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President's Message

You have in your possession a summary of changes to our Constitution from the Constitution Committee and you will find a copy in this Communiqué. Please discuss this with your members; we have a big job ahead of us to bring our Constitution up to NYS laws and AKC. It is evident that we need to change the way our Club does business, we all will need to work together to find the best ways to start this transition. There are a lot of discussions on how we should vote on board business,

I would ask during these discussions you try to find ways to start the transition to comply with the law and not what is the easiest in the short term. I would love to be able to vote by e-mail, but it is against the NYS law. This is not going to be easy, and we are not the first club that has had to change the way we do club business, but I am confident that we will be able to work together and get the job done. Thank you Jeff and your Committee on the work you are doing on this project.

The calendar is being shipped and has been a great success; I would like to thank Collie Expressions for getting it done in such a timely manner. I am told there are still Calendars available, please let your members know who to contact if they have not purchased there's yet.

I sent the board a proposal from the Breeders Education Committee; they have worked very hard on this project, please consult with your members on this proposal and vote accordingly.

The Yearbook Editor and her Committee are busy getting the Yearbook ready for publication; here is a message from Michelle:

Attention CCA members! The 2014 CCA Yearbook site is up! Please take note of important items:

1. Due to the early National date, we have a Jan. 10 FIRM DEADLINE
2. By popular demand, HALF PAGE COLOR ads are being offered this year
3. We are offering a REDUCED full page color rate
4. All new WEBSITE and all new EMAIL ADDRESSES.

Editor: Michelle Esch-Brooks, michelle@ccayearbook.com

We have had a change of plans on the Seminar at Eukanuba this year. The Judges Committee has asked Lori Montero and Pam Durazzano to present the Collie Seminar this year.

Also included is a report from Darci Brown on the CCA Logo, I would like to thank Darci for all her hard work in getting this report for us.

I also would like to thank Kathy Moll and her Committee for their hard work on the Breeder of the year award.

I would again like to thank each of you for all the hard work you do for the CCA.

Mike Van Tassell.

Secretary's Message

Be on the watch for your Membership Renewal letters will soon be in the mail. Please check your contact information provided in the letter and mail promptly back to Membership Chair, Judy Guthrie, for processing.

The nominations for the Good Sportsmanship Award are being received by the committee. Please send your nominations of 100 words or less along with at least three accompanying letters of support for your nominee. Nominations will close as of January 10, 2015.

The final ballot for the Judges selection for CCA 2017 are sent as an attachment to this Communique' packet. Members please send your selections to your district director immediately so they can get their votes mailed to the Tellers in plenty of time.

If you haven't already purchased, there are few CCA 2015 Calendars still available. Ordering information can be found on the CCA website, Collies Online, and from your district director.

The winter issue of the Bulletin is in the works. A huge "thank you" for all your great articles, pictures, and information sent to your loyal readers, the members of the Collie Club of America.

Nominations for the Shining Star Award should be sent to Leslie Rappaport, leslie@kingsvalleycollies.com.

The CCA 2015 will be soon opening your opportunities to sign up for grooming and seating, etc. Don't forget to make your hotel reservations and begin planning your attire. Time is passing quickly and the event will be here before you know it.

Hope you have taken every opportunity to enjoy the beautiful fall weather. Thanksgiving will soon be upon us and winter not far behind. Enjoy each and every day....hug your collies

As ever, Janie

Report – Health Committee – Chair, David Hansen, DVM, DAVDC

Hi Mike,

Your e-mail came at a great time. I just received the Donor Advised Fund Statement from the AKC Canine Health Foundation. I will attach it for your information. Our balance right now is \$58,778.82. The CCA has never used any of this for a research project, but have just let it sit there. The AKC contacted me last year to ask why we have not used this money toward a grant, etc.

Years ago the CHF (Collie Health Foundation) was started to raise money for research, choose research grant and promote the health of the collie. To that end the CHF also has an account and donor advised fund. Evidently the CCA never closed or stopped their account so money keeps getting put into it via Purina Parent Club Program, Gains, interest, etc. As I see it, we have a few options.

1. The CCA can transfer the money to the account of the Collie Health Foundation and let the grants committee work on finding the qualified grants to participate in.
2. Start a grants committee in the CCA to do the research and recommend to the board which grants to participate in.
3. Have the CHF grant committee make recommendations for the CCA BOD to vote on.
4. Still do nothing, and make the CCA look bad by not participating in research.
5. Other?

As the chair of the Health Committee, I recommend the first option, as they are doing a lot of work going through the grants every year to find the best ones to participate in. It does not make sense to repeat the work again. Talking with the AKC CHF Chief Scientific Officer, all we would need is a letter from the CCA Board of Directors to transfer the money to the Collie Health Foundation account.

I really hope that we at the CCA can resolve this issue in some fashion in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dave

David Hansen, DVM, DAVDC, Chair of the Health Committee

Report - CCA LOGO – by Darci L Brown

I have had numerous email and telephone conversations with Mary Kummer concerning the issue of the CCA Logo. First I think we need to include a few definitions so everyone is using the same terminology.

ARTIST- Persons having superior skill or ability, or who are capable of producing superior work.

GRAPHIC DESIGN - The practice or profession of designing print or electronic forms of visual information, as for an advertisement, publication or website.

LOGO: a graphic representation or symbol of a company name, trademark, abbreviation, etc., often uniquely designed for ready recognition.

COPYRIGHT: Protection of the creative results of an original idea or concept fixed to a tangible medium. Copyright is established when an original work is created, composed or written and fixed to a tangible medium such as paper, canvas, recording, a hard drive, on film, etc. **THE COPYRIGHT IS OWNED BY THE CREATOR.** Copyright ownership may be transferred and/or sold; this is accomplished usually via contract.

The logo we currently use was not originally designed for use as a logo but as a special edition pin for the 1986 CCA Centennial show. This was meant to be a one time use. At a later date Mary was contacted by CCA to request use of this artwork for a logo. Letterhead, club publications, etc. Mary was happy to do this as a gift to the club. However she did specify that she have creative control over it's uses. When a piece of artwork is designed for a specific use it does not translate into other uses. Today Logo's are designed to be multi use. Your logo will appear exactly the same on a business envelope as it would on a 20 foot high banner. If the work is not designed for this you will get distortion and this will corrupt the initial work. This could result in your Collie not looking like a Collie at all. Mary strongly feels that any representation that does not correctly portray a Collie in accordance with the standard would give

the wrong impression about the breed. At first her request was honored by CCA but soon the artwork was being used for multiple uses without her input.

