

BALLOT 2015 – 01 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Administrative Policy BCOA Board 2015

Effective Date: January 13, 2015

Please indicate your vote on the Administrative Policy for the 2015 BCOA Board.

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.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Hutchison, Jones

BALLOT 2015-02 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2015 National Specialty Judges-Agility and Obed/Rally

Effective: January 13, 2015

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

- AKC Agility – Pam Johnson [MD] asks a fee of \$150 per trial, 1 night lodging, meals, and mileage from Ridgely, MD to site at the rate of .56 per mile. 2 Basenji only Trials are planned.
- AKC Obedience/Rally – Sara Steele [NJ] asks a fee of \$100 for obedience & rally and a room for one night, possibly two depending on how late the judging runs and mileage, estimate 350 round trip, and tolls.

Above listed Judges agree to judge all classes offered for their Events 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.

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Not in attendance: Hutchison, Jones

BALLOT 2015-03 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2015 Committee Chairs

Effective January 13, 2015

Please indicate your vote on the following Committee Chairs for 2015.

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Donna DeFlorio	Sarabi96@aol.com	Archives Action Committee
Denise Vertrees	Bridenbasenjjs@juno.com	Breeder Referral Liaison
Laurie Stargell	Laurie@SkyHiBasenjjs.com	Breeder Education Co-Chairperson
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Sharon Unrau	shunrau@yahoo.com	Junior Liaison

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Damara Bolté
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National Specialty Oversight Chairperson
Native Stock and Studbook Co-Chairperson
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Native Stock and Studbook Committee
Native Stock and Studbook Committee
Native Stock and Studbook Committee
Performance Events Co-Chairperson
Performance Events Co-Chairperson
Public Education Co-Chairperson
Public Education Co-Chairperson
Tallier Junior Showmanship
Tallier for Membership Ballots
Tallier Obedience and Rally
Tallier Conf SD and BB Honor Roll
Videographer

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Hutchison, Jones

BALLOT 2015-04 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BCOA Roster Editor

Effective: January 13, 2015

Please indicate your vote to appoint Suzanne La Croix [MI] Editor for the 2015 BCOA Roster with Mary Ellen Chaffin [WA] as Co-Editor.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Hutchison, Jones

BALLOT 2015-05 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Software Purchase for Publications

Effective: January 13, 2015

Please indicate your vote to purchase Adobe Indesign CS6. Planned use will be for BCOA Editors of the Bulletin Magazine and the annual membership Roster. 2 Licenses will be purchased at a total estimated cost of \$900.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Hutchison, Jones

Ballot 2015-06 -- From the By-Laws Committee in reference to By-Laws Amendments

The Basenji Club of America's constitution and bylaws spell out the club's mission and organizational structure. Their design originates with the American Kennel Club and is shared with AKC affiliates everywhere, parent and local clubs alike. Common traditions and understandings are embedded in this common language. BCOA members and the many thousands active in AKC sports clubs across the nation are its inheritors. It's every club's imperative to preserve its standard, its constitution, its bylaws and advance their safe passage to the next generation.

Bylaws are not an easy read. All the poetry is in the constitution: "to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure bred Basenjies ... to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection." When sports clubs like the BCOA incorporate they vest themselves in language congruent with the legal requirements of the state where they incorporate. For the BCOA that is Texas. In Texas law the term of art for e-balloting is "electronic messaging". For telephone it is "communications system." Bylaws language will often be a bit formal.

The 2014 BCOA Bylaws committee was tasked with reviewing changes to bylaws related to e-balloting, a dues limit increase, filling board vacancies and housekeeping related to language and grammar. The committee gratefully acknowledges the leadership of Bryan Gregory in shaping the eballoting language proposed. We are most grateful to Janet Ketz and Kim Brown for their assistance.

With regard to raising the limit on member dues, no bylaws change is recommended. With regard to vacancies, the BCOA Policy Manual is an appropriate venue for detailing vacancy policies (under Administrative Duties). Vacancies in Board offices shall be filled by a vote of that Board. Vacancies occurring among Board nominees selected by the Nominations committee but not yet voted on by members will be filled by a reconvened Nominations committee, if time permits.

For your review and subject to your approval for AKC review attached is a bylaws iteration that introduces

- the e-balloting empowerment language voted in Ballot 2014 – 22,
- additional language congruent with Texas requirements and
- several language/grammar changes.

Club bylaws were most recently amended by members in 2007.

Bill McCann, Chair
Bylaws Committee
Basenji Club of America

BALLOT 2015-06 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Amendments to the BCOA By-Laws

Please indicate you vote on the proposed amendments to the BCOA By-Laws, listed below. These By-Laws amendments will supersede any previously BCOA board balloted By-Laws amendments.

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Ketz - Comment [*The changes will need to first be approved by AKC and then sent to the membership for vote. A 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 amendments, per the BCOA By-Laws, Article VIII*], La Croix, Vertrees, Work,

not in attendance: Hutchison, Jones

Proposed amendments to BCOA By-Laws:

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. There shall be five types of membership:

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

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

Household: Household membership shall be defined as membership held by two adult persons residing at the same address. Household membership is entitled to a maximum of two votes. A household membership shall receive a single subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter.

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

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

Lifetime: The Club may appoint lifetime members in recognition of outstanding service to the breed. Lifetime members may be nominated either by means of a petition addressed to the Secretary signed by five members in good standing or by a majority vote of the Board. Nominees shall be notified of their nomination by the Club Secretary and shall be given the option of accepting or declining the nomination.

The names of those accepting nomination shall be submitted to the Club membership for vote, and lifetime membership shall be granted if the nominee receives affirmative votes of 2/3 of those voting. Lifetime members shall receive a subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter and shall hold individual voting privileges, but shall not pay dues.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership may be terminated:

BY RESIGNATION. Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the Club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.

BY LAPSING. A membership will be considered lapsed if such member's dues remain unpaid on February 1 of each year. An automatic 30-day grace period until March 1 applies to all members, but if dues remain unpaid as of March 1, the membership will be terminated. Members who allow their memberships to lapse and to be terminated pursuant to this paragraph must reapply for membership pursuant to Article I, Section 3, of these By-Laws. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of the meeting.

BY EXPULSION. A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws. Any member who has lapsed or resigned may reapply for membership as specified in Article 1, Section 3 of these By-Laws.

SECTION 5. REINSTATEMENT. Members whose membership has lapsed within the preceding six (6) months prior to August 1, may be reinstated with the same requirements as specified in Article 1, Section 3, as appropriate, except that the sponsor requirement is waived.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

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.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board and shall be called by the Secretary upon receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members in good standing of the Club. Such meetings shall be held at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the members eligible to vote.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held by, or involve, a remote electronic communications system, including videoconferencing technology or the Internet, upon at least three days' notification of such meeting, only if:

Each person entitled to participate in the meeting consents to the meeting being held by means of that system; and

The system provides access to the meeting in a manner or using a method by which each person participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with each other participant.

The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board members.

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

SECTION 5. BOARD BUSINESS. Business items may be presented for Board action by:

Any Board member via submission to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary or circulated by the President if the Secretary cannot.

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

An action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, stating the action to be taken, is signed by the number of directors or committee members necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the directors or committee members are present and voting. The consent must state the date of each director's signature. Prompt notice of the taking of an action by directors or a committee without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to each director or committee member who did not consent in writing to the action.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the United States. The Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot, as provided in Article IV of these By-Laws, to serve for one year. The term of office shall begin January 1 as provided in Article IV of these By-Laws. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. DUTIES. The members of the Board shall serve in their respective capacities both in regard to the Club and to its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those specified in these By-Laws.

The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's incapacity, death, or absence, in addition to those specified in these By-Laws, or as directed by the President.

The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board, of all votes taken by mail or phone and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The minutes of the annual meeting shall be published in the first convenient Club BULLETIN or Bulletin Board newsletter. Corrections or additions shall be requested within 30 days of publication. These shall also be published and the minutes adjusted. The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify Officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and phone numbers, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws.

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club and shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board, and the condition of the Club's finances, including every item of receipt or payment not before reported, shall be reported to the Board at every Club meeting. At the annual meeting, the Treasurer shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous accounting year. The Treasurer's report shall be published quarterly in the Club BULLETIN. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine at the expense of the club.

All board members shall abstain from voting with respect to:

Any matter that will, or is significantly likely to, provide direct or indirect pecuniary benefit to themselves, or to their respective immediate family members or employers, and

Any conflict or dispute directly involving themselves, their respective immediate family members, or employers.

