballot a petition, asking for a re-ballot of the membership if the percentage is less than 1% of the required 66.7%, can be presented to the BCOA board for consideration. The BCOA Board has the final determination."

• Note: Reapplication can be made with the same evaluations or with three completely 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."

7. Photo submission: To allow up to 4 additional photos and an optional short video of the dog. The video will only appear on the BCOA website.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-05 APPROVED

Effective: January 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Budget for 2014

In Ballot 2012-41 considerations of issues relating to BCOA's budgetary processes was remanded 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.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-06 APPROVED

Effective: January 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Standing Committees - 2014

The following Committee Chairs, were unanimously approved by the BCOA Board of Directors during the January 29 conference call.

African Stock Project: James Johannes, Linda Siekert

AKC Gazette Columnist: Marcia Woodard

AKC Delegate: Katie Campbell

AKC Legislative Liaison: Vickie Jacobs

Archive Action Committee: Donna DeFlorio

Breeder's Education: Susan Coe, Laurie Stargell
Breeder Referral: Denise Vertrees
Breed Standard: Damara Bolte, Andrew Sawler
Events Liaison: Libby Cox
Judge Education: Marianne Klinkowski
Judge Selection: Donna DeFlorio
Judge Selection Tallier: Laurie Stargell
Junior Liaison: Sharon Unrau
Junior Tallier: Tonda Wright
Membership Ballot Tallier: Jane Johnson
Native Stock (Studbook): Pam Geoffroy, Damara Bolte
National Specialty Oversight: Jackie Jones
Obedience Tallier: Katy Scott
Pedigree Research: Sally Wallis
Performance Events/Versatility: Cindy Griswold & Suzanne LaCroix
Performance Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Tallier: Susan Kamen Marsicano
Rescue Liaison: Carrie Jones
Social Media: Karen Hutchison & Andrea Stone
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Tallier: Julie Jones
Sunshine: Peg Grundman
Videography: Andrew Sawler
Website Security: Lisa Corell Auerbach
Website: Susan Coe, Kyle Cabral
James Johannes (African Stock Project)
Suzanne LaCroix (Versatility)
Susan Coe (Native Stock and Basenji University)
Libby Cox (Events)
Vickie Jacobs (AKC Legislative Liaison)

The following Committee member was unanimously approved by the BCOA Board of Directors:

Legal Review & Liaison: (Sid Sher - committee member)

The following Committees were disbanded for 2014: Committee Liaison & Fundraising Committee.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-07 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2014 National Specialty-Hound Agility Judge

Postmarked: January 31, 2014

Effective: February 9, 2014

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to approve Alan Arthur (TX) to judge all AKC Agility classes offered at the Basenji Club of America National Specialty and the Hound Agility Trial Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Mr. Arthur's compensation includes judging fee of 1 night hotel stay, 1 meal, \$1.40 per entry/no minimum fee, no charge for any entry involving IG's or Basenji's, and no transportation expenses. His assignment will include the judging of all agility classes.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-08 APPROVED

SUBJECT: ASFA Licensed Breed-Silken Windhound

Post marked: February 10, 2014

Effective: February 19, 2014

The ASFA Annual Convention of Delegates (ACoD) is March 22 & 23, 2014. Russ Jacobs, our ASFA Delegate, is planning on attending the meeting. The Silken Windhound which is currently an ASFA provisional breed will be considered for inclusion as an ASFA licensed breed, able to run in ASFA events just as any other licensed breed. Please send your vote for BCOA to approve the acceptance of the Silken Windhound as a licensed ASFA Breed.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Siekert-Comments: (*Silken Windhounds earning ASFA titles does NOT affect the basenji breed or the basenji breed titles, etc. therefore I would SUPPORT letting them be ASFA accepted.*) DISAPPROVE: Work.

BALLOT 2014-09 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Sunshine Committee Update

Postmarked: February 12, 2014

Effective: February 21, 2014

Please send your vote to add **illness** to the Sunshine Committee list of notifications that will be send.

(Additions to Purpose/Description for Sunshine Committee in red.)

Sunshine Committee

Purpose: Notification to members of birth, marriage, **illness** or death pertaining to a member or their immediate family. (parents, children, siblings)

Responsibilities: Mail a card for birth, marriage, **illness** or death to the member or their next of kin in cases of member loss.

Electronically sign Guest Book when available.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix-Comment: *(Thank you to Peg for sending along the club's well wishes when people need it most!)*, Siekert-Comments: *(Good idea. I would like to add Peg needs folks to actually CONTACT her re: things like this. I do not believe she is well connected with social media and seemed very thankful when I notified her of a few things. So if BCOA members (esp. affiliate members) know, hear, read of ANYTHING, do NOT assume someone has contacted her; I think she would rather have too many giving her the same info vs. no one giving her any info. Her email is: MGrund1035@aol.com), Work.*

BALLOT 2014-10 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: February 12, 2014

Effective: February 21, 2014

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 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. Deborah Joslin [FL], Anne Patterson-Hine [CA] and Lemuel & DaVonne Miller [FL].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-11 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Committees for 2014

Postmarked: February 12, 2014

Effective: February 21, 2014

Please send your vote on the following Committee Chairs and members for 2014.

Breeder Referral Liaison: Denise Vertrees

By Laws: Chair: Bill McCann, member: Carol Ann Worsham

Documents: Chair: Bill McCann, member: Carol Ann Worsham

Health & Research Committee: Lisa Hart

Lure Coursing Co-Chairs: Mary Ellen Chaffin and Russ Jacobs

Medallion Committee: Peg Grundman

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix-Comments:*(It is so nice to see members stepping forward to contribute on these, and on all the committees.)*, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-12 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Postage Reimbursement

Postmarked: February 12, 2014

Effective: February 21, 2014

Midge Greenlee, longtime basenji breeder and BCOA officer/board member passed away in 2013. Her family generously donated and has sent several of Midge's treasured basenji items to the BCOA. The Club would like to pay the cost of the postage on those items. The items were shipped to and postage paid by Damara Bolte' & Carole Kirk. Please send your vote to reimburse the postage costs. Total \$238.55.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Siekert-Comments: *(THANK YOU Carole and Damara for organizing and taking care of this for the BCOA.)*, Work.

BALLOT 2014-13 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Extension of Deadline for National Specialty Proposal

Effective: February 26, 2014

On-Line Board Meeting

Please vote on allowing an extension of the deadline for the submission of a proposal for the 2014 BCOA National Specialty, scheduled to be in the Central Region. No proposals have been received, but a group of BCOA members in that region would like to consider submitting one. The deadline will be extended to May 1, 2014.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-14 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Antivirus Software Purchase

Postmarked: February 26, 2014

Effective: March 7, 2014

The Norton Antivirus software used on the Club's Dell 1535 laptop computer needs to be renewed for another year. The maximum allowance will be \$100.00. While in use by National Specialty Host groups, this computer will be maintained by BCOA to cover items such as S&H of the laptop, maintenance, software and anti-virus protection. Please send your vote to approve the renewal expense.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-15 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: March 1, 2014

Effective: March 10, 2014

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 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. Donna Kaufman [NJ], Jared & Barbara Reisinger [WA].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, La Croix, Jones, Ketz, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-16 APPROVED

Postmarked: March 1, 2014

SUBJECT: Clarification Petition Response

Effective: March 10, 2014

In February, a Member Petition was received by the BCOA board. (see below-Clarification Petition). That petition asks for clarification of BCOA Board ballot 2013-62B. Please send your vote on approving the Board's response to the petition.

The Board has reviewed the petition and regrettably cannot concisely answer the questions posed at this time.

The Board agreed, as requested by petition, that there is sufficient doubt as to whether a decision of the full Membership has been carried out regarding the 2013 Avuvi group. To ensure the Membership, both for and against the 2013 Avuvi group, is concluded with a definitive decision, the Board decided to pursue re-balloting of 2013 Avuvi group, BALLOT 2013-62B. This ballot did not address the procedures for such a re-balloting. After lengthy discussion, the Board decided to pursue an amendment to the Native Stock Procedures which would grant the Board the authority to review native stock balloted measures which are decided by 1% or less, and re-ballot these measures should there be sufficient doubt as to whether a decision of the full Membership has been carried out. This amendment was included with BALLOT 2014-04. BALLOT 2014-04 is currently pending review by the AKC. To come to a definitive decision in this matter, absent of an amendment to the Native Stock Procedures, the Board may ballot the full Membership as to "asking the BCOA membership whether the 2013 Avuvi group should be re-balloted?" Petition Question 1 cannot be answered at this time. BALLOT 2014-04, the amendment to the Native Stock Procedures which grant the Board the authority to review native stock balloted measures which are decided by 1% or less is pending AKC review. Depending on the review, this ballot may be sent to the full Membership for ratification, or sent back to committee. Petition Question 2 cannot be answered at this time. It is the Board's intention to conclude this matter, as provided by the Basenji Club of America bylaws, the Native Stock Procedures, which includes the 2012 AGM motion, approved July 13, 2012, which requires ratification by a 2/3 majority vote of the BCOA membership, and approval of AKC. Ultimately, this matter will be put forth to the full membership to decide.