Unfortunately, for either party, there appears to be no written contracts. So much of this is from memory or conversations with people who are no longer with us to provide input and direction.

Mary is very proud that CCA has used her work and considers her interpretation as representative of the ideal Collie according to the standard. But she is also an artist and the creative process that drives any artist is the passion for their work. It is far more than scribbles on a paper. It is something that comes from the very soul and should be respected and honored.

It is her creative work and also her legally copyrighted work. It does not belong to the CCA we have only been granted the use of it provided we adhere to her conditions. I would like to interject here that I have spoken to several artists, graphic designers and ad agency people and none believe her condition of approval is excessive or unwarranted. Unfortunately in today's world very few understand or respect copy righted material. We all see ad's in dog publications, online magazines, etc. using popular images to portray their dogs. Unless they have received permission from the copy right holder this is an illegal use. Using quotes or articles either in print or on the web without securing permission on copy righted material is against the law. This is usually done without the author or artist even knowing that their work has been used or corrupted. I have no indication that Mary would seek financial restitution but it would be within her legal right to do so.

Mary is happy to have the CCA use her image for their logo, publications, etc as long as her approval is sought for each and every design. She must be given a reasonable amount of time if she needs to adjust or alter an image to make it workable for the project CCA desires. If CCA is unwilling to do this and still wishes to use her work then each and every rendition of this artwork must contain the words "third party rendition" as it no longer becomes her artwork when it is redone by third party vendors.

So one of the questions that the CCA Board needs to consider is the value of the logo as a branding tool for CCA. Is the image that Mary has created synonymous with the publics perception of CCA? If the answer to that question is yes then are you willing to adhere to her conditions of use? She is not willing to give up copy righted ownership at this point but is willing to give that right to CCA upon her death and will note it in her will. Would you consider having her create a new image that might be easier to translate in to other mediums?

Another option would be to hire the creation of an entirely new logo for the clubs use. This could be using another artist from the club or going to an outside graphic design firm to create one. The latter is strictly a business relationship and would require out right purchase resulting in total control for all uses. This is the easiest way to go but also the most costly. Estimates I got run between \$2000 to \$4000. Regardless if you choose an artist within the club or an outside firm I would STRONGLY suggest that this be done on a legal basis with a contract covering the obligations of both sides.

If the choice is to use a club member to create a logo it needs to be someone who understands logo creations. A logo is your 30 second sound bite to the world. It needs to portray who you are and what you stand for and what service you provide.

All of the options are workable from the clubs standpoint. There are good and bad with each option. The choice needs to be carefully considered, taking in the account the future you see for the CCA and image you would like to see portrayed.

I have very much enjoyed my conversations with Mary and the others I have interviewed. They have allowed me to have an inside view of a very creative process and I hope and yes request, that if your ultimate decision is to sever ties with Mary that it is done in a dignified and respectful manner. She has given the CCA a great gift and should be treated kindly for that.

Report - Breeder of the Year Committee

Kathy V. Moll, Chair,

Emily Berkley, Isabel Ososki, Leslie Rappaport, Ellen Russell, Jeanine Blaner (Consultant & WCC Chair)

To the CCA Board of Directors:

Attached you will find the summary of the work of the Breeder of the Year Committee in its effort to create a new BOY award as requested. All committee members, assisted by Jeanine Blaner, chair of the CCA's Working Collie Committee, have worked long and hard to bring this task to its conclusion and have agreed, unanimously, that what we are presenting is our best possible effort.

This committee conducted two comprehensive surveys to determine what the CCA membership wanted the BOY award to be. We took the results of those surveys, comments from members submitted to the committee along with research into how other national breed clubs address similar awards, and used the combined data to shape our suggested award criteria.

As you review what we are submitting here, please understand that **PAGE ONE** of this document is the most relevant to the BOD and the general membership. The remaining sections of the report are intended to be the templates for calculation for the award that will be used by the members of the award committee once appointed, approved and working on finding any given year's award recipients.

At this time, BOY committee members who are also CCA BOD members (Kathy Moll, Isabel Ososki and Emily Berkley) make the following motion and offer seconds to it:

We move that this BOY committee report (see attached) be accepted and made the means by which the Collie Club of America determines, annually, the recipients of the Breeder Of The Year awards for both rough and smooth Collies.

Breeder of the Year Criteria with Calculation Examples

Breeder of the Year awards will be given in both rough and smooth varieties. The award will be based on the following percentages and criteria for each variety.

Conformation = 75%

Health = 10%

Performance/Service = 15%

Conformation results comprise the highest percentage of the Breeder of the Year award; therefore, the top 5-6 breeders in each variety based on raw numbers will be considered and invited to complete applications to provide the additional criteria needed to qualify for Breeder of the Year. Other breeders, who believe they may qualify, may also apply.

Top breeders in the conformation category will be determined utilizing a formula that calculates a percentage from the previous three (3) year average of puppies produced compared with the number of champions produced in the year of consideration.

<i>Breeder of the Year Total Results Roughs (or Smooths):</i>				
Breeder	<i>Conformation weighted mean:</i>	<i>Health criteria weighted mean:</i>	<i>Performance criteria weighted mean:</i>	<i>Final totals</i>
Breeder of the year candidate 1	19.5	2	1.8	23.3

<i>Breeder of the Year Total Results Roughs (or Smooths):</i>				
Breeder of the year candidate 2	15	0	5.6	20.6
Breeder of the year candidate 3	16.5	5	0.3	21.8
Breeder of the year candidate 4	15	D	4.2	D
Breeder of the year candidate 5	11.3	1.3	1.1	13.7
Breeder of the year candidate 6	18.8	11	4.2	34

In this scenario Breeder 6 would be the Breeder of the Year in the variety.

See the following pages showing how calculations will be determined in each category.

See hypothetical calculation examples below as to how the above numbers were reached. Specific criteria for health and performance calculations are attached at the end of this section.