SECTION 3. AKC DELEGATE. The Delegate shall be appointed by the Board. The Delegate shall not serve on the Board or as an Officer, unless the Board appoints as Delegate an officer or member of the Board who has been duly elected by the membership. The Delegate shall represent the Basenji breed and the Club, serving as the Club's primary contact with the AKC. The Delegate is expected to attend Delegate Meetings of the American Kennel Club and report to the Board following each meeting. The Board may, at its discretion, reimburse any of the reasonable expenses of the Delegate in attending such Meetings. The Delegate shall advise the Board of any items to be voted on, especially those matters that would directly affect Basenjis and the Club.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

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

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR. The Club's official and accounting year shall 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 ballot as per Article IV, Section 3. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by ballot as per Article IV, Section 3.

SECTION 3. BALLOTS. Balloting will be performed under the direction of the Secretary as specified in this section.

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 USPS 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 USPS mailed Paper Ballot.

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.

Paper Balloting requirements are as follows:

Paper Ballots and attachments must be mailed USPS 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, may seal it in the blank envelope which may 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.

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 Article IV, Section 4

Electronic Balloting requirements are as follows:

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.

The Board, at the request of the Secretary, will select an 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.

If the Electronic Voting Service does include the issuing and counting of USPS mailed Paper Ballots, it may be declared the Inspectors of Election as per Article IV, Section 4

If the Electronic Voting Service does not include the issuing and counting of USPS 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SECTION 4. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS. The Board shall engage, prior to September 1, an outside firm to serve as Inspectors of Election and to count the ballots. Ballots to be valid must be dated electronically or 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 5(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 5. NOMINATIONS. 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 message.

On or before July 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 list 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.

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.

If no valid additional nominations are received in accordance with Section 5 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.

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, send to each member in good standing, a ballot as per Article IV, Section 3, listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, including their states of residence and with the nominees' resumes attached. The Inspectors of Election shall check the return ballots against the list provided by the Secretary of members whose dues are paid for the current year, 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.

Nominations cannot be made at the annual meeting or in any manner other than as provided above.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

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

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice of such vote to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

SECTION 3. Each committee chairman shall maintain all records pertaining to the function of the committee, and shall relinquish such records to any successor or to the President within 30 days of the termination of his or her appointment.

ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE

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

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

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

SECTION 4. BOARD HEARING. Upon receipt of the accused's reply, the Board shall proceed to thoroughly and impartially investigate the charges. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the investigation of until the annual meeting following the six months suspension. If the Board deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership the penalty of expulsion. Suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before the membership at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall then notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

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

ARTICLE VII - EXPENDITURES

SECTION 1. BUDGET. The Board shall adopt in November, and may amend from time to time, a budget to cover anticipated expenditures for the year. Approval of the budget shall constitute authority for the Treasurer to pay the bills covered thereby. Subject to instructions from the Board, the Treasurer shall assign each expenditure to its proper category within the budget.

SECTION 2. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES. If, in the opinion of the Treasurer, any item in any bill to the Club is in excess of or is not covered by the budget, the question shall be immediately submitted to the Board for its decision.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and to the Standard for the breed may be proposed by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board or by written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20% of the members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the Club members by the Secretary with the recommendations of the Board for a vote within three months of the date the petition was received by the Secretary.

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 IV, Section 3, on which a choice for or against the action to be taken may be indicated. 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.

SECTION 3. No amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws or to the Standard for the breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it is approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than a 2/3 majority of the members in good standing. In the event of dissolution of the Club other than for purposes at reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary by the action of law, none of the property of the Club or any proceeds thereof or any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. After payment of the debts of the Club, any remaining Club property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization selected by the Board of Directors for the benefit of dogs.

ARTICLE X - ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished business
- Election of new members
- New business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules or order the club may adopt.

Adopted 1954

Revised July 15, 1980, July 30, 1990, December 8, 2002, September 2007

BALLOT 2015-07 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Junior Showmanship Judge 2017 National Specialty

Postmarked: January 28, 2015

Effective: February 6, 2015

Please indicate your vote to approve AKC Judge, Laura Pond to judge all Junior Showmanship classes at the 2017 National Specialty at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO. Ms. Pond will judge all conformation classes at the event and asks no additional fees or expenses to judge Jr Show.

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-08 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Postmarked: January 29, 2015

Effective: February 7, 2015

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 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA..

Mark Baime [NJ], Kay Henderson [AL], Diana Holden [FL], Michelle Radloff./Lindsey Lund & Jr- Courtney Lund [MI] and Thomas & Tonda Wright [TN].

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-09 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2015 National Specialty Lure Coursing Judges

Effective: February 10, 2015

Please indicate your vote to approve James Dumais [PA] and Robert Marciszewski [MD] to judge AKC LURE COURSING - BASENJI – All Basenji Stakes in the BCOA National Specialty AKC Lure Trial and AKC Junior Courser Test and ASFA LURE COURSING - BASENJI – All Basenji Stakes in the BCOA National Specialty ASFA Lure Trial. As compensation for judging these events we offer them mileage, free admission to all seminars and a banquet ticket.

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

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2015-10 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2015 Committee Chairs

Effective February 10, 2015

Please indicate your vote on the following Committee Chairs for 2015.

Social Media - co-chairs Karen Hutchison/Andrea Stone

Health & Research - Lisa Hart.

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

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2015-11 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: March 4, 2015

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 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Audrey Silverstein [MD], and Annechien Smith [France].

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

BALLOT 2015-12 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2015 Committee Chairs

Effective March 4, 2015

Please indicate your vote on the following Committee Chairs for 2015.

African Stock Project – co-chair – James Johannes

AKC Gazette Column – Marcia Woodard

Judge Selection Committee – Donna DeFlorio

Judge Selection Tallier – Laurie Stargell

Medallion - Peg Grundman

Sunshine – Peg Grundman

Performance Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Roll Tallier – Susan Kamen Marsicano

Website – Susan Coe

Website Security- Lisa Auerbach

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

BALLOT 2015-13 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Fidelity Bond Insurance

Effective: March 4, 2015

BCOA currently carries a Fidelity Bond on the BCOA Treasurer and Secretary and the National Specialty Treasurer each year thru State Farm Insurance. Please indicate your vote on making changes to BCOA Fidelity Bond Insurance coverage limits for BCOA Treasurer and Secretary - \$75,000. National Specialty Treasurer - \$35,000.

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: [*Fidelity insurance protects the club from any monetary losses incurred as a result of fraudulent acts by specified individuals*], La Croix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-14 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Rescue Liaison Position

Effective: March 4, 2015

The Basenji Club of America, Inc. (BCOA) does not engage in hands-on rescue work. However, BCOA wishes to assist BCOA affiliated clubs, individual BCOA members and independent, incorporated rescue groups (in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the BCOA Board of Directors) by providing limited financial assistance pursuant to the terms and conditions stated in the BCOA Rescue Policy.

Two members have volunteered to work as our Rescue Liaison in 2015. By having representatives in various areas of the country BCOA can offer more access to a Liaison for rescue individuals/groups to better utilize the BCOA Rescue Program. The makeup of the staffing of the 2015 Rescue Liaison volunteer contact staff is based on the availability of volunteers and managed by the Liaisons. Please indicate your vote.

Liaison: Joe Carlson [FL] and Co-Liaison: Sharron Hurlbut [WA]

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

BALLOT 2015-15 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Breeder Web Listing Request Annual Renewal Requirement**

Effective: March 4, 2015

As a service to the public and member-breeders, BCOA provides its member-breeders with the opportunity to list their names and relevant contact information on the BCOA member-breeder webpage of the BCOA website. The cost of a listing is \$25.00 per membership renewal year. The current practice is to require breeders to sign and submit the form annually. To better serve member-breeders and to streamline the process, the annual signature requirement will be removed. Once a breeder-member has a signed contract on file, payment of the annual fee is sufficient to establish an extension of that contract. Language will be put in the contract to address term extensions. Policy and Request Form will be updates as needed. This change will be effective starting in 2016.

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

Ballot 2015-16 Approved **SUBJECT: 2015 AKC NLCC Trophy Sponsorship**

Effective: March 4, 2015

Each year the AKC holds a National Lure Coursing Championship. The event will be held on November 7 & 8, 2015 in Edmond OK. As the recognized AKC parent club for the basenji, BCOA will support the event with a custom made basenji Trophy, donation \$50, for the Saturday, best of breed winner. Please indicate your vote.

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

Ballot 2015-17 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Co-Chair By-Laws and Corporate Documents Committees**

Postmarked: April 2, 2015

Effective: April 8, 2015

Due to the high volume of work for both the BCOA By-Laws Committee and BCOA Corporate Documents Committee, a co-chair will be added to both Committees to assist Chair - Bill McCann [MA].

