



**ESAA Board of Directors
Teleconference
July 24, 2018**

In attendance: Lynda Chase, Kathy Cunningham-Roy, Jane Danek, Amy Duncan, Jane Flynn, Judi Hunter, Susie Kerwin-Bush, Dave Mates, John Nielsen, Mary Nowak, Anna Quigley, Julie Quirk, Coleen Raber, Lori Whorff.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Cunningham-Roy at 8:07 pm EDT.

Kathy opened the meeting with a welcome to new Board member Mary Nowak, as well as returning members Jane Danek and John Fabelo.

The first order of business was to approve Penny DiSiena to the position of Judges' Education chair, replacing Greg McCarthy. It was noted that Penny has the time to commit to this position. Penny's appointment was approved unanimously.

The Board had previously considered creating a committee to look in to ESAA having its own ESAA PEDWIN pedigree database. This ad hoc committee would be responsible for creating guidelines for how this database would be shared with members. The Board voted to approve the addition of this committee. Kathy nominated Anna Quigley as chair. Her appointment was approved unanimously.

The Electronic Newsletter had been previously approved on a six-month trial basis. With the overwhelming success of the eNewsletter and the addition of advertising, the Board approved a Whorff/Quigley motion to make the Setter Letter a permanent part of ESAA's communication process.

Lynda Chase has requested approval for the purchase of a Lenovo computer, Microsoft Office single-user software, and Quickbooks multi-user software to be used exclusively for the position of ESAA treasurer and to be the property of ESAA, at an approximate cost of \$1200 - \$1500. It was approved on a Quigley/Whorff motion.

ESAA's Board of Directors has recently heard concerns that dogs are being flown to competitions as service dogs without certification or without the person with the disability. Since this practice reflects badly on our breed and the sport, we thought it expedient to share AKC's Canine Legislation Position Statement on the Misuse of Service Dogs with our membership:

AKC Canine Legislation Position Statement

MISUSE OF SERVICE DOGS

Service dogs are defined as those that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. The AKC® strongly supports public accommodations that allow individuals with disabilities to use service dogs.

The AKC strongly condemns characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not, or attempting to benefit from a dog's service dog status when the individual using the dog is not a person with a disability.

Characterizing dogs as service animals when they are not or taking advantage of a service dog's status by an individual without the disability is strongly condemned by AKC and would be a clear violation of ESAA's Code of Ethics. ESAA's position statement on the misuse of service dogs was passed on a Nowak/Mates motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 EDT on a Hunter/Danek motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

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