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Basenji Club of America

# BULLETIN BOARD

February 2013

## 2013 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER ADVERTISING

Just a reminder...if you have paid for an ad to be in the roster, please have your ad material in **NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2013**. This deadline is being enforced! **Please DO NOT send your ads pre-designed in Word, Publisher or PowerPoint**. If there are any questions regarding ads, please contact Melody at [bcoaroster@gmail.com](mailto:bcoaroster@gmail.com).

## UNsung HERO NOMINATIONS FOR 2013

With this year's National Specialty falling earlier than usual in July, the deadline for Unsung Hero submissions is May 31, 2013.

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. Nominees for this award will have displayed extraordinary efforts to advance the purposes of the BCOA; consistently and unselfishly sharing his/her time and expense to promote events, activities and materials in support of the BCOA.

Submitters must provide the BCOA Board with the full name of the nominee and a statement of 250 words describing why this person should be considered for the award. Nominations should be sent to Janet Ketz, BCOA Secretary by US or electronic mail. The winner of the Unsung Hero Award will be announced at the BCOA Annual Meeting in Auburn, WA.

## SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

The Bulletin Board Newsletter is published in conjunction with membership in the Basenji Club of America, Inc. Dues are \$25 for single members; \$35 for family memberships. All applications for membership require the signature of two BCOA members in good standing. Send membership inquiries to Janet Ketz, 34025 West River Rd., Wilmington, IL 60481. Phone 815-325-5908. E-mail [jlketz@aol.com](mailto:jlketz@aol.com)

## DATES OF PUBLICATION

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## SUBMISSION INFORMATION

All submissions are requested by the 15th of the month preceding issue.

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## SUBMITTING EXPENSES TO BCOA TREASURER

Please note per BCOA Ballot 2004 – 48, published in January 2005 Bulletin Board: *“BCOA members incurring expenses covering BCOA budgeted items during the fiscal year shall submit invoices to the Treasurer on or before March 1st of the next year to be eligible for reimbursement. Expenditures incurred by members that are not covered by the Budget shall require Board approval. These bills shall be submitted to the Treasurer on or before February 1st of the next year. Committee Chairs shall be responsible for notifying committee members to submit receipts for expenses within this time frame.”*  
*“The link to the reimbursement form is on the Members page on Basenji.org”*

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## BCOA BULLETIN

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## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a BIRTH, MARRIAGE or DEATH pertaining to a member's IMMEDIATE family, please notify Peg Grundman if you want a card sent from the BCOA [mgrund1035@aol.com](mailto:mgrund1035@aol.com) 352-854-7144

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## NATIONAL SPECIALTY CALENDAR

*All dates & Judges pending AKC approval*

### 2013 – July 12 – July 17 • Auburn WA

Specialty Chair: Brenda Phillips • [ciarasmom@yahoo.com](mailto:ciarasmom@yahoo.com)  
Judges: Regular Classes - Judy Webb  
Sweepstakes: Andrew Sawler

### 2014 – Sept 23 - Sept 28 • Gray Summit, MO

Specialty Chair: Jon Curby • [jcurby@offa.com](mailto:jcurby@offa.com)  
Judges: Regular Classes - Mr. Russell Hendren  
Sweepstakes: Mr. Tad Brooks

### 2015 – Oct 26 - Nov 1 • Gettysburg, PA

Specialty Chair: Lisa Auerbach  
Judges: Regular Classes - Mr. Michael Work  
Sweepstakes: TBD

## SPECIALTY EVENT CALENDAR

DATES & CORRESPONDING BID DATES



## BCOA ILLUSTRATED STANDARD



We hope you all have enjoyed reading the NEW BCOA Illustrated Standard. Those wishing to obtain additional copies are welcome to do so via the shopping page on the BCOA website. Single copies are only \$10.00, or \$7.50 each for multiple copies. Affiliate clubs can order extra copies for \$5.00 each in quantities of five (5) or more. These prices do include postage.

## NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

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Tad Brooks, Tim Huff

## FOLLOWING THE 2013 NATIONAL

Those going to this year's National Specialty in Auburn, WA may want to also consider attending the Willamette Valley Specialty along with the following All-Breed shows:

**July 19, 2013 WVBC Specialty**  
Judges: Breed: Jennie Behles  
Sweeps: Col. Harold Brizee

**Stumptown All-Breed shows in Portland, OR  
July 20 & 21, 2013**

## 2016 NATIONAL SPECIALTY

Time to Plan the 2016 National Specialty Show -- The National Specialty Oversight Committee (NSOC) is requesting proposals from affiliate clubs or current BCOA member groups to host the 2016 national specialty show. The 2016 specialty will be in the WEST Region that covers these states: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, ND, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY.