We hope this explanation will provide clarity to the issue, in absent of being able to answer the questions posed.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown - Comments:[*This is a complex situation relying on the input of the AKC. I appreciate the patience of the membership as the Board navigates through this issue.*], Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, La Croix-Comments:[*"I think it is imperative that the members know that the current board members are working diligently, on their behalf, to resolve this matter within the construct of the clubs' bylaws and procedures. There is no hesitation on our part to move this process forward, so that members can have the final say."*], Jones, Ketz, Work.

ABSTAIN: Siekert- Comments: [*While the wording of Ballot 2013-62B posed by then BCOA President suggests the Board would determine a re-vote, as highlighted, that is not what I was voting on. I was voting on allowing the membership to determine if they wanted a re-vote; if yes, another ballot would be forthcoming on the actual vote. It is my belief, regardless of whether or not the Native Stock amendment is AKC approved and/or BCOA membership approved, the membership will specifically determine if a re-vote is warranted for the Avuvi dog in question as per the approval of Ballot 2013-62B, however I do not feel this is stated clearly enough in this Board response, therefore I do not feel I can vote affirmatively.*]

PETITION FOR CLARIFICATION OF BASENJI CLUB OF AMERICA BALLOT 2013-62B

Pursuant to Article II, Section 4(b) of the By-Laws of the Basenji Club of America (BCOA), we the undersigned BCOA members in good standing request that the BCOA Board of Directors clarify the meaning and intent of BCOA Ballot 2013-62B, as set forth below, and that such clarification be published in the Bulletin Board newsletter and Bulletin for review by all BCOA members. As mandated by Article II, Section 4(b), we further request that Board's written clarification be provided to the undersigned members within six weeks of the date this Petition was received by the BCOA Secretary.

BCOA Ballot 2013-62B, effective December 15, 2013, and approved by the Board provides in its entirety:

2013-62B. APPROVED. Vote whether there should be another membership ballot on the 2013 Avuvi group, opened and tallied by a disinterested CPA.

Ballot 2013-62B purports to authorize a new membership ballot on the 2013 Avuvi group, to be opened and tallied by a CPA. However, published ballot comments by Board members indicate that some Board members believed they were voting (a) to ballot the full BCOA membership on the issue of whether the 2013 Avuvi group should be re-balloted, or alternatively, (b) to ballot the question of whether the African Stock Procedures should be modified to permit a re-ballot of the 2013 Avuvi group:

Lisa Auerbach: "I would like to see this go to the membership to decide if the balloting irregularities are sufficient to justify re-balloting."

Jon Curby: "I would prefer this situation be addressed in the African Stock Procedures."

Linda Siekert: "That only leaves one option in my opinion – let the membership ultimately decide if they want the Avuvi import to be re-balloted." I personally do not find this to be the easiest way but in the end, the membership will have the final say and going forward, that is probably the best option for the club as it will hopefully curb any future concerns/dissent re: this matter. Therefore I fully support including the membership at this time; I feel to do so is in line with the spirit of intent of the creation of the current Native Stock procedures."

For the reasons stated above, the undersigned request, pursuant to Article II, Section 4(b) of the BCOA By-Laws, that the Board respond to the following question in writing:

PETITION QUESTION 1: *Does the Board intend, by approving Ballot 2013-62B, to authorize re-balloting of the 2013 Avuvi group in 2014, or does the Board intend to send a membership ballot in 2014 asking the BCOA membership whether the 2013 Avuvi group should be re-balloted?*

If the Board's answer to Question 1 is that Ballot 2013-62B authorizes re-balloting the 2013 Avuvi group by the full membership in 2014, we further ask that the Board respond to the following question in writing:

PETITION QUESTION 2: *What is the Board's basis for authorizing the re-balloting of the 2013 Avuvi group by the full membership of BCOA in 2014 (a) given the mandate of the motion passed by a quorum of the BCOA membership at the 2012 BCOA Annual General Meeting on July 13, 2012 that "any changes, other than those generally considered housekeeping, to the approval process for including new native dogs into the AKC registry shall be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the BCOA membership," and (b) given that the current approval process for including new native dogs in the AKC registry does not authorize, reference, or otherwise contemplate re-balloting animals that failed to garner the number of votes required for registry admission in a prior full membership vote?* Sincerely, *

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| 1. Cindy Griswold | 21. Susan M Campeau |
| 2. Wendy Hodges | 22. Janice Harrison |
| 3. Wanda Pooley | 23. Michael Roach |
| 4. Patricia Bird | 24. Troy S Bishop |
| 5. Karla A. Schreiber | 25. Connie Camp |
| 6. Kathryn Boyd | 26. A. Tad Brooks |
| 7. Peggi Welker | 27. Jaculyn Dering |
| 8. Sandy Beaudoin | 28. Edward L. Dering |
| 9. Mary Langula | 29. Lisa Stewart |
| 10. Gary Langula | 30. Joe M. Stewart |
| 11. Jo Thompson | 31. Melody L. Falcone |
| 12. Mary Lou Kenworthy | |
| 13. Pat Fragassi | |
| 14. Ted Judd | |
| 15. Sally Wuornos | |
| 16. Bruce Wuornos | |
| 17. Kari Wuornos Winger | |
| 18. Jeff Sheldon | |
| 19. Ty Rollins | |
| 20. Kirsten Sigrist | |

**Please see attached signature pages reflecting the names of BCOA members in good standing as presented above.*

BALLOT 2014-17 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Committees for 2014

Postmarked: March 1, 2014

Effective: March 10, 2014

Please send your vote on the following Committee Chairs and members for 2014.

Editorial Advisory Committee

Chair: Suzanne La Croix,

Members: Eunice Ockerman, Mary Ellen Chaffin, Chris Maxka, Susan Coe and Sid Sher.

Legal Review & Liaison Committee:

Members will include Sid Sher, Carol Ann Worsham

Public Education:

Co-Chairs: Kim Brown and Carole Kirk

APPROVE: Auerbach, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, Siekert-Comments: *[I had hoped we could get away from members of the Board co-chairing a number of different committees or chairing them solo but sadly, while our membership numbers are in the hundreds, our volunteer pool continues to be in a severe drought despite repeated attempts to encourage participation. I feel the main reason we have so many "holes" to fill every time a new Board steps to the plate is because too many of the Board, or their close friends, routinely take over the key positions, then routinely quit when there is a changing of the guards. If this non-productive cycle is allowed to continue, year after year after year, we will find the club unable to make significant progress as we will be too busy still trying to learn the ropes when the next Board comes on deck and people feel they need to quit out of loyalty to a group of people or worse, get fired for not being the "right" person for that particular Board. I am finding it to be a sad state of affairs when the breed pays the ultimate price.], Work.*

ABSTAIN: Brown, La Croix.

BALLOT 2014-18 APPROVED

SUBJECT: African Stock Exhibition Procedure Changes

Postmarked: March 4, 2014

Effective: March 13, 2014

Please send your vote to make additions/changes to the African Stock Exhibition Procedures and to add a Premium template to the Procedure. (Procedure additions/changes in red.)

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown-Comments: *[Excellent changes!]*, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

BALLOT 2014-19 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Junior Tallier

Effective: March 26, 2014 BOD Meeting

The following Committee appointment was approved by the BCOA Board of Directors during the March 26 board meeting. Junior Tallier for BCOA in 2014 will be Kathy Britton.

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Work.

Not in attendance: Siekert.

BALLOT 2014-20 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Roster Expenses

Effective: March 26, 2014 BOD Meeting

The 2014 Roster Budget was set at \$1700, that amount was based in part on the previous year expense totals. Due to the increase in advertisements for 2014, more pages were required which also increased the printing costs. Please send your vote for an additional \$280.00 in Roster expenses for 2014.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Work.

Not in attendance: Siekert.

BALLOT 2014-21 APPROVED

SUBJECT: CBR Donation

Effective: March 26, 2014 BOD Meeting

The Colorado Basenji Rescue recently took in (9 adults plus litter of 6) basenjies due to the death of a Colorado owner. The BCOA will make a donation of \$2700 to support the CBR.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Work. Not in attendance: Siekert.

