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Delegate's Report March 8 2011
Held in Newark, NJ

This Delegates' meeting was the annual election of the DCA Board members. Complete Delegates' Meeting Minutes are located at:

http://www.akc.org/pdfs/about/delegates_meeting/march11.pdf

Points of interest from the Delegates' Meeting

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James Stevens, CFO, gave the financial report. A summary follows:

Total annual revenues for 2010 of \$56.3 million were **7% below the prior year**. 2010's total operating expenses of \$56.7 million were **2% less than 2009**. This resulted in an **operating deficit of \$413,000 for last year**.

Our investments generated a gain of \$6.5 million or 10% in 2010.

[Income is still falling faster than expenses. AKC needs to do something about the financial situation. Investments are doing well. LLS](#)

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson, of KPMG to read results of the ballot for the class of 2015.

Ms. Johnson's report follows:

The total number of ballots cast was 391; therefore, the majority to elect was 196.

The results of the ballots were as follows; Robert Amen, 191; Dr. Carmen Battaglia, 183; Karen Burgess, 93; Steven Gladstone, 192; Kenneth Marden, 137; John Ronald, 150; Daniel Smyth, 104.

As no candidate received a majority vote, another ballot was cast for the Class.

[No one was elected on the first ballot. LLS](#)

The first vote was on the proposed amendments to Chapter 10 and Chapter 15, Section 1, of the Rules Applying to Dog Shows, Duties and Responsibilities of Show Veterinarians, and Protests Against Dogs. The amendments were brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This would, in Chapter 10, update the requirements for show veterinarians to better accommodate on-call veterinarians and require clubs to inform them of their duties. In Chapter 15, this amendment would include the Event Committee in the process of removing dogs from the show, and eliminate the requirement for a form, and to assign the fiscal responsibility for veterinary expenses. The Board recommended its approval.

By recommendation of the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee, the proposal was further amended without objection. ..."of the event" was struck and "where treatment is provided" was inserted.

There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The next vote was on the proposed amendment to Chapter 2, Section 4, of Rules

Applying to Dog Shows, Making Application to Hold a Dog Show.

The proposed amendment was brought forward by the Delegate Dog Show Rules Committee. This amendment would create a common deadline for the application and judges' panel in an effort to reduce confusion by clubs.

There were two-thirds in the affirmative and the amendment was adopted.

The amendment to Article VI, Section 5, new paragraph, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club, which was to have been read at the meeting, is going back to the Board for modification.

The Chair calls on Executive Secretary to read the proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 1 of the Charter and Bylaws of The American Kennel Club.

Mr. Crowley read the proposed amendment is to Article VII, Section 1, of the Charter and Bylaws of the American Kennel Club.

The amendment would make AKC Board members who have served two consecutive

terms ineligible for reelection for the length of one four-year term.

This amendment was brought forward by the Greater Collin Kennel Club. The AKC

Board of Directors has made no recommendation. It will be published in two issues of

the AKC Gazette and you will be asked to vote on it at the June 2011 meeting.

These items were more of the house keeping that need to be voted on. However, the part in bold is very important and needs to be talked about at the next DCA board meeting. LLS

William H. Blair - Delegate for the Pekingese club of America - 40 years of service as a Delegate

Stanley S. Saltzman - Delegate for the Longshore-Southport Kennel Club - 40 years of service as a Delegate

These two delegates were honored for their 40 years of service as an AKC Delegate. LLS

The Chair recognized Patricia Laurans, Delegate for the German Wirehaired Pointer Club of America, who spoke as follows:

As you all know, when you read Ron's Chairman's report from the last meeting, we have a process that is now available as an application for iPhones and it can be used by the fancy and it can also be used by judges for judges' education along with their standards. On the table next to where you registered this morning are stacks of paper. Your breed and the photos for your breed that are being used currently are there. You are welcome to take a copy of your breed, let your Parent Club see it. It may be what you want to stay on there, but if you have other desires, please contact Daphna Straus. Her e-mail is DXS@AKC.org. It will require that any photos that are used become copyrighted by AKC, I believe Dennis. Is that correct?

Mr. Sprung: Copyrighted or the person who gives it to us has the rights to transfer.

Ms. Laurans: So I think it's important. And you'll notice some breeds have three pictures, some breeds have one and there are a couple of breeds that have none. So I would suggest that you look at those photos and take a copy of your breed home with you.

Thank you.

The Chair thanked Ms. Laurans then recognized: Lee Arnold, Delegate for the

The DCA Board will need to select and approve 3 pictures to be placed on this cell phone app. They do NOT want show photos. LLS

The Chair thanked Ms. Laurans then recognized: Lee Arnold, Delegate for the Southern Colorado Kennel Club, who spoke as follows:

Mr. President, fellow Delegates, I'd like to update you on some exciting news from the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

We'd like you to know about a new way that you can help support the foundation. We used to say open up your hearts and wallets, and today I'd like to ask you to open up your cell phones to help us. It's simple, it's quick, and it's quite easy. Get your pens and pencils out and jot down this number to dial: 20222. You will then be asked to text DOG, if you would like to donate to the Canine Health Foundation. You will then be asked to donate \$5.00. Please punch yes, and you'll help all our dogs live longer and healthier lives.

On another note, there's more exciting news. For those of you who are in the Metropolitan area, right until the end of April, the AKC Canine Health Foundation is running a PSA/commercial on the Jumbotron in Times Square.

Every three to four hours we have impressions of getting everybody in the world to know what we're about, what we do, supporting canine health.

We are the leading organization in the world and the only organization that so far has given over \$23 million to make sure that our dogs live longer, healthier lives.

I thank you all for your past support. I hope you'll continue to donate and help us in the future. And with that, as we say in radio, my time is up and I thank you for yours.

[If you have a desire to donate to CHF this is one way to do it. LLS](#)

The Chair recognized William Ellis, Delegate for the Plum Creek Kennel Club of Colorado who spoke as follows:

I would like to urge the Board, **to quickly as you can, study the moratorium you have imposed and if possible, lift parts of it geographically.**

I'm in the west, in Colorado. We do not have an overabundance of clubs that are putting on shows, weekend after weekend. We have two clubs, the Mile High Sporting Dog Fanciers, and the Rocky Mountain Mastiff Fanciers who are ready to get going.

And as an all-breed club, the Plum Creek Kennel Club is looking forward to working with these specialty clubs, and so I would urge your quickest study and resolution to that moratorium. Thank you.

Mr. Sprung: While I don't speak for the Board, I can assure you that they are going to study this. It is a complex question. We realize that from state-to-state, from territory-to-territory it is different, but the reason to start the discussion on the moratorium was partly to look at all issues involved and to receive feedback from the constituency, whether specialties, group clubs, or all-breed shows.

So your concerns certainly will be thoroughly addressed.

[The moratorium on new dog show was not well thought out. I feel certain it will not last long. LLS](#)

The Chair called on the Chair of the Tellers Committee, Kim Johnson, of KPMG to read the results of the second ballot for the Class of 2015.

Ms. Johnson: The total number of ballots cast was 394; therefore, the majority to elect was 198.

The results of the ballots were as follows; **Robert Amen, 230**; Dr. **Carmen Battaglia, 202**, Karen Burgess, 41; **Steven Gladstone, 223**; Kenneth Marden, 119; John Ronald, 139; and Daniel Smyth, 78.

[DCA voted for two of the three that were elected. LLS](#)

