

2013 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE

SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Website: www.scja.org Email Address: scja@cox.net

Our annual dues of \$40.00 (\$50.00 for husband & wife or those at the same address) are now due. For those members who were on the ball and sent their dues in on their own, and for our recently joined members, there will be a highlighted **“NO DUES DUE!”** line at the bottom of the enclosed dues notice. Do not send your dues in, but please return the form since it asks for other information. Please take the time to fill out the dues notice completely, responding to the questions concerning your interests in upcoming events and return it as soon as possible!!!

 LAST NAME (please print) (address label preferred) FIRST NAME (please print)

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK _____ CELL _____
 (if it is OK to call)

ANNUAL DUES....\$40 HUSBAND & WIFE (or members same household)....\$50

Please send check payable to SCJA and return to: SCJA 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150 or if using PayPal, PayPal payment address is scja@scja.org, **BUT PLEASE** remember to fill out this form and return to SCJA 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150.

Change of address, phone, or email:

 Address (address label preferred)

 Phone Email Address (please print clearly)

INTERESTED IN OR MAY ATTEND:

	<u>Plan to Attend</u>	<u>Send Info</u>
1. NEW YORK Feb. 2013	_____	_____
2. GRADUATE INSTITUTE ON ALL HOUND BREEDS Louisville, KY March 2013	_____	_____

3. For Group judges: Are you interested in donating one show a year (as in our original program) in order to help the permit judges and the clubs?

_____ YES _____ NO If “YES”, Group(s) approved for _____

4. Please indicate if you are a Show Chair, President, Officer or Delegate (circle any that apply)

_____ For What Club?

WHY NOT SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY WHILE IT IS FRESH ON YOUR MIND?



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

THIS EDITION OF THE SCJA NEWSLETTER HAS YOUR DUES

NOTICE. We request you take five minutes to answer the questions on the dues notice (enclosed) concerning your interests in upcoming events and mail it in with your dues. Our annual dues of \$40.00 (\$50.00 for husband & wife or those living at the same address) are now due. For those members who were on the ball and sent their dues in on their own, and for our recently joined members, there will be a highlighted **"NO DUES DUE!"** line at the bottom of the enclosed dues notice. Do not send your dues in, but please return the form since it asks for other information. Please take the time to fill out the dues notice completely and return it with your dues as soon as possible to: SCJA 7200 Tanager St. Springfield, VA 22150!!!

SCJA IS NOW SET UP TO USE PAYPAL www.paypal.com for those who wish to use it to pay their dues. SCJA's PayPal payment address is scja@scja.org. Please remember that this is the SCJA PayPal payment address only – any email correspondence should still be directed to scja@cox.net or wally@scja.org.

(In the past, to make it easy for you, we enclosed a self-addressed envelope to return your dues & answers. In order to save the association \$500 or \$600 and many hours of work, we are emailing this trusting that you won't mind volunteering the few minutes to address an envelope to mail in your dues and answers.)

(Just think about how many minutes it took us to put out this newsletter.) 😊
Your cooperation is appreciated. **WHY NOT DO IT NOW WHILE IT IS FRESH ON YOUR MIND?**

WE WANT TO REITERATE ANY MEMBER IS FREE TO DISCUSS AND SEEK ADVICE ON HOW TO HANDLE ANY MATTER YOU PERCEIVE TO BE A PROBLEM INCLUDING ANY REPORT OR CONVERSATION WITH ANYONE IN AUTHORITY AT THE AKC. THE SCJA WAS INCORPORATED 29 YEARS AGO AND IS HERE TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY AND ALL AREAS INVOLVING YOUR JUDGING CAREER.

WORTHY OF NOTE - NO SCJA funds have ever been spent for office space or utilities except for communication. No members have ever received any remuneration for their services. Some of our members donate their own funds for travel and other expenses.

IMPORTANT – Always include a phone number with all emails. We simply do not have the staff to answer all the emails, and mainly, Col. Pedé is not known for his typing skills. The phone is another story.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW YORK FEBRUARY 5th – 14th, 2013

We strongly recommend you make your reservations ASAP!

NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA, 401 7th Ave., New York, NY 10001 (across from the front entrance to the Garden on 7th Ave.) 1-800-223-8585 or 1-212-736-5000. Be sure you tell them you want the "**SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES BLOCK**". Rates for Tuesday, February 5th – Friday, February 8th and Wednesday, February 13th & Thursday, February 14th, 2013 are \$99 for one bed and \$129 for two beds, with or without dogs. Without dogs, rates for Saturday, February 9th through Tuesday, February 12th are \$179 for one bed and \$219 for two beds. With dogs, rates for Saturday, February 9th – Tuesday, February 12th are \$199 for one bed and \$239 for two beds. Premium rooms with dogs are \$299 for one or two beds. Two-night minimum stay required. The above rates are subject to all taxes. Check in 3PM and check out 12 noon.

AGAIN, WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY! Anyone interested in looking for a roommate, let us know via email but include a phone number and address. We will put you in touch with each other.

THE AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF) & THE SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION (SCJA) 30th ANNUAL BUFFET RECEPTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 2013. COME CELEBRATE OUR 30th ANNUAL BUFFET RECEPTION at the New York's Hotel Pennsylvania in the Penn Top Ballroom from 7:30PM to Midnight. Mark your calendar, and don't miss a really fun party that is well represented by a true cross-section of our sport. Our members and others enjoy the opportunity to meet and exchange views with their fellow judges, breeders, exhibitors and show officials. Everyone agrees the ACEF Sunday night party is the place to be for a friendly and enjoyable evening. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

THE AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF) & THE SENIOR CONFORMATION JUDGES ASSOCIATION (SCJA) 30th ANNUAL BUFFET RECEPTION (con't.)

IF YOU WILL BE IN NEW YORK, DO PLAN TO ATTEND. No speeches, no programs; just a short time out for a 50/50 raffle. Dress: Semi-Formal. A few of the men wear a tux but you will be perfectly at ease in a coat & tie, and the ladies like their evening gowns but others will be perfectly at ease in a dressy dress. **The cost of our buffet reception remains once again at \$50.00 per person.** There will be plenty of good food, a cash bar and most of all, there will be an “across the board” representation of the Dog World from newcomers to old timers and all in between: judges, professional handlers and their enthusiastic young assistants, exhibitors, superintendents and officials. Let us know if you plan to be in New York during the Westminster week (on the dues notice form or via email scja@cox.net). REFRESHINGLY DIFFERENT FOR A NEW YORK PARTY, EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO SIT DOWN, ENJOY A DRINK AND CONVERSATION. Party form is enclosed with this newsletter and on our website www.scja.org as well as the ACEF website www.k9education.org.

BOX SEATS FOR WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB SHOW

I am sure all of you are aware of the major changes for The Westminster Kennel Club show this year. We still do not have final information for the cost of box seat tickets. The breeds will be judged at “PIERS 92/94”, some distance from Madison Square Garden. Groups and Best-In-Show will be held at the Garden on Monday and Tuesday evenings as in past years. Please advise us on the enclosed dues notice if you are planning to go to New York so that we can include you on a separate mailing list furnishing all the details once they become available, i.e. cost, etc.

ACEF GRADUATE INSTITUTE ON THE HOUND GROUP

The ACEF has scheduled the Hound Group for our Graduate Institute in Louisville, KY, for Wednesday, March 13th through Sunday, March 17th, 2013 (registration check-in on Tuesday evening, March 12th). A REGISTRATION FORM is enclosed with this newsletter. No matter which Hound breed you need, it will be covered. Onofrio Dog Show staff cooperate 100% to maintain the success it has been. **You may advise us on the dues notice that you return, or we can be reached by email wally@scja.org or phone (703) 451-5656, or emailing ACEF Director of Education, Nina Sherrer, at nina@k9education.org. Please, when emailing us, put 2013 HOUND GROUP. Always include a day and evening telephone number with your emails.** Tuition for the Hound Group Graduate Institute if registered by January 31st, 2013: SCJA Members & ACEF Patrons - \$195; non-members \$245. Complete details on the ACEF website www.k9education.org. ACEF IS NOW SET UP TO USE PAYPAL www.paypal.com for those who wish to use it. ACEF's PayPal payment address is ACEF@k9education.org. Get your PAID REGISTRATION in and your HOTEL ROOM booked by November 30th, 2012 and you will be automatically entered in a drawing to win your tuition back!