BALLOT 2014-22 APPROVED

SUBJECT: By-Laws Proposed E-Ballot Language

Postmarked: March 27, 2014

Effective: April 5, 2014

In 2013, AKC offered parent Clubs the option to use e-balloting as a method for balloting their memberships. So that BCOA may take advantage of this opportunity in the future, a change in our By Laws will need to be made to include the e-Balloting process. Please send your vote on the By-Laws markup below.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix-Comment: ["Kudos to the by-laws committee for all their hard work in investigating and bringing e-voting to the slate. This is a positive step toward improving our members' ability to be heard."], Work.

Abstain. Siekert-Comment: [I appreciate the efforts of those folks who have worked hard on this particular subject. I do not feel I have enough knowledge/understanding of the ins and outs of this issue, or if the following (as an example) are adequately defined: if/when e-balloting will be required to be used, cost limits/restriction of e-balloting services, therefore I do not feel comfortable voting yay or nay on the subject at this time.]

**BCOA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE
PROPOSED BYLAWS LANGUAGE COVERING E-BALLOTING**

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

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR. The Club's official and accounting year shall¹ begin on the first day of January and end on the 31st day of December. The elected Officers and Directors shall take office on first day of January. Each retiring Officer shall 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 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 be decided by ² ballot as per Article IV, Section 3² Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by ² ballot as per Article IV, Section 3.²

SECTION 3. BALLOTS.²

Balloting will be performed under the direction of the Secretary as specified in this section.²

(a) At the discretion of the Board, the Secretary may offer the members a choice of ballot methods which will always include Paper Balloting and may include Electronic Balloting as specified in this section. The Secretary will require members who choose Electronic Balloting to sign a written authorization agreeing to use of the Electronic Balloting method, which the Secretary shall keep on file. The authorization is revocable by the Member with a 30 day advance written notice or by the Secretary and must state that the Member agrees to release the club from any liability should the ballot be received late or not received by the member due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Members who fail to provide a written authorization will continue to receive all materials via USPO mailed Paper Ballot. If Electronic Balloting is offered, the Secretary will keep two lists of members: one sent to the Electronic Balloting firm and the other for USPO mailed Paper Ballot.²

(b) Ballots date of issue will be the post mark of the mailing of Paper Balloting, which will apply to Electronic Balloting if offered. The ballot notice must specify a due date not less than 30 days after issue, which will be determined by post mark of the ballot return envelope, or electronically.²

(c) Paper Balloting requirements are as follows:²

² Changes pending approval of E-Voting.

(i) Paper Ballots and attachments must be mailed USPO First Class together with a blank envelope and an addressed return envelope as per this section, subsection (c) (ii). Return envelope will be marked 'Ballot', bearing as a return address of 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, will seal it in the blank envelope which will then be placed in the second fully addressed return envelope. Received ballots will be checked 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 will certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting.²

(ii) Paper Ballots returned envelope will be addressed to the Secretary or Board approved Tallier, with exception of the annual election of Officers and Directors, which will be addressed to Inspectors of Election as per as per Article IV, Section 4²

(d). Electronic Balloting requirements are as follows:²

(i) Electronic-balloting will be performed in accordance with AKC's procedures on Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs and as specified per Article IV, Section 3. In the event of a conflict, AKC's procedures on Electronic Balloting for AKC Parent Clubs shall prevail.²

(ii) The Board, at the request of the Secretary, will select a Electronic Voting Service. The Secretary along with one other Member as approved by the Board will be the Electronic Balloting Administrator, who will administrate the Electronic balloting. Duties to include, but not limited to, establishing an electronic list of voters as per the list of members per this Section, subsection (a), electronic ballot content, electronic attachments as required, and to ensure the Electronic Balloting requirements are met.²

(iii) If the Electronic Voting Service does include the issuing and counting of USPO mailed Paper Ballots, it may be declared the Inspectors of Election as per Article IV, Section 4²

(iv) If the Electronic Voting Service does not include the issuing and counting of USPO mailed Paper Ballots, the Club must conduct the non-electronic balloting as per this Section, subsection (c) The Secretary will only report the totals and will keep an internal record of both counts.²

(v) Attachments per a Paper Ballot must be included with the Electronic Ballot, which can be by a hyperlink to the documents electronically stored by the Basenji Club of America or an attached file. File format utilized will be PDF or HTML.²

(vi) Electronic Voting Service will utilize a secure Voter Verification System which is independent of and does not involve the Basenji Club of America. Voter Verification System shall ensure each ballot is unique to the voter, only one vote per member is recorded, and no other Member or the Elections Administrator has access to an individual's ballot or their vote.²

(vii) All voting shall be confidential, Electronic Voting Service shall only report the total ballots received and totals related to the vote. No personal or identifiable information, including who voted, is to be provided to any Member, the Election Administrator, or any business, including third party marketing.²

(viii) The Electronic Voting Service must be provided the Electronic Balloting requirements set forth in this section (Article IV, Section 3, subsection (d)), and must certify in writing that the process they are providing for BCOA is compliant with these requirements.²

SECTION 34. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS²

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 dated electronically or² 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 4-5² 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 4.

SECTION 45². NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS². 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 be appointed by the Board of Directors before May 15 and the Secretary shall immediately notify the committeemen of their selection. The Committee shall consist 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 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 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 procure their verbal or written acceptance. The Committee shall also obtain a resume of not more than 250 words of each nominee so chosen. The Committee shall consider geographic representation of the membership on the Board to the extent that it is practicable to do so. The Committee shall then submit its slate of candidates and their resumes to be received by the Secretary not later than July 8. The list, including the full name and state of residence of each candidate, shall 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 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 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 4-5³ b above, the Nominating Committee's slate shall be declared elected on October 1 and no balloting will be required. The elected nominees' resumes shall 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, the Secretary shall, on or before September 15, ~~mail to ballot, as per Article IV, Section 3.~~² each member in good standing ~~a ballot,~~² 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 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 seal it in the blank envelope which shall then be placed in the second envelope addressed to the Inspectors of Election.~~² The Inspectors of Election shall check the return ballots² 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,~~² and shall certify the eligibility of the voters as well as the results of the voting. The inspector shall notify the Secretary of all election results before October 30. The Secretary shall 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) Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

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 ~~as per Article 4, Section 3,~~² 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 to be counted.² The favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return ballots within the time limit shall be required to effect any such amendment.

¹ Changes pending approval of modernizing language, no substance change.

² Changes pending approval of E-Voting Amendment.

BALLOT 2014-23 APPROVED

Postmarked: March 29, 2014

Please send your vote to approve Dr. Stanley Carter (MO) to judge the African Stock Exhibition at the 2014 Basenji Club of America National Specialty on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Dr. Carter has asked for no compensation. *No fees and no expenses.* His assignment will include the judging of all ASE classes. We offer him lunch the day of the ASE, a banquet ticket and free seminars during the 2014 National Specialty.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work.

SUBJECT: 2014 Nat Spec African Stock Exhibition Judge

Effective: April 7, 2014

BALLOT 2014-24 APPROVED

Postmarked: April 14, 2014

Please send your vote on adding Veronica Predale (NJ) as Co-Chair for the Events Coordinator and Liaison Committee for 2014.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

SUBJECT: EC & L Committee Co-Chair for 2014

Effective: April 23, 2014

BALLOT 2014-25 APPROVED

Effective: April 22, 2014 - Live Board Meeting

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA National Specialty Procedure:

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A. BCOA PRESIDENT, Section 2.

Please send your vote, on BCOA member in good standing, Katy Scott [AZ] as Conformation Show Co-Chair for the 2014 National Specialty. APPROVE: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Auerbach, Jones

SUBJECT: National Specialty Conformation Co-Chair 2014

BALLOT 2014-26 APPROVED

Postmarked: May 1, 2014

Please send your vote for 2014 National Specialty Lure Coursing Judge.

Dana Ferris, Wildwood, MO, to judge the following events scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO:

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

She asks for no reimbursements, fees or expenses. Lunch will be provided. We invite her to all symposiums/seminars and the Annual Banquet at no charge.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

SUBJECT: 2014 National Specialty Lure Coursing Judge-ASFA & AKC

Effective: May 10, 2014

BALLOT 2014-27 APPROVED

Postmarked: May 1, 2014

Please send your vote for 2014 National Specialty Lure Coursing Judge.

SUBJECT: 2014 National Specialty Lure Coursing Judge-ASFA & AKC

Effective: May 10, 2014

Changes pending approval of E-Voting Amendment.

