

## **Senior Conformation Judges Association, Inc.**

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**WHEN NO RESPONSE TO JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> EMAIL, THIS LETTER WAS SENT REGULAR MAIL TO THE PRESIDENTS OF BOTH THE ADSJ AND THE DJAA. DJAA RESPONDED THAT THEY DID NOT DISAGREE WITH THE AKC BOARD'S ACTION ON JUDGES CONFLICT OF INTEREST. ADSJ DID NOT EXTEND US THE COURTESY OF A REPLY.**

July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006

Addressed Personally to Both Presidents  
ADSJ & DJAA

**SUBJECT: AKC'S NEW POLICY ON JUDGES RESTRICTIONS VOTED ON AT AKC BOARD MEETING MAY 2006**

Dear J. or J. :

Reference our email memo to you dated July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and SCJA's detailed open letter to all judges and Delegates dated June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (copies enclosed for ease of reference)

Please advise us if you agree with our major position that the AKC Board's action taken at their May 2006 meeting was *ultra vires* (without proper authority). It should have gone to the Delegate Body, first for a reading, and then for a vote (just as they did on the question of whether professional judges could become Delegates). As we said for some of the restrictions, there is not as great an impact on our Group and multiple-Group judges, but it certainly has a major impact on all judges with less than a Group. Even so, a number of Group judges enjoy judging and learning by judging for other organizations. If the AKC Board is not challenged by the Delegates on this issue, there is no limit to any changes the AKC Board could make on their own to affect the judges. Who knows? In order to prevent anyone from questioning their actions, the AKC Board, on their own, could decide at any time to come out with a *policy* that no AKC judge could belong to any national judges group. Would we all sit still for this?

Will the ADSJ/DJAA join us in:

1. Asking the AKC Board to rethink the entire *policy*? That is what they are calling it, and you certainly cannot change a rule by calling it a *policy*.
2. If the AKC Board does not rescind or cancel their *policy*, then requesting the Delegates to assert their *SOLE POWER* to change a *RULE*? Request to be made prior to the September 2006 Delegates Meeting. Perhaps a joint request by all three judges groups or coordinated individual requests to the AKC?

Can you share with us any action you have taken, or intend to take, to look out for the interest of our younger judges with less than a Group?

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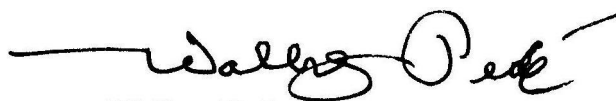
Does the ADSJ/DJAA agree with SCJA's proposal to seek a Standing Delegates Committee on judging policies? As we said, we have spoken to each member of the Delegates' Advocacy Committee, and they agree with the proposal. It is our understanding they have discussed it. However, as the Chairman of the committee indicated, more coordination and approvals are needed. We hope you will agree that with all the Standing Delegates Committees, **there certainly should be one for JUDGES.**

Do you believe our suggested meeting of the three judges groups with an agreed agenda would be worthwhile followed up by a joint meeting with all three judges groups and the AKC Board? Two of the most productive meetings we have ever had were attended by our three national judges groups, one with the AKC President and staff, the other with the entire AKC Board with the key AKC staff sitting by.

May we hear from you on these suggestions or any action your organization has already initiated or any suggestions or subjects you would like to bring up?

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wallace Pedé". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Wallace H. Pedé  
CEO

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Enclosures: SCJA Email Memo to both Presidents Dated July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 and SCJA's Detailed Open Letter to All Judges and Delegates Dated June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

cc: ADSJ/DJAA Board Members