Roughs or Smooths:

<i>Conformation Results (75%) Roughs (or Smooths):</i>					
Breeder	<i>Number of rough CHs bred/co-bred presented in calendar year 20__</i>	<i>Avg. number of pups per year (total puppies bred/co-bred over past 3 years / 3)</i>	<i>% Rough CHs 20__</i>	<i>Rank T= tie</i>	<i>Weighted mean for AKC Champion criteria = 75%</i> <i>Weighted percentage calculation per breeder = % rough CHs 20__ x 75% =</i>
Breeder of the year candidate 1	13	50	26%	1	26 x 0.75 = 19.5
Breeder of the year candidate 2	9	44	20%	4 T	20 x 0.75 = 15
Breeder of the year candidate 3	8	36	22%	3	22 x 0.75 = 16.5
Breeder of the year candidate 4	6	30	20%	4 T	20 x 0.75 = 15
Breeder of the year candidate 5	6	40	15%	5	15 x 0.75 = 11.3
Breeder of the year candidate 6	3	12	25%	2	25x 0.75 = 18.8

<i>Health Criteria Results (10%) Roughs (or Smooths)</i>				
Breeder	<i>Minimum criteria met = Y/N</i>	<i>Additional points from grid</i>	<i>Total point accumulation</i>	<i>Health criteria weighted mean: total points x 10%</i>
Breeder of the year candidate 1	Y	20	20	20 x 0.10 = 2
Breeder of the year candidate 2	Y	0	0	0
Breeder of the year candidate 3	Y	50	50	50 x 0.10 = 5
Breeder of the year candidate 4	N	75	75	Disqualified
Breeder of the year candidate 5	Y	25	25	25 x 0.10 = 1.3
Breeder of the year candidate 6	Y	110	110	110 x 0.10 = 11

<i>Performance Criteria Results (15%) Roughs (or Smooths):</i>		
Breeder	<i>Total points accumulated from grid</i>	<i>Performance criteria weighted mean: total points x 15%</i>
Breeder of the year candidate 1	12	12 x 0.15 = 1.8
Breeder of the year candidate 2	37	37 x 0.15 = 5.6
Breeder of the year candidate 3	2	2 x 0.15 = 0.3
Breeder of the year candidate 4	28	28 x 0.15 = 4.2
Breeder of the year candidate 5	7	7 x 0.15 = 1.1
Breeder of the year candidate 6	28	28 x 0.15 = 4.2

Health Criteria Point Grid:

Health screening comprises 10% of the total BOY award criteria BUT minimum criteria must be present for consideration. Health Criteria will be reviewed and updated by the CCA Health Policy Committee at least every two years.

Assumptions:

- Health screening as noted in CCA COE #3 will be **required** for BOY award consideration.
- Documentation need to be easily obtained or quantifiable.
- Criteria need to be met on the dogs finishing conformation championships or performance titles in the calendar year. Proof of health testing is required - NOT results
- Research participation can be kennel-based and points accumulated over the past 3 year period (points only awarded once within the 3 year period).

Required Minimum Health Criteria		
Proof of CEA eye exams by a licensed veterinarian trained in ophthalmology or by a certified Veterinary ophthalmologist will be required for consideration of Breeder of the Year awards in all categories.	The results of eye checks are not required - just documented proof that appropriate testing has been completed on a consistent basis and for the specific dogs utilized for award consideration.	Prodigy of parents CEA cleared by Optigen will also be considered. (COE #3)

Point accumulation for proof of additional health screening/testing on dogs submitted		
Documented health testing providing clearance by parentage would be accepted when appropriate		
Other quantifiable Health Testing	Examples:	Bonus points awarded
	PRA	20
	MDR1	20
	OFA Hip and/or Elbow Grading	5
	Grey Collie	5
	Other (specify)	5
Participation in ongoing research (specify organization i.e. CHF sponsored research or AKC-CHF)	Examples: -CRD -Candidate Gene Research of GDV (bloat) -Canine Coat and Nose color -Canine coat and Length -Dermatomyositis (DM) -GnRH vaccination for Rx of urinary incontinence -Cancer Tumor samples (CCHC) -vWB causal mutation and development of DNA test -Canine Epilepsy/seizure research	Points depend on type of participation: See Below
	DNA testing	10
	DNA banking	10
	Providing history and other survey type information	5
	Other (specify)	5

Additional Health Criteria Points

Performance Criteria Point Grid (criteria and values established by the CCA Working Collie Committee)

Performance criteria comprise 15% of the Breeder of the Year Award and are accrued on dogs bred by, but not necessarily owned by the Breeder of the Year Award candidate during the calendar year being considered. Only the highest performance title for a given dog will be utilized for points. Performance criteria will be reviewed and updated by the CCA Working Collie Committee at least every two years.

Value	Obedience	Rally	Agility	Tracking	Herding	Therapy & Service	Versatility
1	CGC	RN			HIC, IT		
2	CGCA	RA	NAP, NJP, NFP		HT		
3	BN	RE	NA, NAJ, NF		PT	THDN	
4	CD	RAE	OAP, OJP, OFP				
5	GN		OA, OAJ, OF	TD	HS	THD	VCD1
6	CDX / GO		AXP, AJP, XFP, T2BP				VCD2
7	UD		AX, AXJ, XF, T2B	TDX	HI	Shining Star / THDA	VA
8	OM / OGM		MXP, MJP, MFP				VCD3
9	UDX		MX, MXJ, MF, PAX	VST	HX	THDX	VX
10	OTCH		PACH, MACH	CT	HC	Ambassador / THDD	VCD4
11							GV
12							VCCH

Marion Johnson, Chair
Bi-Monthly Committee Reports

Attention: all newly elected/approved CCA Committee Chairs and committee members:

As we know, we (the CCA board) have approved that **all** committees report any actions, activities and/or accomplishments to the board every other month.

I am attaching a form that will make this reporting requirement compliance easy!!

Please note that the committees are divided into either

odd months (Jan, March, May, July, Sept, Nov)

or

even months (Feb April, June Aug, Oct, Dec)

Please see the attached list for which (odd or even) months your committee reports are due.

With your cooperation, this will be an easy and useful tool to keep our board and our members updated and involved in the workings of our Collie Club of America. These reports will also facilitate your end-of-the-year reports for the CCA yearbook.

All reports should be emailed to reach me by **the 5th of that month.**

My email: collienews@centurytel.net

Please use CCA **Bi-Monthly Report** in subject line.

Below is a copy of the format to use in sending in your report: If there is NO action, then just check line 1. If you do have any actions to report, then please summarize on line 2.

