

Regional Governors Summer 2019

Region 1 (Chuck Grabosky)

No notifications were given to Governor from Region.

Reminded Region of upcoming Match show for BCCNJ.

Sent out correspondence to Region regarding AKC news.

Region 2 (Betsy Tolley)

Since my last report for the meeting on May 13, 2019, at the National Specialty in Gettysburg, MD, I have emailed members in my region regarding the following topics:

- Forwarded the email from Karen Mays regarding AKC registrations and entries of Borzois in conformation and performance events.
- Forwarded the email from Ron Williams regarding the raffle by the Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation of an INJOY lure machine and accessories.
- Sent reminder about the August deadline for the *Aristocrat*
- Sent information copied from the BCOA website about the 2020 National Specialty in Albuquerque.
- Sent a reminder for members to communicate with me regarding any current or future illnesses or personal life changing events among members in the region, including needs for temporary shelter that could follow a natural disaster.

Region 3 (Shirley McFadden) No report

Region 4 (Lorrie Scott)

My regional updates:

- Updated the members on the Mentor program and the new changes. For the members who contacted me I directed to the page on BCOA website regarding the program and application
- Also mention advertising in the *Aristocrat*. Great value, supports the club and is available to be seen by anyone not just BCOA members.
- Asked members to read the minutes once they are published as a means to stay connected to BCOA.
- Forwarded to AKC report regarding the breeding stat for the hound group and individual stats for borzoi.
- Sent out information regarding Conformation Mentor program update and changes. Members who are mentors were asked to check BCOA website for accuracy regarding their contact information.
- Reminded the region that the 2020 specialty is in our region and we all need to step up. Even if they just do a few hours it all helps. Informed them to email Carol Enz for information on assisting with the week
- BCNC will be having specialty and TSE in October. Medallions were sent to club
- Had member contact me regarding the TT and BCOA not recognizing title officially with AKC. Member provided materials regarding the program and the required testing. I also let member

know the board would again look at Temperament Testing at the next meeting. The information she provided I forwarded to the board.

Region 5 (Karen Ackerman)

Since my last report I have emailed my region regarding the following items:

- 2019 AKC Stats for All Breed Registration, Hound Group Registration and Borzoi Breed Registration as of July 2019.
- Carol Backers' email on the Canadian borzoi was forwarded to all.
- The raffle flyer for the used Injoy Lure Coursing Machine offered by the Rhodesian Ridgeback Charitable Foundation was posted.
- From the AKC I have forwarded the press release for the conformation Puppy of Achievement Program. In addition, I emailed the AKC communique on phishing to Region 5 members.
- I contacted Puget Sound Borzoi Club for their 2019 updated officers list which I mailed to Joy Windle, Helen Lee and Karen Mays.
- An email from Bonnie Dalzell on the resistant salmonella infections linked to pig ear dog treats was sent.
- Nancy Hopkins request for photos of self black and tan, irish marked black and tan, and spotted black and tan borzoi was mailed.
- Brian Duggans' press release on his new book was transmitted.
- The Rhode Island legislative update information was passed on to members Region 5.
- In addition, I sent a note to all which is included for your review.

2019 Summer Salutations

Thanks to all who made the long journey to Gettysburg for our 2019 National Specialty. I know there were several in attendance. A big thank you to all!

In the last few days, I have sent a barrage of emails. I am sorry for doing this. I meant to send each as I received each, but I have been consumed with work and my life in general. I will try to do a better job and send them as they arrive. Most were from the members' only list, which I know some of you are participants. Should I be repeating topics of which you are aware, then I will discontinue the practice. I just want to make sure all are kept in the loop, so to speak. Please let me know your thoughts.

At our face to face board meeting, the BCOA Board modified the criteria for Junior Showmanship to encourage young people to participate and to become members of the BCOA. These revisions are on the BCOA website, should you want to review them. Should you know of any juniors who are interested in becoming involved, please help them with the process.

For 2019, the BCOA Board selected the following individuals for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award. For conformation, Richard Meen was chosen. Janet Brown was nominated for obedience and Sandra Moore for performance. As we will be doing the same selection process for 2020, please take a look around our region and think of those who may deserve this. Please forward their name and their area of expertise plus your criteria for selecting the individual. These can be emailed or sent via the postal service to me or anyone on the board with whom you have a good rapport. The BCOA Board will take these names into consideration next year during the selection process.

On the horizon for 2020 is the publication of the BCOA Pedigree Book previously known as the Yearbook. Please comb through your awards and honors to see which of your lovely borzoi you wish to present. I have emailed a flyer regarding the dates and the rates. For black and white, the best rate is \$85 and the deadline for these rates is January 6, 2020. Of course, multiple ads will get a better rate. Any questions or concerns, please contact Barbara O'Neill. Her information is at the bottom of the page. Should you not have received my email with the flyer, I am resending it with this.

Another great way to advertise is with The Aristocrat online. For a nominal fee of \$35 for a full page ad, you can show off your borzoi and their accomplishments to all. New title holder ads are \$25 and memorial ads are \$20. The next deadline is soon approaching – August 15. November 15 will be the following deadline. Please go to the BCOA website and access publications to send in your ad.

Works in progress include revising the mentor criteria and the new AKC brochure. Should you have input on either of these or anything else whether it is the kennel criteria, the junior program, the home visit process, or whatever your heart desires, please let someone on the BCOA Board know.

Elections are fast approaching. Should any of you be interested in being on the board, please contact the nominating committee: Ginger Jones, Kay Casella, and Joy Windle. Get involved and be committed!

Again, thanks!

Karen Ackerman

Region 6 (Joyce Katona)

I communicated the following to members of my region:

- I suggested that due to Facebook's crackdown on people advertising puppies for sale, it would be a good time to join the Borzoifinders email group that Cindi Gredys initiated. I noticed there has been an increase in members using the group.
- I mentioning that advertising in the *Aristocrat* was a great value.
- I have had continuing discussions with some regional members regarding the venue for the 2021 National since the sale of Sawmill Resort has the location in question.
- I included some highlights of the last BCOA Board meeting.
 - The location and judges for the 2020 BCOA National in Albuquerque, NM at the Marriott Pyramid in April and encouraged them to make reservations.
 - The 2021 National judges: Michael Canalizo and sweepstakes, Carol Kubiak-Zamora.
 - The supporting documentation for retiring Sunbarr kennel has been forwarded to the AKC.
 - The junior membership rule changes.
 - The Board choices for the AKC Sportsmanship Award and the AKC Lifetime Achievement Awards for conformation, companion and performance.
 - Congratulated the Region 6 top 2018 award winners:
 - Top Obedience: June Mintchell
 - Top Versatility: Steven Artley and K.C. Artley
 - Top High-Scoring Rally: June Mintchell

Top Junior Handler: Elise Patti