Those wanting assistance in planning and developing a proposal should contact the members of the NSOC who are experienced basenji people willing to share their expertise in hosting this event. When considering the proposal, view the BCOA National Specialty Procedures at the Club's website on the members page. Submit the proposed plan on the Specialty Site Proposal form. Download this form or contact Jackie Jones (dragnquest@gotsky.com) to receive it in the MS Word format or as a hard copy through the postal service.

Deadline for proposals is April 1, 2013. Send proposals to the National Specialty Oversight Committee at the following address:  
National Specialty Oversight Committee  
Jackie Jones  
74505 Palm Creek Rd.  
Clatskanie, OR 97016  
503-728-9413

## GCBC DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

The GCBC Designated Specialty will be held June 15, 2013 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL, in conjunction with the Chicagoland Hound Association show.

Conformation judge: Ms. Karen Dumke  
Puppy/Veteran Sweepstakes judge: Mrs. Sylvia Lofrano.  
Any questions can be directed to:  
Susan Joyner, Joy-Us Basenjjs, New Lenox, IL, 815-485-8592  
ms\_joyner@comcast.net

## CONDOLENCES

The BCOA extends its deepest sympathy to the family of long-time member Lucretia Dye. Lu passed away in January after a fall.

Condolences can be sent to Lu's son:

Karl Dye  
6515 Ridge Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45213



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### **BALLOT 2013-01 APPROVED SUBJECT: BCOA BULLETIN EDITORS**

Postmarked: January 1, 2013

Effective: January 11, 2012

Circulated at the request of the President.

Please send your vote to appoint Eunice Ockerman (CA) and Kim Noyes (ME) as the Co-Editors of the BCOA quarterly magazine, The Bulletin.

APPROVE: Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert-Comment: [I am excited to see what these ladies can do with the BCOA Bulletin publication. With their professional expertise and creative eyes, this magazine should POP! THANK YOU BOTH for your willingness to donate your valuable time and professionalism to the club!], Straub, Work.

ABSTAIN: Auerbach.

RECUSE: Pooley-Comment: ["I have to recuse myself from this ballot as I am the editor of another magazine. However, I heartily support this team as a good choice to serve as the next Bulletin Editors."]

### **BALLOT 2013-02 APPROVED SUBJECT: ADOBE SOFTWARE SALE**

Postmarked: January 6, 2013

Effective: January 16, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

In 2012, BCOA purchased Adobe Creative Suite 5.5 Software for a total of \$428.41 for use by the Bulletin staff. This software will not be needed for future Bulletin work. Connie Camp has offered to purchase the software for \$214.21. Please send your vote to approve the sale of this software.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Siekert-Comments: [My understanding of this is Connie purchased the software for the BCOA last year using a student discount. In the eyes of Adobe, she is and always has been the owner thus Connie is in effect reimbursing the BCOA for half the cost that was paid to her for its use by her.], Straub, Work.

ABSTAIN: Pooley.

### **BALLOT 2013-03 APPROVED SUBJECT: ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE PURCHASE**

Postmarked: January 6, 2013

Effective: January 16, 2013

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The Norton Antivirus software used on the Club's Dell 1535 laptop computer that is currently in use by the 2013 National Specialty Treasurer needs to be renewed. The maximum allowance will be \$80.00. Please send your vote to approve the renewal expense.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

### **BALLOT 2013-04 APPROVED SUBJECT: DISTRIBUTION OF AGILITY TRIAL EARNINGS**

Postmarked: January 14, 2013

Effective: January 24, 2013

Circulated at the request of the President.

For the first time in 2012, the Basenji Club of America (BCOA) had supported entries on December 1 & 2, 2012 at the Dayton Dog Training Club (DDTC) all-breed agility trials. BCOA received \$1000.00 for the supported entries. Please send your vote on distribution of the proceeds with \$500.00 each to both the 2013 and 2014 National Specialty host groups to be spent to benefit the National Specialty Agility Trials.

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert-Comment: [Huge SHOUT OUT to Becky Blansett, Epic Basenjis and the Dayton Dog Training Club for the idea of having the BCOA host an all breed agility trial. It cost the BCOA absolutely nothing except a few BCOA members time (SHOUT OUT TO YOU ALL as well) and brought in \$1000 dollars to be used for future National Specialty agility trials. Can't get any better than that!], Straub-Comment: [Very glad this worked out so well! Thanks, Becky!], Work.

