

The following took place at the AKC Delegates Meeting in Newark, NJ on March 13, 2012.

1. Robin Stansell (Event Operations) and Curt Curtis (Asst. VP Companion Events) are retiring. Companion Events will now go under Doug Ljungren, Asst. VP of Performance Events, rather than hire another individual to handle Companion Events.
2. While Performance Events entries are down around 3% -- except for Retriever Hunting Tests -- Canine Partners is up 89% -- Agility, Obedience & Rally titles are offered and "My Dog Can Do That" is off to an impressive start at dog shows that offer it -- 230 participants in Portland, OR and 204 participants in VA.
3. The proposal on the vote for the Reserve Winners Dog and Bitch receiving a 3 point major at national specialties was withdrawn presently, but will be re-submitted at a later date.
4. References to Group Re-alignment in the Rules Applying to Dog Shows failed. Final determination on this will be made by the AKC Board after considering input from breed Parent Clubs.

The AKC Board election results: Of 7 individuals running for 3 seats, the following were elected to the Class of 2016: Patricia Cruz, William Feeney, and Thomas Powers. New AKC Board Chairman: Alan Kalter. New AKC Board Vice-Chairman: Robert Smith.

The AKC Delegates Field Trial and Hunting Test Events Committee is dealing with Mean Seeds Prevalence Study and Wetlands Initiative (Illinois) and Oregon Farmland Use (EFU) for dog field events.

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