



**ESAA Annual Meeting  
Portland, OR  
September 30, 2016**

**President's Comments:**

- ✿ Janet thanked all those involved in making this year's National run very smoothly:
  - Tara Byers and the host club Willamette Valley
  - Greg McCarthy for judges' education – 14 participants attended this year
  - Donna Jordan, National Coordinator, and Dave Mates, Finance Chair, for all their guidance in preparing for the National
- ✿ Janet recognized the former ESAA Presidents in attendance: John Nielsen, Dave Mates, and Mary Ciszek.
- ✿ The Board members were asked to stand, as well as our AKC representative.
- ✿ Janet thanked obedience judge Theresa Temple, Futurity/Maturity judge Pat Trotter, Breed judge Michael Faulkner, Veteran Sweeps judge Jean Johnson, Top 20 judges Marsha Hall Brown, Bruce Shultz, and Kristen Apodaca.
- ✿ The following awards were presented:
  - AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award presented to Jan Borchardt
  - Dick Fox CHIC Award presented to Nancy Warner, Jeannette Desruisseaux, and Clifford Reid, breeders of the Futurity winner.

Judge Michael Faulkner was asked to make a few comments. He was very honored to be selected to judge our National Specialty this year.

- ✿ Tails and croups are becoming an issue in our breed.
- ✿ Not only do we need to continue to be aware of top lines, but we need to pay attention to undercarriage as well.
- ✿ He was concerned about dentition in our breed. He saw several examples of good quality dogs that he could not award as highly as he might have had it not been for faulty dentition.
- ✿ He mentioned that our breed is becoming very long and low overall, and more attention needs to be paid to increasing leg under our breed.

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 pm.

Attendance: 93, 1 Guest

Canada/Int: 7	East Central: 3
Mid Atlantic: 7	North Central: 9
New England: 4	North Pacific: 32
South Central: 4	South East: 7
South Pacific: 7	West Central: 13

**President's Report**

- ✿ Janet expressed appreciation to all for the support of our Association and our breed.

- \* We are financially able to give increasingly greater amounts to research and charities.
- \* We are in need of several chair positions. If anyone is interested in these positions, please contact Janet.
  - Newsletter editor
  - Annual awards chair
  - Ad Hoc chair to increase membership

Secretary's Report:

- \* The 2015 Annual Meeting minutes were approved on a Mates/Nielsen motion.
- \* Annual meeting attendance in 2015 was 165.
- \* There was a thank you note from the ESAA Juniors.
- \* The minutes from past years beginning with 1956 and going through 2015 have all been digitized. A copy will be kept in the secretary's files as well as with the ESAA Historian.
- \* This is the first year that all of our National Specialty winners received an invitation certificate to the Crufts dog show.
- \* Everyone was reminded to fill out the attendance sheets.

Treasurer's Report: Coleen gave a report on behalf of treasurer Ross Rice.

- \* The transition to the new treasurer has been moving along. The help from past treasurers has been very much appreciated.
- \* ESAA continues to be financially stable.

A Jordan/Ciszek motion to adjourn was passed at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Coleen M. Raber*

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Secretary