

AKC/BCOA Delegate Meeting June 12 13, 2006

Although I was unable to attend the June Delegates meeting, the following is a brief résumé of the meeting highlights. The vote to admit judges who charge a fee above expenses to the Delegate body did not even come close to passing with a majority and fell well short of the two-thirds needed to pass. This type of amendment has been brought to the Delegate body in the past. This time the vote in favor was even smaller than the last vote by the delegates.

The important amendment which would abolish the Nominating Committee was sent back to committee. It will be divided into three parts and presented to the delegates at a future meeting. The Nominating Committee as a concept will remain a viable option. What will be reworked are the main issues, the length of time between nominations and the actual voting and the number of delegates needed to sign petitions for those wishing to run from the floor. At present 20 signatures are needed, and there are delegates who may sign more than one petition.

It is expected in September that an amendment will be presented to the delegates that will prohibit those with a significant interest in organizations in conflict with AKC from becoming part of AKC's governing body. This will also help to prevent AKC information going to any of the now more than 20 for-profit registries.

For those BCOA members breeding their first litter in a while, it would be a good idea to check the changing rules. For example more than 50% of litters are now registered online. Plus AKC has begun an incentive to have the breeder register the entire litter. Check for the latest regulations at the AKC website, akc.org.

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