Mike Ferris, Wildwood, MO, to judge the following events scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO:

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

He asks for no reimbursements, fees or expenses. Lunch will be provided. We invite him to all symposiums/seminars and the Annual Banquet at no charge.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-28 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: May 5, 2014

Effective: May 14, 2014

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 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Anita Cholewa [MN], Michael Colucci & Natalie Mortelmans [NJ], Sarah & Steve Duecker [IN], Susan Gunst [NM], Beth Jelen [IN], Anne & Randy Levine [NC], Ann & Larry Sobel [OH], Sharron & Joy Schmidgall [MI], Carla Morelli & Joe Jurgena *Anna Jurgena [MD].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

*Junior member

BALLOT 2014-29 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Nominating Committee

Postmarked; May 11, 2014

Effective: May 15, 2014

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws

Please mark your vote on approving the following persons to serve as the Nominating Committee for BCOA Officers and Board of Directors for 2015: Chair - Julie Hartigan [VA]; Gail Dluzeski [PA]; Laura Mae Hesse [WI]; S. Anne Humphries [TX]; Laura Pond [WA].

APPROVE: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-30 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Extension of Deadline for National Specialty Proposal

Effective: May 19, 2014 On-Line Board Meeting

Please vote on allowing an extension of the deadline for the submission of a proposal for the 2017 BCOA National Specialty, scheduled to be in the Central Region. No proposals have been received, but a group of BCOA members in that region would like to consider submitting one. The deadline will be extended to July 15, 2014.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, Jones, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-31 APPROVED

SUBJECT: National Specialty Site Contracts 2015

Effective: May 19, 2014 On-Line Board Meeting

The BCOA board authorizes Lisa Auerbach, 2015 Nat Spec Chair, to sign contracts with the Eisenhower Hotel and Convention Center, Gettysburg, PA for the 2015 National Specialty Events.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-32 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: June 17, 2014, BCOA On-Line Board Meeting

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 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please indicate your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Amy Baldwin & James Coffill [TX], Bill Reeves [NC], Diana Rodriguez & Carlos Arango [FL] and Donna Slavin & Chris Abbott [GA].

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-33 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA Regional Specialty

Postmarked: July 8, 2014

Effective: July 17, 2014

Please send your vote to establish a Policy for BCOA Regional Specialties. Regional Specialties will be considered a BCOA event, held in conjunction with an All-Breed event. For the many details involved in this type of event that are not specifically cover in the Policy, the Board will address these issues when a request to hold a BCOA regional specialty comes in. Items for board consideration may include but are not limited to, expenses, insurance, applications/fees, trophies, profit/loss. Each event is likely to be different. Policy and application form are attached.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory-[Comments: BCOA Regional Specialties provide new opportunities for BCOA members and Affiliate clubs to organize events which will bring members together and promote the best interests of the breed.], Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-[Comments: Requested by members from our East Region as an opportunity for Specialty Events since they

have only 3 affiliate clubs and only one holds Specialty Shows. The Board, the Events Coordinator and the Host groups will have to work through the many details once a request is submitted. FYI--Affiliate clubs by region: West-6, Central-8 and East-3.], LaCroix- [Comments: "I am glad that BCOA has yet another avenue by which to support our breed. I hope members will not only continue to host independent specialties, but be eager to offer BCOA Regional Specialties in conjunction with their all-breed shows. This policy gets us started."], Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-34 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Extension of Deadline for National Specialty Proposal

Effective: July 15, 2014, On-Line Board Meeting

No proposals have been received for the 2107 National Specialty to be held in the central region. Before moving to the next region, per the Nat Spec Procedures, please vote to allowing the extension of the deadline to November 1, 2014, for the submission of a proposal for the 2017 BCOA National Specialty.

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz-[Comments: Extending the proposal deadline until after members have had a chance to see upgraded facilities at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO, might generate member or affiliate club interest in the facility for use in 2017] , Jones, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-35 APPROVED

SUBJECT: CPA Tallier for Avuvi Ballot

Effective: July 15, 2014, On-line Board Meeting

Please vote on approving Richard W. Schmidt, CPA (Maryland Heights, MO) as the CPA Tallier for Membership Ballot 2014-01M - Avuvi Revote. Mr. Schmidt asks \$125 for his services.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-36 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Medallions for AKC/Eukanuba Events

Effective: July 15, 2013, Live Board Meeting

AKC has offered the opportunity for BCOA to purchase medallions for Basenjis in the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, AKC Obedience Classic and the AKC Agility Invitational on December 13 & 14, 2014. The medallions are Conformation [BOB, BOS, BBE, SD, SB] 5 for \$125.00; Obedience [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00; and Agility [top scoring Basenji] \$45.00. Please indicate which of these you vote to purchase, if any.

Conformation -Yes

Agility - Yes

Obedience* -No

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

For information on Obedience Classic requirements go to: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/events/obedience/classic/2013/criteria.pdf>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-37 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Parliamentarian for 2014 Annual Membership Meeting

Effective: July 15, 2014, On-Line Board Meeting

Please vote on approving Mr. Chris Dickey of St Louis, MO, as Parliamentarian for the 2014 BCOA Annual Meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at Purina Farms Event Center, 200 Checkerboard Dr. Gray Summit, Mo 63039. His fees are \$100.00 per hour with a \$350.00 minimum. Meeting Time to be determined closer to the date. (Meeting currently slotted for 6-9 pm.)

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-38 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2014 Annual Membership Meeting

Effective: July 15, 2014, on-line meeting

Circulated in accordance with the By-Laws.

Please vote on the 2014 Annual Membership Meeting Thursday, September 25, 2014, to be held on site at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. (Scheduled for 6-9 pm. Exact Time and Room TBA).

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BCOA By-Law: SECTION 1. ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Club shall be 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 held in conjunction with the Club Specialty, if one is held. Written notice of the annual meeting shall 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 be 10% of the members eligible to vote,

BALLOT 2014-39 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Versatility Basenji Program Proposal Motion

Effective: July 28, 2012

Please send your vote on approving the following motion made by B. Gregory, and seconded by L. Siekert, to allow the Versatile Basenji Program Proposal to be issued for a vote to all BCOA members in good standing.

"Given that the 2014 Versatile Basenji Program Proposal impacts awards made to the membership and their dogs, the membership, as a whole, should be offered the choice to accept the 2014 proposal. Whereas, a ballot will be issued for the membership to approve the 2014 Versatile Basenji Program Proposal, as presented by the Performance Events committee to the Board, along with a statement from the committee. This ballot is authorized by Section 2 of the BCOA Bylaws, "The Board of Directors may decide to submit other

specific questions for decision of the members by written ballot cast by mail." At the request of the committee, the ballot will be anonymous, however, members may choose to provide comments, if they should desire, without invalidating their vote. All ballot comments will be directed to the Board and the Performance Events committee. Board members considering this motion are encouraged to comment on the 2014 Versatile Basenji Program Proposal. "

APPROVE: Auerbach- [COMMENTS: *I believe that having the membership weigh in on this is a good next step.*], Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory- [COMMENTS: *I recommend the Membership approve this program. Please review carefully. There has been much discussion regarding placing Racing and Lure Coursing in the same category. I agree that the two skills are not the same. Much as the Rally and formal Obedience are not the same. Categories do not imply that the skills are identical, they are utilized in a matrix that is quite involved, to accommodate many performance events and titles. The matrix is expandable and adaptable for future events and titles. A basenji with a Racing and Lure Coursing titles will earn a Pre-Versatile Basenji (PVB) with only one other title, such as Conformation. Another title is needed to progress in the Versatile Basenji program, such as Rally. Demonstrating conformation, athleticism, and basic training, the fundamental of Versatility. Basenjis that excel in Racing and or Lure Coursing can progress quite high in the Versatile Basenji program with only minimum secondary titles. There are many paths in the matrix. I recommend members who are pursuing a Versatile Basenji title, apply the matrix to their dog, evaluate the options to advance, and consider the program based on the achievements offered. The Versatile Basenji program recognizes those dogs which truly embody versatility. Should a member find unfair requirements, which does not embody "A Versatile Basenji" please include comments with your ballot, noting how the matrix is deficient, and what requirement is unfair.*], Hutchison, Jones, La Croix-[COMMENTS: *The 2014 program provides so many more opportunities for members' basenjis to earn lifetime achievement awards. I hope members note the many NEW ways that basenjis can earn awards (especially among conformation and non-traditional activities) as they consider voting for the new program. The PE committee and I are thankful for all members' input received during this process - whether or not specific suggestions found their way into the new program. The committee intently considered members' input regarding the Lure Category and elected, for the sake of program structural consistency and overall achievement consistency, to keep that category intact. As some members pointed out: "Even under the new criteria, most coursing and racing enthusiasts earn their titles such that they will jump from the new entry level versatile basenji awards directly to the VBX." This updated 2014 Versatile Basenji Program works well to provide award opportunities for ALL segments of members' interests.*], Siekert- [COMMENTS: *There have been public and private concerns made over the years by a variety of members, myself included, regarding the unresponsiveness of the Performance committee chairs to membership desires for the current program to a) be more inclusive to performance neophytes, b) be more reflective of the many different things our basenjis can participate in, and c) be more consistent in how categories are grouped together and how titles are weighted. There are certain BCOA committees which I feel need to work closely with the membership, for the membership, and should therefore be more reflective of what the membership wants; I believe the Performance committee is one such committee. Pam Geoffroy, the 2010 BCOA President made an attempt to effect change four years ago but was thanked for her concern then promptly ignored. A similar response was given in 2012 to then BCOA president, Carrie Jones, however Carrie held firm in 2013: the committee would effect change or the Board would do it for them.*

When the new proposal came out in late 2013, I sent my comments, as did many others, to the Performance committee.