Co-Chair - Dianna Sanders [TX]

Please indicate your vote.

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

BALLOT 2015-18 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Extension of Deadline for National Specialty Proposal**

Effective: April 8, 2015

Please vote on allowing an extension of the deadline for the submission of a proposal for the 2018 BCOA National Specialty, scheduled to be in the Eastl 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 15, 2015.

Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz- Comment: *[A group from Michigan is considering a proposal for the fall of 2018 in Frankenmuth, MI]*, La Croix, Siekert, Work

BALLOT 2015-19 APPROVED **SUBJECT: Nominating Committee**

Postmarked: April 30, 2015

Effective: May 9, 2015

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 2016:

Chair - Carole Kirk [KY]; Mary Ellen Chaffin [WA]; Donna DeFlorio [MO]; Veronica Predale [PA]; Stella Sapios [CA].

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

BALLOT 2015-20 APPROVED **SUBJECT: New Members**

Effective: May 13, 2015

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 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Matt Gerdes& Scott Peach [IA], Cindi Gross [OR], Joe Hurt [TN], Donna Santangelo [NY], Karin Shah [OH], Rachel Swan [WA] and Samuel Fortin& Jean Francois-Pineault [CANADA].

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-21 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2015 Annual Membership Meeting

Effective: May 13, 2015

Circulated in accordance with the By-Laws.

Please vote on the 2015 Annual Membership Meeting for Friday, October 30, 2015, to be held on site at the Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg, PA. (Scheduled for 5-7 pm. Meeting Room).

Approve: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in Attendance: Jones

BCOA By Laws: ARTICLE II – MEETINGS 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.

The Board of Directors would like to apologize to the petitioners and to the members for our tardy response to this petition. We sought advice from the By-Laws committee and that committee has been in active dialogue with one of the petitioners who also has a legal background. We have seriously considered the points introduced by the petitioners and wanted to have an action plan in place when our official vote was reported.

While the petition addressed pertinent points, as submitted, it was disapproved by the Board of Directors. However, the petitioners' recommendations for bylaws changes are under active consideration by the Board who continue to explore and discuss the options and legal requirement with members of the original petition group. Thank you for your patience as we continue the process.

BALLOT 2015-22 DISAPPROVED

**SUBJECT: Board Business -Petition for BY-LAWS
Amendments-Removal/Recusal for Membership Ballot**

Effective: May 24, 2015

Please indicate your vote to take action on the Member Petition to present By-Laws Amendments (removal/recusal) for Membership Ballot.

Disapproved: Board Comment: *The Petition can not be approved given the AKC has reviewed the language and requires some changes to the language. The Board has requested the Bylaws Committees submit a proposal to the Board for approval which includes the AKC changes, which is forth coming.*

Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz- Comment: *[Signatures of petitioners are on file with the Secretary]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

**PETITION TO PRESENT BY-LAW
AMENDMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP BALLOT**

March 5, 2015

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 (Board) present the following proposed By-Law amendments to the full BCOA membership for approval or disapproval by ballot. If this Petition is granted, the undersigned request that the proposed By-Laws amendments set out below be presented to the membership, verbatim.

The undersigned further reserve the right to present the By-Law amendments outlined below directly to the membership for review and approval, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the By-Laws.

As mandated by Article II, Section 4(b) of the By-Laws, we request that the Board respond in writing to this request within six weeks of the date this Petition is received by the BCOA Secretary.

Proposed By-Law Amendment #1: Removal of Directors/Officers

Background of Proposed By-Law Amendment #1: BCOA's By-Laws do not currently contain a mechanism allowing members to remove elected or appointed director or officers. Texas law relating to non-profit corporations, however, expressly authorizes elected non-profit directors and officers to be removed, with or without cause, pursuant to procedures provided in an entity's articles of incorporation or by-laws, or in the absence of such provisions, pursuant to the statutory directives set out below:

TEX CV. Ann. Sec. 1396-2.15: A director may be removed from office pursuant to any procedure therefor provided in the articles of incorporation or by-laws. In the absence of a provision providing for removal, a director may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the persons entitled to elect, designate, or appoint the director. If the director was elected to office, removal requires an affirmative vote equal to the vote necessary to elect the director.

TEX CV. Ann. Sec. 1396-2.21: Any officer elected or appointed may be removed by the persons authorized to elect or appoint such officer whenever in their judgment the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby. The removal of an officer shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer so removed. Election or appointment of an officer or agent shall not of itself create contract rights.

Text of Proposed BCOA By-Law Amendment #1:

Article III – Board of Directors – Sec.5 (new):

An elected or appointed director or officer of BCOA may be removed from office in accordance with the process stated in this Section:

(a) A written petition requesting removal of an elected or appointed director or officer, for good cause stated, and signed by 20% of the members in good standing must be presented to the Secretary.

(b) A petition for removal received pursuant to Subsection (a) shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the Club members by the Secretary for vote within two months (60 days) of the date the petition was received by the Secretary.

(c) A ballot regarding removal of an elected or appointed director or officer must be mailed by the Secretary (or otherwise provided by electronic means, as authorized by these By-Laws) to each Club member, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against removal of the director or officer is indicated.

(d) The ballot must specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of mailing or delivery by electronic means, by which the ballots must be returned to a certified CPA to be counted, or received for tabulation by an independent third-party balloting service.

(e) A favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return ballots within the time limit is required to remove an appointed or elected officer or director.

(f) If the President is removed pursuant to this Section, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of President, and the office of Vice-President shall remain vacant until it is filled by vote of the membership at the next annual election of directors and officers. If the Secretary or Treasurer is removed pursuant to this Section, the Board may appoint a new Secretary or Treasurer to serve until the next annual election of directors and officers, but any Secretary or Treasurer so appointed shall not vote on any Board determinations, and shall not participate in Board discussion that is

unrelated to their respective ministerial duties as Secretary or Treasurer. If a director is removed pursuant to this Section, the director's seat shall remain vacant until it is filled by vote of the membership at the next annual election of directors and officers.

Proposed By-Law Amendment #2: Mandatory Recusal - BCOA Disciplinary Proceedings

Background of Proposed By-Law Amendment #2: At present, the AKC Disciplinary Rules bar an individual from serving on a Disciplinary Event Committee under certain circumstances. However, current BCOA By-Laws only bar board members or officers from participating in BCOA disciplinary matters if the director or officer is the subject of the disciplinary complaint at issue. Proposed Amendment #2 is intended to strengthen the integrity of BCOA's internal disciplinary process by aligning BCOA's disciplinary participation requirements with those of the AKC.

Text of Proposed By-Law Amendment #2:

Article VI – Discipline – Section 3 (revision):

If charges are brought against a director or board member, the individual is barred from participating in discussion, or voting on the matter. Additionally, no director or board member shall participate in discussion or voting on a disciplinary complaint brought pursuant to these By-Laws if: (1) the director or officer witnessed or otherwise participated in the matter that is the subject of the disciplinary complaint; (2) the director or officer is an immediate family or household-member of an individual who witnessed or otherwise participated the matter that is the subject of the disciplinary complaint; (3) the director or officer has a personal or business relationship with any accused or complainant; (4) the director or officer co-owns a dog or dogs with any accused or complainant. If a director or board member is barred from participating in the determination of a disciplinary matter by this Section, but fails to remove him or herself from the proceeding, a majority of a quorum of the sitting directors and officers may affirmatively vote to disqualify the director or officer from further participation in the disciplinary proceeding.

Sincerely, Jo Thompson, Melody Falcone, Tad Brooks, MaryLou Kenworthy, Mary Langula, Gary Langula, Sally Wuornos, Bruce Wuornos Kari Wuorno Winger, Edward Dering, Jaculyn Dering, Caryn Jones, Kathy Sanders, Pat Fragassi, Ted Judd, Sandy Beaudion, Natalie Mortelmans, Mike Colucci, Jeff S. Sheldon, Ty R. Rollins, Karla Schreiber, Therese Leimback, Kevin Leimback, Patricia Bird, Charles Burton, Connie Camp, Sam Bishop, Elda R. Cross, Kathryn Boyd

BALLOT 2015-23 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: June 10, 2015

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws.

The following persons have applied for membership in BCOA, and their names, along with a call for comments, were published in the May 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. David Gutierrez & Adrienne Salerno [FL]

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Brown, Jones

BALLOT 2015-24 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Effective: June 10, 2015

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 2

Please indicate your vote, recommending the following Bylaw Amendments as presented by the Bylaw Committee, and reviewed by the American Kennel Club. All previous BCOA Board approved bylaw amendments which have not been put forth to the General Membership shall be superseded, upon a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board.