SCJA'S ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are to hold SCJA's Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY in conjunction with the ACEF Hound Group Graduate Institute and the Kentuckiana cluster of shows. The meeting will be held on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 from 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM. **Details will be sent to those indicating on their returned dues notice they plan to be in Louisville in March.**

ATTENTION: ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE APPLYING FOR A HOUND OR A WORKING BREED, YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE SCJA – ACEF BREED CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

We are planning to conduct our breed-specific certification program on WORKING breeds at the Boardwalk Kennel Club show in early February 2013 in Wildwood, NJ. We will also be conducting our breed-specific certification program on HOUND BREEDS in conjunction with ACEF's Graduate Institute in March 2013 in Louisville, KY. Anyone interested in participating in either of these two Group programs should let us know by submitting a list of the breeds within the Group they would be interested in having covered at either location. This will help us decide on the breeds we select for breed certification as well as selecting the breed experts to conduct the certification. **Worthy of note.** Every judge certified by the panel of experts has been approved to judge that breed. What we have observed through the years is those judges not certified for a particular breed more readily accept the opinion of the three breed experts as opposed to some AKC Rep with no experience in the breed. This certainly adds credence to our program.

SCJA HELP THE PERMIT JUDGES PROGRAM

For our member Group judges who would like to volunteer to assist with SCJA's "Help The Permit Judge Program", see specific question on dues notice. We want to take this opportunity to thank those Group judges who have volunteered to donate their services for one show a year to help the permit judges as well as the clubs.

Just a reminder to please let us know when your permit status changes, i.e. no longer need permit assignments, when new permit breeds are approved or you have new permit breeds. If any of your information changes such as address, phone, email, please keep us updated. Forms can be found on our website at www.scja.org. You should resubmit a new form every 12 months since so many fail to let us know when they have completed their permit assignments.

ENCOUNTERS WITH AKC FIELD REPS AND/OR AKC JUDGES DEPARTMENT

If any member has what they consider an unprofessional experience or unfair treatment with an AKC Rep or the AKC Judges Department, feel free to advise the SCJA. All correspondence will be held in strictest confidence. No names are ever released without the specific approval of the concerned member.

ENCOUNTERS WITH AKC FIELD REPS AND/OR AKC JUDGES DEPARTMENT (con't.)

Likewise, if you have had a positive experience, be sure to let us know. **DO NOT, AS MOST INDIVIDUALS DO, THINK YOUR EXPERIENCE IS A NEGATIVE REFLECTION ON YOU. It often is a reflection on the individual you have been dealing with. We have numerous examples of that through the years.**

MEMBERS' INPUT

Within the past few months, we have received a very noticeable increase in complaints from our members concerning the judging approval process. Since the SCJA's incorporation 29 years ago, we've lost track of the number of changes that the AKC has come up with for the judging approval process. It was bad enough when AKC started charging the \$25 per breed fee (the SCJA objected to this since it was not done in accordance with AKC Bylaws). What is really outlandish at this stage of the game, we understand from our members who have applied for breeds and sent in the \$25 per breed fee have been turned down. Upon calling the AKC Judges Department, they were advised they could resubmit their application (including an additional \$25 per breed fee) which they did - - - only to be turned down a second time. **This is positively outrageous and unacceptable.** Again, not in accordance with AKC's own Bylaws (another change to the judging approval process never voted on). As a matter of fact, we will enclose correspondence to an AKC Board member quoting two ARTICLES of AKC's Bylaws, and **we want every one of you to respond as to whether or not you think what the AKC is doing is in accordance with their Bylaws. Please send us your comments.** The English is clear enough in these two quoted AKC Bylaw ARTICLES. The approval to judge is covered in AKC's Rules. For those of you really interested in the strong position the SCJA has taken on behalf of the judges, we suggest you read the enclosed correspondence from the SCJA to an AKC Board member along with AKC's official reply back to us and our comments which, in great detail, indicate the absurdity of AKC's response that they use for authority to do what they are doing. If you're really interested in your judging career, and even if you are not applying for any more breeds at this time, we invite your comments on whether you agree with SCJA's strong position.