Committee Name: _____

Person submitting report: _____

Committee accomplishments/activities/actions for this reporting period:

#1 ___ No activity to report for this period

#2 ___ Yes, we had activity: See summary below:

Good Sportsmanship Award Report

Hope everyone is getting their letters of support together for their choice of the Good Sportsmanship Award recipient. Only 2 months to go to get your nominations in. It can be a person you know who has done, or does, something in our sport that made a good impression on you. Someone you feel is really a good sport in the breed by their actions is also eligible. The award is a lovely medallion given by the AKC to the person, in each breed, that personifies the being of a good sport. Perhaps a member of your local club who had gone out of their way to help or, someone who has always been willing to be there for any number of reasons.

Please send your nomination letters of up to 100 words to the following addresses: Kirkhaven1@verizon.net; and/or marnuscol@gmail.com.

Remember, the award is presented at the week of the National so it is a good idea to get your letters in early .

Thanks to all the members.

Joan E Kirkland and GSA Committee

CCA Committees – Reporting List
DUE 1ST OF MONTH

Committees with reports due Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov <u>ODD MONTHS</u>	Committees with reports due Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec. <u>EVEN MONTHS</u>
AKC Gazette Columnist	AKC Legislative Liaison
Archives	Ass Sec. (Show Materials)
Ass. Sec. (Show Permission/Loving Cup)	Audio & Visual Librarian
Audit (Standing Committee)	Bi - Monthly Committee Reports
Board Realignment	Breed Education
Breeder of the Year	Bulletin
Collie Welfare/Rescue	Communications
Constitution	Elections
Ethics	Good Sportsmanship
Hawkins System	Health Policy
Judges Education	Junior Showmanship
Library of Champions	Membership
National Show Trophies	National Show Rules
National Show Committee	Newsletter
Online Storage	Public Relations
Register of Merit	Register of Merit - ROMP
Scheduler	Shining Star
Tellers	Versatility & HIC
Working Collie Committee	WCC - Sub Committee Herding
Website - IT	Written Revisions
Yearbook	

CCA Newsletter – New Committee Chair and Staff

**Bio: Marion Johnson,
For Editor , CCA newsletter**

I was so pleased that the board voted to keep the newsletter, with the understanding that the format would be updated to reflect articles that are pertinent and informative to members.

I also appreciated our President's offer to take over as editor, with the board's approval.

I have had extensive experience in the world of journalism, as a feature reporter for a daily paper, creating newsletters for several clubs and have had my articles published in monthly periodicals.

Putting out a bi monthly newsletter requires a "collie village" in order to offer a format that is informative with current news and articles.

I have been fortunate to have several very capable CCA members volunteer to assist in the major revamping and production of our newsletter.

Their bios follow, and I hope you will support them also.

Marion Johnson,
CCA MO DD
Treasurer, Missouri Rhineland KC
AKC, information delegate for MRKC
BOARD, ST LOUIS COLLIE CLUB
PAST PRES, BOARD, INTERNATIONAL
WHITE COLLIE CLUB
CGC EVALUATOR, AKC
AKC Breeder of Merit for
Raincrow Collies N Cardis

- **Isabel Ososki - Bio for CCA Newsletter Assistant Editor**

- I am honored to be asked to serve as assistant editor of the *CCA Newsletter* and, if approved, will do my best to live up to that confidence. It is my hope to help create a newsletter format that will be useful and current, represent the variety of interests embraced by members, and serve the communication needs of the CCA.

- I have been an active member of the St. Louis Collie Club since 1976 and have served in numerous offices and other capacities - currently Show Chair. I joined the CCA in 1977. I currently serve as District Director for Illinois.

- I feel that my 35 years as a university professor will bring a strong skill set to the production of the *Newsletter*. Besides grading more scholarly papers than I can count, I have served as a reader and chapter editor for several college textbooks. I have also been asked to read and edit numerous university promotion portfolios, master and doctoral theses, and even novels for friends. I am a process-oriented person with good organizational skills and I am excited at the prospect of being part of creating a newly conceived newsletter for the benefit of the Collie Club of America.

- Isabel N. Ososki

Rose Hutches - Bio for Assistant Newsletter Editor:

I wanted a collie all of my life; I was retired and in my 60s before that dream was finally realized... I adopted my first collie, Dundee (Major Dundee CD RE THD HT), from animal control in 2002.

Dundee died in 2013, but in the meantime I had been blessed to have taken into my "pack" Logan (Logan, Laird of the Loch CD RE THD HT BPD), a collie who had been living out of garbage cans after being dumped, and Autumn (Autumn Leaves No More CD RAE THD BPD) who was surrendered to animal control when her owner could no longer afford her. Last November, I pulled my latest fellow, a wild child I named Fibber (Fibber McGee From Dundee, No Molly CGC BN RN RATN BPD), from animal control. Three years old with absolutely no training, he was a handful, but he, like my other three collies, will soon be offering emotional comfort as a therapy dog. All of my collies have earned obedience titles and two have herding titles. Fibber promises to surpass them all in multiple areas.

I joined CCA before going to my first Collie National in Tulsa. I have learned to look forward to the issues of Collie Club of America Bulletin, where I learn more and more about the breed and the dedicated people who live with them. When the appeal went out for someone to help Marion, put out a timely newsletter, I believed that this is an area in which I could, by training and interest, make a contribution to the CCA.

My bachelor's degree was in English, with emphasis in writing. I earned a master's degree in education with emphasis in remedial and developmental reading. Later, I earned a master's degree in communication with emphasis in print journalism. I worked in the Communications Department of a large insurance company until my retirement in 1999. I began my career there as a copy editor (proofreader) for the company's multiple publications, brochures, press releases, etc., and later became editor/writer/photographer of the company newsletter. I also served as copy editor for a local business journal, have done freelance writing for the local newspaper and alternative newspaper, and serve on the committee for our dog training club's newsletter.

I believe consistency in writing and style produces credibility for its readership and would be willing to help to produce a consistent, well-written newsletter for the Collie Club of America.

Rose Hutches, rosehutc@yahoo.com

George Rohde, Volunteer to work on CCA newsletter

My name is George Rohde, and I am a third generation collie owner. Both my grandfather and mother owned collies. I began my collie venture through dedication to my local state incorporated Collie Rescue. I began showing both rough and smooth collies 10 years after being involved in rescue efforts. I have owned several collies of my own, and I currently show under the kennel name Evergreen and continue to be involved in rescue operations. I am a member of the Collie Rescue Foundation, the Collie Health Foundation, and the Collie Club of America. I am a journalist major from DePaul University, and I plan on pursuing a doctorate in English to teach college level students writing mechanics. I am a dedicated member to the CCA and I look forward to working with all of you.