Bylaw Amendments shall be proposed as

Membership Ballot 2015-01M, Housekeeping

Membership Ballot 2015-02M, Reinstatement

Membership Ballot 2015-03M, Electronic Communication and Ballots

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT 2015-01M

SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS, HOUSEKEEPING

Bylaw amendment to the following Articles, Housekeeping changes that include grammar, spelling, clarification, change in terminology to match State law, AKC comments, all which do not change the intent of the document. These amendments are required if any other amendment is approved by the membership.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY.

Household: Household membership shall be defined as membership held by two adult persons residing at the same address. Household membership is entitled to a maximum of two votes. A household membership shall receive a single subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership may be terminated:

- (b) BY LAPSING.** A membership will be considered lapsed if such member's dues remain unpaid on February 1 of each year. An automatic grace period until March 1 applies to all members, but if dues remain unpaid as of March 1, the membership will be terminated. Members who allow their memberships to lapse and to be terminated pursuant to this paragraph must reapply for membership pursuant to Article I, Section 3, of these By-Laws. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board and shall be called by the Secretary on receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members in good standing of the Club. Such meetings shall be held at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of

such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the members eligible to vote.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS. Board meetings can be held in different ways, all of which must be in accordance with State Laws. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held by phone conference upon at least three days' phone notification of such conference. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board members. The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board members.

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

SECTION 5. BOARD BUSINESS. Board business can be held in different ways, all of which must be in accordance with State Laws. Business items may be presented for Board action by:

- (a) Any Board member via submission to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary or circulated by the President if the Secretary cannot.
- (b) Written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 members in good standing. Items presented by such petition shall be voted upon by the Board within six weeks of the date the petition was received by the Secretary. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary or by phone ballot through the Secretary and/or the President. The quorum shall be a majority of the Board. Current reports of Board action shall be forwarded within ten days of Board vote by the Secretary to the Editors of the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter for immediate publication.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 2. DUTIES

- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board, of all votes taken by mail or phone and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The minutes of the annual meeting shall be published in the first convenient Club BULLETIN or Bulletin Board newsletter. Corrections or additions shall be requested within 30 days of publication. These shall also be published and the minutes adjusted. The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify Officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and phone numbers, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws.

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

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

SECTION 4. NOMINATIONS AND BALLOTS. No person may be a candidate in a Club election who has not been nominated in accordance with these by-laws. A Nominating Committee shall 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 message.

- (a) On or before July 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.

ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE .

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

SECTION 4. BOARD HEARING. Upon receipt of the accused's reply, the Board shall proceed to thoroughly and impartially investigate the charges. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the investigation of until the annual meeting following the six months suspension. If the Board deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership the penalty of expulsion. Suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before the membership at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall then notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

ARTICLE VII - EXPENDITURES

SECTION 2. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES. If, in the opinion of the Treasurer, any item in any bill to the Club is in excess of or is not covered by the budget, the question shall be immediately submitted to the Board for its decision, in accordance with State Laws.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than a 2/3 majority of the members in good standing. In the event of dissolution of the Club other than for purposes at reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary by the action of law, none of the property of the Club or any proceeds thereof or any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. After payment of the debts of the Club, any remaining Club property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization selected by the Board of Directors for the benefit of dogs.

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MEMBERSHIP BALLOT 2015-02M

SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS, MEMBERSHIP REINSTATEMENT

Circulated at the recommendation of the Board in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 2
Bylaw amendment Article 1 Membership, New Section 5,
Reinstatement, which will allow lapsed members to re-apply for membership without having to acquire sponsorship signatures for the first 6 months.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 5. REINSTATEMENT. Members whose membership has lapsed within the preceding six (6) months prior to August 1, may be reinstated with the same requirements as specified in Article 1, Section 3, as appropriate, except that the sponsor requirement is waived.

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MEMBERSHIP BALLOT 2015-03M

SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND BALLOTING

Bylaw amendment to the following Articles, to implement electronic communications and balloting to conduct business actions, includes election of officers and board members, bylaw and standard amendments.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS.

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held by, or involve a remote electronic communications system, including videoconferencing technology or the Internet, upon at least three days' notification of such meeting, only if:

- (a) Each person entitled to participate in the meeting consents to the meeting being held by means of that system; and
- (b) The system provides access to the meeting in a manner or using a method by which each person participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with each other participant.

The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board members.

SECTION 4. SPECIAL BOARD MEETINGS.

- (d) An action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, stating the action to be taken, is signed by the number of directors or committee members necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the directors or committee members are present and voting. The consent must state the date of each director's signature. Prompt notice of the taking of an action by directors or a committee without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to each director or committee member who did not consent in writing to the action.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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 ballot as per Article IV, Section 3. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by ballot as per Article IV, Section 3, in accordance with State Laws.

SECTION 3. BALLOTS. Balloting will be performed under the direction of the Secretary as specified in this section, in accordance with State Laws.

- (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 USPS 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 USPS mailed Paper Ballot.
- (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.
- (c) Paper Balloting requirements are as follows:
- I. Paper Ballots and attachments must be mailed USPS 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, may seal it in the blank envelope which may 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.
 - 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 Article IV, Section 4
- (d) Electronic Balloting requirements are as follows:
- 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.
 - II. The Board, at the request of the Secretary, will select an 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.
 - III. If the Electronic Voting Service does include the issuing and counting of USPS mailed Paper Ballots, it may be declared the Inspectors of Election as per Article IV, Section 4
 - IV. If the Electronic Voting Service does not include the issuing and counting of USPS 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.
 - 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

SECTION 4. ANNUAL ELECTION. 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 or 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 5(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 5. NOMINATIONS. 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.

- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) If no valid additional nominations are received in accordance with Section 5 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.
- (e) 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, send to each member in good standing, a ballot as per Article IV, Section 3, listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, including their states of residence and with the nominees' resumes attached. The Inspectors of Election shall check the return ballots against the list provided by the Secretary of members whose dues are paid for the current year, 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.
- (f) 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 IV, Section 3, on which a choice for or against the action to be taken may be indicated. 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.

MEMBERSHIP BALLOT 2015-04M SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS, REMOVAL OF OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER

Circulated at the recommendation of the Board in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 2

Bylaw amendment ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS, New Section 5, Removal, which will set a procedure to remove a director or officer of BCOA, presented as Board business by a petition of the membership, reviewed by the American Kennel Club, and proposed by the Bylaw Committee.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 5, REMOVAL. An elected or appointed director or officer of BCOA may be removed from office only for good cause shown. Removal must be in accordance with State Laws and with the process stated in this Section. In the event of a conflict with State laws, State Laws shall prevail:

- (a) A written petition requesting removal of an elected or appointed director or officer, for good cause stated, and signed by 20% of the members in good standing must be presented to the Secretary.
- (b) A petition for removal received pursuant to Subsection (a) shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the Club members by the Secretary for vote within two months (60 days) of the date the petition was received by the Secretary.
- (c) A ballot regarding removal of an elected or appointed director or officer must be mailed by the Secretary (or otherwise provided by electronic means, as authorized by these By-Laws) to each Club member, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against removal of the director or officer is indicated.
- (d) The ballot must specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of mailing or delivery by electronic means, by which the ballots must be returned to be counted.
- (e) A favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return ballots within the time limit is required to remove an appointed or elected officer or director.
- (f) If the President is removed pursuant to this Section, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of President. If any other officer is removed vacancy must be filled by appointment of a current director to fill out the term.

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MEMBERSHIP BALLOT 2015-05M SUBJECT: BCOA BY-LAWS, RECUSAL OF OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER

Circulated at the recommendation of the Board in accordance with the BCOA By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 2

Bylaw amendment ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE, SECTION 3, BOARD MEMBERS, which will establish criteria for recusal or disqualification of a Board member, presented as Board business by a petition of the membership, reviewed by the American Kennel Club, and proposed by the Bylaw Committee.

ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE

SECTION 3. BOARD MEMBERS. If charges are brought against an officer or member of the Board, the individual is barred from participating in discussion, or voting on the matter in accordance with State Laws and pursuant to this Section. In the event of a conflict with State laws, State Laws shall prevail:. Additionally, no director or officer shall participate in discussion or voting on a disciplinary complaint brought pursuant to these By-Laws and State law if:

- i. The director or officer is directly involved in the matter that is the subject of the disciplinary complaint;
- ii. The household of the officer or director is directly involved in the matter that is the subject of the disciplinary complaint;
- iii. The director or officer has a business relationship with any accused or complainant;
- iv. The director or officer co-owns a dog or dogs with any accused or complainant;
- v. The director or officer is called by either side to give evidence on the matter.

