

REGIONAL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

REGION 1 – Kari McCloskey

Nothing to report

REGION 2 – Betsy Tolley

- **Developing a Proposal for the 2023 National Specialty in Region 2**

Since receiving notification that the potential site in Asheville NC was not available in 2023, I have been working with a sales representative of the Founder's Inn and Spa in Virginia Beach to develop a proposal for the 2023 National Specialty. That site has availability from April 20 through April 29, 2023, a time when the weather in the Virginia Beach area is still cool enough for lure coursing and straight racing. The Founder's Inn has a long history as the site of many national specialties and is very experienced in working with breed clubs. There are four on-site restaurants for meals and the rooms have refrigerators. There is also a dog park for exercising dogs. The hotel is located within 10 miles of the Norfolk International Airport.

- **Arranging for a Site Visit to the Founders Inn and Spa in Virginia Beach**

After obtaining a formal proposal from the Founders Inn for the 2023 National Specialty, I worked with the sales representative and others at the Founders Inn for a site visit by the BCOA Board. The BCOA Board's summer meeting will continue with a face-to-face meeting at the Founder's Inn and Spa, where the Board will tour the facility and talk with the site's representatives regarding its potential as the site for the 2023 National Specialty. Victoria Cassano, performance event chair, will also be participating in this site visit.

- **Communications with Region 2 Members**

I have sent email communications to the BCOA members in Region 2 informing them of (1) the proposal from the Founders Inn and upcoming site visit by the BCOA Board, (2) the changes in the FastCAT rules adopted by the AKC Board of Directors, and (3) the cancellation of the AKC Meet the Breeds in Tampa FL scheduled for September 2021. I also requested that anyone with questions about or related to BCOA should contact me. Finally, because I am aware that others have looked into alternative venues for the 2023 National Specialty, I asked that anyone who had another proposal for 2023 should send that to me immediately for submission to the board for consideration.

REGION 3 – Shirley McFadden

Communication was shared with Region 3 Members on the following topics:

BCOA Elections: Expiring positions for 2021, opportunities to serve on board, self nomination process for Nominating Committee, contact information, and a link to the BCOA C & B on process rules. My intention to not stay on as Reg Governor for another term and encouraged interested members to self nominate to Nom Com Chairperson.

AKC Meet The Breed: Notification for this event, invitations to participate and that that we will need borzoi representation at the traveling AKC meet the breed event that will be held August 21-22, 2021 at the Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center in Dallas Texas. Gary Gideon has graciously agreed to be the club liaison for this event. Deb Rogstad, Suzan Burns, Hannah Hix, and Danielle Steenkamp responded have volunteered to bring borzoi to this event! Thank you all.

Nationals Congratulations for Region 3 Members: Big Congratulations for our Region members Dr Greg and Prudence Hlatky for winning the big prize this year, Best of Breed at the 2021 BCOA National Specialty

News: Request for, litter announcements, news or of upcoming events to share with the region please let me know-no responses were received.

The BCOA face to face information meeting dates and request for agenda items. None were received.

Shining Stars : Gave recognition to Region 3 Shining Stars over past 4 years during my 2 terms as Regional Governor:

Prudence Hlayky was chosen for the BCOA AKC Sportsmanship Award in 2018

Jan Browne was selected for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award for Companion Events in 2019

Laurie Courtney for Winning the BCOA AKC Sportsmanship of the Year Award for 2020

Nancy Hopkins for being selected for the BCOA AKC Sportsmanship of the Year Award in 2021.

Tom Golcher and KC Thompson were selected for the AKC Lifetime Achievement Award for Performance in 2021

Kudos: One of our newest members, Hannah Hix made an adorable positive message about dog shows via live stream video walking around the Oklahoma dog show. It was shared I don't even know, how many times but even AKC liked it and was sharing it on their AKC Instagram account.

Reminder: BCOA Board positions upcoming for election opportunities, process, and and approaching deadline to have info to Nom Committee

Next Year Nationals Committee opportunities and contact person information; solicitation for other BCOA volunteers: Futurity Coordinator, Show Chair, Specialty Sales Coordinator, 2022 Grounds Chairperson, 2022 Obedience and Rally Chairs, Social Media Communications chair for 2022 One response so far from Region 3. Hanna Hix agreed to be 2022 Grounds Coordinator Chair

Updates Sept 8-Notified region of Upcoming Sept 12 meeting asking for and suggestion or requests for agenda items. Thanked the members who were ready to assist with the AKC meet the breeds that was subsequently cancelled. Reminded everyone of the upcoming Lone Star Borzoi Club Specialty. Had a Regional Governor meeting in Longmont Colorado on labor Day Sept 6, 202 after the RMBC Regional Specialty show. There were 13 in attendance. I shared recent news and motions from May meetings and approved minutes including the change in judging for stud dog and brood bitch, discussed 2022 National

Specialty needed committee chairs, possible events for attendees, Passed around the 2022 Trophy book and got a few more sponsorship's. Surveyed Region via email prio to the meeting and asked again those in attendance of meeting of their views on topic of home visit requirements on new member applications. Also asked attendees about thought the proposal of eliminating novice class for amateur owner handled. Discussed Nom Comm process and how to run on ballot for any positions and to refer to the C&B for details.