### **BALLOT 2013-05 APPROVED SUBJECT: AVONGARA MAHA GANY**

Postmarked January 14, 2013

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Avongara Maha Gany to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person



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believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Greenlee-Comment: [I previously voted against this dog because he appears to be quite lacking in breed quality--but he is a Basenji, and the concerns expressed by others in the breed regarding the increasing threat to the purity of native stock have convinced me that he should be accepted.], J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Work, Siekert- (Comments: For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08. Below you will find how I voted in January 2012 for the 2012 Native Stock applicants, since my opinion has not changed, if anything 2012 Board discussion re: Native Stock procedures, similar discussion on various chat lists, discussions with various import groups, discussions within the Native Stock committee on the original intent of the procedures and the responses from importers, judges and native stock owners to the Native Stock committee questionnaires - have only strengthened these opinions, therefore I have chosen to vote identically in 2013.

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

Criteria:

- 1/ Breed type
- 2/ Phenotype
- 3/ Provenance: Historical, historical presumptions
- 4/ Application process: evaluations, health testing
- 5/ Breeder interest
- 6/ Membership Inclusion

Criteria key points:

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

Breed type cannot be defined as "Is this a dog I would breed to?" There are domestic Champions I would never use in my breeding program but they are no less a basenji because of it nor does it mean they are not on someone else's breeding radar screen. Expecting native stock to look like show stock, much less produce like show stock, within the first generation(s) is unrealistic.

2/ Phenotype: Do the 2013 applicants have atypical variations? Is there anything in their phenotype which has not been seen in the domestic population? Is there anything in their offspring which has not been seen in the domestic population?

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

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

Breed type variation is important for genetic diversity - the primary goal of importing native stock. The less tolerant we become of variation, the more our gene pool is reduced for future generations.

3/ Provenance: Presumption has been the basenji only originates and exists in a small geographical area despite vast tracts of Africa in which no one has specifically travelled while looking for basenjies - until the early 21st century when first Veronica Tudor-Williams, then Jon Curby, Michael Work and Damara Bolte, went looking for, and found, basenjies in other regions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It is far better for the breed long term to have breeders breeding for variation.

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

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

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

### Conclusion:

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

DISAPPROVE: Straub-Comment: [With regret, I disapprove all applicants. While I respect and admire the efforts of those who have worked so hard to bring these dogs back, I don't feel any of them are true Basenjis. That does not make them any less loved by those who have them in their hearts and homes and I am truly sorry that they will no doubt feel that this is a personal decision, it is not. I would love to have, in good conscience, approved them all, but I'm not convinced that these are truly Basenjis.

ABSTAIN: Curby.

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### **BALLOT 2013-06 APPROVED SUBJECT: AVONGARA NGUBA**

Postmarked January 14, 2013

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Avongara Nguba to be submitted to the membership for their vote by region of import to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Greenlee-Comment: [She is unquestionably a Basenji and I agree that she does have something to offer the breed (despite a woefully uncooperative tail).], J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert- (Comments: For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.

DISAPPROVE: Straub-Comment:[Listed only once in Ballot 2013-05 but is applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.]

ABSTAIN: Curby, Work

### **BALLOT 2013-07 APPROVED SUBJECT: AVUVI ENAGNON**

Postmarked January 14, 2013

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Avuvi Enagnon to be submitted to the membership for their vote by region of import to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby-Comment: [Evaluators saw enough merit in these dogs that they should have the benefit of the membership expressing an opinion.], J. Jones-Comment: [I really would like to see some video of this one. The static pictures to me do not show enough.], Ketz, Kirk, Siekert-Comments: [For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.], Work.

DISAPPROVE: Greenlee-Comment: This is a handsome dog, but I do not think that he, or any of the other Avuvis I have seen, are/were Basenjis.], Pooley-Comment: [After more consideration I am unable to change my decision from the 2012 ballot.], Straub-Comment:[Listed only once in Ballot 2013-05 but is applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.]

### **BALLOT 2013-08 APPROVED SUBJECT: NTOMBA MOBENGI**

Postmarked January 14, 2013

Effective January 24, 2013

In compliance with the procedures outlined in the petition for Native Stock Basenjis, please send your vote on Ntomba Mobengi to be submitted to the membership for their vote by import region to be added to the AKC studbook. By voting "approve" each person believes, to the best of their ability, that the dog is a basenji.

<https://www.basenji.org/NativeStock/Applicants/List2013.html>

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby- Comment: [Evaluators saw enough merit in these dogs that they should have the benefit of the membership expressing an opinion.], J. Jones-Comment: [I really would like to see some video of this one. The static pictures to me do not show enough.], Ketz, Kirk, Siekert-Comments: [For the sake of brevity, I ask that my comments be listed only once but be applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.], Work.