CCA Constitution Committee Report

SUMMARY OF ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE OF THE COLLIE CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

TO: Michael Van Tassell
President, Collie Club of America, Inc.

FROM: Jeffrey S. Tallackson, Chair
Constitution Committee of the Collie Club of America, Inc.

DATE: October 26, 2014

RE: Collie Club of America, Inc. Corporate Governance Issues: Constitution and Bylaws

The Constitution Committee (the “*Committee*”) of the Collie Club of America, Inc. (the “*Club*”) was assigned and has undertaken the task of reviewing the Club’s Constitution and Bylaws (the “*Current Bylaws*”) for the purpose of identifying legal and corporate governance problems and issues and suggesting solutions. You requested that I provide a summary of the issues that the Committee has identified and which it is now addressing. The summary follows.

The Committee has conducted a thorough review of the Current Bylaws and their history, which resulted in the identification of a significant number of legal and drafting problems and deficiencies. These problems impede and delay the Club’s corporate governance process and, in addition, expose actions by the Club’s board of directors (the “*Board*”) and membership to possible legal challenges. These problems arise primarily out of the failure of the Current Bylaws to comply with the requirements of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (the “*NPCL*”), which governs the Club’s corporate structure and procedures (the NPCL’s requirements control over any conflicting requirements of the AKC). These problems also arise, however, out of significant drafting problems in the Current Bylaws that make them difficult to interpret clearly and consistently. Set forth below are brief descriptions of the most significant, but not all, of the issues under review. Although the Committee has not yet completed its full initial report, some initial comments and suggestions are also included.

1. The Board has at times exceeded the 56 director limit specified in the Club’s certificate of incorporation (therefore also violating the NPCL), and the Board is in any event too large to function properly. At its current level the number of directors may not of itself violate the NPCL but its extraordinary size effectively prevents the appropriate level of director participation contemplated by the NPCL and might therefore possibly be considered a violation of the NPCL. A corporate board of directors is required to manage the corporation and has a fiduciary obligation to act in the corporation’s best interests; to that end, directors should consult and share views and expertise as part of the process of making fundamental corporate policy and management decisions. The Club’s excessively large Board does not provide a realistic opportunity for discussion and input into the decision-making process by the directors within a reasonable time frame and in compliance with the directors’ obligations under the law.
2. The Current Bylaws do not adequately prescribe a process for the creation and revision of Districts and the election of District Directors, a deficiency that should be corrected (assuming that the District Director Structure is appropriate for the Club on an ongoing basis). If the Board changes the number of directors, whether by amending the Current Bylaws or by acting pursuant to a Bylaw provision that permits such changes, it may under the NPCL do so only by a vote of a majority of the **entire board**, not merely a majority of a quorum. The “entire board” means the total number of directors that would be on the Board if there were no vacancies, not just the total

number of incumbent directors at the time. The existing structure could expose the Club actions to legal challenge based on an improper Board structure.

3. The Club has foreign voting directors even though the Current Bylaws contain no provision therefor. Although there is no legal impediment as such to the election of foreign directors, and international input may well be desirable, it may be inappropriate to have voting foreign directors from countries whose own club breed standards may conflict with the Club's.
4. The terms of office of the Directors-at-Large are longer than permitted by the NPCL, which could expose their votes to legal challenge.
5. The definition of the responsibilities of District Directors is legally questionable and might lead to ill-advised or improper votes that could result in legal challenges.
6. Board actions taken without a quorum violate the NPCL and could expose such actions to legal challenge.
7. The provisions for voting by mail, email or fax violate the NPCL and could expose Board and membership actions so taken to legal challenge. All Board action must be taken by vote of the required number of directors *at a meeting*. That means a meeting at which there is at least a quorum and at which the directors are *physically present in person-- that means a gathering in a meeting room at which at least a quorum of directors is physically present*. There are only two exceptions to the physical presence requirement. First, one or more directors may participate in a meeting by conference telephone call or similar communications equipment if it allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time—that is deemed to be the same as presence in person at a meeting. Second, the Board may act without a meeting if *all of the directors* (not just a quorum nor any number less than all the directors) consent to a resolution authorizing the action. The same rules apply to Board committees.
8. The prohibition of proxy voting is unreasonable and inappropriate. Voting by mail as now structured is not permitted by the NPCL, and proxy voting is in any event essential for a national club with a large membership across the country.
9. The provisions with regard to the election of the Executive Committee, the members' terms of office and their powers violate the NPCL. Among other issues, the Current Bylaws provide that specified officers shall constitute the Executive Committee, in effect meaning that under the Current Bylaws the members elect the Executive Committee--that violates the NPCL requirement that an Executive Committee must be designated by and serve at the pleasure of the Board. Moreover, the Executive Committee may only be appointed by a majority of the entire Board, not just a majority of a quorum of the Board. The Current Bylaws also delegate to the Executive Committee certain powers that are not permitted by the NPCL.
10. The procedures for the call and notice of both Board and membership meetings violate the NPCL.
11. Reference to Robert's Rules of Order is inappropriate and can result and apparently has resulted in NPCL violations, including (i) an illegal Executive Committee structure and powers and (ii) an illegal definition of what constitutes a decisive Board vote (the Current Bylaws provide that "[a] majority vote of those Board of Directors *who vote on the questions* shall prevail, provided a quorum is present." [emphasis provided]--that violates the NPCL, which requires "the vote of a *majority of directors present* at the time of the vote." [emphasis provided] The difference could be significant if a director abstains from voting and could result in a legal challenge to Board action based only on the vote of a majority of those voting).

In addition to the foregoing major concerns, a significant array of other legal problems presented by the

Current Bylaws requires remediation. These problems are so significant, both individually and collectively, that it is the Committee's view that it is not practical to make isolated or individual revisions. The Committee expects to advise the Board that the Current Bylaws be revised and rewritten in their entirety, in order both to comply with the NPCL and so as to be better organized and easier to understand and interpret. To that end the Committee is in the process of preparing, in addition to a report setting forth in detail the nature of the issues and proposed solutions, proposed revised Bylaws for Board and membership consideration.