If a director or board member is barred from participating in the determination of a disciplinary matter by this Section, but fails to remove him or herself from the proceeding, a majority of a quorum of the sitting directors and officers may affirmatively vote to disqualify the director or officer from further participation in the disciplinary proceeding.

This will result in the proposal of the following Bylaws as a complete document.

Basenji Club of America, Inc.

Constitution

SECTION 1. The name of the Corporation shall be The Basenji Club of America, Inc., referred to hereinafter as the Club.

SECTION 2. The objects of the Club shall be:

- (a) To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of pure bred Basenjjs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection.
- (b) To assist in the organization of local Basenji specialty clubs in those localities where there are sufficient fanciers of the breed to meet the requirements of the American Kennel Club and of the Basenji Club of America, and to provide consistent guidelines for the affiliation of those local clubs with the parent Club.
- (c) To urge members and breeders to accept the Standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only Standard of excellence by which Basenjjs shall be judged.
- (d) 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.
- (e) To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows, and other performance events under the rules of the American Kennel Club.

SECTION 3. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

SECTION 4. The members of the Club shall adopt and from time to time revise such by-laws as may be required to carry out these objects.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY. Membership shall be open to all persons who are in good standing with the American Kennel Club and who subscribe to the purposes of this Club. There shall be five types of membership:

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

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

Household: Household membership shall be defined as membership held by two adult persons residing at the same address. Household membership is entitled to a maximum of two votes. A household membership shall receive a single subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter.

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

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

Lifetime: The Club may appoint lifetime members in recognition of outstanding service to the breed. Lifetime members may be nominated either by means of a petition addressed to the Secretary signed by five members in good standing or by a majority vote of the Board. Nominees shall be notified of their nomination by the Club Secretary and shall be given the option of accepting or declining the nomination.

The names of those accepting nomination shall be submitted to the Club membership for vote, and lifetime membership shall be granted if the nominee receives affirmative votes of 2/3 of those voting. Lifetime members shall receive a subscription to the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter and shall hold individual voting privileges, but shall not pay dues.

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Membership may be terminated:

- (a) **BY RESIGNATION.** Any member in good standing may resign from the Club upon written notice to the Secretary; but no member may resign when in debt to the Club. Obligations other than dues are considered a debt to the Club and must be paid in full prior to resignation.
- (b) **BY LAPSING.** A membership will be considered lapsed if such member's dues remain unpaid on February 1 of each year. An automatic grace period [until March 1 applies](#) to all members, but if dues remain unpaid as of March 1, the membership will be terminated. Members who allow their memberships to lapse and to be terminated pursuant to this paragraph must reapply for membership pursuant to Article I, Section 3, of these By-Laws. In no case may a person be entitled to vote at any Club meeting whose dues are unpaid as of the date of the meeting.
- (c) **BY EXPULSION.** A membership may be terminated by expulsion as provided in Article VI of these By-Laws. Any member who has lapsed or resigned may reapply for membership as specified in Article 1, Section 3 of these By-Laws.

[SECTION 5. REINSTATEMENT.](#) [Members whose membership has lapsed within the preceding six \(6\) months prior to August 1, may be reinstated with the same requirements as specified in Article 1, Section 3, as appropriate, except that the sponsor requirement is waived.](#)

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

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.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL CLUB MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President or by a majority vote of the members of the Board and shall be called by the Secretary on receipt of a petition signed by 10% of the members in good standing of the Club. Such meetings shall be [held](#) at such place, date, and hour as may be designated by the Board of Directors. Written notice of such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary at least 14 days and not more than 30 days prior to the meeting. The notice of the

meeting shall state the purpose of the meeting, and no other Club business may be transacted. The quorum for such a meeting shall be 10% of the members eligible to vote.

SECTION 3. BOARD MEETINGS. Board meetings can be held in different ways, all of which must be in accordance with State Laws. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as are designated by a majority vote of the entire Board. Written notice of each such meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Board at least 10 days prior to the date of the meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held by , or involve, a remote electronic communications system, including videoconferencing technology or the Internet, upon at least three days' notification of such meeting, only if:

- (a) Each person entitled to participate in the meeting consents to the meeting being held by means of that system; and
- (b) The system provides access to the meeting in a manner or using a method by which each person participating in the meeting can communicate concurrently with each other participant.

The quorum for a Board meeting shall be a majority of the Board members.

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

SECTION 5. BOARD BUSINESS. Board business can be held in different ways, all of which must be in accordance with State Laws. Business items may be presented for Board action by:

- (a) Any Board member via submission to the President for circulation through the office of the Secretary or circulated by the President if the Secretary cannot.
- (b) Written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20 members in good standing. Items presented by such petition shall be voted upon by the Board within six weeks of the date the petition was received by the Secretary. The Board of Directors may conduct its business by mail through the Secretary or by phone ballot through the Secretary and/or the President. The quorum shall be a majority of the Board. Current reports of Board action shall be forwarded within ten days of Board vote by the Secretary to the Editors of the Club BULLETIN and Bulletin Board Newsletter for immediate publication.
- (c) An action that may be taken at a meeting of the directors may be taken without a meeting if a written consent, stating the action to be taken, is signed by the number of directors or committee members necessary to take that action at a meeting at which all of the directors or committee members are present and voting. The consent must state the date of each director's signature. Prompt notice of the taking of an action by directors or a committee without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to each director or committee member who did not consent in writing to the action.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and seven other persons, all of whom shall be members in good standing who are residents of the United States. The Board of Directors shall be elected by ballot, as provided in Article IV of these By-Laws, to serve for one year. The term of office shall begin January 1 as provided in Article IV of these By-Laws. General management of the Club's affairs shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. DUTIES. The members of the Board shall serve in their respective capacities both in regard to the Club and to its meetings and the Board and its meetings.

- (a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have the duties and powers normally appurtenant to the office of President in addition to those specified in these By-Laws.
- (b) The Vice-President shall have the duties and exercise the powers of the President in case of the President's incapacity, death, or absence, in addition to those specified in these By-Laws, or as directed by the President.
- (c) The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings of the Club and of the Board, of all votes taken by mail or phone and of all matters of which a record shall be ordered by the Club. The minutes of the annual meeting shall be published in the first convenient Club BULLETIN or Bulletin Board newsletter. Corrections or additions shall be requested within 30 days of publication. These shall also be published and the minutes adjusted. The Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, notify members of meetings, notify new members of their election to membership, notify Officers and directors of their election to office, keep a roll of the members of the Club with their addresses and phone numbers, and carry out such other duties as are prescribed in these By-Laws.
- (d) The Treasurer shall collect and receive all moneys due or belonging to the Club and shall deposit the same in a bank approved by the Board in the name of the Club. The books shall at all times be open to inspection by the Board, and the condition of the Club's finances, including every item of receipt or payment not before reported, shall be reported to the Board at every Club

meeting. At the annual meeting, the Treasurer shall render an account of all moneys received and expended during the previous accounting year. The Treasurer's report shall be published quarterly in the Club BULLETIN. The Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine at the expense of the club.

(e) All board members shall abstain from voting with respect to:

- I. Any matter that will, or is significantly likely to, provide direct or indirect pecuniary benefit to themselves, or to their respective immediate family members or employers, and
- II. Any conflict or dispute directly involving themselves, their respective immediate family members, or employers.

SECTION 3. AKC DELEGATE. The Delegate shall be appointed by the Board. The Delegate shall not serve on the Board or as an Officer, unless the Board appoints as Delegate an officer or member of the Board who has been duly elected by the membership. The Delegate shall represent the Basenji breed and the Club, serving as the Club's primary contact with the AKC. The Delegate is expected to attend Delegate Meetings of the American Kennel Club and report to the Board following each meeting. The Board may, at its discretion, reimburse any of the reasonable expenses of the Delegate in attending such Meetings. The Delegate shall advise the Board of any items to be voted on, especially those matters that would directly affect Basenjis and the Club.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. Any vacancies occurring on the Board or among the offices during the year shall be filled until the next annual election by a majority vote of all the then members of the Board; except that a vacancy in the office of President shall be filled automatically by the Vice-President, and the resulting vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled by the Board.