DISAPPROVE: Greenlee-Comment: [I do not think this dog is a Basenji. If I saw this dog walking down the street, I would not identify him as a Basenji, and having observed him on many occasions, have never thought that he was a Basenji.], Pooley-Comment: [I am sorry, but I still remain unconvinced that this dog is a basenji. This dog exhibits that primitive look often found in Africa. The

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video on the owner's website bears out this fact as many different types of dogs living in the villages, including the one where this dog was collected, can be seen on the selected footage of the trip.], Straub-Comment:[Listed only once in Ballot 2013-05 but is applied to Ballots 2013-05 through 2013-08.]

### **BALLOT 2013-09 APPROVED SUBJECT: LURE COURSING COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Postmarked: January 30, 2013 Effective: February 8, 2013

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Please send your vote to appoint Susan Campeau (NC) as the Lure Coursing Committee Chair, along with a stipend of \$550.00 to attend the ASFA ACoD Meeting in Denver, CO during March, as the BCOA Delegate.

APPROVE: Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Straub.

DISAPPROVE: Work-Comment: [I feel that we needed to vote her as committee chair BEFORE we vote to spend that money which was unbudgeted.]

ABSTAIN: Auerbach-Comment: ["Committees are, per the bylaws, to be appointed by the BCOA Board. The Board was not told that this position was vacant until a ballot was presented. While I have no objection to the nominee, cutting the Board out of suggesting nominees is a process that has historically caused problems for BCOA.

When the Board doesn't know about a position until voting on a specific nominee, the Board's role changes - from suggesting members who might be a good choice, to voting for or against a single specific person. That, in fact, is why I am abstaining rather than voting against - I have no reason to think that Sue won't do a good job, and frankly I do not want to vote against her. My concern is the process, not the person.

Having the president ballot new committee chairs, without prior Board notification, was abandoned in recent years specifically because it caused problems for the club. The issues were as follows:

Some clubs and some groups of friends were very well represented by committee chairs while others had minimal or no representation.

Some people chaired or served on multiple committees while some people who were interested in serving on committees were never asked to participate.

The term "clique" was frequently bandied about by those who felt excluded.

Over time, more and more members commented that this gave the impression that serving BCOA was determined by who you knew, not by your skills and willingness to serve. While I don't believe that was ever the intent, in practice, good people were being left out and not everyone got an equal chance to serve.

As a result, in the past few years that I served, the Board was told when chairs no longer wanted to continue, and potential nominees were identified to the Board before the new chairs were put to a vote. In some cases there was a good bit of discussion before committees were balloted, which included identifying new potential volunteers who had not previously chaired or co-chaired committees. Several of those nominees are still serving, and doing very well.

I've seen both approaches in action and the wider input, to me, appears to work much better. Giving eleven people the chance to make suggestions makes nominations more likely to include new faces. Often these people were proven at their local levels - they were known to their clubs, but previously they were not committee members or chairs for BCOA.

Serving BCOA on a committee, whether standing, special, or Nationals, increases one's commitment to the club. Having a diverse group of members committed to the club strengthens BCOA. These choices are important.

No one person, president or otherwise, will know every willing and skilled BCOA member. I believe it's vital to have the Board made aware of committee vacancies, and given enough advance warning to be able to suggest potential committee chairs.],

Siekert-Comment: [Unfortunately the manner in which this ballot was originally written, to which I am voting, equates to a ballot I cannot approve. We were asked by the President to vote on an ASFA Lure Coursing Delegate, not Lure Coursing Committee Chair. Another concern is the process in which this nominee was presented to the Board; the nominee had already been picked to fill a vacancy with zero discussion amongst the Board. The ballot/nominee was then sent to the board with a call for votes. While discussion was perfunctorily allowed after the fact, suggestions for another nominee, who is quite active within ASFA, therefore possibly able to serve the BCOA for considerably less money, was seemingly ignored. No obvious (to mean communicated to the board) follow up was done with the second person to see if they were even a feasible alternative. The BCOA bylaws state the Board appoints committee chairs; to me this means the full board should be a part of the process from beginning (learning which committee chairs are stepping down, discussion of nominees, selection of nominees) to the end (vote). While I have no doubt of the current nominees ability to represent the BCOA, someone equally as qualified but potentially at little to no cost to the club should have been more seriously considered - if not before the job was presented to someone else, then once an alternative suggestion was made.]



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### BALLOT 2013-10 APPROVED SUBJECT: COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2013

Postmarked: February 3, 2013      Effective: February 12, 2013

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Please send your vote on the following Committee Chairs for 2013 and the elimination of the Volunteer Liaison due to zero response from membership.