Below is what I sent (in part) for committee consideration:

Categories need to be consistent throughout the program, which means either A or B:

A) Grouping similar core behaviors together: obed/rally (compliance), coursing/racing (prey drive/chase), drafting/weight pulling (pulling), tracking/nose work/barn hunt (scent work), Flyball/scent hurdles (team sports), etc.

B) Drop categories altogether and allow all events to stand alone.

There are pros and cons to either A or B which will make some participants happy because they now qualify and others unhappy because now they do not.

I am not advocating either method, only advocating that whichever method the committee decides upon, the method remain consistent throughout the program

a1) If categories remain as they currently are (not as proposed) with coursing/racing separate then option B of the proposal should no longer be an option OR the requirements need to be raised significantly since splitting the field category into two, doubles the chances for folks who only have titles in these venues the opportunity to qualify despite a lesser display/degree of versatility.

I also sent the following (in part) regarding the weighting of titles:

A JOR, which has the exact same requirements of a SC (dog must compete in 4 meets with competition and complete all three programs of each meet) is weighted less than a SC.

Despite membership support for separating racing and coursing, the Performance committee has chosen to group them together in their revised 2014 proposal. They have also chosen to keep the JOR (Junior Oval Racer) title as a non-competitive, entry level, title. While the grouping of behaviors that are more similar than dissimilar is a logical choice, it is highly illogical to weigh a title where a basenji must run with competition a **minimum of 12 (twelve) times** as being equivalent to the JC (Junior Courser) title, where the basenji **runs alone twice** or the QC (Qualified Courser) where a basenji **runs once with a dog of their choosing for certification purposes only**. The lure dog can also run amok, be creative on the field, even cheat and still "qualify" while the racing dog must follow a very specific track, oftentimes outlined by a single ticker tape located above their head or risk an off course, thereby forfeiting a leg. In light of how logical the Performance committee's 2014 proposal appears to be, I am left to wonder why the committee continues to be so illogical on this one specific issue. It is disheartening to have a committee comprised of people who have not ventured into the majority of these performance waters with a basenji, telling basenji owners their titles are not worthy of consideration at the qualifying level. While I applaud the eventual response of the committee to actually make changes as outlined in their 2014 proposal there are a few areas to which I feel it is in the best interest of the BCOA to allow membership to decide vs. the

eleven people that make up the BCOA Board of Directors. For this reason I approve the motion to allow a membership vote to determine if members want the 2014 Versatility Program proposal to be adopted, as proposed via an approval vote, or if members would like the proposal to be sent back to the Performance committee via a disapproval vote and changed to better reflect what members have been asking for all along. I also strongly encourage the voting membership to send comments to the Board, pro and con, which will be forwarded to the Committee for their perusal.],Work

DISAPPROVE: Ketz-[Comment: Given that the 2014 Versatile Basenji Program proposal will impact members and their dogs, I feel the entire membership, should be offered the opportunity to submit comments on the 2014 proposal before the final program proposal is balloted.]

BALLOT 2014-40 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: July 29, 2014

Effective: August 7, 2014

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 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Jan Bruner [OH], Connie Langford [CA], Susan McCord-Ledbury [PA], Steve Robinson & Paul Campbell [GA], Dana & Theresa Hutson [OK]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-41:APPROVED

SUBJECT: Parliamentary Opinion - Ballot Secrecy Requirements

Effective: August 19, 2014

Please send your vote on approving a \$480 expenditure relating to official Parliamentary Opinion on needed clarification regarding ballot secrecy.

The specific question posed to the Parliamentary group was: *Is a club encouraged to protect the secrecy of the ballot, by ruling any ballots which compromises the secrecy of the ballot spoiled, thus being invalid, or is a club encouraged to place more importance on ensuring every members vote is tallied, should it provide a clear choice, regardless if they inadvertently identify themselves?*

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz- Comments: [*Here is a review of the steps involved in the process of developing a ballot guideline for the counting of the Native Stock and 2014 Versatility Program proposal.*

The Board had concerns with the previous process for counting membership ballots. One area of concern was the counting of valid/invalid ballots related to secrecy issues. (use of the secrecy envelope, writing on or signing of the ballot.) The board went to AKC for their input. The AKC Response, please obtain the written opinion from a member of The National Association of Parliamentarians. Our initial view would be that as long as the ballot was returned from an eligible member the fact that they, in effect, on their own, waived their right to casting a ballot in secrecy should not disqualify the ballot but since we are not a ballot counting organization; the expertise of the NAP should be sought. Lisa Cecin, Mike Liosis

BCOA contacted a Professional Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians residing in the State of Texas to review AKC's opinion, the BCOA bylaws, the applicable State of Texas Business Organization Code. The Parliamentarian supported AKC's opinion with one exception, BCOA bylaws requires the use of the secrecy envelopes for the election of the Board and Officers. The Parliamentarian recommended removing this penalty, as Robert Rules of Order does not invalidate a vote should a member choose not to vote in secret. Using all of the information gathered, the BCOA board developed Ballot Guidelines and approved them in Ballot 2014-43. These guidelines will be used in the counting of the Native Stock Changes and 2014 Versatility Program Proposal.] , La Croix, Siekert, Work Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-42 APPROVED

SUBJECT: H&R Website Updates

Effective: August 19, 2014, Live Board Meeting

The Health and Research Committee submitted updated information on basenji health issues. Please indicate your vote on adding the new H&R information to the BCOA website, to be added to the Basenji Health Information section.

Approve: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz-Comment: [*The updated health information should be available, in September, to anyone visiting the BCOA website, www.basenji.org; about basenjis; health information.*], La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-43 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Membership Ballot Tally Guidelines

Effective August 19, 2014, live board meeting

The 2014 Board had concerns with the previous process for counting membership ballots. One area of concern was the counting of valid/invalid ballots related to secrecy issues. (use of the secrecy envelope, writing on or signing of the ballot.) Please indicate your vote on accepting the Ballot Guidance Document.

Approve: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz-Comments: [*See *FYI, for information on the process and guidelines.*], La Croix, Siekert, Work Not in attendance: Jones

**FYI - The BOD investigated secrecy issues related to valid/invalid ballots, starting with AKC. The AKC Response, Please obtain the written opinion from a member of The National Association of Parliamentarians. Our initial view would be that as long as the ballot was returned from an eligible member the fact that they, in effect, on their own, waived their right to casting a ballot in secrecy should not disqualify the ballot but since we are not a ballot counting organization; the expertise of the NAP should be*

sought.

BCOA contacted a Professional Parliamentarian with the National Association of Parliamentarians residing in the State of Texas to review AKC's opinion, the BCOA bylaws, the applicable State of Texas Business Organization Code. The Parliamentarian supported AKC's opinion with one exception, BCOA bylaws requires the use of the secrecy envelopes for the election of the Board and Officers. The Parliamentarian recommended removing this penalty, as Robert Rules of Order does not invalidate a vote should a member choose not to vote in secret.

Using all of the information gathered, our previous BCOA Tallier and the board developed Ballot Guidelines. These guidelines will be used in the counting of the Native Stock Changes and 2014 Versatility Program Proposal.

Basenji Club of America, Inc.