We live in a litigious society, a fact from which not-for-profit corporations are not exempt. Indeed, the passions that can exist in the context of such organizations, often not relating to financial considerations that can be rationally calculated but instead to personal interests and concerns that can generate not necessarily reasonable behavior, can inspire bitter litigation. In considering these issues, it should be borne in mind that failure to comply with NPCL corporate governance requirements can expose the Club to legal challenges; the NPCL includes several provisions that authorize actions against the Club or its directors and officers for violations. Even if such actions were successfully defended, the cost of such defense could result in a Pyrrhic victory that could harm everyone who cares about the Club. It is accordingly vitally important that the Bylaws be revised to conform to the law.

AKC REUnite – Pet Disaster Relief Program

AKC Club Members have historically been at the forefront of helping pets after a disaster strikes. Since the creation of [AKC Pet Disaster Relief](#) just a year ago, 169 clubs have donated funds to make AKC Pet Disaster Relief Trailers and greater emergency preparedness a reality or soon-to-be reality in 22 communities across the country, and we are working with other clubs and municipalities to deliver even more!

How can your club help?

These fully stocked pet emergency trailers help ensure the right equipment is available to local Emergency Management teams when the unthinkable happens and AKC clubs are critical to the continuing success of this program. With more than 5,000 AKC clubs across the nation, we hope to roll out at least one trailer in every state. It costs as little as \$1,000 for your club to be recognized on a trailer, and it is a powerful way to demonstrate your organization's concern for all pets and build meaningful grassroots relationships in your community.

Watch our New Video

Need help explaining how AKC Pet Disaster Relief works to your club members or want to find out how to get started? Our [new introductory video](#) explains how to connect with your local emergency management and roll out an AKC Pet Disaster Relief trailer for your hometown.

Share the video at a club meeting, send it out in your newsletter, post it on your email list or link to it (<http://www.akcreunite.org/akcpetdisasterreliefvideo/>) on your club website.

Ready to get started?

Need more information or ready to get started? After watching the video, stop by www.akcreunite.org/givingback give us a call at 919-816-3980.

Sincerely,

Tom Sharp

CEO, AKC Reunite

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This is our logo design (on the left is the finished design) for the trailer to be located in San Diego CA. I've worked with their representative for the design and using our wording. She then sent the above article for Parent Clubs, so we could learn about our contribution that was given in 2013 of a \$1000. Hope you will salute and promote this worthy cause. JHC.

Minutes of Teller's Meeting

The following members of the Teller's meeting, Gail Currie, Connie DuBois & Shirley DuBois, met Saturday, October 25, 2014 at 6:15pm at Tampa, FL.

The purpose of the meeting was to count ballots for 2017 Preliminary Judges.

The sealed envelopes were inspected for date received and to compare return addresses against the eligible list (referred to List Board Members & DD's 2014). Once it was ascertained that all received were eligible, the envelopes were opened and votes tabulated.

The only ballot received late was Kathy Drabik.

Respectfully submitted

Gail Currie
Co-Chair
Teller's Committee

Ballot Results:

Results – first round ballot – Judges Selection for CCA 2017

Top 1/3 of Judges Nominated (with a minimum of 4 votes) as set by Show Rules.

Total Board Members Voting: 46

Not voting: Leah Warner, Randy Smith, Thomas Cartier, Carrie Lenhart, Linda Langham-Sotoodeh, Brenda Knight, Suzanne Benchoff, Kathy Drabik, Jane Armatys

Mary Benedict	23
Amy Gau	20
Tim Garrison	17
Grace Kosub	9
Joe Reno	9
Gwendolyn M. Means	6
Janet Hitt	5
Mike Van Tassell	5
Harry “Butch” Schulman	4

Others getting votes but not meeting the criterion

Dennis Elliott	3
Hildegard Morgan	3

William Brokken	2
Lynn Butler	2
Carol Chapman	2
Maret Halinen	2
George Horn	2
Lori Montero	2
Barbara Schwartz	2
Marjorie A. Tuff	2
Adria Weiner	2

Betty Abbott	1
Maralyn Busse	1
Tom Coen	1
Anne Cross	1
Roz Durham	1
Robert E. Futh	1
Robette Johns	1
Patricia Jung	1
Helga Kane	1
Mrs. Janet G. Leek	1
Ronald McGee	1
Pati Merrill	1
Louise Palarik	1
Judy Pitt	1
Joe Purkhiser	1

New Members and Reinstates –November 2014
(All new members will begin their membership as of January 2015)

New Members - - No Reinstates this month

USA

CA-S Julia A. Wolf, 45467 Bayberry Place, Temecula, CA, 92592, 858.735.4799, nevermu62@gmail.com, Sponsors: Erin Matthews (CA) & Marie Mullin (CA)

Occupation? Process Engineer

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? Participate & keep up to date on current matters concerning this wonderful breed!

Explain what and/or who got you started in Collies: At invitation of friend Erin Matthews I attended a dog show and was so impressed with the sweet nature of collies. I've always been impressed with herding breeds...use to have German shepherds.

Number of Collies owned. Dogs? 2 Bitches? 0 Altered? 0 Do you own any other breeds? no

Number of litters bred (all breeds) in past 5 years: 0 Collie litters? 0

Do you show your dogs in Conformation events? Yes Performance events?

Have you ever sold dogs to a commercial outlet? No

Member of what local or national clubs & offices held. blank

Have you ever been suspended or expelled from or refused membership in CCA, AKC, or any other dog club? No

What special skills (including computer) do you have that might be helpful to the CCA? Computer skills-spreadsheets & word processing; process improvement

FL Barbara Lynne McCauley, 577 NE Fraleigh Dr., Madison FL, 32340, 850.973.1465, linhiril@embargmail.com, Sponsors:Lil Sayre (FL) & Lydia Filzen (FL)

Occupation? English & Humanities professor

Why are you interested in collies? I have loved collies my whole life. When I was still too little to read by myself the Terhune books, I watched Lassie every single week! The collie who changed my life, though is my Linde whose beauty and sagacity I greatly admire. Collies are my only breed!

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? I hope in a few years to show seriously in a variety of venues and even do all the research and necessary testing to do some hobby breeding. I have already started some of this. Being a member of CCA is an essential part of my definition of "responsible".

Number of Collies you now own? I have two. My Linde I got when I "just" wanted a pet and therapy dogs, so she is spayed, an act I now deeply, deeply regret. She was born 3/14/11. Raphael is Linde's nephew out of her full sister. He was born 12/26/13. Both are Holmhavéb collies and AKC

Average yearly number of Collie litters? None yet. I hope that Raef will turn out so he can serve as my foundation sire. It is too late for us to be "lifelong contributors" to the breed, but we can still have some fun and add to the breed and people's lives.