SECTION 5. REMOVAL. An elected or appointed director or officer of BCOA may be removed from office only for good cause shown. Removal must be in accordance with State Laws and with the process stated in this Section. In the event of a conflict with State laws, State Laws shall prevail:

- (a) A written petition requesting removal of an elected or appointed director or officer, for good cause stated, and signed by 20% of the members in good standing must be presented to the Secretary.
- (b) A petition for removal received pursuant to Subsection (a) shall be promptly considered by the Board and must be submitted to the Club members by the Secretary for vote within two months (60 days) of the date the petition was received by the Secretary.
- (c) A ballot regarding removal of an elected or appointed director or officer must be mailed by the Secretary (or otherwise provided by electronic means, as authorized by these By-Laws) to each Club member, accompanied by a ballot on which a choice for or against removal of the director or officer is indicated.
- (d) The ballot must specify a date not less than 30 days after the date of mailing or delivery by electronic means, by which the ballots must be returned to be counted.
- (e) A favorable vote of 2/3 of the members in good standing who return ballots within the time limit is required to remove an appointed or elected officer or director.
- (f) If the President is removed pursuant to this Section, the Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of President. If any other officer is removed vacancy must be filled by appointment of a current director to fill out the term.

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

SECTION 1. CLUB YEAR. The Club's official and accounting year shall 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 ballot as per Article IV, Section 3. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. The Board of Directors may decide to submit other specific questions for decision of the members by ballot as per Article IV, Section 3, in accordance with State Laws.

SECTION 3. BALLOTS. Balloting will be performed under the direction of the Secretary as specified in this section, in accordance with State Laws.

- (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 USPS 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 USPS mailed Paper Ballot.

(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.

(c) Paper Balloting requirements are as follows:

- I. Paper Ballots and attachments must be mailed USPS 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, may seal it in the blank envelope which may 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.
- 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 Article IV, Section 4

(d) Electronic Balloting requirements are as follows:

- 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 AKCParent Clubs shall prevail.
- II. The Board, at the request of the Secretary, will select an 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.
- III. If the Electronic Voting Service does include the issuing and counting of USPS mailed Paper Ballots, it may be declared the Inspectors of Election as per Article IV, Section 4
- IV. If the Electronic Voting Service does not include the issuing and counting of USPS 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

SECTION 4. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BOARD AND OFFICERS. The Board shall engage, prior to September 1, an outside firm to serve as Inspectors of Election and to count the ballots. Ballots to be valid must be dated electronically or 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 5(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 5. NOMINATIONS. 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 [message](#).

- (a) On or before [July 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 5 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, [send](#) to each member in good standing, a ballot [as per Article IV, Section 3](#), listing all of the nominees for each position in alphabetical order, including their states of residence and with the nominees' resumes attached. The Inspectors of Election shall check the return [ballots](#) against the list provided by the Secretary of members whose dues are paid for the current year, 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 V - COMMITTEES

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

SECTION 2. Any committee appointment may be terminated by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board upon written notice of such vote to the appointee; and the Board may appoint successors to those persons whose service has been terminated.

SECTION 3. Each committee chairman shall maintain all records pertaining to the function of the committee, and shall relinquish such records to any successor or to the President within 30 days of the termination of his or her appointment.

ARTICLE VI - DISCIPLINE

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

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

SECTION 3. BOARD MEMBERS. If charges are brought against an officer or member of the Board, the individual is barred from participating in discussion, or voting on the matter in accordance with State Laws and pursuant to this Section. In the event of a conflict with State laws, State Laws shall prevail. Additionally, no director or officer shall participate in discussion or voting on a disciplinary complaint brought pursuant to these By-Laws and State law if:

- i. The director or officer is directly involved in the matter that is the subject of the disciplinary complaint;
- ii. The household of the officer or director is directly involved in the matter that is the subject of the disciplinary complaint;
- iii. The director or officer has a business relationship with any accused or complainant;
- iv. The director or officer co-owns a dog or dogs with any accused or complainant;
- v. The director or officer is called by either side to give evidence on the matter.

If a director or board member is barred from participating in the determination of a disciplinary matter by this Section, but fails to remove him or herself from the proceeding, a majority of a quorum of the sitting directors and officers may affirmatively vote to disqualify the director or officer from further participation in the disciplinary proceeding.

SECTION 4. BOARD HEARING. Upon receipt of the accused's reply, the Board shall proceed to thoroughly and impartially investigate the charges. Should the charges be sustained after hearing all the evidence and testimony presented by complainant and defendant, the Board may, by a majority vote of those present, suspend the defendant from all privileges of the Club for not more than six months from the date of the investigation of until the annual meeting following the six months suspension. If the Board deems that punishment insufficient, it may also recommend to the membership the penalty of expulsion. Suspension shall not restrict the defendant's right to appear before the membership at the ensuing Club meeting which considers the recommendation of the Board. Immediately after the Board has reached a decision, its findings shall be put in written form and filed with the Secretary. The Secretary shall then notify each of the parties of the decision and penalty, if any.

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

ARTICLE VII - EXPENDITURES

SECTION 1. BUDGET. The Board shall adopt in November, and may amend from time to time, a budget to cover anticipated expenditures for the year. Approval of the budget shall constitute authority for the Treasurer to pay the bills covered thereby. Subject to instructions from the Board, the Treasurer shall assign each expenditure to its proper category within the budget.

SECTION 2. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES. If, in the opinion of the Treasurer, any item in any bill to the Club is in excess of or is not covered by the budget, the question shall be immediately submitted to the Board for its decision, in accordance with State Laws.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and to the Standard for the breed may be proposed by a 2/3 affirmative vote of the Board or by written petition addressed to the Secretary and signed by 20% of the members in good standing. Amendments proposed by such petition shall be promptly considered by the Board of Directors and must be submitted to the Club members by the Secretary with the recommendations of the Board for a vote within three months of the date the petition was received by the Secretary.

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 IV, Section 3, on which a choice for or against the action to be taken may be indicated. 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.

SECTION 3. No amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws or to the Standard for the breed that is adopted by the Club shall become effective until it is approved by the Board of Directors of the American Kennel Club.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. The Club may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than a 2/3 majority of the members in good standing. In the event of dissolution of the Club other than for purposes at reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary by the action of law, none of the property of the Club or any proceeds thereof or any assets of the Club shall be distributed to any members of the Club. After payment of the debts of the Club, any remaining Club property and assets shall be given to a charitable organization selected by the Board of Directors for the benefit of dogs.

ARTICLE X - ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. At meetings of the Club, the order of business, so far as the character and nature of the meeting may permit, shall be as follows:

- Roll call
- Minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Election of new members
- Unfinished business
- New business
- Adjournment

SECTION 2. At meetings of the Board, the order of business, unless otherwise directed by majority vote of those present, shall be as follows:

- Reading of minutes of last meeting
- Report of President
- Report of Secretary
- Report of Treasurer
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished business
- Election of new members
- New business
- Adjournment

ARTICLE XI – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

SECTION 1. The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any other special rules or order the club may adopt.

Adopted 1954

Revised July 15, 1980, July 30, 1990, December 8, 2002, September 2007

APPROVE: Auerbach, Geoffroy-Comments: [I am approving these by-law changes that will be provided as membership ballots with these comments- 2015-01M housekeeping is essential. 2015-02M this will allow ease of renewing if one lapses. 2015-03M - e-balloting it will be good to have the options of electronic or mailing ballots for future BCOA business. 2015-04M and 2015-05M- my approval is so that the membership can have the opportunity to decide if they want these provisions added: 2015-04M to be able to remove a board member with cause within the term year or 2015-05M the ability to define what board members can be recused when someone prefers charges on a member.], Gregory-Comments: [I'm thrilled that these bylaws are being sent to the members for a vote. Huge thanks to the many members who contributed to the effort. Bylaw amendments have been in the works since 2012, when the AKC review said no to electronic balloting. It was not until late in the year, 2013 when AKC finally established an electronic balloting policy.

Membership Ballot 2015-01M, Housekeeping, cleans up many errors, corrects terminology. This ballot should be approved. Membership Ballot 2015-02M, Reinstatement, provide another opportunity to lapsed members who may have inadvertently missed a previous deadline. This ballot should be approved. Membership Ballot 2015-03M, Electronic Communication and Ballots provide huge benefits to the club by increasing membership voting participation and involvement. It will result in more issues being decided by the membership by removing the burden of an antiquated USPS ballot. This ballot should be approved.

I do have reservations regarding Membership Ballot 2015-04M, Removal of Officer or Board Member and Membership Ballot 2015-05M, Recusal of Officer or Board Member. A petition to the Board, adjusted so AKC would accept them, drove these amendments. I do believe the general membership should have the final say if these amendments should be approved, thus I recommend these amendments be sent to the membership. Personally, I will not vote in favor of either one.