African Stock Project:	James Johannes, Linda Siekert
AKC Gazette Columnist:	Marcia Woodard
AKC Delegate:	Katie Campbell
AKC Legislative Liaison:	Vickie Jacobs
Archive Action Committee:	Donna DeFlorio
Breeder's Education:	Susan Coe, Laurie Stargell
Breeder Referral:	Sandy Beaudoin
Breed Standard:	Damara Bolte, Midge Greenlee, Andrew Sawler (Trainee)
By-Laws & Corporate Documents:	Midge Greenlee
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Fund Raising Committee:	Sue Campeau
Health & Research:	Kirsten Sigrist
Judge Education:	Marianne Klinkowski
Judge Selection:	Kim Noyes
Judge Selection Tallier:	Laurie Stargell
Junior Liaison:	Sharon Unrau
Junior Tallier:	Tonda Wright
Legal Review & Liaison:	Karla Schreiber
Membership Ballot Tallier:	Kim Brown
Native Stock (Studbook):	Pam Geoffroy, Damara Bolte
National Specialty Oversight:	Jackie Jones
Bulletin Board Newsletter Editor:	Melody Falcone
Obedience Tallier:	Katy Scott
Pedigree Research:	Sally Wallis
Performance Events/Versatility:	Cindy Griswold & Suzanne LaCroix
Performance Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Honor Tallier:	Susan Kamen Marsicano
Public Education:	Brad Phifer
Rescue Liaison:	Carrie Jones
Social Media:	Clay Bunyard
Stud Dog/Brood Bitch Tallier:	Julie Jones
Sunshine:	Peg Grundman
Videography:	Andrew Sawler
Website Security:	Lisa Corell Auerbach
Website:	Susan Coe, Kyle Cabral, Clay Bunyard
African Stock Project	James Johannes
Versatility	Suzanne LaCroix
Native Stock and Basenji University	Susan Coe
Events	Libby Cox
AKC Legislative Liaison	Vickie Jacobs

APPROVE: Auerbach, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Pooley, Straub-Comment: [Thank you to all of our new and especially returning volunteers!]

DISAPPROVE: Work-Comment: [I feel these should all be separate ballots. For me to disapprove just one committee head I must disapprove them all. This makes no sense to me.]

## BCOA BALLOTS • February 2013 continued

ABSTAIN: Siekert-Comment: [see Ballot 2013-10. Once again I am concerned the current process for the selection of Committee chairs is not line with the process outlined in BCOA bylaws. We are being handed a slate of nominees in which we had zero input. I am also concerned any committee chair selections which elicited Board discussion/concerns were not appropriately segregated so they could be further discussed and/or voted on separately. Grouped together as they are, Board members are forced to approve all, disapprove all or withhold voting altogether. This is not how the process should be working, in my opinion.]

No Record of Vote: Curby, Kirk.

### **BALLOT 2013-11 APPROVED SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS**

Postmarked: February 4, 2013      Effective: February 13, 2013

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, 2013 Bulletin Board Newsletter. No comments have been received. Please mark your vote on admitting them to membership in BCOA.

Craig Garcia & Dwight Yeager [HI]

Mike Roach & Adam Therrell [GA]

APPROVE: Auerbach, Curby, Greenlee, J. Jones, Ketz, Kirk, Pooley, Siekert, Straub, Work.

**Basenji Club of America – Judges Selection**

**STAGE I - Nomination Collection**

**Deadline for Stage I voting is June 15, 2013**

*Email and Snail mail is accepted during this Stage*

You may nominate up to FIVE Judges in each category.

*Please make sure that you VERIFY that your candidate is eligible to judge Basenjies if nominating a REGULAR Judge candidate.*

**NOT ELIGIBLE:**

Michael Work (2015), Russell Hendren (2014), Judy Webb (2013), John Reeve Newson (2012), Lisa Tyler (2011), Kent Delaney (2010), Terri Gaveltz (2009), and Jon Curby (2008).

**BCOA 2016 National Specialty REGULAR CLASSES:** please list name, address, and phone number

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**NOT ELIGIBLE:**

A. Tad Brooks (2014), Andrew Sawler (2013), Carrie Jones (2012), Debbie Hauri (2011), Kari Wuornos-Winger (2010), Wanda Pooley (2009), Brenda Cassell (2008), and Linda Ehlers (2007).

**BCOA 2015 National Specialty SWEEPSTAKES CLASSES:** please list name, address, and phone number

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BCOA MEMBER nominating the above:

Member Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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You can email your selections to [kanoyes@me.com](mailto:kanoyes@me.com) or snail mail this form to:  
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