JUDGES APPROVAL PROCESS

Prior to the last AKC Board elections, we had two AKC Board members promise to inform us officially just how the AKC has gotten around the two ARTICLES of AKC Bylaws that we said they were violating. One of the Board members certainly kept their promise, and we will enclose AKC's official reply on this subject in this newsletter. More importantly, we want you to read in detail SCJA's official comments concerning each point covered in AKC's reply. Read the AKC's info copy to AKC Board members which is their official reply to the SCJA. They are both included in this newsletter. We have included SCJA's email requesting action to the AKC board member.

We have received a large increase in the number of complaints from our judges concerning the judging approval process. Apparently some of AKC Board members are listening to our complaints. "Staff was directed to take a survey to evaluate the judging approval process and to report the results back to the Board." **Most of you should recall the SCJA took strong exception to the Smith Report before it was finally adopted.** Let's at least thank the AKC Board that they realize how bad it is and are asking once again for suggestions. At this stage, the SCJA has not heard officially with a request from the AKC Judges Department. We're not waiting for one - we have made detailed suggestions to the AKC through

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the years that would adequately solve the problem including a major study conducted involving suggestions from over 15 highly regarded individuals and some organizations including dog publications.

Do you agree with us that AKC's official response in no way covers their authority for the AKC Board to approve or change any rules governing dog shows and this authority is solely that of the Delegates?

It is important that we hear from each of you so that we can let the AKC know that a large percentage of our members agree that their actions are illegal. We have in the past, and we may once again, go out to the entire fancy with the same question. For those of you unaware of SCJA's positions in the past, we have been successful in resolving our complaints against the AKC Board's action by going to the U.S. Government (Federal Trade Commission) on AKC's attempt to limit who an AKC judge could judge for. We also were successful in utilizing IRS policies and regulations on limiting SCJA's Help the Permit Judge Program (previous restrictions against what the AKC called soliciting). Although SCJA's positions were covered in correspondence and newsletters through the years, we intend to post them under a historical section on our website www.scja.org.

We believe our suggestions made through the years on judging approval are as germane today as they ever were. They include positive suggestions as well as the use of inexperienced individuals to evaluate judges (still going on). They will be hearing from us, rest assured. We thank the AKC Board for agreeing with our suggestion (perhaps others) that the provisions of the Smith Report needed a further look.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO LET US KNOW OF YOUR REAL CONCERNS SO THAT WE CAN DEVOTE OUR EFFORTS FOR WHAT THE MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERS FEEL NEED ATTENTION.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE DUES NOTICE AND RETURN IT ASAP – WHY NOT TODAY?

Our members should feel free to call or write to us on any set of circumstances they feel needs addressing.

The last page of this newsletter is but one example of a detailed suggestion for the judging approval process submitted by the SCJA to the American Kennel Club President and Board of Directors. It is just as germane today as it was the day it was submitted.

One of the many suggestions submitted through the years by the Senior Conformation Judges Association to the American Kennel Club President and Board of Directors for the Judging Approval Process.

RECOMMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE JUDGES APPROVAL PROCESS

Each of the three national judges groups will prepare their independent proposals for the revamping of the judges approval process to be exchanged with each other. The first stage will be an outline covering the major areas to be incorporated. Obviously, the thinking of each national judges group will include the views expressed by their members through the years as well as their experienced Board members. This would identify the major areas of agreement from which to work out the details. In this day and age of computers, phone, fax and e-mail, there would be a minimum requirement for face to face meetings. The major areas of agreement between the three judges groups and the Delegates Report would, in all likelihood, be 80% to 85%.

In the final stage, the representative from the three judges groups could meet much as committee members representing the U.S. Senate and Congress do to iron out differences when writing legislation. Unlike Congress, however, there would be an understanding from the start that each national judges group would be able to include their independent position(s) which was not agreed to by the other two judges groups.

The final report would be submitted through the AKC staff to the AKC Board. The staff would make no changes, but would comment on each major area of the finished white paper as well as commenting on all areas of the report as well as the differing positions. The staff's comments would make clear to the Board the points they agreed with as well as the ones they differed on.

