Report from the By-Laws committee: KC Artley, chairperson

The AKC has reviewed our proposed changes (actually deletions) to the By-Laws, and does not have a problem with them.   Do we want to send a ballot to the membership ? Below is the reference from our By-Laws, to changing the By-Laws:

Section 1. Constitution
(a) Amendments to the *Constitution and By-Laws* may be proposed by a majority of the Board of Directors or written petition addressed to the Recording Secretary signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership in good standing. An amendment proposed by such petition shall be considered by the Board at its next regular meeting provided the proposed amendment is received by the Recording Secretary in time for him/her to place it on the agenda for that meeting. The proposed amendment shall be submitted by the Recording Secretary to the membership, together with the recommendations of the Board, for a vote within thirty (30) days after final consideration by the Board.
(b) The *Constitution and By-Laws* may be amended at any time provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been mailed by the Recording Secretary to each member in good standing. The copy of the proposed amendment shall be accompanied by a ballot on which each member may indicate his/her choice "For" or "Against" the proposed amendment. The notice shall specify a date, not less than thirty (30) days and not more than forty-five (45) days after the date of mailing, by which date the ballots must be returned to the Recording Secretary or a designated independent tabulator to be counted. The favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the returned ballots of members in good standing shall be required to put any such amendment into effect.
(c) Voting for amendments to the *Constitution and By-Laws* shall be limited to those members in good standing who are residents of the United States of America and who are eligible to vote.

On the Next page is a sample Ballot.

There are 2 proposed changes (deletions) to the By-Laws. Please check "for" or "against" for the 2 changes, and return to the tabulator by   2012

All envelopes addressed to the tabulator must identify the member(s) with their *name and address* in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope so the name can be verified against the BCOA membership list. Envelopes with either no return <u>name or address</u>, or a return <u>name and address</u> listed anywhere BUT the upper left-hand corner of the envelope will NOT be counted.

Address Ballot to:

In order to pass these changes we need 2/3 of the membership to approve.

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1. <u>Delete</u> the statement from Article IV, Section 3, paragraph c that states "**Governors must serve their two-year terms before being eligible to run for another office on the ballot.**"

_____ <u>For</u> this change, to delete the statement   _____ <u>Against</u>

Reason: this statement prevents Governors from running for certain offices. Article III, Section 1 states: "All Officers are elected for 2 year terms. The terms shall be staggered with the President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and Governors of Region 1, 3 and 5 elected on even years. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Delegate to the AKC, and Governors of Region 2, 4 and 6 shall be elected on odd years." For example, the Region 2 Governor could not run for Treasurer, Recording Secretary or Delegate to the AKC, without dropping off the Board for a year.

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2. <u>Delete</u> the statement from Article I, Section 3, which states: "**Members joining the Club after the first day of September of any year shall pay one-half the annual dues for the balance of the year**."

Reason: we already charge applicants a full year's dues when their application is submitted, and do not want to charge them dues a second time when they are voted into membership. Article I, Section 4, states: "Each applicant for membership shall apply on a form ………….The prospective member shall submit current dues plus an initiation fee of five dollars ($5.00)   …."

_____ <u>For</u> this change, to delete the statement   _____ <u>Against</u>