REGION 4 –Kay Novotny

Nothing to report

REGION 5 – Karen Ackerman

Since the National Specialty, it has been extremely quiet in our area. Consequently, there is not much to report. I did notify the BCOA members of Region 5 of the expiring BCOA Board positions effective December 31, 2021. I encouraged them to apply for any of the openings they felt they had the qualifications and interest in doing.

In addition, I informed them of my decision not to seek re-election. At the same time, I emailed the BCOA Regional Governor's Guidelines to all, for those interested in filling the position. I did visit with a couple members about the office and what it entails. They were encouraged to submit their resumes to Kim Horn Janek, Nominating Committee Chair by July 30, 2021.

A reminder of the August 15, 2021 Aristocrat deadline was sent with the rates plus a follow up notice urging each to advertise. I had an enquiry about whom to contact.

Furthermore, I advised Region 5 members of the upcoming BCOA Board meeting on August 30, 2021 at 7:30 EDT. In my email, I requested agenda items from them for our phone conference call meeting with a due date of Thursday, August 26, 2021.

Federal guidelines from the USDA and the CDC were forwarded to region 5 members. For those kennels subject to USDA licensing, they were reinstating mandates for emergency planning in the event of disasters both natural and manmade. The temporary suspension of dog importations from countries with high risk of rabies was the topic of the CDC notification.

From the AKC an email was forward to notify them to watch the Houston World Series of Dog Show.

REGION 6 –Kim Horn Janek

Since my last report dated 5/2/2021:

I responded to and enabled a Region 6 member to ensure her BCOA Trophy donations were paid for and her Memorials were added to the catalog.

I sent out a notice to our Region regarding the “Meet the Breeds” dates and locations that will be taking place in our region and communicated with Ron Williams, asking him to add it to the agenda at our annual Membership meeting.

I contacted Canadian BCOA Member Rita Walker regarding the awards that the BCOA offers at the Borzoi Canada National. I forwarded the information with photos to Ron Williams and Joyce Katona.

I sent a note to my Region 6 members attaching the Annual Membership Meeting Agenda and reminding them to attend if at all possible.

I attended the National Specialty, took part in the BCOA Board meeting, stewarded for the Obedience and Rally trials and worked with Barbara O’Neill on the trophies (our Trophy Chairman was unable to attend).

I sent a note to my Region 6 members with a note of thanks to Anne Midgarden and her incredible committees for all of their hard work in making the National Specialty a great event. I congratulated the Region 6 members that had a very successful Specialty week. I reminded them about the Windy City Combined Specialty Shows, the Chicagoland Hound Association and the Midwest Borzoi Club Specialty and encouraged them to enter.

I contacted Pat Murphy by phone to inform her that Ron Williams was attempting to reach her via email.

I received a note from a Region 6 member regarding a situation with a regional member that may need help in the near future. I communicated the information to Ron and advised her to contact the Borzoi Welfare Chairman. I have not had any further updates.

Since July 1, 2021 I have been chairing the BCOA Nominating Committee. I will share those details in a separate report.

BCOA Member Kristin Lord sent me a note expressing her disappointment in the AKC’s cancellation of the Minneapolis “Meet the Breeds” and hope it will be rescheduled for next year. It appears that the Columbus, OH MTB may still be on and I will contact my Ohio members to find someone to head it up.

I received a note from a Region 6 member offering to serve on a By-Laws re-write committee. I advised that I would pass her information on to the board.

I sent a note to my region advising them of the September 12, 2021 Board Meeting, asking for any items they would like me to bring forth. I await their responses.

I forwarded the May BCOA Board Meeting minutes to my region. I had several members contact me for the committee reports. I spoke to Joyce and she informed me that the reports would be available on the website once Helen has uploaded them. I responded privately to those members.

I am planning on attending the Midwest Borzoi Club picnic on 9/26/2021 and will have an impromptu Region 6 Meet & Greet.