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? No, no, NO. Forever homes only, show or pet or therapy, when that time comes.

Member of there is no local CC. I am friendly with collie people in Jacksonville, the closest, but it is still about 2.5 hours away and their meetings are at night midweek.

Offices held in dog clubs. None yet.

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: Where do I start? I love all animals and nature, especially cats. My vet's office manager says when she dies she wants to come back as one of my kitties. Ha! I love music, art, dance, literature, flowers, canning (not cooking!) and much else. Most of my friends are long-term, and they are very extraordinary people. I am still working full time.

In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? I am an educator, so I have spent my whole professional life in the public eye. I teach humanities and English at our local college full time. Anticipated retirement is December 2017. Ask me.

IN Andrea Randon and Tamara Randon, 10455 East SR 4, Walkerton, IN, 46574, 219.369.7779, 219.575.3694, [andi randi@yahoo.com](mailto:randi@yahoo.com), Sponsors: Patricia Caldwell (IL) & Nancy Berg (WI)

Occupation? Student at Purduc North Central

Why are you interested in collies? I was raised with them and they are my life's passion.

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? I show collies and am interested in furthering my education as well as the education of others.

Number of Collies you now own? 7

Average yearly number of Collie litters? 2? maybe

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? never

Member of Trail Creek Dog Training Club since 2013

Offices held in dog clubs. none

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: Helping the local dog training club

In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? any

MA Vicki Lincoln, 248 Honey Pot Rd., Westfield, MA, 01085, 413.265.1079, vickil5328@comcast.net, Sponsors: Noreen Bennett (MA) & Gail LaMagdelaine (MA)

Occupation: Office manager—Dental practice

Why are you interested in collies? I have owned collies for the past 20 years. They are a true gift from God.

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? To better keep myself in the loop of collie news, health, shows, etc.

Number of Collies you now own? 4 sable females

Average yearly number of Collie litters? 0 do not breed

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? 0

Member of blank

Offices held in dog clubs. blank

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: blank

In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? blank .

NY Kelly Reppert, 20 Overbrook Rd., Painted Post, NY, 14870, 607.936.0023, kreppert10@gmail.com, Sponsors: Bree Ann Ardizzone (NY) & Ronald Keller (NY)

Occupation? College Student

Why are you interested in collies? I love the breed and I enjoy showing them. I have been involved in the breed for seven years.

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? I feel it's important to be involved in the parent organization for my breed.

Number of Collies you now own? Co-own four dogs with Travier Collies

Average yearly number of Collie litters? Have co-breed several litters over the years with Travier Collies

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? NO

Member of No local collie club, but I am a member of the Elmira Kennel club since 2005

Offices held in dog clubs. none

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: Dance and crafts. Have volunteered for Corning Hospital and PTA

In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? Not sure yet what phases are available, but am most interested in helping with juniors .

PA Ellen Van Embden, 3312 Sherwood Rd. Easton, PA, 18045, 610.559.1549, jacksprat@rcn.com, Sponsors: Lynn Butler (NY) & Lotta Hedman (NY)

Occupation Air Traffic Controller

Why are you interested in collies? Wonderful breed, grew up with them

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? Want to be more involved in showing and health concerns.

Number of Collies you now own? 1

Average yearly number of Collie litters? 0

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? no

Member of Keystone Collie Club since 2010

Offices held in dog clubs. Secretary

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: Photography, cooking
In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? Collie Health Foundation

PA Alan and Dorothy Gesford, 60 S. 36th St., Camp Hill, PA, 17011, 717.761.3609, alg3@psu.edu, dotti@gesford.com,
Sponsors: Barbara Cutler (PA)& Sharon Mayes (PA)

Occupation Retired

Why are you interested in collies? Favorite dog. Have always had a collie

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? Learning and participating in all activities

Number of Collies you now own? 1

Average yearly number of Collie litters? none

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? no

Member of Central Penn Collie Club since 2012

Offices held in dog clubs. blank

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: Gardening-(Penn State Master Gardener Program), Central Penn Doll Club

In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? Participating through club activities

WA Amy L. Hauser, 879 Field View Ln., Coupeville, WA, 98239, 360.914.0518, agate7089@yahoo.com, Sponsors:
Corine Boon (WA) & Mary Griffith-Russell (WA)

Occupation: Physical Therapist

Why are you interested in collies? New co-owner with Corinne Boon (Encore Collies)

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? New owner/support breed

Number of Collies you now own? 2 (puppies)

Average yearly number of Collie litters? 0

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? NO!

Member of blank

Offices held in dog clubs. blank

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: 4H (leader), Hands of Light in Action (501(c)3),Haiti volunteer, member of Collie Health Foundation

In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? blank

Foreign

AU Valarie Wilson, 9 Jemma Court, Two Wells, South Australia, 5501, +61 8 418 204 797, val.wilson1209@gmail.com,
Sponsors : Donna Morris (AU) & Susan Frankland (AU)

Occupation? Retired

Why are you interested in collies? My sister and I have been breeding and showing Collies (rough) in Australia for over 40 years

Why are you interested in joining the CCA? We have just imported Ch. Overland City Lights from Marcy Fine

Number of Collies you now own? 6

Average yearly number of Collie litters? One litter bi-annually

Do you sell Collies to pet shops or to commercial dealers for resale? NO!

Member of Collie Club of South Australia, 1969

Offices held in dog clubs. Secretary; Treasurer; committee member

Hobbies outside dogs and experience in public, community or charitable organizations: My sister and I are involved in Collie Rescue in South Australia

In which phase or phases of the work of the CCA would you like to help? As required .



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Dogs + Ebola: What Every Owner Needs to Know from the American Kennel Club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation

In recent weeks, dog owners, supporters and donors have looked to the AKC Canine Health Foundation and the American Kennel Club for credible information regarding Ebola virus in dogs.

At issue is whether humans can get Ebola from dogs, and whether dogs can even get Ebola in a form that is transmittable. Due to the complexities of the virus, only time and research will answer these questions.

“In humans, Ebola virus is detected using a diagnostic test for Ebola RNA. In dogs, scientists will have to establish the presence of Ebola virus RNA along with whether the virus is replication competent and infectious,” said Shila Nordone, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer for the AKC Canine Health Foundation. “Only then will we have evidence that canine infection is a public health threat. All told, this will take many months.”

