

**THIS EMAIL WAS SENT JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2006 TO PRESIDENT, OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BOTH THE AD SH AND DJAA. THIS INCLUDED SCJA'S 6 PAGE OPEN LETTER TO ALL DELGATES DATED JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2006 WHICH IS STILL ON OUR WEBSITE. NOT HAVING RECEIVED A REPLY FROM EITHER JUDGES GROUP, THE SCJA CEO SENT A PERSONAL LETTER BY REGULAR MAIL TO THE PRESIDENT TO BOTH THE ADSJ AND THE DJAA WHICH FOLLOWS THIS EMAIL.**

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 to President, Officers and Board of Directors of Both the ADSJ and DJAA

Since the Senior Conformation Judges Association (SCJA) open letter of June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 is addressed to all judges and Delegates, and since time is of the essence, we want to be sure that you have, in fact, received the attached open letter.

I will summarize the main point that we have made, i.e. **THE ACTION THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB BOARD TOOK WAS BEYOND THE AUTHORITY GRANTED THEM IN AKC'S OWN CHARTER AND BYLAWS.**

The SCJA believes the three national judges organizations should stand united on this and voice our objections to the AKC Board's action. This affects primarily our less senior judges with a small number of approved breeds and less than a Group. However, there is a large number of Group and multiple-Group judges who also judge for other organizations. **IF THE NATIONAL JUDGES ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT STAND UP FOR THE LESS SENIOR JUDGES, WHO WILL??? OBVIOUSLY AND SADLY, THEY CANNOT SPEAK OUT OPENLY FOR THEMSELVES.** Worthy of note, the ADSJ, the DJAA and the SCJA, at a joint meeting with the entire AKC Board, were promised that we would be consulted prior to any major actions affecting judges. SCJA's main point is that the AKC Board acted without authority without a vote of the Delegate Body as required by AKC's Bylaws.

- ARTICLE IX of AKC CHARTER and BYLAWS grants the AKC Board its general powers. It mandates that their actions are **"...subject to all other provisions of these Bylaws..."**
- ARTICLE XIX of AKC CHARTER and BYLAWS mandates that "The Delegates to the AKC shall have the **sole power** to make the Rules governing dog shows and field trials and the clubs or associations formed to conduct them."
- Referring to the separate book *Rules Applying to Dog Shows*, **CHAPTER 7 JUDGES SECTION 1** clearly lists who may apply to the AKC for approval to judge. It lists the exceptions which are part of the rule. **Here is where we believe the AKC Board overstepped its authority by changing a rule. This authority clearly belongs to the Delegates and should have been presented to them for a reading and a subsequent vote.** A good many of the Delegates have indicated they agree with this.

The SCJA asks both national judges organizations to join the SCJA in requesting the AKC Board to summarily rescind their actions taken at their May Board meeting concerning restrictions on judges. In the event the AKC Board fails to take this action, we would request the ADSJ and the DJAA join the SCJA in requesting the Delegate Body to assert their absolute "SOLE" power granted them in AKC's Charter and Bylaws.

We will ask both Jerry Penta and Jeffrey Pepper to advise us of the collective action of both organizations.

We recommend you read the details and comments of our main point by referring to the attachment or by going to our web site at [www.scja.org](http://www.scja.org). READING TIME IS 12 ó 15 MINUTES (little enough time for such an important topic). The SCJA believes we owe it to our constituents, especially our members with less than a Group, to speak out on their behalf.

Briefly, for further consideration: 1) We would like to recommend we consider a joint meeting of the three national judges organizations to go over a number of points affecting our judges. 2) We have been in contact with a number of Delegates who agree there should be a Standing Delegates Committee on judging policies. We request you join us in advocating for this Standing Delegates Committee.

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