Membership Ballot 2015-04M. Removal of Officer or Board Member is already addressed in our Bylaws by parliamentary procedure, Article XI – Parliamentary Authority, Section 1, through Roberts Rules of Order, New Revised, (RONR). The RONR provides very detailed procedures to remove an Officer or Board Member. The proposed amendment procedure uses language from State Law. I'm opposed to a deviation from RONR to State Law unless absolutely necessary. The club can employ a professional parliamentarian to assist with RONR procedures, however, this deviation now requires legal counsel to represent both parties should a dispute arise. You will not find such a deviation from RONR in AKC's bylaws, or any other dog club I'm aware of, which parliamentary procedure is established by RONR. I recommend this ballot be disapproved. In addition, recommend it be sent back to the bylaws committee to review the RONR, and make the recommendations the RONR provides, removal an Officer or Board Member without cause.

Membership Ballot 2015-05M. This amendment of a mandatory recusal of Board Member or Officer was modeled after the AKC disciplinary action, "Dealing with Misconduct", without recognizing the very different conditions of a BCOA disciplinary action and that of an AKC disciplinary action. An AKC disciplinary action could result in a suspension of all privileges, resulting in that individual being banned from participation in any AKC events, register litters, transfer dog registration, or use any AKC services. This also applies to all dogs that that individual co-owns, and can affect business partners. AKC requires recusal for anyone who will be directly affected by the AKC disciplinary action. BCOA disciplinary action does not extend beyond the individual. It does not affect dogs that are co-owned or even members that reside in the same household. The conflict of interest that this proposed amendment addresses is strictly subjective. It suggests that a friend should not be allowed to preside over the disciplinary action. The original petition amendment included "a personal or business relationship", "personal" being struck by the Bylaws Committee, after a review with the AKC.

I'm very troubled that members of the Board would be barred from a BCOA disciplinary action simply because they are friends of the accused, by co-owning a dog, or may have used the accused persons dog at stud. There is a distinct possibility that this may result in several members of the Board being forced to recuse themselves. It has the potential of creating bias against the accused. Your friends cannot participate. There are possible legal implications by forcing elected officials to recuse themselves over the perception of a conflict of interest, which cannot be documented as in an AKC disciplinary action. I recommend this ballot be disapproved. In addition, recommend it be sent back to the bylaws committee to review the RONR, and consider a bylaw amendment that has the Board appointing a committee to convene BCOA disciplinary actions, as a means to remove any possible bias, conflict of interest, or a perception of a conflict of interest, as provided in RONR.

*I'm happy to address any questions regarding my position on these ballots and Robert Rules of Order. Bryan Gregory, bryan@jumoke.com], Hutchison, Ketz-Comments: [By approving this board ballot, I am recommending/supporting that the membership have the opportunity to make the decision on approval or disapproval of these five (5) proposed By-Laws Amendments], La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Brown, Jones*

BALLOT 2015-25 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Medallions for AKC/Eukanuba Events

Effective: July 8, 2015, 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 12 & 13, 2015. 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.

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

BALLOT 2015-26 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Parliamentarian for 2015 Annual Membership Meeting

Effective: July 8, 2015

Please vote on approving, Harry S. Rosenthal of 768 N. Bethlehem Pike - Suite 107; Ambler, Pa. 19002 as Parliamentarian for the 2015 BCOA Annual Meeting at the Eisenhower Hotel, Gettysburg, PA, on Friday, October 30, 2015. His fee is \$775.00. Meeting Time to be determined closer to the date, currently slotted for 5-7 pm.

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

BALLOT 2015-27 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2016 National Specialty Treasurer

Effective July 8, 2015

Circulated in accordance with the BCOA National Specialty Procedure.

Please send your vote, on BCOA member in good standing, Laura Pond [WA] as Treasurer for the 2015 National Specialty.

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

BALLOT 2015-28 APPROVED

SUBJECT: New Members

Effective: August 11, 2015

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 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please send your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA. Ellis Mills & Sharon Lederer [TX]

APPROVED: Auerbach, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz, LaCroix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Brown.

BALLOT 2015-29 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Rescue Donation

Effective: September 9, 2015, phone conference meeting

Per the BCOA Rescue Policy -- BCOA may agree in extraordinary circumstances (as determined by the BCOA Board of Directors) to offer direct financial assistance or co-fund a rescue project with an independent, incorporated rescue group. Such an extraordinary event has occurred for Basenji Rescue and Transportation (BRAT) having recently taken on 26 intact basenjies. With input from our BCOA Rescue Committee (Chair -Joe Carlson [FL] and Co-chair Sharron Hurlbut [WA]), please indicate your vote on using rescue funds of \$500 to assist BRAT with vet care and placement of these 26 dogs.

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

Not in attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2015-30 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Judge Selection Ballot Mailing Extension

Effective: September 9, 2015

The Judge Selection Committee has requested a 1(one) month extension for the mailing of the Judge Selection Ballot. The new mailing date and postmarked date are listed below. Please indicate your vote.

Ballots will be mailed on or before October 15.

Ballots must be returned by mail to the Judge Selection Tallier postmarked no later than November 15.

Ballots postmarked later than November 15 shall not be counted. Illegibly postmarked ballots received after the deadline shall not be counted.

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

Not in Attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2015-31 APPROVED

SUBJECT: AKC Lifetime Achievement Award Selections

Effective: September 9, 2015

Based upon the final tally of votes by AKC Member Clubs from across the country, AKC has announced the nominees for this year's annual American Kennel Club Lifetime Achievement Awards. Three awards, one each in the categories of Conformation, Companion Events, and Performance, will be presented in recognition of exceptional participation in the fancy.

Conformation

Companion Events

Performance

Hon. David Merriam
Dr. Claudia Orlandi
Patti L. Strand

Susan (Suzi) B. Bluford
John Cox
Donald A. Levinson

Ray (Jerry) Cacchio
John Russell
Grant Stanfill

APPROVED: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in Attendance: Jones

BALLOT 2015-32 APPROVED

**SUBJECT: 2016 National Specialty Judges-OB/Rally,
Agility, African Stock Exhibition and Logo**

Effective: October 14, 2015

Please indicate your vote for the following 2016 National Specialty Judges.

AKC Obedience/Rally: Theresa Temple AKC Judge # 7319 [OR]

Ms. Temple asks a fee of \$125.00. Lunch will be provided. We invite her to all symposiums/seminars and the Annual Banquet at no charge.

AKC Agility: James Primmer AKC Judge # 75129, Vancouver, WA.

Mr. Primmer asks a fee of \$150.00 plus gas and meal. Lunch will be provided. We invite him to all symposiums/seminars and the Annual Banquet at no charge.

African Stock Exhibition: Therese Leimback [WA]

Ms. Leimback asks for no fees or expenses. Lunch will be provided. We invite her to all symposiums/seminars and the Annual Banquet at no charge. 1 night's lodging is offered.

Please indicate your vote for acceptance of the Artwork for the **2016 National Specialty Logo**.

“An Explosion of Basenji Fun”

This artwork shall become the property of the BCOA and will be used as BCOA deems acceptable.

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

Note: Per Jackie Jones, yes this is a picture but basically it is an outline the dog color and markings have been changed so this is not a real dog anymore.



BALLOT 2015-33 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Unsung Hero Award

Effective: October 14, 2015

The Unsung Hero Award recognizes that BCOA member who has made a positive contribution that would not ordinarily be acknowledged by other types of formal awards.

Candidates nominated have displayed one or more of the following characteristics: Displaying extraordinary effort to advance the purpose of the BCOA, unselfishly sharing his/her time and expense to promote events, activities, and materials in support of the BCOA and/or consistently and willingly extending a helping hand.

Unsung Hero Nominees for 2015 include Sue Joyner [IL] submitted by Pat Marshall and Lisa Hart and Peg Grundman [FL] submitted by Michael Work.

Please indicate your vote on naming Sue Joyner and Peg Grundman as recipients of the 2105 Unsung Hero Award. Approved: Auerbach, Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: [*Complete nomination submissions for both 2015 recipients will be published in the November BB Newsletter*], La Croix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-34 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2018 National Specialty Location & Dates

Effective: October 29, 2015

A National Specialty Eastern Region proposal was received for the 2018 National Specialty. The proposal was submitted by Suzanne La Croix. She will be the Specialty Chair. The event will be held in Frankenmuth, Michigan during the week of October 15 - 21, 2018. The show will be held in the Harvey E. Kern Community Pavilion, <http://www.frankenmuthcity.com/facility-reservations/kern-pavilion> ; the host hotel will be the Bavarian Inn Lodge, <http://www.bavarianinn.com>

APPROVED: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones (by phone), Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-35 APPROVED

SUBJECT: National Specialty Events-No Host Group

Effective: October 29, 2015

Due to the lack of a Host Group Proposal for the 2017 National Specialty, (due in April of 2014 and extended with no proposals), the 2014 Board of Directors reserved Purina Farms Sept 9-15, 2017 for the event.