[Dr. J. Scott Weese, DVM, DVSc, DACVIM](#), a preeminent expert on infectious disease transmission in the dog, as well as the [AVMA](#) have provided the most current consensus opinions on Ebola in the dog.

Over the next several months as research advances, AKC CHF and the American Kennel Club will keep the public updated on any and all progress made to better understand the role of the dog as a reservoir for the Ebola virus. Visit [akcchf.org](#) and [akc.org](#) for all the latest.

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Request - Searching for a New Reveille for Texas A & M

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Howdy,

Texas A&M University's current female collie mascot, Reveille VIII, will formally retire in May 2015. As a crucial part of the process for selecting the next official university mascot, we are seeking recommendations from you – outstanding veterinarians, breeders, trainers and rescue shelters – to help us identify potential dogs for consideration.

Also referred to as the “First Lady of Aggieland,” Reveille VIII has participated in hundreds of athletic events, student programs and other activities since becoming the university's mascot in 2008. Like previous Aggie mascots, Reveille VIII's successor must be able to handle the demands of large and small public interaction and be at ease in environments with large crowds, quick movements and sudden motion – all of which are hallmarks of the many Texas A&M time-honored traditions in which she will be present and represent the university. Attached are photos of Reveille VII and Reveille VIII.

Below are important characteristics for Texas A&M's next mascot:

- Female Collie or dog with Collie-like appearance, medium to large size as befits the role of university mascot
- A mature dog, approximately 1- 1 ½ years of age as of March 1, 2015 or older and in good physical condition
- Approachability and positive demeanor
- Portrays a genuine affection for people of varying ages in one-on-one and large group settings
- Outgoing personality (upbeat)
- Likes people and is at ease in crowds
- Not afraid of noise and at ease with loud and frequent sounds
- Positively motivated and responsive to instruction based on affirmation and encouragement

If you or someone you know is aware of an animal that meets our needs, please submit digital photos and a maximum two-page letter outlining how the dog meets the necessary characteristics to include the dog's birthdate by Dec. 15, 2014 to treber@tamu.edu.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Tom Reber

Texas A&M Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Chair, Reveille IX Search Committee

Motions

10/23/2014 Made by Martha Ramer and seconded by Ed Degner.

Motion to return to Emailing balloting during the time the Constitution Committee is working on making changes.

Martha Ramer~2nd Vice President

I second your motion to return to email voting. Make sure to send your original motion directly to Janie.

Ed Degner, Collie Club of America Director

Pulled Motion: 11/05/2014

Jane,

I would like to pull my motion regarding the Board voting by email on the monthly communique items.

Thank you, Martha Ramer~2nd VP

To the President: Mike - is the snail mail legal? Or is Kathy Moll correct that both are illegal? If they both are illegal, then I don't see why we cannot use the easier of the two choices pending the update. The way I understood the NY law was that the only 'legal' way was in person or by conference call which we all agreed was impossible in our situation. I just thought it might be better to go the easy route if they were both illegal.

Obviously I will withdraw my motion if the snail mail voting is legal and email is illegal. I definitely don't want to cause trouble for the CCA. , Martha Ramer~

Ballot Results September Communique'

This ballot must be received by the Secretary no later than October 22, 2014.

Total vote possible: 55.....total votes received 43.

Not voting: Gayle Kaye, Kathy Moll, Leah Warner, Randy Smith, Jackie Caruso, Carrie Lenhart, Linda Langham – Sotoodeh, Joan Kirkland, Martha Skilton, Brenda Knight, Suzanne Benchoff, Kathy Drabik

1. The President presents for approval the New Members and Reinstates (unpaid longer than one year) from Membership.

A. Janet Storm , OR	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__
B. Ashley Bryant, OR	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__
C. Michelle Flynn, AZ	A. Approve __39__	B. Disapprove __1__	D. Abstain __3__
D. Gloria Simpkins, CA-N	A. Approve __38__	B. Disapprove __2__	D. Abstain __3__
E. Sheila Calamari, LA	A. Approve __37__	B. Disapprove __3__	D. Abstain __3__
F. Manuel Calamari, Jr., LA	A. Approve __37__	B. Disapprove __3__	D. Abstain __3__
G. Hope L. Permann, MN	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__
H. Timothy Hensley, NC	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__
I. Dianne Gonzalez, NC	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__
J. Elizabeth Skilton, PA	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__
K. Jane Mears, TX	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__
L. Karl Mears, TX	A. Approve __40__	B. Disapprove __0__	D. Abstain __3__

2. The President presents for approval the Treasurer's Report presented by Mike Esch, Treasurer.

A. Approve __43__ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

3. The President presents for approval the final expense report for CCA 2014 as presented, by Mike Eash, Host Show Treasurer.

A. Approve __43__ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

4. The President presents for ratification of the vote by the Executive Committee for the disbursement of \$10,000 to Collie Rescue Foundation to be earmarked for the rescue efforts of the collie rescue in Tomball TX coordinated by the Houston Collie Rescue.

A. Approve __43__ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

5. The President presents for ratification of the vote by Executive Committee for the disbursement of \$100 for a color ad to be run in the next issue of Collie Expression to advertise the 2015 CCA Calendar. This decision was made to help distribute the advertisement of our Calendar, but called for action by the Board to meet the deadline for the magazine.

A. Approve __41__ B. Disapprove __2__ C. Abstain _____

6. The President presents for approval the budget of \$500 as requested by Paula Clairday for the "Meet the Breeds" booth at the AKC/Eukanuba National Championship and the Florida Classic Show in Orland FL, December 11-14, 2014.

A. Approve __43__ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

7. The President presents for approval the Herding Regional bids for 2015 as submitted by WCC chair, Jeanine Blaner.

A. Approve _43_____ B. Disapprove _____ C. Abstain _____

8. The President presents for approval the following proposal from National Trophy Chairs, Heather Newcomb and Kelly Neeley.

CCA CHALLENGE TROPHY (valued at \$2000.00)

Best of Breed - THE GLEN TWIFORD MEMORIAL TROPHY, Bronze Collie Head on Marble and Wood Base offered by the friends of Glen Twiford through the Collie Club of America, Inc. This is a challenge trophy awarded for Best of Breed, to be offered at the National Specialty Show only, to be won three (3) times by the same owner, not necessarily with the same dog nor at consecutive shows, for permanent possession.

A. Approve ___41___ B. Disapprove ___1___ C. Abstain ___1___