Guidance for Paper Balloting

Paper ballots will be sent to the General Membership as determined by the Board of Directors (BOD) and by-laws. Ballots will be sent to members in good standing at the time the ballot is issued. The BCOA secretary maintains the master membership list. The BOD approves the Ballot language and the BCOA secretary prepares the ballot on BCOA letterhead and mails them to members in the master membership list. Single members get 1 vote and household members get 2 votes per ballot. Single Membership ballots will include the Ballot to be voted on with one area to mark the vote, instructions for voting, and an envelope marked with BALLOT in red, and a preprinted envelope with the address of the Tallier. Household Membership ballots include the Ballot to be voted on with two areas to mark votes, instructions for voting, an envelope marked BALLOT BALLOT in red, and a preprinted envelope with the address of the Tallier. The Tallier may be a BCOA member in good standing and approved by the BOD. All completed Ballots are placed in the secondary envelope marked BALLOT or BALLOT BALLOT (as determined by the membership status), mailed to the Tallier in the preprinted envelope provided, and post marked prior to or on the due date given on the ballot.

Members choosing not to vote in secrecy will submit their ballot in the pre-addressed envelope to the Tallier and post marked prior to the due date given on the ballot.

Voting instructions to be included on every ballot to the membership (after Ballot details):

Members must comply with the instructions below for voting. If not, the vote will be determined by the Tallier to be invalid.

Each BCOA member gets one vote. Single members get 1 vote. Household members get 2 votes per ballot. Please mark your ballot accordingly.

Mark your vote on the voting area only on the ballot.

Place your completed ballot inside the preprinted envelope marked "BALLOT" or "BALLOT BALLOT". Do not write your name or provide comments on this envelope. This keeps the vote anonymous.

Place the "BALLOT" or "BALLOT BALLOT" envelope in the preaddressed envelope to the Tallier.

Your vote must be post marked by MM-DD-YEAR

Your vote must be received by the Tallier deadline.

For any Ballot issues please contact the secretary (info on letterhead)

Guide for Talliers for counting ballots

Ballots will come in at a rapid pace. On a daily basis compare the return address of the ballot to the current/ appropriate BCOA membership list to make sure the returned ballot is from a current member. If the name is not on the membership list contact the treasurer immediately to resolve the issue.

Check the postmark date to assure the ballot received is within the appropriate time frame. Ballots received after the official cut off postmark date are considered received but invalid for this reason.

After the return addresses have been cross checked with the master membership list open all the outside envelopes and separate those marked "BALLOT" and "BALLOT BALLOT" for ease of counting.

Remember those marked "BALLOT BALLOT" should have two areas for voting (front and back). It is valid if only 1 vote is marked for a household as the 2nd household member can abstain from voting.

Ballots must be counted with two additional current BCOA members. If a situation arises where the Tallier cannot find 2 BCOA members in good standing to assist in the count contact the BCOA secretary who resolve the issue.

Any comments or notes from member received regarding an invalid or updated address must be directed to the secretary.

Ballot counting will take 2-4 hours depending on the complexity of the vote. Plan accordingly.

The Tallier must keep all ballot materials for 1 year after ballot is resulted to the BOD. If in doubt contact the BOD prior to disposing the ballot materials.

Ballots must be counted and resulted by the designated date selected by the BOD.

Counting Ballots. Considerations for Tallier selection.

Counting the African Stock Ballot, the Tallier and assistants must:

Not be on any committee directly involved in the African Stock Process

Not own/co-own any of the dogs

Not be an importer of any of the dogs

Not be an evaluator of any of the dogs during the BCOA Studbook Process.

Not be a member of the household of any of the above.

Counting Other Ballots, the Tallier and assistants must:

Not be on any committee directly involved in the process

Not be a member of the household of any of the above

Rules for invalid ballots:

Household members who exceed the 2 vote maximum per pre-addressed return envelope = invalid.

Postmarked after the cutoff date = invalid.

No single clearly marked option = invalid

Vote received from a non-member per the master membership list = invalid. Confirmed with the secretary.

Ballots not placed in the secondary envelope marked "BALLOT" or "BALLOT BALLOT" = invalid, as the vote is not anonymous due to return address on the pre-printed.

Ballots not placed in the pre-addressed return envelope = invalid.

Ballots received after the designated receipt date (Tallier Deadline) = invalid

Reporting results must include (template as below):

Ballot number and title

Date, start and stop time of ballot counting.

Talliers names

Methodology – if a spreadsheet was used for calculations, etc.

Number of invalid ballots and reasons

Number of ballots received

Number of valid ballots

Results

Signature of Tallier and assistants to the tallier for this vote.

Template/Guide for results:

Date

Report from the Tallier: BALLOT 2014-XX OF THE BCOA MEMBERSHIP: BALLOT TITLE

Tallying of ballots began at TIME, DATE at PLACE COUNTING WAS DONE and completed at approximately TIME.

Tallying was assisted by BCOA members listed below. Ballots were checked against the list of members in good standing as provided by the BCOA treasurer. Ballots were counted 3 times to assure accuracy. TALLIER NAME will retain ballots for a period of one year.

Results are as follows:

Membership Ballot 2014-XX-

Invalid ballots due to exceeding Household membership maximum of 2 ballots per envelope _____

Invalid ballots due to NO single clearly marked option per ballot _____

Invalid ballots from non-members or members not in good standing _____

Invalid ballots with no pre-addressed return enveloping _____

Invalid ballots due to postmark after Postmark deadline _____

Invalid ballots due to receipt after the Tallier deadline _____

BALLOTS RECEIVED (VALID AND INVALID) _____

INVALID BALLOTS _____

VALID BALLOTS _____ (TOTAL NUMBER RECEIVED minus TOTAL NUMBER OF INVALID BALLOTS)

RESULTS- Number approved, Number Disapproved

Respectfully submitted by:

_____ TALLIER, Address of Tallier; BCOA member ballot counter and witness: _____ASSISTANT #1 _____ASSISTANT #2

BALLOT 2014-44 APPROVED

Postmarked: August 28, 2014

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 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Richard Calmelat [IL], Lara & Jordan* Osborne [PA], Jordan Reed [WA]. *Junior

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: September 6, 2014

BALLOT 2014-45 APPROVED

Postmarked: September 13, 2014

Circulated at the request of the President.

SUBJECT: Logo 2015 National Specialty

Effective: September 16, 2014

Please send your vote for acceptance of the Logo for the 2015 National Specialty. This Logo shall become the property of the BCOA and will be used as BCOA deems acceptable.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert,



BALLOT 2014-46 APPROVED

Effective: September 24, 2014

The annual American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented in recognition of exceptional participation in the fancy, one each, in the areas of Conformation, Companion Events, and Performance. Nominations are solicited from AKC Member Clubs for constituents who have contributed significantly to our Sport for an extended period of time on a national level. Board vote on the nominees listed for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards in each of the three categories:

Conformation- Edd E. Biven

Companion Events- no selection

Performance- no selection

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

SUBJECT: AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards

BALLOT 2014-47 APPROVED

Effective: September 24, 2014

At the request of Katie Campbell, our AKC Delegate, BCOA will make a one-time donate of \$1000 to the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailer Program.

AKC Reunite and the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Program, works in conjunction with AKC clubs, is raising funds to help supply stocked mobile AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailers that deliver essential, nonperishable necessities for sheltering pets when and where needed to local emergency management. The trailers provide animal care services during the first critical hours following a disaster. Donations are tax deductible and accepted online or via the AKC Pet Disaster Relief Donation Form.

<http://www.akcreunite.org/akcpetdisasterrelieftrailer/>

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

SUBJECT: AKC Disaster Trailer Project Donation

BALLOT 2014-48 APPROVED

Postmarked: October 10, 2014

Circulated at the request of the President.

Under the AKC kennel name registration process, BCOA seeks to retire Margaret 'Midge' Greenlee's Serengeti, kennel name from future use. A major focus of Midge's life was breeding and showing Basenjis, aiming to produce championship-quality dogs which would also be healthy pets and companions. Basenjis from her small private kennel, Serengeti, were well known and successful in homes and in AKC Conformation dog shows and Performance Events. BCOA considers the Serengeti line of basenjis to represent a line of quality dogs and an important part of our breed's history and would like to protect the many years of devoted breeding and the quality stock that the Serengeti kennel name represents. Please send your vote to request AKC retire the kennel name Serengeti.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comments: [*The AKC process will most likely take a couple of months.*], La Croix, Siekert-Comments: [*A heartfelt thank you to Damara Bolté and Jane Lodge for prompting the Board to do this.*], Work

SUBJECT: Kennel Name Retirement

Effective: October 19, 2014

BALLOT 2014-49 APPROVED

Effective: October 21, 2014, live board meeting

Since no National Specialty Central Region proposals were received for the 2017 National Specialty, President Curby will reserve Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO for Sunday, September 10 thru Friday, September 16, 2017 and move forward with a contract, if no proposals are received by the November 1, 2014 which is the final deadline extension for submission of proposals.