Obviously, the AKC Board has final authority on this matter, but would it not make things a lot easier for each Board member to vote on a document that clearly showed the areas in which there was complete agreement on or the very small percentage of areas there was a difference of opinion given? Now that the Delegates Report has been submitted, the three national judges groups would, of course, consider it and representatives of the original Delegates Committee could sit in on the final compromise session. Anyone with methodology analysis experience should realize that while offering everyone the opportunity for input seems fair, you nonetheless have created an administrative overload in attempting to meaningfully analyze the input from over 3000 individuals.

We believe it is in the best interest of the AKC, and the sport in general, if we take advantage of the filtering process and the vast experience within the three national judges groups. The AKC Board, in our opinion, should not be literally working on the details; rather, they should act as the final approval authority on procedures submitted to them usually referred to as "*finished staff work*".

Note. These procedures were submitted years ago prior to the conclusion of the Delegates Report. We were told by three different staff officials that it was not proper for the AKC to go out seeking the advice of the three national judges groups. We never could figure out the rationale of this decision, and we wonder to this day if our proposal was ever forwarded to the AKC Board for their decision.

After all the extensive coordination, the final product would be submitted to the Delegate Body (in accordance with the bylaws) for what should be a super majority vote of approval.

Important you read this for continuity

SCJA Request To An AKC Board Member To Explain Why The AKC Board Is Not Complying With Their Own Bylaws.

From: Wallace H. Pede [scja@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2012 3:37PM
To: AKC Board Member _____
Subject: AKC's Charter and Bylaws

AKC Board Member _____,

Per our conversation of about 2 minutes ago, I requested and you agreed to ask the proper authority at the AKC, be it your legal counsel, outside attorney or whoever advises the AKC Board of Directors, on this particular issue. ARTICLE IX of AKC's Charter and Bylaws states and I quote,

"ARTICLE IX: BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL POWERS

The Board of Directors shall have the general management of the business and affairs of the Club and generally perform all duties appertaining to the office of director provided, however, that all the powers conferred by this Article of the Bylaws shall be exercised subject to all other provisions of these Bylaws and to the statutes of the State of New York and all amendments thereof and additions thereto." (underlining added)

And ARTICLE XIX is entitled "RULES" (and I want to stress that the title of ARTICLE XIX "RULES" is not a rule, it is a bylaw), and I quote,

"ARTICLE XIX: RULES_

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)

What we agreed on, AKC Board member _____, was that you were going to ask the authority what allows the AKC Board of Directors to make a rule affecting a dog show or any club or association "formed to conduct them." We just want the authority the AKC is using to change the fact the Delegates have the sole power to make a rule affecting dog shows or the clubs. In our opinion, and our legal opinion, there is nothing, positively nothing, that can usurp the authority of the provisions of AKC's Charter and Bylaws- no policy, no regulation, no nothing. But if your authority at AKC believes that is so, you promise to tell me what it is.

The answer you get might be Section 12 of ARTICLE X of AKC's Charter and Bylaws immediately following ARTICLE IX which appears to be in conflict; however, it says it has the power to issue regulations and if you read ARTICLE X which Section 12 is part of, ARTICLE X starts out, and I quote, "Without detracting from any general powers of the Board of Directors but by way of explanation it shall be understood that..." the ARTICLE then proceeds to list no fewer than 16 sections of explaining and understanding the Board's specific powers. But remember, it indicates that it in no way detracts but rather it just explains. And you might ask where the authority for regulations or the book of regulations happens to be.

Wally

P.S. I do agree with you, AKC Board member _____, there are many other major problems for you as an AKC board member to deal with.

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OFFICIAL EMAIL TO THE SCJA FROM AKC MARCH 20, 2012

(Names have been removed and replaced with a blank line.) This obviously is the letter received in its original form and should be read for continuity. There is another copy of this letter which comments on different aspects of this letter. It should be read as well for SCJA's exception to the points made by the AKC.

Dear Wally,

This is a follow-up to your attached communication of March 6, 2012 regarding the authority of the AKC Board, which was referred to me by AKC Board member _____.

