



**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**MEMBERS QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**OCTOBER 2006**

The below results speak for themselves and need no amplifying. Most of the proposals come up from the staff, and we are happy to report that within the last few months, the AKC Board appears to be applying more due diligence in analyzing staff proposals. For example, one year ago when the staff proposed the JUDGING CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, not one AKC Board member voted against it (there was one abstention). After nine months of reconsidering it on three occasions, half of it was revoked with all but three AKC Board members holding fast to their original position. A vote of thanks to the AKC Board. Our members' input to the SCJA Board and our subsequent action DO get results!

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**YES   NO**

ARTICLE XIX entitled "RULES" of AKC's Charter and Bylaws states, "The Delegates to the AKC shall have sole power to make the Rules governing dog shows and field trials and the clubs or associations formed to conduct them." (underlining added)

**93%** 1. **Do you believe the AKC Board on its own can change a rule applying to dog shows by making a policy?**

**96%** 2. **Do you agree with the details of the AKC board's policy restricting AKC judges from judging at any event other than an AKC event?**

A poll on the United States President's job approval has become routine. We believe a poll on the approval rating of the AKC Board would be meaningful.

**96%** 3. **Do you approve of the manner in which the AKC Board of Directors is performing its obligated duties under AKC's Charter and Bylaws?**

**94%** 4. **Do you agree that it is advantageous to have a Delegate Standing Committee for judging policies rather than one or two staff members making proposals?**

**93%** 5. **Do you believe the AKC judging approval process is too complicated, too expensive and that it takes too long to achieve a license to judge a Group (especially when compared to other professional licensing)?**

At this time, the AKC Judges Department is supervised and directed by individuals with little or no judging experience with all due respect to the individuals involved.

**96%** 6. **Do you believe in view of this that it would be advantageous for all policies and directives affecting judges emanating from this office be coordinated with the judges organizations?**

There have been numerous changes in the past 15 years concerning the requirements to become a judge and to advance.

**95%** 7. **In view of this fact, do you believe it would be desirable to have the requirements, once fully coordinated, to become a part of AKC's rules so they could not be changed by each new appointee to the AKC show judges office or by an AKC Board with their own new ideas?**

On a positive note, since we have DOG OF THE YEAR, MAN OF THE YEAR, JUDGE OF THE YEAR, etc., we thought it appropriate to name an AKC REP OF THE YEAR. We would like everyone to vote for 2 AKC Reps that they believe are doing an outstanding job in performing their duties.

1. Bill Holbrook
2. Allan Odom

**ALTHOUGH QUITE A FEW REPS WERE MENTIONED, THE ABOVE TWO REPS RECEIVED THE TOP TWO RANKINGS FROM OUR MEMBERS.**