SUBJECT: 2017 National Specialty Location & Dates

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz-[Comments: Extending the proposal deadline until after members had a chance to see the facilities at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO, did not seem to generate member or affiliate club interest in submitting a 2017 Nat Spec proposal but the comments about the facility were mostly positive from all in attendance. The board has decided to reserve the site for 2017. Anyone interested in volunteering for any jobs/committees for the 2017 National Specialty should contact any board member], Jones, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-50 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA Bulletin Editor 2015

Effective: October 21, 2014, from the Board live meeting for October.

Please send your vote to appoint Mary Ellen Chaffin (WA) as the 2015 Editor of the BCOA quarterly magazine, *The Bulletin*.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert- Comments (*I would like to thank Eunice Ockerman for all of her hard work these past two years in resurrecting the BCOA Bulletin to a publication members can not only be proud of, but look forward to receiving. Due to the nature of Eunice's work as a freelancer I believe there were multiple times Eunice had to decline paying jobs in order to fulfill her volunteer commitments to the Bulletin each quarter. It is this kind of selfless dedication which keeps the breed moving forward. Thank you Eunice, it was always a pleasure working with you.*), Work

BALLOT 2014-51 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Regional Specialty Request – East 2015

Effective: October 21, 2014, from the Board live meeting for October.

The Regional Specialty Policy was approved in Ballot 2014-33. The board has received a request from Veronica Predale, Point of Contact, for a Regional Specialty in the East Region for 2015. The AKC allows a parent club to hold as many regional specialties as they want. There is a \$15 fee required along with a Parent Club permission letter. The host group will manage all of the details and contact the board, if they need any assistance. Please indicate your vote.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-52 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Extension of Weighted Voting on Top 5 Applicants and Ties

Postmarked: October, 23, 2014

Effective: November 1, 2014

Please send your vote on the extension of Stage 3 of the Judges Selection procedures on Weighted Voting on Top 5 Applicants and Ties:

Reason for extension: Waited for the balloting of dates and place of the 2017 National Specialty. BCOA Ballot 2014-49.

Ballots for the selection of the Conformation Regular Classes and Sweepstakes judges, listing those persons in alphabetical order shall be mailed by the Judge Selection Tallier to each voting member on or before ~~September 15th~~ to **November 15th**, 2014, three years prior to the specialty for Regular Classes and two years prior for Sweepstakes.

Ballots must be returned by mail to the Judge Selection Tallier postmarked no later than ~~October 15th~~ to **December 15th 2014**. Ballots postmarked later than December 15 shall not be counted. Illegibly postmarked ballots received after the deadline shall not be counted. Envelopes shall not be opened until the time of the official tally.

On or before ~~November 15th~~ to **January 15th 2015**, the official results of the Conformation judge and Sweepstakes judge ballots (with the number of votes received by each) shall be conveyed in writing to the BCOA President, the BCOA Vice-President, the BCOA Secretary, and the JSPC Chair.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-53 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: October 30, 2014

Effective: November 8, 2014

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 October 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Lawrence & Maxine Alsop [GA]; Laura Baker [PA]; Susan Bernal & *Julian Bernal-Sevison [CA]; Teresa Gavaletz [CA]; Tim & Devon McAnally [OK]; Amber McGee [CA]; Danny Witt, [WV]s; Cecelia Wozniak [IN]. *Junior member

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2014-54 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Bulletin Publishing Expense Reimbursement

Effective: November 18, 2014

Please indicate your vote to reimburse the 2013-2014 Bulletin Editor, Eunice Ockerman, \$600 for expenses associated with software (½ of yearly expense for software subscription) used to publish the Bulletin magazine.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Goeffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-55 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Bulletin Board Editor 2015

Effective: November 18, 2014

Please indicate your vote to appoint Chris Maxka [NJ] as the Editor of the BCOA *Bulletin Board Newsletter* in 2015.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Goeffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-56 APPROVED**SUBJECT: AD Rates & Promotions for Bulletin & Roster**

Effective: November 18, 2014

Please indicate your vote to approve the published advertising rates (detailed below) for the Bulletin and Roster and to enable the editors of the Bulletin and Roster to utilize advertising promotions, at their discretion, without requiring BOD approval each time.

BULLETIN (all Bulletin ads in color)		Members	Commercial	
	Front Cover	\$ 225		
	Inside Front Cover	\$ 140		
	Inside Back Cover	\$ 140		
	Back Cover	\$ 175		
	Full Page	\$ 110	\$ 140	
	<i>Center Spread (2 facing pages)</i>	\$ 250		\$125 per page
	Half Page	\$ 65	\$ 70	
	Quarter Page	\$ 35	\$ 60	
	Affiliated Club Specialty - text only	Free		With submission of marked, tabular electronic file (XLSX preferred)
	Affiliated Club Specialty - 2 page spread, win photos, & text	\$ 50		With submission of marked, tabular electronic file (XLSX preferred)
	National Specialty Results	Free		With submission of marked, tabular electronic file (XLSX preferred)
	<i>A 2nd ad in 2015</i>	<i>10% off</i>		<i>Of equal or lesser value of the first one</i>
	<i>A 3rd ad in 2015</i>	<i>20% off</i>		<i>Of equal or lesser value of the first one</i>
	<i>A 4th ad in 2015</i>	<i>30% off</i>		<i>Of equal or lesser value of the first one</i>
	<i>1Q Issue Special - Dogs with new "Versatile Basenji" titles in 2014</i>	<i>20% off</i>		
	<i>1Q Issue Special - Dogs in the Top 5 in a year-end 2014 ranking</i>	<i>20% off</i>		

ROSTER		Members		
	<i>Front Cover (color)</i>	\$ 175		<i>Cannot depict a dog that is currently showing/campaigning; photo or artwork; no text (text will be on the first interior page); if not sold, editor will select an image</i>
	<i>Inside Front Cover (color)</i>	\$ 100		<i>If not sold, will be blank</i>
	<i>Inside Back Cover (color)</i>	\$ 100		<i>If not sold, will be blank</i>
	Back Cover (color)	N/A		<i>Reserved for National Specialty Info</i>
	Full Page (black&white)	\$ 55		
	Half Page (black&white)	\$ 40		

Rates unchanged from 2014

Rates lower than 2014 (or new)

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Goeffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-57 DISAPPROVED**SUBJECT: Accepting Jurisdiction of Member Complaint**

Effective: November 25, 2014

In accordance with the BCOA By-Laws, charges were preferred by member A against member B for alleged misconduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed. A copy of the charges from member A was sent to each member of the Board. 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. Please indicate your vote on accepting jurisdiction of the charges.

Approved: Auerbach, Hutchison, Ketz-Comment: [My vote is based on the BCOA By-Laws....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], La Croix-Comment: [It is my understanding that a corporation cannot legally "sign away" its liability. Because the subject of the complaint occurred at a BCOA event, involved a director of the club, and pertained to matters of the club, the club incurred liability and MUST accept jurisdiction of the complaint. Further, the member who filed the complaint is entitled to present a complete case to the "entire" board of directors - just as the member, whose actions are the subject of the complaint, is entitled to present a response to the "entire" board of directors. It is apparent from this complaint's handling that the club lacks a concrete procedure for identifying incidents that go beyond "a matter between two individuals" and becomes "a matter that impacts the club." It is also apparent that the club needs to adopt guidelines for members on how to conduct themselves, in regard to club matters, on social media.]