I do agree that the Rules Applying to Dog Shows may only be amended by a vote of the Delegates, i.e., no regular text in the rules may be changed, added to or deleted from without such a vote. It is, however, difficult to have a theoretical discussion on rules, regulations, policies, and interpretations without reference to a specific rule.

We do disagree on what powers have been conferred on the Board. There are numerous references in the Bylaws to specific powers granted to the Board, as you point out, without detracting at all from the general powers conferred on them. They include, but are not limited to: the final and decisive authority to interpret the rules, the power to approve or disapprove all event applications, the power to approve or to remove approval from judges, superintendents and handlers, and the power to issue such regulations as it may deem necessary for the governing of purebred dog events.

The Rules Applying to Dog Shows makes references to a club applying for an event, to an individual applying to be a superintendent, to an individual applying to become a judge, to a club submitted a judges' panel for approval, etc. In the case of judges, there are even references to conditions that would make one occupationally ineligible to even apply. However, there is no indication, and it would be irrational to try to do so, that every application submitted by someone who is occupationally eligible must be approved. There is also no provision in the Bylaws or the rules prohibiting the Board from establishing and publishing criteria, which would be the basis for obtaining its approval as required in the Bylaws. The authority to develop the necessary procedures to handle the processing of these applications, thus enabling the Board to approve or not approve, is also inherent in this power. The Board of the AKC has been fulfilling its responsibility to exercise the powers granted to it under the Bylaws as the Bylaws and rules have evolved over the past 128 years, and will continue to do so.

I have forwarded a copy of your email and this reply to the AKC Board.

Best regards,

AKC Official _____

THE SAME AKC REPLY TO SCJA'S OFFICIAL REQUEST OF AN AKC BOARD MEMBER TO CLARIFY WHAT AKC IS USING AS AUTHORITY FOR VIOLATION OF THEIR OWN BYLAWS. (Reply is no reflection on the author. They had an almost impossible job to come up with an acceptable reply.)

If you are interested in knowing what is going on about the judging approval process, it is important you take the 10 minutes to first read SCJA's request to the AKC Board member and AKC's official reply to the SCJA, then you must read how the SCJA points out how unresponsive, inappropriate and non-authoritative the reply is. The enclosed AKC official reply is as it was received. Read the letter. Then I'm going to take the letter apart point by point and show you how questionable it is.

Following is the AKC reply broken down in segments with SCJA's response for each point.

March 20, 2012

(AKC) "Dear Wally,

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SCJA COMMENT: THE SCJA DID NOT QUESTION ANY AUTHORITY OF THE AKC BOARD. WE POINTED OUT THE SOLE AUTHORITY OF THE DELEGATES.

(AKC) I do agree that the Rules Applying to Dog Shows may only be amended by a vote of the Delegates, i.e., no regular text in the rules may be changed, added to or deleted from without such a vote. It is, however, difficult to have a theoretical discussion on rules, regulations, policies, and interpretations without reference to a specific rule."

SCJA COMMENT: WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT A RULE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A BYLAW. BIG DIFFERENCE. IT IS THE BYLAWS THAT GRANT THE SOLE POWER TO CHANGE THE RULES TO THE DELEGATES. IT'S NOT A RULE.

(AKC) "We do disagree on what powers have been conferred on the Board. There are numerous references in the Bylaws to specific powers granted to the Board"

SCJA COMMENT: HERE AGAIN, OUR LETTER DID NOT TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC POWERS GRANTED TO THE BOARD - - IT TALKED ABOUT THE SOLE POWER GRANTED TO THE DELEGATES.

(AKC) “as you point out, without detracting at all from the general powers conferred on them. They include, but are not limited to: the final and decisive authority to interpret the rules “

SCJA COMMENT: OUR LETTER DID NOT QUESTION THE INTERPRETATION OF RULES - OUR LETTER QUESTIONED THE INTERPRETATION OF THE BYLAWS WHICH RESTS WITH THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL (OVERSEER OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS IN NY) OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WE MAINTAIN THEY ARE NOT COMPLYING WITH THEIR OWN BYLAWS. THAT IS A DECISION REQUIRED BY A HIGHER AUTHORITY, I.E. NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THEY TALK ABOUT INTERPRETING RULES. THE SCJA TALKS ABOUT THE SOLE AUTHORITY WITHIN THE BYLAWS. SEE THE DIRECT PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE SCJA CEO AND THE NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

(AKC) “the power to approve or disapprove all event applications, the power to approve or to remove approval from judges, superintendents and handlers, and the power to issue such regulations as it may deem necessary for the governing of purebred dog events.”