There are currently no volunteers to host the Specialty. If the management of the National Specialty falls on the Officers/Board due to a lack of volunteers, the board needs to limit the amount of additional work it takes on to manage the event. With a motion by J. Jones, and a second, the board approves the following: If no group or individuals make a proposal for a national specialty when it falls to their geographic rotation, then the board will host it in that region, but will decrease the events to only those that are mandatory and to only those additional events which the board chooses to offer.

APPROVED: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones by phone, Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-36 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Research Proposal Dr. Johnson

Effective: October 29, 2015

Health & Research Committee member Laurie Stargell spoke to the board, at the annual BCOA board meeting, in favor of supporting a new Research Proposal from Dr. Gary Johnson, University of Missouri - College of Veterinary Medicine Columbia, MO. With the input from the Health & Research Committee, the board plans to work with Dr. Johnson on both parts of the proposal. With a motion by Hutchison and a second, the BCOA board approves and supports the use of the MassARRAY equipment and also supports the investigation of the mapping of the basenji Genome following acceptance of a satisfactory research proposal from Dr. Johnson. The funds for these projects would come from the Basenji Health Endowment and the BHE Board will ballot the funding.

APPROVED: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones (by phone), Ketz, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-37 APPROVED

SUBJECT: BHE Board of Directors for 2016

Effective: November 10, 2015

Please indicate your vote to name the 2016 Basenji Club of America, Inc. Officers and Board of Directors as the 2016 Basenji Health Endowment Officers and Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2016 with term to end on December 31, 2016.

President – Bryan Gregory; Vice President – LeeBeth Cranmer; Secretary – Janet Ketz; Treasurer – Laura Mae Hesse Board - Jon Curby, Karen Hutchison, Jackie Jones, Suzanne La Croix, Andrew Sawler, Denise Vertrees, Mike Work

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

BALLOT 2015-38 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2017 National Specialty Host Group

Effective: December 8, 2015

A National Specialty Central Region Host Group proposal was received for the 2017 National Specialty. The proposal was submitted by the Basenji Club of Southeastern Wisconsin. Lisa Marshall - Specialty Chair. Laura Hesse – Treasurer. The event will be held at Purina Farms, Gray Summit, MO during the week of September 9- 15, 2017.

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

Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-39 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Judge Selection Results

Effective: December 8, 2015

Based on the 2015 Judge Selection Ballot Tally the following judges received the highest number of total points after weighted voting:

2018 Conformation Judge and Junior Showmanship - Lisa Warren

She has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty

Procedures, Section III, A, 1, d: *“Judging fees and expenses combined may not exceed \$1000 US. BCOA Specialty Group will pay hotel expenses and meals for the duration of the judging assignment.”* She agrees not to judge basenjis in the USA and/or Canada for the six (6) months prior to the BCOA national specialty.

The assignment will be BASENJI – ALL CLASSES.

She is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge.

2017 Sweepstakes Judge – Cecily Rappe`

She has agreed to the requirements stated in the BCOA National Specialty Procedures, including Section III, A, 2, d:

Expenses such as travel, meals may not exceed \$400 US. BCOA Specialty Group will provide lodging and meals for the duration of the judging assignment - Sweepstakes Puppy & Veteran –All Classes.

We ask that she does not judge Basenjis sweepstakes for one (1) year prior to the specialty.

She is also entitled to attend all National Specialty activities (dinners, symposia, etc.) free of charge.

Please indicate your vote on issuing contracts, with terms as stated above, to both of these judges.

APPROVED: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: *[For complete results of the Judge Selection Tally Report for 2015, see December 2015 Bulletin Board Newsletter. Ms. Warren will also judge Junior Showmanship as part of her assignment]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-40 APPROVED

SUBJECT: AKC Canine Ambassador Recommendation

Effective: December 8, 2015

In a recent communication from AKC, a newly improved and enhanced Canine Ambassador Program was introduced providing clubs multiple opportunities to promote purebred dogs, responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs. In addition, it allows clubs to impact local policies by addressing issues relevant to purebred dog owners. With numerous updated lesson plans, new resources, and collaboration amongst Ambassadors, the program will provide the connection between clubs and purebred dog fanciers of tomorrow.

BCOA Member, Katie Campbell, WA has volunteered with AKC for the program. Requirements include a recommendation letter from the Parent Club. Please indicate your vote to recommend Katie Campbell and her canine partner “Chief” for the AKC Canine Ambassador Program.

APPROVED: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: *[For more information on this AKC program, go to <http://www.akc.org/public-education/canine-ambassador-program/> or contact the AKC Public Relations department at publiced@akc.org]*, La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-41 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2106 AKC Meet the Club Show Guide Listing

Effective: December 8, 2015

As an AKC Member Parent Club, we have been offered to be featured in the 2016 AKC Meet & Compete Show Guide, distributed to over 30,000 dog lovers with additional exposure on www.MeetTheBreeds.com for 6 months, with a FREE live web link to our club's website.

The specially-titled section, "Meet the Clubs" is a great way to boost interest in our club, educate the public about your breed and let them know about upcoming events or initiatives your club has. This will include a high-visibility page that will include our club's logo, along with contact information, a description, and our Club's website, all in an editorial format.

To participate, there is a nominal production fee of \$95 to help offset production expenses. This fee covers the print guide and online exposure as well as a free live web link.

Please indicate your vote to participate in the Show Guide.

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

Not in Attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-42 APPROVED

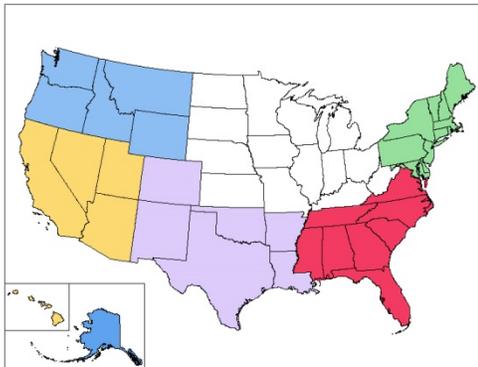
SUBJECT: Regional Specialty Procedure Revisions

Effective: December 8, 2015

In an effort to advance the interest of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows, BCOA developed a Regional Specialty Policy in Ballot 2014-33. In an effort to offer more opportunities for BCOA regional Specialty Shows the Policy will be revised to include 6 rather than just the 3 original regions. Please indicate your vote on the revised Policy.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comments: [*Changes noted in yellow. Pending Document Committee Review*], La Croix, Vertrees, Work

Not in attendance: Auerbach



BALLOT 2015-43 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Self Evaluation Survey

Effective: December 8, 2015

AKC has circulated a self-evaluation survey/study to AKC Breed Parent Clubs. It offers Parent Clubs an opportunity to identify and consider their strengths and weaknesses, in regard to AKC suggested criteria. Please indicate your vote to submit the study/survey to AKC.

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz-Comment: [*a sample of the 5 sections and points available on the survey is included below*], La Croix, Vertrees, Work

BALLOT 2015-44 APPROVED

SUBJECT: Vavra Book Sales

Effective: December 8, 2015

The 2015 Edition of the Robert Vavra book, *Canis Basenji* will now be available for sale on the BCOA Shop Online page. Please indicate your vote on the following costs, distribution and sales agent:

To purchase your piece of basenji history, visit www.basenji.org and click on Shop Online.

For questions or information contact:

Carrie Jones, 12701 65th St NE, Eyota, MN 55934-2105. Email: ankusenjis@gmail.com

Price: US: \$18 (postage included) Includes AK, HI, US possessions and any APO/FPO addresses.

Outside US: \$23 (postage included)

Volume discounts available to clubs - 10 or more -\$7.50 each plus postage - Contact Carrie Jones

Approved: Brown, Geoffroy, Gregory, Hutchison, Jones, Ketz- Comment: [*Canis Basenji is a whimsical book about life with a basenji, written and illustrated by Robert Vavra. This was Mr. Vavra's first book and also the only one he illustrated with pen and ink. Originally published by the BCOA in 1958, the current 2015 Edition has been updated with a new introduction, additional drawings and updated printing techniques.*], La Croix, Vertrees, Work
Not in attendance: Auerbach

BALLOT 2015-45 APPROVED

SUBJECT: 2015 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Effective: December 8, 2015

Our 2015 parliamentarian, Harry Rosenthal, suggested that rather than wait an entire year to approve the minutes of our annual membership meeting, the board of directors should approve the minutes in a timelier manner. He noted, Parliamentarian procedure allows the minutes to be approved by the board. The minutes of the 2015 Annual Membership meeting were published in the November Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments or corrections were received. Please indicate your vote to approve these meeting minutes as published.

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

Not in attendance: Auerbach