Disapproved: Geoffroy-Comment: [I am tasked with determining if the alleged conduct was prejudicial to the BCOA club or breed. In my opinion the answer is no. The alleged conduct did not occur in the name of the BCOA and I am of the belief this is a personal matter between Member A and Member B. In my opinion, the BCOA Board of Directors should always be careful regarding personal issues amongst members as we do not want the Board to be responsible for policing the membership on how to behave. The BCOA has recommended practices and the definition of these recommendations is clear – "too suggest that someone do (something)". The BCOA cannot force members into following these practices, the BCOA can only help guide them to act responsibly and hope they heed the advice.], Gregory-Comment: [I find these charges quite troubling. I find that the conduct reported, a series of Facebook posts, which is properly documented, to be offensive, especially the profanity. Though few names were specified in the post, with no references to the BCOA, or BCOA events, those members that were participating in the 2014 BCOA National, or following the National who saw the post, knew exactly who the comments were directed to, and the event implied. The conduct was very unsportsmanlike, derogatory and malicious toward other BCOA members, their dogs, and questioned the integrity of a judge. Such conduct should not be condoned, and does have its consequences. The conduct violates the BCOA Code of Recommended Practices. BCOA's jurisdiction over the charges is narrowly defined in the Bylaws: "whether the actions alleged in the charges, if proven, might constitute conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club or the breed". Prejudicial, adjective; harmful to someone or something; detrimental. The charges did not quantify how the conduct was harmful or detrimental to the breed or the best interests of the Club, requiring the BCOA Board members to define the possibilities. Does the conduct harm or is detrimental to the breed? It is not possible to quantify how a member's unsportsmanlike conduct towards another member or a select group of members would harm or is detrimental to the breed. Any speculation is marginal at best. Does the conduct harm or is detrimental to the best interests of the Club? At what threshold does a member's unsportsmanlike, derogatory and or malicious conduct, directed at another member or a select group of members, becomes harmful or detrimental to the best interests of the Club? It is not relevant if such conduct were public or private, minor or severe in nature, by a member of status, or position, it would still be unsportsmanlike, derogatory and or malicious conduct. Should the BCOA entertain jurisdiction for every occurrence where charges are filed against a member for conduct deemed unsportsmanlike, derogatory and or malicious? Without clear, quantifiable harm, or detriment to the best interest of BCOA, I cannot approve jurisdiction in this matter. To do so would set precedence detrimental to the club. Charges in such cases must clearly harm, or be a detriment to the best interest of BCOA or the breed, and "constitute" such harm or detriment, as established by common law. This does not mean that such conduct does not have its consequences. Such conduct is socially unacceptable. It is within BCOA membership means to affect change, through education and peer pressure and to choose whether a punitive or restorative solution is applied. I would hope the membership would seek a restorative solution when dealing with members who have engaged in such conduct. BCOA's Constitution; To do all in its power to protect and advance the interest of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, field trials, and obedience trials.], Jones, Work, Siekert-Comments: [The primary purpose of accepting jurisdiction of BCOA charges, in my opinion, is to determine if the charges have merit and if they do, to task the Board with further investigation of the charges in order to determine punishment, if any. The majority of this Board made up the Event Committee which presided over an AKC Bench hearing regarding identical alleged misconduct, charged by member A against member B. Since the majority of this Board had already heard all of the facts presented and made a determination of the primary misconduct charged by member A against member B, based on said facts, further investigation is in my opinion unnecessary, therefore to accept jurisdiction when nothing further** is needing to be investigated, seems redundant.

**The BCOA charges preferred by member A did include some new allegations. However these allegations were presented as opinion only with no objective evidence received as required by BCOA Bylaws ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE, SECTION 2. CHARGES - in part "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." therefore lack merit. If this Board were to vote to approve jurisdiction, I would ask that we point our browser to the following links which highlight BCOA Board precedent ballots on similar misconduct charges of sitting Board members. Far more intelligent and long standing BCOA Board members said it better than I ever could.

Ballot 97-11 <https://www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/1997/BB1997Apr.pdf>
Ballot 97-17 <https://www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/1997/BB1997May.pdf>
Ballot 97-23 <https://www.basenji.org/BulletinBoardNewsletters/1997/BB1997Jul.pdf>

Abstain: Brown

BALLOT 2014-58 APPROVED

SUBJECT: ANNUAL BCOA DONATION TO THE BASENJI HEALTH ENDOWMENT

Effective: December 9, 2014

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 consultant, Kari Sledzik-Staub, *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 2014 National Specialty Auction proceeds were \$6,866.50. 50% = \$3,433.25, which falls within the IRS rule for allowable donations by BCOA to BHE. Please indicate your vote on donating \$3,433.25 to the Basenji Health Endowment for the year 2014. APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-59 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: December 9, 2014

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 November 2014 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. Joan Bayley [WA] and Bridgette Lesar [NV]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-60 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BHE Board of Directors for 2015

Effective: December 9, 2014

Please vote to approve the 2015 Basenji Club of America, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors as the 2015 Basenji Health Endowment Officers and Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2015 with term to end on December 31, 2015.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-61: APPROVED

SUBJECT: Adding PENN HIP to CHIC as a Hip Dysplasia Option

Effective: December 9, 2014

Please indicate your vote on adding Penn Hip as an acceptable evaluation for hips, in lieu of OFA or in addition to OFA, providing the evaluation is registered with the OFA, which the OFA does offer. There is an OFA fee for posting Penn Hip results and at this time it is \$25.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz-Comment: [for more info on CHIC the canine health database sponsored by the Orthopedic Foundation for Animals (OFA) go to: <http://www.caninehealthinfo.org/>], La Croix, Siekert, Work

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2014-62 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Budget for Year 2015

Postmarked: December 12, 2014

Effective: December 21, 2014

In Ballot 2012-41 considerations of issues relating to BCOA's budgetary processes was remanded 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. Please send your vote on approving the BCOA Budget for 2015.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BCOA 2015 Budget

EXPENSES

EXPENSES - Committees

African Stock	25.00
Archives Action	0.00
Breeders Education	750.00
Fund Raising - Merchandise	0.00
Judges Education	50.00
Junior Showmanship Liaison	50.00
Medallions	25.00
National Specialty DVD	550.00
NS Videographer	2300.00
NS	100.00
Misc	
Native Stock Project	25.00
Outreach Program	0.00

Public Education	4000.00
Rescue	0.00
Social Media	0.00
Sunshine	39.00
Tallier:	
Obed/Rally Reports	50.00
Honor Roll - Conf Reports	0.00
Website Maintenance/Hosting	500.00
EXPENSES - Conferences	
AKC Delegate	1300.00
ASFA Delegate	600.00
AKC Parent Club Conference	0.00
CHF Health Conference - BHE expense	0.00
EXPENSES - Dues	
AKC Annual Dues	25.00
ASFA Annual Dues	60.00
EXPENSES - Membership Ballots	
Elections	500.00
Judges Selection	500.00
Other Ballots	250.00
Studbook BALLOTS	
EXPENSES - Miscellaneous Operating	
AKC Eukanuba Medallions	170.00
Bank Service Charges	0.00
Contributions/Donations	2000.00
Membership Expense	0.00
Miscellaneous Expense	100.00
Miscellaneous Meeting Exp	0.00
Officers' Exp - President	0.00
Officers' Exp - Secretary	400.00
Officers' Exp - Treasurer	200.00
Paypal Fees	660.00
Postage & Delivery	0.00
Special Projects	0.00
Unsung Hero Award	80.00
EXPENSES - Professional Fees/Insurance	
FEES - Accounting	500.00
FEES - Corporation Filing fee	10.00
FEES - Parlimantarian	300.00
INS - D&O Liability Insurance	265.00
INS - Events Insurance	600.00
INS - Surety/Fidelity Bond	300.00

EXPENSES - Publications

BCOA Bulletin	
BCOA Bulletin Bulk Postage	
BCOA Bulletin Misc	
BCOA Bulletin Total	14695.00
BCOA Bulletin Board	880.00
BCOA Roster	1930.00
Canis Book	3300.00
Illustrated Standard	25.00
total	38114.00

INCOME

INCOME - Committees

African Stock DVDs	50.00
Fund Raising - Merchandise	0.00
Judges' Education	0.00
National Specialty DVD	2874.00
National Specialty Profit	6500.00
Native Stock Project Application Fees	0.00
Public Education	0.00
Rescue	0.00

INCOME - Dues/Fees

Affiliated Club Dues	425.00
Membership Dues	13900.00
New Application Dues	850.00

INCOME - Miscellaneous Operating

BCOA Supported Entries	95.00
Breeder's Webpage	2100.00
Contributions/Donations	400.00
Interest Income	60.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00

INCOME - Publications

BCOA Bulletin Adverts	7250.00
BCOA Bulletin Subscriptions	150.00
BCOA Bulletin Individual Sales	50.00
BCOA Roster Adverts	1200.00
Canis Book	2160.00
Illustrated Standard	50.00

total \$38,114.00

BALLOT 2014-63 APPROVED

Postmarked: December 12, 2015

SUBJECT: 2015 National Specialty Judges- JR & ASE

Effective: December 21, 2015

Please indicate your vote to approve the following 2015 National Specialty Judges:

>Junior Showmanship - Cathi DiGiacomo [MD] asks one night's hotel. No other fees or expenses.

>African Stock Exhibition – Laurie Stargell [CO] asks hotel room for 1 night. No other fees or expenses.

Above listed Judges agree to judge all classes offered for their Event/Special Attraction at the 2015 BCOA National Specialty. All National Specialty judges are also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners/Banquet, symposia, seminars) free of charge. Contracts will be sent upon Board approval.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Siekert, Work