SCJA COMMENT: ARTICLE XIX OF AKC’S BYLAWS GIVES THE SOLE POWER TO THE DELEGATES TO MAKE RULES GOVERNING DOG SHOWS AND FIELD TRIALS AND THE CLUBS OR ASSOCIATIONS FORMED TO CONDUCT THEM – NOT THE AKC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. EVERYTHING MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE SENTENCE IS PART OF DOG SHOWS AND/OR THE CLUBS FORMED TO CONDUCT THEM.

(AKC) “The Rules Applying to Dog Shows makes references to a club applying for an event, to an individual applying to be a superintendent, to an individual applying to become a judge, to a club submitted a judges’ panel for approval, etc. In the case of judges, there are even references to conditions that would make one occupationally ineligible to even apply. However, there is no indication, and it would be irrational to try to do so, that every application submitted by someone who is occupationally eligible must be approved. There is also no provision in the Bylaws or the rules prohibiting the Board from establishing and publishing criteria, which would be the basis for obtaining its approval as required in the Bylaws.”

SCJA COMMENT: “THE NO PROVISION” IS POSITIVELY, ABSOLUTELY AND UNEQUIVOCAL WRONG - ARTICLE XIX OF THE BYLAWS GIVES THE “SOLE” POWER TO THE DELEGATES TO DO JUST THAT – MAKE THE RULES GOVERNING DOGS SHOWS AND FIELD TRIALS AND THE CLUBS OR ASSOCIATIONS FORMED TO CONDUCT THEM.

(AKC) “The authority to develop the necessary procedures to handle the processing of these applications, thus enabling the Board to approve or not approve, is also inherent in this power.”

SCJA COMMENT: AGAIN, THE AKC BOARD DOES NOT HAVE THIS INHERENT POWER – THE “SOLE” POWER IS VESTED IN THE DELEGATES TO MAKE ANY RULE AFFECTING THE GOVERNING OF DOG SHOWS AND FIELD TRIALS AND THE CLUBS OR ASSOCIATIONS FORMED TO CONDUCT THEM.

(AKC) “The Board of the AKC has been fulfilling its responsibility to exercise the powers granted to it under the Bylaws as the Bylaws and rules have evolved over the past 128 years and will continue to do so.”

SCJA COMMENT: FINALLY A POINT WE CAN AGREE WITH – THE AKC BOARD HAS CONTINUED TO DISREGARD THE DELEGATES “SOLE” POWER EVEN THOUGH IT’S BEEN BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. THE DELEGATES, UP UNTIL NOW, HAVE NOT EXERCISED OR INVOKED THE “SOLE” POWER GRANTED TO THEM IN AKC’S BYLAWS. THIS IS WHAT BILL KENDRICK FIRST BROUGHT UP WHEN HE USED THE PHRASE “THE AKC DELEGATES ARE THE SLEEPING GIANTS” AND HAVE NOT EXERCISED THEIR POWER. ANOTHER OLD TIMER, GEORGE SANGSTER (OF THE FAMOUS SANGSTER BROTHERS) WROTE A SCATHING ARTICLE WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN KENNEL REVIEW AND REPUBLISHED SOME YEARS AFTER IT WAS WRITTEN. IT COVERED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE DISREGARD OF THE “SOLE” POWER OF THE DELEGATES BY THE AKC BOARD. THE SCJA AGREES WITH PREVIOUS GENERAL POSITIONS TAKEN BY A FEW OTHERS IN THE PAST; HOWEVER, THE SCJA POSITION IS CRYSTAL CLEAR AS OUTLINED IN THIS RESPONSE.

(AKC) “I have forwarded a copy of your email and this reply to the AKC Board.

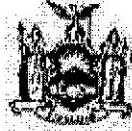
Best regards,

AKC Official _____

SCJA COMMENT SEPTEMBER 2012

Is there is any chance we can find a couple of Delegates to exercise real leadership and take a stand - - i.e. first to take a leadership position among the Delegates themselves to affect change or round up a few Delegates - - and if unable to, to go alone as the SCJA Board did on other matters and bring in the federal government, the IRS or the New York State Attorney General? The AKC will not be hurt in any manner - - they will just be told they must comply with the laws of the land. This is how the SCJA, in engaging the federal government, i.e. the Federal Trade Commission, had the AKC Board’s policy - that no judge could judge for any other organization – rescinded. We took similar action by engaging Internal Revenue Service policies involving that the judges were independent contractors.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ALEXANDER F. TREADWELL
SECRETARY OF STATE

KENNETH J. RINGLER, JR.
FIRST DEPUTY
SECRETARY OF STATE

March 13, 1997

Dear Colonel:

Attached is the information that you requested. I hope this may be helpful to you.

Ken Ringler, Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
182 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ALBANY, NY 12231-0001

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NOTE: THE SCJA DOES BUSINESS DIRECT – NO MIDDLEMAN TO OBSCURE THE DETAILS.



ACEF NEW YORK PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 2013

NEW YORK'S HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA - PENN TOP BALLROOM
7th Ave. & 33rd St. across from the Garden

7:30PM – MIDNIGHT

BUFFET 7:30PM - 9:30PM

\$50.00 Per Person

CASH Bar

Dress: Semi-Formal

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American Canine Education Foundation

Group Institute

On All 27 HOUND Breeds

Wednesday, March 13th - Sunday, March 17th, 2013

All Presentations will be at the HOST HOTEL!

HOST HOTEL is the **CROWNE PLAZA-Louisville Airport**, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY 40209

The room rate is \$119 per night. **Make reservations as soon as possible by calling the hotel SPECIAL reservation number (888) 233-9527. Ask for the AMERICAN CANINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION (ACEF) BLOCK.**

Shuttle service between airport, hotel, and EXPO Center courtesy of the host hotel.

Plan to arrive for TUE. Night registration 6:30pm-7:15pm. Classes begin 7:45am on Wed. March 13th and end on Sun. March 17th by 3:00pm.

Parent clubs are invited to provide approved breed presenters to conduct their breed presentations. With your registration, you will be able to attend ALL 27 breeds.

Tuition for the entire Institute is \$245 for ACEF/SCJA members or \$295 non-members.

Deduct an EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT of \$50 if you register by January 31, 2013

Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Hotel Rooms & Class book cannot be Guaranteed for Registrations after February 19th, 2013.

For additional information or questions go to www.k9education.org or

Email Nina Sherrer: nina@k9education.org or Call Wally Pedé (703) 451-5656

Email subject should be "ACEF Hound Group". Please include your phone number.

Get your Paid Registration in & your Hotel Room booked by Nov 30, 2012. You could win your tuition back!

See ACEF Website for further details on Tuition Drawing and other Prize Drawings.

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ACEF 2013 HOUND GROUP INSTITUTE, Louisville, KY

Checks should be made out to the ACEF and mailed to:

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Register by Jan 31, 2013 and deduct \$50. Please PRINT information clearly. Thanks!

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Date: _____

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Reservations made at **HOST HOTEL**? Yes: _____ No: _____ Roommate Name: _____
SAVE EXPENSES!! Get a Roommate. Send an email to: nina@k9education.org Ask to be put on the ROOMMATE list. You will be paired up as requests come in.

* **IMPORTANT:** Register EARLY by Jan 31, 2013 and deduct \$50 per registration.

Tuition payment can be made at www.PayPal.com. Click on "Send Money". Use ACEF@k9education.org for PayPal "payment to" address. Credit cards are accepted through PayPal. A PayPal account is not necessary.

Add \$100 (per person) to the cost of the Institute if you are NOT STAYING at the HOST HOTEL.

Please indicate how your tuition is being paid: PAYPAL _____ CHECK _____ OTHER _____

You may make a Deposit of \$50 to insure your spot. BALANCE (\$145 or \$195) DUE BY: January 31, 2013